

THE CHURCH IN LEEDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2020

CHARITY NUMBER: 1177377



Community Benefit Additions Limited
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The Church in Leeds
(Charity No. 1177377)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020

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**The Church in Leeds
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Board have adopted the provisions of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Full name The Church in Leeds.

Other names by which the charity is known: .N/A

Registered charity number 1177377

Organisation type Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Date of registration 01 March 2018

Principal office address 1 Cragside Walk, Leeds, LS5 3LX.

Trustees

Nathanael Stone,	Chairperson
Xiao En Guo,	Treasurer
Hong Ping Chen	Trustee
Yu Chao Lin	Trustee
Jack Lin	Trustee

Independent examiner

Meshach Adelowokan FFA, FAIA, FCIE, Director of Community Benefit Additions Limited for CASDon, c/o Workhere, 3 Cavendish Court, South Parade, Doncaster, DN1 2DJ

Governance and management

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is operated under the rules of the Foundation CIO governing document adopted on 01 March 2018 and church presentation rules.

When a vacancy arises, trustees are selected based on the willingness of the individual to fulfil the duties of a trustee. If there are particular gaps of knowledge among the existing trustees then emphasis will be placed on finding someone who can fill that knowledge gap. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Trustees might be at least 18 years old and cannot be appointed as a trustee if they are found to be in violation of sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Objectives and activities

The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith set out in the schedule of the CIO's constitution. The effect of such an object is to benefit the wider public through a variety of programmes, activities, and events that are carried out throughout the year. These activities include regular monthly and bi-annual community gatherings with participation from members of the public from all over the north and midlands of England.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

During this reporting period, the CIO went through a major period of transition due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Almost overnight, we began to conduct our regular activities online, using platforms like Zoom. By fostering a welcoming online community, we saw the number of people participating in our events grow larger and larger. Since geography was no longer an issue, the online community included those not only from our local area, but also people from cities and towns in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Ireland.

Another major achievement of the charity was the purchase of a physical property. The reason for making such a purchase was so that the charity could conduct its operations without spending money on hiring facilities. As a result of a number of generous donations and interest-free private loans, we closed on the property in May 2020. It is located in Holbeck, right on the edge of the South Bank redevelopment zone and stands to benefit tremendously when the redevelopment of South Bank in Leeds is completed.

The property is strategically placed between city centre roads and motorways, which makes it easy to access from within and without Leeds. The property will need renovation, but it is structurally sound and in generally usable condition. We believe that in the future, due to its location, this property, known as 'Mint', will serve as an excellent base of operations for the activities of the charity.

In conclusion, while our in-person activities were necessarily curtailed in 2020, the CIO was able to successfully transition to having gatherings online, which significantly expanded participation on the part of the wider public. Furthermore, with the purchase of a physical property, the charity is set to expand in-person participation further, once it becomes safe to do so.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 CONTINUED

Concerning the creditors related to the loans that were outstanding at some point in 2020 (due to the lateness of the annual report, some of the observations made below can be made as a result of this report being completed in July 2022):

- Jack Lin, one of the CIO's trustees, was fully repaid for the loan he made in the purchase of the church minibus in 2018. He received no benefit from the CIO in making this loan.
- Jacob N Young, named as the lender in the first Mortgage Deed for the purchase of Mint One, the CIO's property, was partially repaid as of December 2020 and was fully repaid by January 2021, resulting in the removal of the first Mortgage Deed from the Land Registry entry for Mint One. Jacob N Young's loan was the listed as the 1st Mortgage Deed due to the fact that it was the largest of the two loans received by the CIO for the purchase of Mint One. Jacob N Young received no benefit in making this loan to the CIO. Jacob N Young's loan was fully repaid in January 2021 as a result of three donations received by the CIO from a non-profit organization in the United States, Lord's Move to Europe, which supports religious activities throughout Europe. Jacob N Young is the father-in-law of one of the trustees, Nathanael John Stone.
- Amy So, named as the lender in 2nd Mortgage Deed for the purchase of Mint One, the CIO's property, was not repaid as of 2020 or 2021 and has not asked for repayment of the loan she made to the CIO.

Amy So's loan is listed as the 2nd Mortgage Deed due to the fact that it was the smaller of the two loans received by the CIO for the purchase of Mint One. Amy So has received no benefit in making this loan to the CIO. In 2022, Amy So has verbally indicated her intention to forgive the loan made to the CIO, which will then result in the 2nd Mortgage Deed being removed from the Land Registry entry and the CIO having no more obligations to any creditors. This process is being overseen by Jackamans Solicitors

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustees regularly review the reserves of the CIO. During the year 2020, the fixed costs of the CIO changed dramatically. We no longer paid for room hire and we had no large-scale in-person events from March 2020 onwards, for which we would have needed to regularly purchase supplies and food. However, we did purchase a physical property, which added a large, uncommon expenditure this year. Nonetheless, the charity reserves only dipped below our preferred threshold once during the year and were swiftly brought back up once the next round of donations had been collected. In principle, however, the CIO endeavors to keep in reserve enough funds to be able to operate for four months in advance.

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The charity's policy on reserves continued

For most of the year 2020, our expenditures included the following:

- fuel and minibus maintenance
- public liability, property, and minibus insurance payments
- energy payments for the purchased property
- Other payments associated with the newly-purchased property
- Subscriptions for Christian literature
- Grants

The Main Risks facing the Charity

Since we rely entirely on donations to operate, the largest financial risk we face is having no income by virtue of receiving no donations. We are considering in the future to look at ways to diversify the sources of the charity's income, but this is our present situation.

Grant Making Policy

Grants are made to individuals who wish to participate in various programmes, trainings, conferences, retreats, and other events that are in accord with the objects of the CIO, as well as to individuals who come to the attention of the trustees and demonstrate a more general, yet defined financial need. Criteria for awarding such grants include:

- The financial need of the applicant
- The suitability of the event the applicant wishes to attend, in light of the objects of the CIO
- The suitability of the applicant in light of the requirements (if any) of the event they wish to attend
- The determination of the trustees as to whether the charity is in the financial position to make such a grant.

The Trustee Board declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Nathanael Stone, Chairperson

Date 15.07.22

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Church in Leeds
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified fellow member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 15/07/2022
Meshach Adelowokan FFA, FAIA, FCIE
Director of Community Benefit Additions Limited for CASDon

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Financial Statements
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts:					
Collections at services		13435	-	13435	23755
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	-	156078	156078	6116
		<u>13435</u>	<u>156078</u>	<u>169513</u>	<u>29871</u>
Church activities	4b	-	350000	350000	-
Total		<u>13435</u>	<u>506078</u>	<u>519513</u>	<u>29871</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church activities:					
Church running expenses	4c	7378	-	7378	20453
Mission giving and donations	4d	4471	10615	15086	6778
Cost of Building purchase		-	348000	348000	-
Building purchase fees		-	12425	12425	-
Cost of Loan repayment		1500	134000	135500	3000
Total payments		<u>13349</u>	<u>505040</u>	<u>518389</u>	<u>30231</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		86	1038	1124	(360)
		-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		<u>86</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>1124</u>	<u>(360)</u>
Cash at bank/in hand at 1 January		2878	-	2878	3238
Cash at bank/in hand at 31 December	3	<u>2964</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>4002</u>	<u>2878</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2020

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Endowment funds</i>	<i>TOTAL 2020</i>	<i>TOTAL 2019</i>
<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
					-
Cash funds					
Cash at bank current	2839	1038	-	3877	2878
Escrow account (Solicitor's)	125			125	-
	<u>2964</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4002</u>	<u>2878</u>
Assets retained for church use					
Church Building	-	348000	-	348000	-
Church Minibus	17000	-	-	17000	17000
Total Assets	<u>19964</u>	<u>349038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>369002</u>	<u>20238</u>
Liabilities					
Building Loan	-	216000	-	216000	-
Vehicle Loans	-	-	-	-	1500
Accountancy fees	920	-	-	920	940
Total Liabilities	<u>920</u>	<u>216000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216920</u>	<u>2440</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Nathanael Stone, Chairperson

Dated 15.07.22

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements of the CIO have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Concerning the creditors related to the loans that were outstanding at some point in 2020 (due to the lateness of the annual report, some of the observations made below can be made as a result of this report being completed in July 2022):

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3. Movements in funds

	Balances brought forward £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	2878	13435	(13349)	-	-	2964
	2878	13435	(13349)	-	-	2964
Restricted funds						
FTTL Training	-	10615	(10615)	-	-	-
Building purchase	-	144118	(146425)	-	-	(2307)
Building purchase (Loan)	-	350000	(348000)	-	-	2000
Refurbishment	-	1000	-	-	-	1000
Video training	-	200	-	-	-	200
Other	-	145	-	-	-	145
	-	506078	-	-	-	1038

4. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
Grants & donations	-	-	-	6116
Donations for Building Purchase	-	144118	144118	-
Donations for FTTL Training	-	10615	10615	-
Donations for Refurbishment	-	1000	1000	-
Gifts for Video Training	-	200	200	-
Other	-	145	145	-
	-	156078	156078	6116

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b) Church activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Loans for Building Purchase	-	350000	350000	-
Transferred on incorporation	-	-	-	-
	-	350000	350000	-

Payments

c) Church running expenses	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Hire of facilities	2615	-	2615	11052
Hire of transportation	-	-	-	1125
Vehicle running expenses	2015	-	2015	1316
Printing and stationery	-	-	-	599
Utilities	126	-	126	-
Church insurance (Public Liability)	-	-	-	234
Activities & Trips	873	-	873	1025
Books & Literature	-	-	-	506
Refreshments	-	-	-	4596
Legal & Professional	840	-	840	-
Publications and subscriptions	909	-	909	-
	7378	-	7378	20453

d) Mission giving and donations	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Grants & Donations paid	4471	10615	15086	6778
UKUW	-	-	-	-
	4471	10615	15086	6778

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.
Four trustees were reimbursed the sum of £2,424.03 (2019 £2,960.98) for expenses incurred on behalf of the CIO.

6. Comparative information

For comparison purpose, the Statement of financial activities for the year-ended 31/12/2019 is presented as below:
(see next page)

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts:				
Collections at services		23755	-	23755
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4a	5816	300	6116
		<u>29571</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>29871</u>
Church activities	4b	-	-	-
Total		<u>29571</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>29871</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities:				
Church running expenses	4c	20453	-	20453
Mission giving and donations	4d	6478	300	6778
Cost of Mnibus purchase		-	-	-
Cost of Loan repayment		-	3000	3000
Total payments		<u>26931</u>	<u>3300</u>	<u>30231</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		2640	(3000)	(360)
		-	-	-
Transfers between funds		(3000)	3000	-
		<u>(360)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(360)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		3238	-	3238
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Decerr	3	<u>2878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2878</u>