

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Jan	2022		31	Dec	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Seacombe United Reformed Church Charity

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1177964

Charity's principal address

Brougham Road, Seacombe, Wallasey

Merseyside

Postcode

CH44 6PW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Lorraine Aizlewood-Threlfall	Minister		
2	Mrs Nikki Bruce	Elder		
3	Mr Christopher Heath	Elder		
4	Mr David Powell	Elder		
5	Mr Janette Price	Elder		
6	Mrs Irene Smith	Elder		
7	Mrs Julie Somers	Elder		
8	Mrs Anne Williams	Elder		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Governing document issued by the United Reformed Church

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

As a local church of the United Reformed Church

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election of Elders by the Annual Church Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken for the public include:

- providing a building used for religious practices – a place of worship;
- raising awareness of religious beliefs and practices;
- generally advancing of religion;
- educating people about Christianity;
- providing pastoral care and outreach;
- providing a premises that can be used for use by the local community for community activities and meetings.

In each of these activities the trustees are guided by the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The church building is awaiting extensive refurbishment to provide appropriate space for worship and community activities. The church hall premises have undergone extensive refurbishment.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the premises have remained closed until reopening for public worship only, on 4th July 2021. Gradually with the easing of restrictions congregation has increased.

SODA church sponsored group for adults with learning difficulties and their carers recommenced meetings from August 2021 and numbers are increasing. Seacombe Players Amateur Dramatics commenced in October 2021 and in February 2022 produced a community Pantomime including performers from members of the community and children from the local schools. Other productions have been performed or rehearsals in process.

Ferries Family Group meet weekly during term time, offering parental support and friendship – run by volunteer members from the church which enabled Minister & Elders to provide pastoral care.

Coffee mornings restarted in October 2021 and from February premises opened Warm Welcome Space run by volunteers from the church.

HM Queen Elizabeth II 70th Jubilee was celebrated in May with Worship Celebration Service followed by lunch.

School visits took place for *Experience Christmas*, *Experience Easter* and for Remembrance, *Remember Me & Exhibition*, all assisted by church member volunteers being the storytellers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity is one member of six local churches who have come together to form '*Bridging the Wallasey Gap*' in order to provide hot meals for feeding children during the school holidays as mentioned above. When Covid 19 pandemic commenced in March 2020 Bridging the Wallasey Gap and the charity continued to support vulnerable families, nominated by the Head Teacher of the local 14 primary schools, by delivering Food Hampers to those families. Food Hampers plus Activity Packs (prepared by the church members) were delivered to each of the nominated families. This has continued throughout the year plus the charity supporting 30 vulnerable families weekly.

Established at the beginning of 2019, the charity is running successfully the Seacombe Hub providing 'Free Uniforms for Primary Schools', a programme to help re-cycle school uniforms for those in need in the local primary schools. Again, this has been limited due to Covid 19 pandemic, school closures and lockdowns prohibiting the volume of support usually provided.

The charity is still working towards the refurbishment of the main church building. The refurbishment of the church halls has provided excellent worship space, reliable heating and lighting, and the refurbishment toilets in main hall, provide baby changing facilities and disabled toilet.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any reserves currently held are intended to be used for the future refurbishment of the main church premises, retaining sufficient to provide a safeguard for predicted shorter-term expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funding is by donations in the form of offerings at the weekly church services attended by members and adherents of the church. There is also income from various fund raising activities held throughout the year.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lorraine Aizlewood-Threlfall

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

27.10.23

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 22

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Offerings		13,208			13,208	11,491
Fund raising and donations		-	-		-	1,550
Monies raised for outside causes	3	20			20	292
Gift Aid tax repayments		7,551			7,551	-
Legacies		-	-		-	-
Property - church/hall users	4	-			-	-
Other Income		16,874			16,874	950
Drama		3,017			3,017	-
Bank interest & investment income	12	-	-		-	-
Total receipts		40,670	-	-	40,670	14,283
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		12,372			12,372	10,779
Ministry/Group expenses		30			30	790
Church running costs	5	19,675	-	-	19,675	6,554
Programme activity costs	6	-	-	-	-	-
Support of outside causes	7	70	-	-	70	145
Maintenance of church buildings	8	4,129	-	-	4,129	590
Other		1,628			1,628	289
Total payments		37,904	-	-	37,904	19,146
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		2,766	-	-	2,766	- 4,863
TRANSFERS between funds	2				-	
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1st September		11,115	-	-	11,115	-
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 August		87,095	-	-	87,095	-
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
Monetary assets						
Cash		-			-	-
Bank current account HSBC		9,190			9,190	6,424
Bank deposit t account HSBC		427	-		427	425
COIF		34,767			34,767	34,431
Total monetary assets	10	44,383	-	-	44,383	41,280
Other assets						
Gift Aid recoverable						
Other monies due to church						
Investments at market value						-
Assets used for church purposes						
Buildings under statutory trusts	11	Church buildings and manse				
Church contents	11	Furnishings and equipment				
Liabilities						
Loans outstanding						
Significant creditors						

APPROVED by the Trustees on

by (name)

and signed on their behalf

(signature)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3), using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church guidance.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Fund name & purpose:

Balance
b/fwd £
-Receipts
in year £
-Payments
in year £
-Transfers
for year £
-Balance
c/fwd £
-

Totals for designated funds

-

-

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Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose:

Balance
b/fwd £Receipts
in year £Payments
in year £Balance
c/fwd £

Bequest for

-

Synod grant for

-

Loans for

-

Communion offerings

-

Commitment for Life (incl Gift Aid)

-

-

-

Other outside causes Charles Thompson

-

-

Totals for restricted funds

-

-

-

-

Unrestricted
Funds £Designated
Funds £Restricted
Funds £This Year
2022
Total £Last Year
2021
Total £

3 MONIES RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Other

-

-

-

-

-

Totals raised for outside causes

-

-

-

-

-

4 PROPERTY INCOME

Other lettings income

-

-

-

-

-

Total property income

-

-

-

-

-

5 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS

Gas and electricity

13,113

-

-

13,113

-

Insurance

3,865

-

-

3,865

-

Water rates

1,029

-

-

1,029

-

Licences and music

133

-

-

133

-

Cleaning/caretaking

1,535

-

-

1,535

-

Accounts Examination

-

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Total church running costs

19,675

-

-

19,675

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 22

NOTES - continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
6 PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS					
				-	-
Total programme activity costs	-	-	-	-	-
7 SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES					
Other	-			-	
CHARLES THOMPSON	-			-	
CHRISTIAN AID	70			70	
Total support of outside causes	70	-	-	70	-
8 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS					
Other property repairs	4,129			4,129	-
Total maintenance of church buildings	4,129	-	-	4,129	-

9 MONETARY ASSETS

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

10 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

The manse at 98 Penkett Road, New Brighton, CH45 7QA, Merseyside is vested in the United Reformed Church (Mersey Province) Trust Limited as trustees and is not a church asset

The manse is held for the benefit of Seacombe United Reformed Church in accordance with the statutory trusts applicable to URC properties under the URC Acts.

Seacombe United Reformed Church buildings are vested in The United Reformed Church Mersey Province Trust and registered at HM Land Registry title number: MS583938

For insurance purposes the church buildings are insured by Congregational Insurance; the church building £3,369,115 (standing empty); the church hall £1,728,710; the church contents are insured by the church for £20,300.

11 INVESTMENTS HELD FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

Seacombe United Reformed Church hold an account with COIF Charities Funds being church investments relating to legacies, other gifts and fund raising. The release of these funds are decided by Seacombe United Reformed Church alone. Details of amounts received during the year are included in these accounts.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 22

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31 December 2022 from the accounting records of the church.

(name)

(signature)

(date)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Seacombe United Reformed Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, 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 of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:



date: 05/10/2023

Name and address of the Independent Examiner:

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