



TRUSTEES REPORT 2021

Structure, Governance & Management:

Trustees who have served between 1st January 2021 and the date of this Report:

Minister and Chair: Rev Joan Grindrod-Helmn
Church Secretaries: Liz Spence and Julie Wightman
Church Treasurer: Jean Barr
Elders: Sandra Baker
Henry Crosier
Maureen Fortune
Kay Hetherington
Grace Pollard (to April 2021)
Madeline Russell
Wade Sherman
David Wilkinson
Margaret Wilkinson

St James's Alnwick is a member church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain which was established by the 1972 United Reformed Church Acts. The church has its own Constitution and Governing Documents as approved by the Church Meeting.

The Trustees (serving Elders) are elected by the Church Meeting of St James's Alnwick URC. Management decisions are taken by the Trustees' Meetings and formally ratified by the Church Meeting. All management decisions are approved by consensus or majority at properly constituted meetings.

Objectives and Activities

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.

To meet this objective, the Charity supports the wider councils of the United Reformed Church through giving and participation. The Charity also provides regular acts of worship, promoting Christian teaching which is in accordance with the traditions of the United Reformed Church. The Charity recognizes the importance of working with other faith communities on an ecumenical basis and is an active member of Christians Together in Alnwick.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that this requirement is met by the activities set out in the reports below.

Further and more detailed, information on the activities of the Charity may be found in the Reports below, provided by the Minister, the Church Secretary and the Treasurer.



MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending: 31.12.21

Office Holder: Rev. Joan Grindrod-Helmn

Aims: To oversee the workings of the church and provide both practical and spiritual care for those in need.

Activities: To lead worship and have oversight of all worship events.
To provide pastoral care for those in need.
To encourage and nurture the faith.
To support those who volunteer their services in the church.
To represent the church in the community and the wider church.

REPORT:

2021 has certainly been a trying year. We have been "trying" to get our worship, programmes, and activities back to some semblance of normal, with only limited success. We were open, we were closed, we were open, we were closed...it seemed changes in regulations were as fluid as the sea. And yet, we are still here. We have gotten used to masks and distancing and sanitizer and they have become second nature to us. In many circumstances now it seems strange to shake hands or hug. We so often take a step back if someone gets too close. We still aren't ready to travel far and are finding it strange to be in a crowded room. Last year we longed to be back to "normal", this year we have accepted that this "new normal" is now a part of our lives. We are, for the most part, comfortable where we are and it is the unknown that we are hesitant about. That's normal, not just of humans but of most animals as well. I can risk life and limb (well fingers at least!) to wrestle a seal into a crate and yet when the cage door is opened (sometimes even the top of the crate removed) the seal prefers to stay where it is and has to be coaxed or even dumped out onto the beach. New things, even sort of familiar things, are not our default setting. And yet, life is all about change. The church is not supposed to be an exception to this rule. Change is inevitable and we can't escape it, as hard as we try. Thank goodness we have each other to help when we want to stay in the crate! Each in our own ways we were created to flourish and that usually happens when we are a part of something larger than ourselves. Are you flourishing? Is this church flourishing?

AGMs are always about looking back and remembering, which we are not terribly good at doing. But when I look back I remember those things for which I am grateful, and I give thanks for each of them. That means you! In this past "trying year" we have been blessed with the service and enthusiasm of so many, and in many different ways!

We are thankful for...

Paul, Doreen, Jolanda and the gifts of music we receive each week.

Liz, Joyce, Julie and the gifts of organization and administration that keep up functioning.

Jean and her gift of dealing with bills and insurance and accounts, all with her quiet sense of calm.

John and Wade for their gift of creativity and production of the weekly news sheet.

Our Elders for their gifts of care and decision making.

Willie, Sheila, Julie and their gifts with new technology and their teaching of others.

Alasdair for his gift of understanding and creatively connecting the dots with our history in the past 50 years.

Our Jr. Church leaders and helpers for their gifts of time and energy with our young people.

Our worship leaders who bring the gift of themselves to each service they offer.

The stewards, readers, cleaners, cooks, coffee makers, flower arrangers, and so many others for your gifts of service that we so often take for granted.

ALL of you, and the gifts you bring in your presence to us all!

In 2022 the URC celebrates its 50th anniversary. Many of you who have been involved for a number of years have seen great changes over these 50 years. We have been reminded of the changes, in the URC and even in this church in "Stories of Our Journey" that has been published recently. In the coming few

years there will be many more changes in the URC, Northumberland and at St. James's. How can we, despite our age, embrace change both in individuals and as a church so that all may flourish? It can be done and I have faith we will do so. We will not find ourselves huddling in the crate but enjoying the wonderful gifts and opportunities that God gives us each day.



CHURCH CENTRE COORDINATOR ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2021
Office Holder Liz Spence
Deputy Church Secretary Julie Wightman
Deputy Centre Manager Joyce Spencer

REPORT:

This has been my first year as Church Secretary and I have been so grateful to Julie and Joyce for all their help. Being the Church Centre Coordinator combines the roles of Church Secretary and Church Centre Manager Julie and Joyce. not only made the role possible by taking on specific tasks for the Centre Management and Church Secretary duties but have also been a major support.

Julie has taken on responsibility for ensuring that all Policies have been defined, refined and approved – a huge task. You will see from her own report the amount of work that was required. We all thought last year was challenging but this year has been one of uncertainty and change. The Risk Assessments alone required updating every time there was a change to the regulations. She has also taken on the re- formulation and management of the website, working with the URC team to produce a very comprehensive and professional communication tool for St James's – another major achievement. I would encourage everyone to go and have a look and see the amount of information now available. www.stjamesalnwick.org.uk

Joyce has ensured that there is practical support for users of the halls with ensuring signage sanitisation and information is available and her research and knowledge for the changes has been invaluable.

The beginning of the year it was confirmed that our heating system was not fit for purpose. Following its installation in 2016, it had caused problems and was, not only unreliable, but costing a lot of money. The church decided to cut our losses and renew. The heating system was renewed in May 2021 by a local firm who have been more accessible. We keep our fingers crossed.

After the second (or was it the third?!) lockdown ended in May, at the beginning of June, we were, once again able to worship in person, the use of Zoom made a difference to those who wish to be part of church worship from home. To do this, we had to modify parts of the sound system. This led us to review the existing sound and vision systems (that had been installed in 2007) and, to identify the costs to modernise the technology for both worship and users of the Centre. Both projects were funded by the a transfer from the Wood Legacy.

Zoom has been a very useful tool this year. Not only being used for worship but for all church meetings, discussion groups, prayer meetings and several members have participated in training. The minister has continued her Sunday Evening reflections on Facebook. Technology is certainly being used more widely.

Our weekly Newsletter, Pilgrim Ways continues to inform and communicate with all members and friends by e mail or by post. We thank John for continuing to edit the Newsletter and Wade Sherman for its distribution.

We have been so pleased that our Sunday morning church attendances have had an average of 38 people each week. From September, we have had a fortnightly Sunday evening service which has also been well attended. Our church membership is now reduced to 85 with 62 friends. Sadly, we lost two members of the congregation, Annice Waddell and Alan Green who had both been elders and had served St James's for many years. We thank Jean for her diligence finding Worship Leaders for the Sundays when the minister is at away or at Warkworth. The pandemic has made this a particularly difficult task and we are also grateful for the formation of a new Worship Group to lead worship when needed.

The use of the church building has been intermittent over the last year and the second half of the year saw some groups return. People have been very diligent in maintaining social distancing and following the regulations, but it does mean that our income from hirings will take some time to recover. We now have a new Hall booking system that is internet/web based and allows clients to book using the web site as well as on a personal basis.

2022 will be the 50th Anniversary of the URC and we are so pleased that Alasdair undertook a commitment to produce a book "Footsteps on our journey" commemorating the history of the last 50 years at St James's. This continues the history from 1972 and used stories and anecdotes from members and friends. Our thanks go to Alasdair and the team who produced a very readable and fascinating narrative enjoyed by many.

As always, our thanks go to our minister, Joan, for her ministry, guidance and support to all and to Jean for her excellent support as Treasurer as well as all the other tasks that she is involved in. Despite all the events over the couple of years, the people of St James's have continued to support this church with generous giving and practical input. We cannot thank you all enough.



CHURCH TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2021
Office Holder Jean Barr

REPORT:

For a second year, our church's finances have been greatly affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. That we have come through this year with our finances at a reasonable level, is in no small measure due to our members' continuing commitment and also to funds drawn down from the Gordon Wood Legacy fund.

General Expenditure: Much of our General Expenditure - over £43,000 - is out of our control to any great extent. This includes Ministry & Mission, Council Tax, Insurances and, to a lesser degree, Utilities. We have been lucky to keep up our normal planned, essential maintenance, including cleaning services although these were adjusted during closed periods. Major problems with our boiler which had been installed in 2016 had to be addressed. The Church Meeting agreed to replace this at a cost of some £26,000 and to invest in new Audio-Visual equipment to facilitate and improve our worship. The bulk of the expenditure on the latter fell in 2021 with some to come in 2022. While no Legacy Grants were made in 2021, our Faith in Life group made smaller donations to West End Refugee Service, North Northumberland Hospice Care and St Oswald's Hospice. Total expenditure in 2021 was £99,239, against a budget of £75,786.

General Income: Thanks to the continuing support of our congregation, our Offertory once again exceeded budget. As we expected, our income during 2021 from Use of Premises was nowhere near the heights of some recent years, coming in at £3,100 against an already cautious budget of £5,000. We have been unsuccessful in an application for Covid19 grant support – having failed to meet their main business rates criteria. However, Northumberland Estates have awarded us £1,000 towards future kitchen refurbishment; Listed Places of Worship have awarded £4,300 to reimburse the VAT expended on the new boiler system; and Synod Mission Fund provided £4,450 towards the Audio-Visual equipment. We are very grateful for this funding. Excluding a transfer from investment, we ended the year with total general income of £62,102 against a budget of £52,715. Over and above this, we transferred £40,000 from our Wood Legacy investment to help fund the items discussed above in General Expenditure – again this was as agreed by the Church Meeting.

Wood Legacy Fund: To recap: In 2018, St James's church received a legacy of £138,714. Gordon Wood, our benefactor, placed no restrictions on the use of his legacy. At the 2019 AGM, the Church Meeting

resolved to give up to 10% of the monies currently held in the invested fund each year to good causes and projects in Alnwick, with the proviso that if large funds are needed to maintain the church, the Wood Legacy Fund may be used. A committee was set up to oversee this Fund and make recommendations but all expenditure is authorised by the Church Meeting.

Charitable contributions were made in 2019 and 2020 and, after a year of good performance, £145,987, was carried forward into 2021. During 2021, The Wood Group looked at local organisations who might need grants but they were either closed during the pandemic or reported that they were not in need at that time. The Church Meeting agreed to defer making any Legacy Fund grants in 2021 but to transfer some £40,000 to our general fund to help cover some major expenditure (see above). During 2021, the Fund had again performed well and after the above transfer, the value at 31st December stood at £123,047. We must be very aware that the value of investments and any gains can go down as well as up and are not guaranteed. This is particularly relevant in these politically troubled times.

Commitment for Life Fund Commitment for Life income is received from direct gifts, from tax recovered on gift aided offerings and from our share of Fair-Trade income. No Fair-Trade income was possible in 2021 because of Covid restrictions. The total gathered in 2021 was £692, which compares with £915 in 2020 and £665 in 2019. This has now been paid over to the URC in London. We have chosen to support Israel & Palestinian Territories from this fund.

Once more, my gratitude goes to all our congregation and friends for your continuing support of our church, both financial and pastoral. During 2021, I continued to receive Freewill Offering Envelopes and cheques to my door when the church was closed and I have enjoyed many supportive phone calls. Many more of you have taken the opportunity to make your offertory direct to bank.

My thanks go once again to members of the Finance & Property committee for their invaluable input and support. Special thanks also go to John Wright, our Examiner of Accounts, for availing us of his time and expertise.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Date:



**ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
POTTERGATE, ALNWICK**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO

31ST DECEMBER 2021

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ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2021

		2021					2020
		Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds				
Notes		General Fund £p	Kitchen Fund £p	Flower Fund £p	Commitment For Life £p	Total 2021 £p	Total 2020 £p
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming Resources from generated funds:							
	2	56,883	1,000	-	692	58,575	59,986
	3	3,702	-	-	-	3,702	8,467
	4	5	-	-	-	5	19
	5	513	-	-	-	513	681
		61,102	1,000	-	692	62,794	69,153
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Charitable Activities:							
	6	37,547	-	-	-	37,547	39,150
	7	60,608	-	-	-	60,608	38,648
	8	1,084	-	-	692	1,776	1,852
		99,239.63	-	-	692	99,932	79,650
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)							
		(38,138)	1,000	-	-	(37,138)	(10,497)
Net gain on revaluation of investments							
		17,061	-	-	-	17,061	25,987
		(21,077)	1,000	-	-	(20,077)	15,489
Total funds b/fwd 1 January 2021							
		205,182	-	341	-	205,523	190,034
Total funds c/fwd 31st December 2021							
		184,105	1,000	341	-	185,446	205,523

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021****FIXED ASSETS**

Tangible Fixed Assets

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CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors and Accruals

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Bank and Cash Balances

Investment at current Market Value

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors payable within one year

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NET CURRENT ASSETS

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TOTAL NET ASSETS**THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY**

Unrestricted Income Funds:

Restricted Income Funds

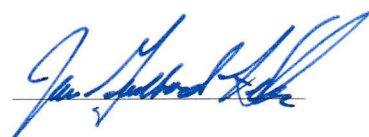
2021					2020
Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds				
General Fund £p	Kitchen Fund £p	Flower Fund £p	Commitment For Life £p	Total 2021 £p	Total 2020 £p
-	-	-	-	-	-
290		-	-	290	215
60,767	1,000	341	-	62,108	60,237
123,047		-	-	123,047	145,987
184,105	1,000	341	-	185,446	206,438
-			-	-	915
-	-	-	-	-	915
184,105	1,000	341	-	185,446	205,523
184,105	1,000	341	-	185,446	205,523
184,105	1,000	-	-	185,105	205,182
-		341	-	341	341
184,105		341	-	185,446	205,523
Held in Investment. Current and Deposit A/C's					

Held in Investment, Current and Deposit A/C's

APPROVED by the Trustees Meeting held on

24 March 2022

and signed on its behalf by the Revd J Grindrod-Helmn (Chair)



The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these financial statements

ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission and the United Reformed Church guidance. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted where deemed relevant and the principal accounting policies set out below have been applied.

1b Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

1c Tangible Fixed Assets

Property: The church and manse premises are not included in the balance sheet because reliable cost information is not available and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by the user of the Accounts. A note of the insurance valuation is shown in Notes to the Accounts - No 9.

Furniture and Equipment: The contents of the premises are not capitalised in the accounts because expenditure incurred on the property was written off in the year it was incurred. See again Notes to the Accounts - No 9

1d Incoming Resources

All voluntary giving is included in the financial statements for the period in which it is received. For purposes of clarification, tax refunds claimed from gift aided donations have been recognised as income when the refund of tax is received. Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified. All other income is generally recognised when it is received, including VAT which may be recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Increase or Decrease in Market Value of Investments is taken from the report provided by our Fund Manager at 31st December in the current year.

1e Resources Expended

The URC Ministry & Mission Fund contribution is paid regularly and is included in the financial statements for the year to which it relates. Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT. (See also note 1d above). They are allocated to the particular activity to which they relate.

As most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the church is incalculable.

1f Taxation

As part of the United Reformed Church, the church is an excepted charity within the meaning of the Taxes Acts. Accordingly, it is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes. No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

	2021					2020
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds				
	General Fund	Flower Fund	Kitchen Fund	Commitment For Life	Total 2021	
	£p			£p	£p	£
2 VOLUNTARY INCOME						
Offerings	36,450	-		-	36,450	37,601
Legacies and Funeral Gifts	500	-		-	500	-
Donations	1,724	-		-	1,724	980
Specific Charitable Causes - Collections	1,104	-		575	1,678	1,770
Donation for Memorial Bench	455				455	-
Warkworth URC Shared Costs	1,133				1,133	1,090
HMRC - Gift Aid Recovered	6,470	-		118	6,588	8,331
Grants Received:					-	10,000
Northumberland Estates	-		1,000		1,000	-
Listed Places of Worship	4,303	-		-	4,303	-
URC Mission Grant	4,453				4,453	
URC Northern Province - Pulpit Supply	290	-		-	290	215
	56,883	-	1,000	692	58,575	59,986
3 Activities for Generating Funds						
Fundraising Activities / Events	285	-		-	285	741
Use of Premises	3,104	-		-	3,104	7,726
Sale of Book - History of St James's	313					
	3,702	-	-	-	3,389	8,467

ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

4 **Investment Income**

The charity holds current and deposit accounts
with Lloyds Bank, Bondgate, Alnwick
Bank Interest

5	-	-	5	19
5	-	-	5	26,005

5 **Income Resources from Other Charitable Acts**

Weddings and Funerals
Sundry income

245	-	-	245	400
268	-	-	268	281
513	-	-	513	681

Total Income

61,102	-	1,000	692	62,482	85,140
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6 **Ministerial Costs**

Ministry & Mission Fund

The church contributes to the central URC costs of training and providing ministers (including the centralised payment of stipends, pension contributions and other benefits for ministers), running the denomination and the wider missions of the national church. Total unrestricted expenditure in 2021 was £20.2m, 81% of which related to ministry costs. The major funding is provided through the Ministry & Mission contributions from local churches.

Ministry & Mission fund	33,356	-	-	33,356	33,290
Synod Assessment	-	-	-	-	910
Minister's Car Allowance	1,366	-	-	1,366	1,826
Manse Costs	2,826	-	-	2,826	-
	37,547	-	-	37,547	39,150

7 **Costs of Church Activities**

Church and Halls Costs:

Cleaning, Kitchen and Event Supplies
Heat, Light & Telephone
Insurance & Rates
Repairs & Renewals, Planned Mntnce
Office Expenses and Booking Software
Bank Charges

3,630	-	-	3,630	4,324
3,744	-	-	3,744	6,870
4,803	-	-	4,803	4,695
40,236	-	-	40,236	5,672
172	-	-	172	237
96	-	-	96	-
52,680	-	-	52,680	21,799

ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021			Total 2021 £p	2020
	Unrestricted Fund	Flower Fund	Restricted Fund		2020 £p
	General Fund £p		Commitment For Life £p		
Worship and Teaching Costs					
Worship, Licences and Music	2,999	-	-	2,999	2,016
Pulpit Supply	290	-	-	290	215
Junior Church	705	-	-	705	132
	3,994	-	-	3,994	2,362
Other Programmes					
General Outreach Donations	-	-	-	-	50
Faith & Life Group Outreach:					
West End Refugee Centre, Newcastle	700			700	700
St Oswald's Hospice, Newcastle	350			350	350
N Northumberland Day Hospice	350			350	350
Donations from Wood Legacy:	-			-	10,000
Printing, Photocopying and Publicity	420	-	-	420	1,595
	1,820	-	-	1,820	13,045
Other Expenses					
Wedding & Funeral fees	45	-	-	45	25
Sundry Expenditure	408	-	-	408	720
Memorial Bench	455			455	-
History of St James's- Printing and Costs	787			787	-
Subscriptions	210	-	-	210	10
Carbon Footprint Offset - Americas Portfolio	210	-	-	210	686
	2,114	-	-	2,114	1,441
8 Specific Donations and Restricted Funds Passed On					
In 2020, we are supporting Israel & Palestinian Territories					
Commitment for Life Payment	-	-	692	692	915
Specific Causes - Payments	1,084	-	-	1,084	937
	1,084	-	692	1,776	1,852
Total Expenditure	99,240	-	692	99,932	79,650
9 Tangible Fixed Assets					
Premises:					
For the reasons stated in Accounting Policy note 1c, the church and manse buildings are not evaluated in Tangible Fixed Assets. For insurance purposes, the sums insured are: church buildings - £7,456,043 (2020 - £6,240,150) ; manse - £563,420 (2020 £562,295)					
10 Investments					
Balance brought forward	145,987			145,987	120,000
Drawn down 2021	(40,000)			(40,000)	-
Net unrealised investment gain	17,061			17,061	25,987
Balance carried forward	123,047	-	-	123,047	145,987
Investments comprise the balance of The Gordon Wood Legacy, invested in a Standard Life Elevate General Investment Account. Within that account, the principal holding (c99%) is in a Liontrust Sustainable Future Managed Income Fund. The balance of the account is held as cash in a money market account.					
11 Debtors and Accruals					
Accrual has been made for the following income	£	£	£	£	
Pulpit Supply Income from Northern Synod	290			290	
	290	-	-	290	
12 Current Liabilities and Provisions					
Provision has been made for the following expenditure	£	£	£	£	
Nil	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	

ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

12 Restricted Funds

The church accounts include three Restricted Funds, where the monies can only be used for the specific purpose for which they were entrusted to the church. These monies are not at the disposal of the Church Meeting for any other purpose:

- 1) Commitment for Life Fund - the church takes part in the URC initiative to support specific projects on an on-going basis. Income for the full year is usually paid over to the URC on an annual basis at the beginning of the following year
- 2) Flower Fund - Bequest of £500 was received during 2012.
- 3) Kitchen Fund - Grant of £1,000 from Northumberland Estates was received during 2021

The movements in the Restricted Funds during the year were:

	2021			2020
	Flower Fund	Kitchen Fund	Commitment For Life	Total 2021
Balance b/fwd	341		-	341
Grant		1,000		1,000
Direct Giving	-		575	575
Traidcraft	-		-	-
Gift Aid Income	-		118	118
Total Income:	341	1,000	692	2,034
Restricted Funds Passed On	-		-	-
Accrued Expenditure - Specific Causes	-		692	692
Accrued Income	-		-	-
Total Expenditure:	-	-	692	692
Balance to carry Forward	341	1,000	-	1,341

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382

-

833

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63

1,297

41

915

-

956

341

**ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 - 6 for the year ended 31st December 2021

Signed:


Jean Barr

Date

17th February 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of St James's Alnwick URC Charity, for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 - 6.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report:

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act


Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:


John Wright

Qualification or Professional Body

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Date

17th FEBRUARY 2022

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