

**Charity Registration Number: 1178326**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT 2022**

### **Structure, Governance & Management:**

#### **Trustees who have served between 1st January 2022 and the date of this Report:**

Minister and Chair: Rev Joan Grindrod-Helmn

Church Coordinators

And Secretary: Liz Spence and Julie Wightman

Church Treasurer: Jean Barr

Elders: Sandra Baker (to April 2022)  
Henry Crosier  
Maureen Fortune (to April 2022)  
Kay Hetherington  
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 extracts below, taken from Reports provided by the Minister, the Church Co-Ordinator and Secretary and the Treasurer.



## MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT (EXTRACT)

Year Ending: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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:

2022 has been a year for us and for the church of finding our voices again after COVID took them away, literally and figuratively. We were back to worship, but it seemed different with masks and no singing, sitting apart, no coffee after the service, no hugs or handshakes. So many said that they were surprised by how much they missed these small things that had such a big impact on their lives. But we accepted it, adapted and waited patiently for restrictions to be lifted. Eventually they were and we started to find our voices again, though they seemed strange and different after such a long silence. Some things we were glad to return to and some things we remain wary about. Some things we are grateful to leave in the past and some things we learned we are excited to expand and embrace.

2022 was also the "Jubilee year" for the URC, celebrating 50 years of existence. The concept of Jubilee is one of giving thanks and allowing rest and restitution. I think for us that came about a year early, when we were forced to rest and give thanks during COVID lockdowns. But what has come out of that time? When we were in it, we were hearing about the "New Normal", we were looking forward to it, though we didn't really know what to expect. We are now in the "New Normal". We will never forget that time when we were silenced, it will leave many memories both good and bad. But it also leaves us with opportunities, like the Jubilee year, to give thanks and start again. What does our "New Normal" look like now that we have found our voices again? Do we want it to look and be just like the old normal or do we want something more, something that embraces the future and gives us opportunities for growth? We may not know the answers to this now, it may take some more time to allow the fear and the pain of those hard days to fade. But we will need to figure it out and work together in the coming year to plan for the future.

2023 will inevitably bring more changes and we will experience both sadness and joy, for that is life. Life always moves us forward and calls us to create a new normal every day; not just for ourselves, but for those we share life with, in church, in Alnwick, in the UK and around the world. We are still finding our voice after the silence but find it we must, for there are many silent ones who are counting on us to speak for them until they can speak for themselves.

I give thanks for so many in our church who work so hard to keep St. James's the special place that it is. You ALL are a part of it, no matter what you are able to contribute. I thank all of our Elders for their hard work. Our Office holders, who go above and beyond consistently. Our Jr. Church leaders and helpers, the Sunday tech teams, our wonderful musicians (and a choir!), the creatives with the



Newsletter, the folks doing the practical things with the building, the folks offering their time to others for coffee, chat, and friendship, our many worship leaders for their different worship experiences... we are truly blessed!



#### CHURCH CENTRE COORDINATOR ANNUAL REPORT (EXTRACT)

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Year Ending                     | 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 |
| Office Holder                   | Liz Spence                     |
| Assistant Church Secretary      | Julie Wightman                 |
| Assistant Church Centre Manager | Joyce Spencer                  |

#### REPORT:

It is only when you look back over the year that you realise how much the pandemic has affected the Church and the Centre. We are still trying to maintain a safe environment for all. Although many restrictions have been lifted, we are still ensuring that safe practice continues. We have been monitoring our Covid safety over the year and changed the signage as required.

We have also continued our work with Policies and the Web site. Each change to the Covid regulations required a rewrite of the church risk assessments. New guidelines on Safeguarding and the recruitment of volunteers have also meant a rewriting of policy and the hard work to ensure that we are compliant in each of these areas is much appreciated. The website has been maintained, making changes as required. We are now able to receive bookings for the halls through the web site.

Our major project this year has been to upgrade the sound and vision facilities for both worship and users of the Centre and we are now able to enhance the use of zoom by using a camera to give variable views during worship. We have improved internet access, and sound and vision facilities throughout the building. This includes a new 75" screen on a mobile stand and better microphones. We are hoping that a team will be formed who will understand the system and wish to help with worship.

*The kitchen has been showing its age, needing attention to the cupboards and the walls. We decided to have the kitchen upgraded, using a firm who removed the peeling vinyl and painted the doors and surrounds and freshened up the area by painting the walls. What a difference this has made.*

We have been able to Worship in person all year and have an evening service twice a month. Attendance at both services is similar to before the pandemic with an average of 38 in the morning and 15 at the evening services. The serving of Communion was modified to ensure safe participation. We are grateful to Worship Leaders when the minister is not here and to the Worship Group for their support to lead worship over the year.

Zoom continues to be used at most morning services and church meetings and the minister has continued the Sunday Evening reflection on Face Time. We shall continue to assess our Technology needs so that we remain up to date and provide access for all.

We very much appreciate our Newsletter Editor, who has continued editing the weekly Pilgrim Ways newsletter, which appears to have been well received as indicated by the positive comments received. Some of those, unable to come to church in person or without the technology, are receiving a "snail mail" edition

and some also receive the order of Service for the URC Sunday Devotion. We thank all those involved in ensuring that these are sent out weekly.

Membership stands at 79 and 60 friends. Unfortunately, there have been 8 deaths of members or friends which included 3 former elders. Our thoughts and prayers go to their families.

We had one wedding this year and no baptisms.

The use of the building by a wide variety of clients increased over the year and is now almost back to the pre-Covid levels. We succeeded in meeting the budget we had set for income. However, we have had to raise the charges from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to support the rise in heating costs. We are also aware that some of our *equipment is getting older and problems will become more frequent.*

This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the URC and we celebrated it with a Jubilee Service. Unfortunately, the London celebrations had to be postponed, not because of the pandemic, but because of a rail strike. If it wasn't one thing, it was another.

During this year we have started to think about the changes to come to Mid and North Northumberland in 2025 as proposed by the Northern Synod. This involves all the churches in the group to work together to prepare for when there will only be one minister for the whole area.

As always, our thanks go to our minister for her ministry, guidance, and support to everyone and also to our *Trustees for their diligence.*

The last year has been difficult for all and despite all the problems both in the UK and the World, the people of St James' have supported this church and its community with generosity of giving and practical support. We thank you all so much.



#### CHURCH TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Office Holder Jean Barr

#### REPORT:

**General Expenditure:** With some notable exceptions, much of our General Expenditure has been as expected and remained close to budget. Some of these exceptions, where expenditure was unusually high, came as a result of the effects of Storm Arwen which occurred in November 2021. Damage to both our Church and the Manse resulted in repair costs of over £9,000. Although we have been very fortunate in being able to offset this expenditure against income in the form of reimbursements from our Insurers, the claims also resulted in higher than anticipated insurance costs in 2022.

Equipment and Maintenance costs this year have been high, caused mainly by the purchase of a new computer to support our audio-visual system, some much needed refurbishment of our kitchen and some exceptional repairs to kitchen equipment and to the lift.

Our Church Meeting had hoped to make donations to local charities from our Wood Legacy Fund (see below). However, the global financial situation meant that fund has not been performing well and, instead, we took the decision to make these outreach donations from our General Fund bank account.



A total of £6,000 in donations was shared between to Ignite (formerly known as Contagious), the North Northumberland Hospice, Gallery Youth, and the Pottergate Centre

Excluding Special Collections paid out to other charities, our General Expenditure came in at £ 87,620 against a budget of £67,820.

**General Income:** Our higher than budgeted income partially offsets the increased expenditure. The aforementioned Insurance reimbursements accounts for £9,000 of this. We also received a generous legacy of £5,000 from one of our members – no restrictions were placed on the use of this legacy.

Offertory saw a slight drop from £36,450 in 2021 to £35,880 in 2022 but Gift Aid recovery increased from £6,470 in 2021 to £7,100, partially as a result of increased Gift Aided Small Donations, which had been adversely affected during the Pandemic when there were fewer church services and lower attendance.

Gratifyingly, income from the Use of our Premises came in over budget at £12,410 (£3,410 in 2021). This reflected, at least partially, the much hoped for return to “some kind of normal” as well as the hard work and dedication of our Church Centre team, who keep our premises in such good condition.

Excluding Special Collections paid out to other charities, our General Income came in at £75,250 against a budget of £59,800.

**Wood Legacy Fund:** The background: 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 when 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.


While charitable donations were made in earlier years, none had been made in 2021 when possible local beneficiaries were either closed during the pandemic or reported that they were not in need at that time. Global financial problems saw the value of the Legacy fund fall sharply from £123,047 at the end of 2021 to around £95,000 at its lowest point in 2022. Taking advice from our Investment Consultant, we agreed to leave the funds intact and not make any withdrawals in 2022. Instead, we made donations from our General Fund (see above) with the intention to make recompense if and when our investments recover. The invested funds ended 2021 with a value of £97,264.

**Commitment for Life Fund** Commitment for Life income is received from direct gifts and from tax recovered on gift aided offerings. The total gathered in 2022 was £809, which compares with £692 in 2021. We have chosen to support Israel & Palestinian Territories from this fund.

Once more, our gratitude goes to all our congregation and friends for their continuing support of our church, both financial and pastoral. Our thanks go once again to members of the Finance & Property committee for their invaluable work and support. Special thanks also go to our Examiner of Accounts, for availing us of his time and expertise.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023



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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TO**

**31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2022

| 2022  |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  | 2021             |                |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|   | Unrestricted Fund  | Restricted Funds   |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
| Notes   | General Fund<br>£p | Kitchen Fund<br>£p | Flower Fund<br>£p | Commitment For Life<br>£p | Total 2022<br>£p | Total 2021<br>£p |                |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>   |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
| Incoming Resources from generated funds:  |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
| Voluntary Income  | 2                  | 63,143             | -                 | -                         | 881              | 64,024           | 58,575         |
| Activities for Generating funds   | 3                  | 13,490             | -                 | -                         | -                | 13,490           | 3,702          |
| Investment Income   | 4                  | 3                  | -                 | -                         | -                | 3                | 5              |
| Other Income  | 5                  | 1,166              | -                 | -                         | -                | 1,166            | 513            |
| <b>Total: Incoming Resources</b>  |                    | <b>77,801</b>      | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>                  | <b>881</b>       | <b>78,682</b>    | <b>62,794</b>  |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>   |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
| Charitable Activities:  |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
| Ministerial Costs   | 6                  | 38,868             | -                 | -                         | -                | 38,868           | 37,547         |
| Costs of Church Activities/Refurbishments                                       | 7                  | 47,753             | 1,000             | -                         | -                | 48,753           | 60,608         |
| Donations for Specific Purposes and Restricted Funds passed on                  | 8                  | 2,948              | -                 | -                         | 809              | 3,756            | 1,776          |
| <b>Total: Resources Expended</b>  |                    | <b>89,569.00</b>   | <b>1,000</b>      | <b>-</b>                  | <b>809</b>       | <b>91,378</b>    | <b>99,932</b>  |
| <b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b> |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
|   |                    | (11,768 )          | (1,000 )          | -                         | 72               | (12,696 )        | (37,138 )      |
| <b>Net gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments</b>                            |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |                  |                |
|   |                    | (25,783 )          | -                 | -                         | -                | (25,783 )        | 17,061         |
|   |                    | (37,551 )          | (1,000 )          | -                         | 72               | (38,479 )        | (20,077 )      |
| <b>Total funds b/fwd 1 January 2022</b>   |                    | <b>184,105</b>     | <b>1,000</b>      | <b>341</b>                | <b>-</b>         | <b>185,446</b>   | <b>205,523</b> |
| <b>Total funds c/fwd 31st December 2022</b>                                     |                    | <b>146,553</b>     | <b>-</b>          | <b>341</b>                | <b>72</b>        | <b>146,967</b>   | <b>185,446</b> |

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

|   |                                    | 2022               |                    |                   |                           | 2021             |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|   |                                    | Unrestricted Fund  | Restricted Funds   |                   |                           | Total 2021       |
|   |                                    | General Fund<br>£p | Kitchen Fund<br>£p | Flower Fund<br>£p | Commitment For Life<br>£p | Total 2021<br>£p |
| 9   |                                    | -                  | -                  | -                 | -                         | -                |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                         |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| 10  | Debtors and Accruals               | 761                | -                  | -                 | -                         | 215              |
|   | Bank and Cash Balances             | 50,637             | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 60,237           |
|   | Investment at current Market Value | 97,264             | -                  | -                 | -                         | 145,987          |
|   |                                    | 148,663            | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 206,438          |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                    |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| 11  | Creditors payable within one year  | 2,110              | -                  | -                 | -                         | 915              |
|   |                                    | 2,110              | -                  | -                 | -                         | 915              |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                     |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| 12  |                                    | 146,553            | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 205,523          |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                       |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
|   |                                    | 146,553            | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 205,523          |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>               |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
|   | Unrestricted Income Funds:         | 146,553            | -                  | -                 | -                         | 205,182          |
|   | Restricted Income Funds            | -                  | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 341              |
|   |                                    | 146,553            | -                  | 341               | 72                        | 205,523          |
| <hr/>   |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |
| Held in Investment, Current and Deposit A/C's |                                    |                    |                    |                   |                           |                  |

APPROVED by the Trustees Meeting held on

23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2023

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



**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**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.

|  | 2022              |                  |              |                     | 2021          |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | Unrestricted Fund | Restricted Funds |              |                     |               |
|  | General Fund      | Flower Fund      | Kitchen Fund | Commitment For Life | Total 2022    |
|  | £p                |                  |              | £p                  | £p            |
| <b>2 VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>                |                   |                  |              |                     |               |
| Offerings                                | 35,880            |                  |              |                     | 35,880        |
| Legacies and Funeral Gifts               | 5,000             |                  |              |                     | 5,000         |
| Donations                                | 1,028             |                  |              |                     | 1,028         |
| Specific Charitable Causes - Collections | 2,928             |                  |              | 815                 | 3,743         |
| Insurance Reimbursements                 | 9,196             |                  |              |                     | 9,196         |
| Warkworth URC Shared Costs               | 1,248             |                  |              |                     | 1,248         |
| HMRC - Gift Aid Recovered                | 7,101             |                  |              | 66                  | 7,167         |
| Grants Received:                         |                   |                  |              |                     |               |
| Northumberland Estates                   | -                 |                  |              |                     | -             |
| Listed Places of Worship                 | -                 |                  |              |                     | -             |
| URC Mission Grant                        | -                 |                  |              |                     | -             |
| URC Northern Province - Pulpit Supply    | 761               |                  |              |                     | 761           |
|  | <b>63,143</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>     | <b>881</b>          | <b>64,024</b> |
|  |                   |                  |              |                     | <b>58,575</b> |
| <b>3 Activities for Generating Funds</b> |                   |                  |              |                     |               |
| Fundraising Activities / Events          | 914               |                  |              |                     | 914           |
| Use of Premises                          | 12,410            |                  |              |                     | 12,410        |
| Sales of Book                            | 166               |                  |              |                     | 166           |
|  | <b>13,490</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>            | <b>13,490</b> |
|  |                   |                  |              |                     | <b>3,389</b>  |

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

4 Investment Income

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

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 3        | -        | 3        | 5        |
| <b>3</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> |

5 Income Resources from Other Charitable Acts

Weddings and Funerals  
Sundry income

|              |          |            |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| 200          | 200      | 245        |
| 966          | 966      | 268        |
| <b>1,166</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>513</b> |

Total Income

|               |          |            |               |               |
|---------------|----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>77,801</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>881</b> | <b>78,682</b> | <b>62,482</b> |
|---------------|----------|------------|---------------|---------------|

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  | 34,128        |   |   | 34,128        | 33,356        |
| Minister's Car Allowance | 1,366         |   |   | 1,366         | 1,366         |
| Manse Costs              | 3,375         |   |   | 3,375         | 2,826         |
|                          | <u>38,868</u> | - | - | <u>38,868</u> | <u>37,547</u> |

7 Costs of Church Activities

Church and Halls Costs:

|                                      |               |              |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cleaning, Kitchen and Event Supplies | 5,464         |              | 5,464         | 3,630         |
| Heat, Light & Telephone              | 5,276         |              | 5,276         | 3,744         |
| Insurance & Rates                    | 5,654         |              | 5,654         | 4,803         |
| Repairs, Renewals, Planned Mntnce    | 16,940        | 1,000        | 17,940        | 40,236        |
| Office Expenses and Booking Software | 224           |              | 224           | 172           |
| Printing, Photocopying and Publicity | 3,173         |              | 3,173         | 420           |
| Bank Charges                         | 108           |              | 108           | 96            |
|                                      | <u>36,838</u> | <u>1,000</u> | <u>37,838</u> | <u>52,680</u> |

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

|   | 2022               |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | Unrestricted Fund  | Restricted Funds |              |                           |                  |                  |
|   | General Fund<br>£p | Flower Fund      | Kitchen Fund | Commitment For Life<br>£p | Total 2022<br>£p | Total 2021<br>£p |
| Worship and Teaching Costs  |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| Worship, Licences and Music   | 2,440              |                  |              |                           | 2,440            | 2,999            |
| Pulpit Supply   | 761                |                  |              |                           | 761              | 290              |
| Junior Church   | 23                 |                  |              |                           | 23               | 705              |
|   | 3,224              | -                | -            | -                         | 3,224            | 3,994            |
| Other Programmes and Donations  |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| West End Refugee Centre, Newcastle  |                    |                  |              |                           | -                | 700              |
| St Oswald's Hospice, Newcastle  |                    |                  |              |                           | -                | 350              |
| N Northumberland Day Hospice  | 2,000              |                  |              |                           | 2,000            | 350              |
| Ignite  | 2,000              |                  |              |                           | 2,000            | -                |
| Gallery Youth   | 1,000              |                  |              |                           | 1,000            | -                |
| Pottergate Centre   | 1,000              |                  |              |                           | 1,000            | -                |
| Taxi Fund   | 213                |                  |              |                           | 213              | -                |
|   | 6,213              | -                | -            | -                         | 6,213            | 1,820            |
| Other Expenses  |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| Wedding & Funeral fees  | -                  |                  |              | -                         | -                | 45               |
| Sundry Expenditure  | 1,126              |                  |              | -                         | 1,126            | 408              |
| Memorial Bench  | -                  |                  |              | -                         | -                | 455              |
| History of St James's- Printing and Costs   | -                  |                  |              | -                         | -                | 787              |
| Subscriptions   | 110                |                  |              | -                         | 110              | 210              |
| Carbon Footprint Offset   | 242                |                  |              | -                         | 242              | 210              |
|   | 1,478              | -                | -            | -                         | 1,478            | 2,114            |
| 8 Specific Donations and Restricted Funds Passed On   |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| Commitment for Life Income is passed on to Commitment for Life Central Fund at URC, London. |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| In 2022, we are supporting Israel & Palestinian Territories                                 |                    |                  |              |                           |                  |                  |
| Commitment for Life Payment   | -                  | -                |              | 809                       | 809              | 692              |
| Specific Causes - Payments  | 2,948              | -                | -            | -                         | 2,948            | 1,084            |
|   | 2,948              | -                | -            | 809                       | 3,756            | 1,776            |
| Total Expenditure   | 89,569             | -                | 1,000        | 809                       | 91,378           | 99,932           |

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 (2021 - £6,240,150); manse - £563,420 (2021 £562,295)

10 Investments

|                                       |          |   |   |   |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---|---|---|----------|----------|
| Balance brought forward               | 123,047  |   |   |   | 123,047  | 145,987  |
| Drawn down                            | -        |   |   |   | -        | (40,000) |
| Net unrealised investment gain/(loss) | (25,783) |   |   |   | (25,783) | 17,061   |
| Balance carried forward               | 97,264   | - | - | - | 97,264   | 123,047  |

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

|                                  |     |   |   |   |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|---|---|---|-----|
|                                  | £   | £ | £ | £ | £   |
| URC Northern Synod Pulpit Supply | 761 |   |   |   | 761 |
|                                  | 761 | - | - | - | 761 |

12 Current Liabilities and Provisions

Provision has been made for the following expenditure

|   |       |   |   |   |       |
|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|
|   | £     | £ | £ | £ | £     |
| Reform Subscription                             | 207   |   |   | - | 207   |
| Insurance Damage Repairs to be invoiced         | 80    |   |   |   | 80    |
| Kitchen Refurbishment - Painting to be invoiced | 195   |   |   |   | 195   |
| Estimated Newsletter Printing Costs             | 1,500 |   |   |   | 1,500 |
| Christmas Donations Paid Out                    | 128   |   |   |   | 128   |
|   | 2,110 | - | - | - | 2,110 |



NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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:

|                                       | 2022        |              |                     |            | 2021  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
|                                       | Flower Fund | Kitchen Fund | Commitment For Life | Total 2022 | £     |
| Balance b/fwd                         | 341         | 1,000        | -                   | 1,341      | 341   |
| Grant                                 | -           | -            | -                   | -          | 1,000 |
| Direct Giving                         | -           | -            | 815                 | 815        | 575   |
| Traidcraft                            | -           | -            | -                   | -          | -     |
| Gift Aid Income                       | -           | -            | 66                  | 66         | 118   |
| Total Income:                         | 341         | 1,000        | 881                 | 2,222      | 2,034 |
| Restricted Funds Passed On            | -           | 1,000        | -                   | 1,000      | -     |
| Accrued Expenditure - Specific Causes | -           | -            | 809                 | 809        | 692   |
| Accrued Income                        | -           | -            | -                   | -          | -     |
| Total Expenditure:                    | -           | 1,000        | 809                 | 1,809      | 692   |
| Balance to carry Forward              | 341         | -            | 72                  | 413        | 1,341 |

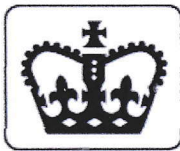
**ST JAMES'S ALNWICK URC CHARITY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 - 6 for the year ended 31st December 2022

Signed:   
Jean Barr

Date 1st March 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

St James's Alnwick United Reformed Church Charity

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1178326

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

1/3/2023

Name:

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).