

The Father's Home

Trustees' Annual Report

2020-2021

Introduction

The Father's Home began with the call to a small group of us 'to love the people' and share our good news, in the words of St Francis of Assisi 'to spread the gospel by all means, if necessary by word'. To do all this we need to be a worshipping fellowship because it is from our worshipping relationship together that we are able to reach out to the local community.

The pandemic arrived as our second full year began and everything closed down. This was a severe challenge to meeting our aims to benefit the public and share our Christian faith. Face to face services, children's and youth clubs and prayer meetings were not possible. The trustees took account of the Charity Commission guidance on working for the public benefit and looked for ways to overcome the obstacles. To meet these challenges, it was decided that we would go online, and we learned how to serve the community in new ways. To our joy, the year saw growth. We are excited to share how this all happened and how God blessed us in the process.

Achievements and Performance

The small box at the back of church for tins of food transformed into our food bank, under the leadership of Rosie and Barry. We provided not only essential food and household items but also TLC parcels for those who needed a boost - some of the first went to families whose houses had been flooded in Primrose Avenue.

We successfully applied for a grant of £5,000 from The Heart of England Foundation (Co-op). Our local Morrison's became a staunch supporter giving us their customers' weekly donations plus many extras direct from Morrison's. Warburtons supported us with weekly bread. The charity Acts of Kindness supplied toiletries and nappies. The Well, a large local food bank, supported us with donations and much needed advice.

We joined the Wolverhampton Food Bank Forum and through this forum we received Wolverhampton City Council food parcels which meant we were able to increase the number of families we could support. Towards the end of the year, through the forum, we received a **£10,000** government grant. In a further recognition of the work, our local Councillor, Alan Butt, successfully recommended our food bank for a **Bushbury North Ward Funds grant of £1,000**.

None of this work would have been possible without the support of church and local volunteers, including our local councillor. They collect food and store it in two single and one double garage belonging to church members, sort parcels, deliver food, support the families in other ways, and complete the necessary paperwork. By the end of the year we were supporting a core of **30 families, (55 adults and 77 under 18 year olds per week) in addition to responding to people facing sudden and immediate hardship**.

The pandemic forced us to go online, so with the help of a local IT company **we developed a website that would meet our present and future needs**. People far and wide could and did find us and were able to support us via 'click to give' donation buttons.

Our reach to the community grew as the sermons from our various speakers and the bible studies from Rosalinda Pecoraro were put online, making them accessible at convenient times for everyone. Services and prayer meetings were delivered via Zoom and WhatsApp. We created 'Power Cells' of three or more people who phoned and shared scripture and prayed regularly together which was invaluable in combating isolation.

Services and short reflections were also broadcast via FaceBook and YouTube, sometimes gaining audiences of several hundreds, including people from overseas! We were also invited to broadcast our Sunday service on a local radio station.

Inspire, our ladies group lead by Lisa Turner, had to stop meeting for meals out during this time. Lisa was undeterred. She brought food and drink treats to our homes so we could share fun times together over Zoom.

We were a growing, loving fellowship finding new ways to connect with people. However, it had become clear that the Cromwell Road site, which had served us so well, was now simply a drain on resources. In July we decided to store our equipment and leave, even moving our carefully chosen garden plants to a temporary site. Sadly this also meant the loss of the WOW Boutique. WOW stands for Women Of Worth – a charity we support that works with women in communities in Africa and Eastern Europe to improve their lives and their communities. So it was decided to support WOW financially each month.

As restrictions changed, we were able to meet together face to face. During the summer we met outside at a local field and worshipped joyously. During the colder weather, our local CoE church shared their facilities with us and to the fellowship of St James and Bushbury Parish we extend our most grateful thanks.

The children's work also had to change. The volunteers who ran Happy Feet, our group for toddlers and their parents, went online with stories, songs and activities. It was a tremendous learning curve for the volunteers but a much-needed resource for the **up to 30 local families who watched the online presentations.**

In a similar way the Outburst group for primary aged children were also kept in touch online. They had games and stories and activities that they could do at home. The leaders also created competitions on **You Tube all of which blessed over twenty families.**

Initially **the youth group, which comprised of 18 young people**, took to online meeting very well. Unfortunately, this didn't continue as the face to face meetings and informal chat were hard to emulate online. The leaders are looking at a different approach for this group.

We had a joyous then very sad experience during the year. Yvonne lived close to the Cromwell Road building and we experienced the joy of her finding a new relationship with the Lord. Her vibrant presence was a delight in the fellowship. Sadly a few months later she died of cancer. Yvonne and her family had requested that the pastors to conduct her funeral. We had the sad and difficult task of conducting a socially distanced funeral at the crematorium, but the family and friends were very appreciative.

The trustees believe that given the current pandemic The Father's Home needs to focus on supporting the local community through the food bank, TLC baskets and community events as the Covid restrictions permit. Sustaining and developing services, shared bible study and prayer meetings whether online or in small gatherings is vital for the encouragement of the fellowship and to support them in their work for the community. Consequently, these tasks will form a large part of our work in the coming year.

However in common with other churches we lost GASDS income during the year. We have been blessed as many people switched their giving to direct debits or bank transfers. The move to online fund accounting and donations management software meant that the trustees and leadership could monitor the financial health of the church easily. Gift aid claims were simplified, and we received **£2,929.60 In tax reclaimed from gift aid** in the year. The following reports give a clear picture of the financial situation for the year and a comparison with last year.

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	18,229	—	3,773	—	22,003	28,483
Income from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—	62
Other income	3,667	—	15,007	—	18,674	223
Total receipts	21,896	—	18,781	—	40,677	28,768
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,957	1,853	10,193	—	23,002	27,180
Other expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	50
Total payments	10,957	1,853	10,193	—	23,002	27,230
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	10,939	(1,853)	8,588	—	17,674	1,538
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	360	4,560	—	—	4,920	20
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,560)	(360)	—	—	(4,920)	(20)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	6,739	2,347	8,588	—	17,674	1,538
Net movement in funds	6,739	2,347	8,588	—	17,674	1,538
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 April 2020	3,953	(2,327)	1,078	—	2,704	1,166
All assets at 31 March 2021	10,692	20	9,667	—	20,378	2,704
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	10,692	—	—	—	10,692	3,953
Designated						
Christmas Fund	—	—	—	—	—	(291)
Glow Fund	—	—	—	—	—	(123)
Hospitality Fund	—	—	—	—	—	(1,757)
Outburst Fund	—	—	—	—	—	(141)
Worship Fund	—	20	—	—	20	(15)
Restricted						
Acts Of Kindness	—	—	1,675	—	1,675	—
Compassion	—	—	108	—	108	—
Conference Fund	—	—	183	—	183	183
Happy Feet Fund	—	—	146	—	146	146
Samaritan's Purse	—	—	—	—	—	616
TFH Food Bank	—	—	2,881	—	2,881	—
WOW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	133
Winter Grant 2	—	—	4,674	—	4,674	—

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 March 2021

		<u>Balance</u>	<u>Previous balance</u>
Cash at bank and in hand			
301: Lloyds Current Account - Asset			
Acts Of Kindness	Restricted	1,675	—
Christmas Fund	Designated	—	(291)
Compassion	Restricted	108	—
Conference Fund	Restricted	183	183
Glow Fund	Designated	—	(123)
Happy Feet Fund	Restricted	146	146
Hospitality Fund	Designated	—	(1,757)
Outburst Fund	Designated	—	(141)
Samaritan's Purse	Restricted	—	616
TFH Food Bank	Restricted	2,881	—
WOW Fund	Restricted	—	133
Winter Grant 2	Restricted	4,674	—
Worship Fund	Designated	20	(15)
General fund	Unrestricted	10,692	3,953
		20,378	2704
Cash at bank and in hand		20,378	2704
Grand Total		20,378	2,704

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted							
General fund	3,953	21,896	10,957	(4,200)	—	—	10,692
Sub-totals	3,953	21,896	10,957	(4,200)	—	—	10,692
Designated							
Compassion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christmas	(291)	—	—	291	—	—	—
Glow	(123)	—	—	123	—	—	—
Hospitalty	(1,757)	—	587	2,344	—	—	—
Inspire	—	—	119	119	—	—	—
Outburst	(141)	—	22	164	—	—	—
WOW	—	—	1,125	1,125	—	—	—
Worship	(15)	—	—	35	—	—	20
Sub-totals	(2,327)	—	1,853	4,200	—	—	20
Restricted							
Acts Of Kindness	—	5,000	3,325	—	—	—	1,675
Compassion	—	618	510	—	—	—	108
Christmas	—	120	120	—	—	—	—
Conference Fund	183	—	—	—	—	—	183
TFH Food Bank	—	2,881	—	—	—	—	2,881
Glow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HappyFeet	146	—	—	—	—	—	146
Outburst	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Samaritan's Purse	616	—	616	—	—	—	—
WG1 - Winter Grant 1	—	5,000	5,000	—	—	—	—
WG2 - Winter Grant 2	—	5,000	326	—	—	—	4,674
WG3 - Winter Grant 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WOW	133	163	295	—	—	—	—
Worship	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	1,078	18,781	10,193	—	—	—	9,667
Totals	2,704	40,677	23,002	—	—	—	20,378

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Analysis of income and expenditure
For the period from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
001 - Loose Plate Collection	—	—	—	—	—	7,089
002 - Gift Aid - Bank	—	—	—	—	—	12,975
003 - Other planned giving	15,435	—	—	—	15,435	564
004 - Donations/Appeals etc	—	—	3,638	—	3,638	2,522
005 - Gift Days	—	—	—	—	—	—
020 - HMRC Tax refund	2,795	—	135	—	2,930	5,333
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	18,229	—	3,773	—	22,003	28,483
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
030 - Sales of items	—	—	—	—	—	62
<i>Income from charitable activities totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	62
<i>Other income</i>						
006 - Other income	3,667	—	7	—	3,674	223
021 - Grants	—	—	15,000	—	15,000	—
<i>Other income Totals</i>	3,667	—	15,007	—	18,674	223
Receipts Grand totals	21,896	—	18,781	—	40,677	28,768

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	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Payments						
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
101 - Event costs	691	22	—	—	713	3,038
102 - Guest Speakers	550	50	—	—	600	398
103 - Consumables	411	587	—	—	998	544
104 - Printing	30	—	—	—	30	193
105 - Service items	166	—	—	—	166	5
106 - Equipment and Furnishings	373	—	—	—	373	857
110 - Charity giving	1,781	1,193	10,193	—	13,167	1,610
120 - Licences and subscriptions	1,448	—	—	—	1,448	222
121 - Safeguarding Costs	—	—	—	—	—	169
122 - Skylark Tithe	1,740	—	—	—	1,740	2,035
123 - Technology	—	—	—	—	—	583
124 - Grounds and Garden Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
125 - Council Tax	905	—	—	—	905	2,293
126 - Electricity	126	—	—	—	126	8,369
127 - Water Rates	—	—	—	—	—	—
128 - Governance and Examination Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
129 - Maintenance Costs	—	—	—	—	—	174
130 - Insurance	99	—	—	—	99	99
140 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
141 - Education	—	—	—	—	—	356
150 - Rent	2,636	—	—	—	2,636	6,002
151 - Church Telephone Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
152 - Administration	—	—	—	—	—	233
<i>Exp on charitable activities Totals</i>	10,957	1,853	10,193	—	23,002	27,180
<i>Other expenditure</i>						
153 - Bank Charges	—	—	—	—	—	50
<i>Other expenditure Totals</i>	—	—	—	—	—	50
Payments Grand totals	10,957	1,853	10,193	—	23,002	27,230

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

CIO - Foundation Registered 02 Oct 2018

Charitable Objects

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in Wolverhampton and such other parts of the world as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name
The Father's Home

Charity Number
1180161

Principle Address
7 Bittell Close Wolverhampton WV10 8UZ

Trustees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Date of Appointment</i>
Mrs Raj Hare	Trustee	1 st January 2020
Mrs Ingrid Nuara	Chair	2 nd October 2018
Mr Barry Egerton	Trustee	2 nd October 2018
Mr Martin Macklin	Trustee	1 st January 2020
Mr Adam Boneham	Trustee	2 nd October 2018

Charities Act 2011

Independent Examiner's Report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Father's Home, 7 Bittell Close
Wolverhampton WV10 8UZ (Charity Commission number 1180161.)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st. March 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 7 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of the 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.

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 Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

Date: 15 Dec 2021

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