

Renewal Church Whitfield

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2022

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RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Whitfield Village Hall Sandwich Road Whitfield Dover CT16 3LY
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Constitution dated January 2019
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1181484
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	James Lee Thomas Marcus (appointed April 2021) Anna Palmer (appointed April 2021) Selina Yeoman (resigned March 2022)
BANKERS	Barclays Bank UK PLC
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The object of the charity is for the benefit of the public in the advancement of the Christian faith by preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in Dover, the UK and the world. We aim to prevent or relieve poverty, undertake religious activities, helping all members of society. In order to help coordinate the vision, and to lead on the message and direction of the church, the church employs a pastor part time.

The leadership team of Renewal Church and the trustees work together to ensure that the vision to Restore, Revive and Rebuild lives in body, mind and spirit is crucial to meeting its aims. Empowering the church to realise its potential as “ministers of the new covenant” according to the Apostle Paul is fundamental to this. The spiritual growth, maturing and courage of church members to take bold steps in this mission gives confidence to the Trustees and the Leadership Team of the church that the charity continues to operate itself upon a solid foundation on which to sustain continued growth in accordance with its constitution.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

Renewal Church is led, supported and strengthened by a team who have a clear vision to share the love of Jesus by empowering the whole church to be “ministers of the new covenant” (2 Corinthians 3 verse 6). This is achieved by regular collective worship and bible teaching, small group gatherings, organic 1:1 or small group discipleship and through prayer meetings, albeit occasionally on Zoom during spikes of covid outbreak among the community. We have had the privilege of regathering in person on a more regular basis since September 2021.

Income and resources are used to operate bible studies and bible teaching on important Christian topics such as Spiritual Gifts and Ministry, developing teaching series’ on a range of bible topics and Christian living, and to resource our RenewalKids ministry. We continue to live out bible principles by imitating Jesus’ ministry to those he met both by sharing the gospel message of good news and in meeting practical needs for those in hardship. We continue to teach and encourage the church community – and our those in our local community – by creating discipleship opportunity, mentoring, encouraging, loving, caring and showing compassion for those in spiritual and physical need. We do this in 1:1 or small group settings where genuine relationships can be developed and strengthened.

We have remained active in our local community by launching “Community Sunday” – our opportunity to not gather as a church community on the first Sunday of each month, but instead we disperse and reach out to neighbours, the local community and those in need. We deliberately create opportunity to invite members of our community to eat and share together, to share the gospel message and pray for those we meet with, and to offer practical help to those that we realise are in need of practical support. These “Community Sundays” have proved successful and we have had many encouraging reports of how people are connecting with new members of our society.

During the last year we have had the privilege of meeting a range of practical needs in our society. Some of these include:

- A family whose business closed down due to the pandemic had a new baby and no means to provide for them; we provided a range of mother and baby goods to help them during this difficult time
- A 'care-leaver' (a young mum leaving the care system) was placed in accommodation without any furniture or carpet; we provided carpets in the new flat so that baby had somewhere safe to lay/crawl and grow.
- An former prisoner who had been placed in accommodation had no resources to make a fresh start; we purchased bedding, cleaning equipment, and long-life food to help him make a new start. We provided transport for him as he went to meet probation teams and to job-search, and we also met with him to mentor him regularly as he reintegrated into society.
- During the pandemic, many families had changes to their income and this impacted on their ability to make ends meet. As a church, we were able to gift them with supermarket vouchers for their food shop, enabling them to feed their family for the week and relieve them of this stress.
- At Christmas, we gathered together items of clothing, scarfs, hats, etc, and toys for families in need, sharing the gospel message of Christmas.
- In July 2021 the leaders and trustees of Renewal Church agreed to gift £1,500 to the City Church in Canterbury to support the establishment of new churches and community outreach projects within the family of churches that Renewal Church is connected with.
- A member of our church works/volunteers with a local homeless charity. Men who were provided temporary accommodation there had a range of physical and mental health needs and we were privileged to be able to spend £1,000 providing them with equipment in the accommodation to help the residents become physically active and fit, which impacted mental health in a positive way.
- In December we distributed gifts to the public as they passed our "Carols on the Drive" Christmas outreach. We were able to share the Christmas message with bystanders and members of our local community.

It continues to be our privilege to see members grow in their own ministries and to bless them as they moved to new churches to grow further in their service to others in need of the gospel message.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Attendance and Volunteers

The charity has around 40 regular attendees attending Sunday worship services. Smaller numbers attend relevant groups such as discipleship groups, prayer meetings etc.

The charity has 15 volunteers across its ministries including RenewalKids, worship team, etc.

Financial review

During the year income decreased by £20,400, to £33,800, and expenditure decreased by £1,000, to £34,800. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £1,100, to £64,100, of which £60,100 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. The trustees continue to acknowledge that the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant financial impact on donors and so our church income has dropped. However, effective steps have been taken to mitigate against this and the trustees anticipate that the impact of this will settle in the 2022-23 financial year.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £10,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £60,100 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed according to the constitution.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

James Lee

Date: _____

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Renewal Church Whitfield ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 6 to 8 following.

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 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young

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Date:

RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations and grants		30,126	-	3,630	33,756	54,167
Total receipts		<u>30,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>33,756</u>	<u>54,167</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	30,892	-	-	30,892	29,370
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	3,499	-	421	3,920	6,440
Total payments		<u>34,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>34,812</u>	<u>35,810</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(4,265)	-	3,209	(1,056)	18,357
Transfers between funds	5	(805)	-	805	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(5,070)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,014</u>	<u>(1,056)</u>	<u>18,357</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		65,201	-	-	65,201	46,844
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>60,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,014</u>	<u>64,145</u>	<u>65,201</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	60,080	-	4,014	64,094	65,150
Petty cash	51	-	-	51	51
	<u>60,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,014</u>	<u>64,145</u>	<u>65,201</u>
B Other monetary assets					
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Pension due	82	-	-	82	204
Fee for Independent Examination	721	-	-	721	609
	<u>803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>813</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Value 2022	Value 2021
				£	£
Equipment				5,000	5,000
				<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by _____ date _____
James Lee

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

RENEWAL CHURCH WHITFIELD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs	26,762	-	-	26,762	27,075
Rent	1,125	-	-	1,125	-
PA and worship	217	-	-	217	638
Insurance	408	-	-	408	293
Ministry activities, support and training	1,801	-	-	1,801	905
Governance	568	-	-	568	439
Other costs	12	-	-	12	20
	<u>30,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,892</u>	<u>29,370</u>

3 Grants and gifts paid to others

Organisations:					
City Church	1,525	-	-	1,525	-
Elyon Therapeutic Family Services	-	-	-	-	3,000
Dover Outreach Centre	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,000
Organisations < £1,000	594	-	150	744	50
Individuals	380	-	271	651	390
	<u>3,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>3,920</u>	<u>6,440</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Michael Yeoman, spouse of trustee Selina Yeoman, served as a church leader and was paid £25,353 [2021: £25,917] for serving in that capacity. These payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	65,201	30,126	(34,391)	(805)	60,131
	<u>65,201</u>	<u>30,126</u>	<u>(34,391)</u>	<u>(805)</u>	<u>60,131</u>
Restricted funds					
Ukraine	-	2,734	-	-	2,734
Social Action grant	-	625	(150)	-	475
Community tithe	-	271	(271)	805	805
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>(421)</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>4,014</u>
Total funds	<u>65,201</u>	<u>33,756</u>	<u>(34,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,145</u>

The funds donated for the Community Tithe is to help people in local community who are in need.