YORK UNITARIANS CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1181531

Details

Other names	ST. SAVIOURGATE UNITARIAN CHAPEL
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-01-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CONGREGATION IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USAGES AND PRACTICES OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, AND FOR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES THAT THE CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,931	£31,531	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,568	£49,788	-	-
2022-12-31	£46,399	£42,643	-	-
2021-12-31	£47,542	£39,871	-	-
2020-12-31	£47,339	£23,862	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID GRAHAM ZUCKER		2026-03-22
Deirdre Mary Boyle		2025-03-23
Dr Indira Zoe Bojelian		2024-04-14
Elizabeth Joan Sinanan		2026-03-22
Mary Elizabeth Faiers		2024-03-24
Rev Nicola Jenkins		2024-02-18
Richard Charles Alfred Brown		2021-03-28
Sue Cooper		2023-03-26

Linked charities

- TRUST PROPERTY HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ST SAVIOURGATE UNITARIAN CHAPEL (1181531-1)

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Accounts



YORK UNITARIANS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

No. 1181531

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of York Unitarians CIO for the year ended 31st December 2024

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

York Unitarians CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution passed on 18th March 2018 and registered as a CIO with Companies House on 11th January 2019. The Object of York Unitarians CIO ("the Congregation") is the advancement of religion in accordance with the usages and practices of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and for other charitable purposes that the Trustees may from time to time determine.

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Bankers: CAF Bank **Independent Examiner:** Madeleine Kirk

Trustees, 2024-2025

Officers		**Dates (where not stated are for the full year)**
Chairperson	David Zucker	Stepped down as Chair and Trustee on 24th March 2024
Chairperson	Dr. John Issitt	Trustee for the full year, Chair since 24th March, 2024)
Secretary	Jenny Jacobs	Stepped down as Secretary and Trustee on 24th March 2024
Secretary	Dr Indira Zoe Bojelian	Trustee and Secretary from 14th April 2024
Treasurer	Richard Brown	
Members:	Jennifer Atkinson	From 14th April 2024
	Laura Autumn Cox	
	Sue Cooper	
	Mary Elizabeth Faiers	From 24th March 2024
	Rev. Nicola Jenkins	From 18th February 2024
	Joan Sinanan	

York Unitarians Annual Report

Chair's Report

The new committee took the reins in early spring 2024 and we approach our first full year in office. Our committee has a wealth of experience, commitment and kindness and we are dealing with the events and demands as they present themselves.

We are without a minister – yet we have had wonderful services provided from both members of our congregation and visiting ministers. Many thanks to them and to David Zucker for organising the pulpit roster and facilitating leaders accordingly. The lack of a minister is perhaps the issue most uppermost in our minds and after a period of reflection since Stephanie left, we are all clearer about what our congregation wants, needs and can have. As the congregation in general has maintained and expressed a desire for a minister – probably half time - the committee are set about trying to achieve that end in the forthcoming year.

My mother had been very ill, leaving me unable to be present at many meetings, services and events in the later part of 2024. Despite my absence (maybe because of it?), everything has run very smoothly. Many thanks to all.

Musical events continue to prosper – many thanks to the organisers and Steve Crowther. We have a wonderful concert space that is clearly in demand and that makes a substantial contribution to the life of York.

Our building group continue to grapple with the many concerns a building of this age presents - many thanks to them especially to Jen Atkinson and David Harrap. It seems clear that further works will have to be initiated in order to make our chapel safe and usable. Such works will be expensive and lead us to ensure we have sufficient funds in place – a consideration that has to inform our decisions.

Following fire safety inspections, we have had to ensure that we operate safely in the use of the upstairs room – which we now cannot use without the simultaneous presence of someone in the church.

Whilst I want to recognise and thank all committee members and members of our congregation for their various efforts, here are just a few of particular note:

David, Laura and Sophie our musicians who continue to provide wonderful musical contributions to our services.
Betty Rumbsy and David Harrap who are doing sterling work in the outside areas of the chapel.
Barbara Barnes who has led the development of our library – a useful and more accessible resource.
Dee Boyle for all her work with the interfaith group, refugee support.
Joan Sinanan for membership lists and all the other things she does.
Janet Eldred for her work on Pastoral support.
Assad for IT support.
Richard Brown our very skilled treasurer who continues to provide re-assuring guidance on matters financial.
Zoe Bojelian – our secretary who has done and is doing, a wonderful job – I can't thank her enough.

There are many others who made wonderful contributions – thanks to them all.

John Issitt
Hon. Chairperson

Secretary's Report from April 2024

I took over as honorary secretary in April 2024 as the Trustees were finding it difficult to find someone willing to take on the task. Thank you to my fellow trustees for the warm welcome I received.

My main focus since April has been to put in place systems to ensure the good governance of the CIO. With the support of my fellow Trustees, where needed, I have updated procedures, for example introducing a planning grid for our trustee

meetings; undertaken an audit of keyholders and helped ensure our safeguarding procedures reflect best practice.

Whilst the role of the secretary of a CIO is to ensure good governance, not to act as the organisation's administrator, I have also worked on improving the general administration of the organisation to help things hopefully run more smoothly for everyone. For example, introducing a dedicated email for each of the sub-committees and introducing a rolling rota for Sunday morning support, such as refreshments, welcome and flowers, so that the load is more evenly spread across the membership. I have also updated the list of chapel ministers displayed in our chapel.

In addition to the notices given in chapel, I have emailed members and friends of the chapel each Sunday with notices for the coming week, including useful links related to the notices.

Thank you, to my fellow trustees and all members, for your help, support and tolerance whilst these changes have been introduced.

Zoe Bojelian
Hon Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year to 31 December 2024

Income

Total income to the cash account during the year was almost £55,000, which is an increase of over £10,000 on the figure for 2023. This was almost entirely due to the £9,000 which we received in Gift Aid from HMRC (it had been three years since our previous claim).

Receipts from both offertories and donations showed virtually no change year on year. Offertories were comprised of: members' standing orders: £11,024; collections: £2,185.

Soon Amore and the U3A Choir, which both use the chapel for rehearsals, were yet again our chief source of rental income. Total income from lettings for the year showed a small increase to over £7,000.

Fundraising income was up on 2023, entirely due to the 27% increase in proceeds from concerts.

Expenditure

Only having a Minister for the first two months of the year meant that our annual expenditure was £18,000 less than in 2023. Not having a Minister meant that the costs of pulpit supply (preacher's fees and expenses) rose correspondingly by 89%, but this still accounted for a relatively small proportion of our total expenditure. Many members of the congregation who lead services do not take the preacher's fee and some external preachers do not claim travel expenses.

Other categories of expenditure showed little change from 2023.

There was a small decrease in costs associated with the building due to us having purchased an expensive new sound system in 2023.

We did however spend over twice as much on electricity, not because we used a lot more but because of a delay in switching to our new 100% renewable supplier. In the meantime, our previous supplier put us on a deemed contract. We had no other option in the circumstances, but I was surprised when, after not billing us for 5 months, they took some quite large payments in November. I checked the deemed rates and the bills were correct. The prices however are about twice as much per unit as they were on our previous negotiated contract, plus standing charges. Our new contract works out at around £3,000 per year and the company's customer service and business ethics are much better.

We raised £1,440 for our chapel charities. This does not include the extra £800 of donations by chapel members to Send A Child to Hucklow's annual appeal.
The quota payment to the General Assembly was higher last year as we were billed for two years (2023/24 and 2024/25). I believe the 2023/24 one was delayed due to the GA switching their accounting period from the calendar year to the fiscal year.
Administration costs were higher as they included £1,080 that we paid for the 2023 architectural feasibility survey.

Assets

Our financial position is currently very healthy. Gift Aid receipts together with much reduced ministerial costs meant that, over the course of 2024, we turned a £5,000 deficit on the cash account into a £23,000 surplus. Returns on investments were comparatively modest but still helped to increase our total assets by £26,000 to over £204,000.

Richard Brown
Treasurer

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

						2024		2023
					£		£	
RECEIPTS								
	Live giving							
		Offertories			13,169		13,135	
		Donations			561		585	
						13,730		**13,720**
	Grants							
		Chapel charity			19,873		19,511	
		Yorkshire Unitarian Union			0		500	
						19,873		**20,011**
	Inquirer subscriptions				0		41	
						0		**41**
	Use of Premises							
		Lettings			6,975		6,325	
		Weddings & blessings			400		200	

						7,375		**6,525**
	Fundraising							
		Sales			202		276	
		Charities/gifts			389		440	
		Concerts			2,239		1,768	
						2,831		**2,484**
	Dividends & interest				1,840		1,787	
	Gift Aid reclaimed				9,034		0	
	Miscellaneous income				249		0	
						11,123		**1,787**
TOTAL RECEIPTS						**54,931**		**44,568**

						2024		**2023**
					£		£	
PAYMENTS								
	Worship							
		Minister's Stipend			2,307		14,108	
		Minister's Expenses			815		3,788	
		Minister's Pension			554		4,128	
		Income Tax & NI			208		1,168	
		IT support			1,656		2,015	
		Pulpit supply inc expenses			2,089		1,108	
		Pianists			2,580		2,340	
						10,208		**28,655**
	Premises							
		Electricity & Water			5,763		2,396	
		Internet			429		430	
		Insurance			1,972		1,760	
		Cleaning			1,560		1,248	
		Maintenance & Hardware			3,716		8,988	
						13,440		**14,822**
	Donations, grants, fees							
		Chosen charity			1,440		903	
		Charitable donations inc GA			540		774	
		GA quota			3,115		1,470	

		Other grants inc YUU			370		1,083	
						5,465		**4,230**
	Administration & Publicity							
		Administration			2,185		1,236	
		Publicity			105		235	
		Inquirer			74		74	
						2,364		**1,545**
		Miscellaneous expenses				54		536
TOTAL PAYMENTS						**31,531**		**49,788**
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR YEAR						23,401		-5,220
Add: unrealised gain on value of investments						1,391		5,263
Add: transferred from Chapel Charity account						1,869		6,183
General Fund Balance brought forward						178,226		172,000
General Fund Balance carried forward						**204,886**		**178,226**

Congregational Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st December 2024

						2024		**2023**
					£		£	
ASSETS								
	Investments at market valuation*					132,943		129,683
	Bank and cash					72,277		50,515
	Plus: debtors and prepayments					0		0
	Less: creditors falling due within one year					-334		-1,972
						204,886		**178,226**
Represented by:								
	General Fund					**204,886**		**178,226**
***Note**								
	Investments at market valuation							
	at 1st January					129,683		118,238

	Purchased during year				-		-
	Increase in market value during year				3,260		11,545
	at 31st December				**132,943**		**129,683**

Chapel Charity (Permanent Endowment) Funds
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

					2024			**2023**
				£			£	
Income								
	Receipts from investments				20,109		67,195	
	Donations received				0		0	
						20,109		**67,195**
Expenditure								
	Grants to chapel				19,873		19,511	
	Transferred to York Unitarians CIO						0	
	CAF Bank charges						0	
	Transfer to Investment Fund				2,104		53,867	
						21,978		**73,378**
Net income / (expenditure) for the year						-1,869		-6,183

Balance Sheet

Investments								
						2024		**2023**
					£		£	
	COIF Ethical Investment Fund units				630,843		613,994	
	Purchased during year							
	Market value at 31 December					630,843		613,994
Total assets								613,994
Represented by:								
	Fund balance brought forward				613,994		558,245	

	Plus: net income / (expenditure) for the year				-1,869		-6,183	
	Plus: unrealised gains on investments in year				18,718		61,933	
	Plus: cost of new units							
						630,843		**613,994**

Reports from sub-committees

The Trustees would like to extend their warmest thanks to everyone who so generously gives their time and expertise to ensure the smooth running of our chapel.

The following annual reports have been received from sub-committees:

Buildings

Members: Jen Atkinson, Janet Eldred, David Harrap, Nicky Jenkins

The subcommittee oversees fire safety, building and grounds maintenance, accessibility, and the quinquennial survey, advising the main committee on relevant matters.
Work Completed (2024-25)

Fire Safety & Electrical Work (£1,583.34 total): A fire assessment, PAT testing, fire extinguisher replacements, fire drill, updated signage, and an Electrical Installation Condition Report were completed to ensure compliance.

Accessibility & Interior Improvements (£2,640 total): A new wheelchair-accessible ramp was installed, bookshelves added for Unitarian literature, and damp-proof panelling fitted in the vestry. Strip lights were upgraded. Special thanks to Peter Exley for his expertise.

Grounds (£216.11 total): A crab apple tree replaced a diseased tree, and new plants and bulbs were added. Thanks to Betty Rumsby, Joan Sinanan, Claire Wilton, and David Harrap for their efforts.

Work in Progress
Upcoming work includes remedial electrics (£2,314.09, Feb 2025), final tree planting preparations, and damp repairs.
Planned Work for 2025-26

- Risk assessment for chapel users and hirers
- Fire safety and emergency evacuation training
- Updating guidance for hirers
- Fire alarm and emergency lighting system installation (quotes under review)

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their skills and dedication to maintaining our chapel.

Pastoral Care

Members: Jen Atkinson, Dee Boyle, Janet Eldred, Peter Exley, Joan Sinanan, Richard Thompson
The Pastoral Care Group continued gentle checking on members of the congregation throughout the year to make sure that all is well with everyone and to offer support as and when needed. The type of care offered varied depending on what individual needs and wishes were, ranging from offering lifts (including to hospital appointments); visiting people in their homes or in hospital; checking on people while family members have been away or in hospital; helping people with shopping or cooking; sending cards; to simply having a chat over the phone when a friendly ear was needed. We also provided a presence on worship services on Zoom most Sundays so that conversation and fellowship could continue for Zoomers after the service ended. For matters beyond what the team could offer, we provided signposting to other local services.

In the past year, the team updated its webpage information (thank you to Dave Pearce) and its information flyer (thank you to Laura Cox). We have also set up a

Funeral Repository (held digitally and confidentially by the team) where chapel members can safely store their funeral service wishes.
The Pastoral Care Group aims to support members of the congregation as much as possible, always in a confidential manner, once they are aware of anyone who may need their help, but also welcomes suggestions from chapel if they feel that someone may need support and care from the team.

Social Action

Members: Barbara Barnes, Dee Boyle, Joan Sinanan, Claire Wilton & Anje Neutel

The work of this group has focussed on the following activities since the last AGM:

- Thinx & Linx: an online monthly meeting. This was to replace the real time meetings for coffee and chat at Holgate Café but has been discontinued owing to few people participating.
- Participating in the York Pride march in June.
- Organising the Refugee Week service in chapel and subsequent shared lunch.
- Displaying our modern slavery exhibition in Friargate in October and contributing an article to The Inquirer about it. Plans to display the exhibition in the Council Offices foyer in July were stymied by the general election and subsequent enquiries to show a 'story' version in York library have not been met with enthusiasm there - as yet.
- Planning the Eco-action Day at St Nicks on March 29th this year.
- We discussed the idea of creating a skills bank to meet the needs of individual members. This is on-going but is being re-thought in a less formal way.

Additional Reports

Music in the Chapel

The chapel concert series was set up as Last Fridays, initially coordinated by Marianna Michell as monthly concerts. They were taken over by Adrienne Wilson and Nick Morrice and had already increased in number; they are now coordinated by David Hammond with a group of willing volunteers. Performers mostly approach the

chapel to do concerts and there are a number who perform annually. There are around 18 one-hour concerts between February and October at present. Performers can rehearse on the day from 10.30am and the concerts run 1230-130pm. They are charged at £6 per person paid in cash on the door - this is currently divided two-thirds to performers and one-third to the chapel. This raised £1728 for the chapel in 2024. There is an email mailing list of around 250 people who are informed about concerts - this is the main publicity, with posters being produced and mostly shared online. Audience numbers are usually 30-40 on average. The standard of performing is good and audiences say they appreciate having concerts throughout the year.

Late Music also use the chapel for concerts which also run between March and October; these are coordinated by Steve Crowther and also feature evening concerts.

Other concerts occur as outside bookings, some of which donate proceeds to the chapel.

Unitarians in the community

We continue with our support work within the community in various forms. Many individuals do assorted work in supporting projects and groups within the various York communities and almost all of these of these link in well with our Unitarian ethics. We have a regular food bank box at the chapel and this helps to support one of the food banks in central York.

York Unitarians have a group membership with York Interfaith Group and several members of our congregation attend the monthly sessions that are held at the City of York Council Offices. Last November the group celebrated 35 years of work within York and, as York Unitarians were part of the founding members of the York Interfaith Group, it is good that we still have members who are active within it now. We hold at least one Interfaith service each year followed by a ‘bring and share’ meal and also are invited to several Interfaith events throughout the year at other places of worship and with other faith groups. These events enable us to ‘practice what we preach’ by working together with people from other faiths. We always

organise at least one event during National Interfaith Week and this is generally well attended.

York Unitarians also were one of the first faith groups to sign up to being members and supporters of York City of Sanctuary. We continue to give support to their projects and currently are helping by being co-ordinators of the ‘Welcome Bags’ that provide a bag of food for all newly arriving refugees. We are truly grateful to our congregation for all the support they give to this project and it has resulted in over 200 welcome bags being delivered to Refugee Action York for them to give to the families arriving in York.

We like to offer support to various projects within York each year and so if anyone knows of other ways in which the York Unitarians can be of help please do let us know and we will see if we can add it to our work within the York Community. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support of all our work in the community and helping to raise the profile of York Unitarians.

Dee Boyle

Colton’s Hospital Almshouses Trust
Trust property held in connection with St Saviourgate Unitarian Charity
Charity number: 1181531-1

These are 12 Almshouses round a central lawn on Shipton Street off Burton Stone Lane in York. The money to build them was donated by Doctor Thomas Colton and his wife. He was the minister of St Saviourgate Chapel between 1692 and 1731. The majority of the eight trustees must be Unitarian; the remaining trustees are from the community local to the cottages. At present we have two trustees from St Luke’s; the Anglican church which neighbours the cottages; Mrs Lesley Wilkinson and Dr Mike Tyler. Our chapel Trustees are Miss Dee Boyle, Miss Laura Cox, Dr John Issett and Mrs Joan Sinanan. We do need at least one new Unitarian Trustee, preferably two. If anybody is interested, then please contact me or why not have a chat with one of our Unitarian Trustees.

We have continued to have problems with damp in some cottages, most often caused by condensation. Having heard very good reports from two independent sources we decided to have Positive Input Ventilation systems installed in the six most damp cottages. PIV systems consist of a devise that is placed in the loft space which filters and warms air from outside and then direct the warm, dry air into the property. The two dehumidifiers bought last year were recalled by the manufacturers with replacements promptly delivered. One resident did not want the replacement, instead wanting the PIV system which we intend to offer to the remaining residents.

We have had problems with a local resident who decided that gnomes, bunnies and bird ornaments on resident's gardens were hers for the taking. As a result of this and other events in the environs the Trustees decided to have CCTV fitted round the cottages. Chatting with some residents recently they reported that knowing the CCTV system was there did make them feel safer!

Again, we sang Christmas Carols round the cottages. This was much appreciated with many residents joining us and then inviting the singers to join them for Sherry and Christmas Cake.

The upheaval from the Duncombe Barracks site has nearly finished as the City of York housing project is almost completed. The houses being built on the old Football Grounds are being built more rapidly but we have had very little contact with the construction company.

We again have two vacancies with one long-time resident going into Council Care last October and another resident dying unexpectantly in early February. Both these cottages will need complete updating and re-decorating.

My role continues to evolve, I am now the Complaints Officer as well as Clerk and Treasurer. I am glad to say that all our present residents love living in their cottages so don't have any reason to complain.

Elizabeth Faiers
(clerk to the trustees

Safeguarding

All trustees undertook on-line safeguarding training, followed by a discussion of safeguarding issues at the trustees September meeting to ensure all trustees understood their duties in this regard. A safeguarding policy was agreed. The trustees also undertook to review their safeguarding training annually.
Joan Sinanan and Richard Brown were appointed as safeguarding leads, and the following safeguarding notices were displayed within the chapel:
We are committed to ensuring that everyone feels safe, respected and welcome here. Your safety and well-being are our top priority.
If you have any concerns about your own safety or the safety and well-being of someone else, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can confidentially contact our Safeguarding Leads Joan Sinanan and Richard Brown in person or by email at ***Safeguarding@yorkunitarians.org.uk*** *or speak to any member of our committee: John Issitt; Zoe Bojelian; Richard Brown; Sue Cooper; Joan Sinanan; Jen Atkinson; Laura Autumn Cox; Elizabeth Faiers and Nicky Jenkins.*
Your concerns will be taken seriously and handled with care and discretion.

Statement of Public Benefit

Public Benefit

York Unitarians is committed to providing public benefit in accordance with its charitable objectives. The chapel offers a welcoming and inclusive space for spiritual exploration, reflection, and community engagement. Our activities and services are open to all, regardless of faith or background, and we strive to create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Key ways in which we provide public benefit include:

- Worship and Spiritual Reflection – Regular Sunday services provide an opportunity for spiritual growth, discussion, and connection. Services are open to all, offering a space for contemplation and shared reflection.
- Community and Social Engagement – The chapel serves as a hub for local community activities, including discussion groups, social gatherings, and

concerts. These events foster a sense of belonging and support among attendees.

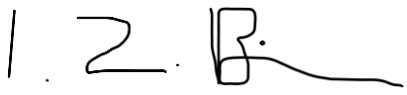
- Cultural and Educational Opportunities – Through hosting lectures, musical performances, and talks, we contribute to the cultural enrichment of the wider community.
- Charitable Giving and Social Action – The congregation supports charitable initiatives, both locally and internationally, raising funds and providing assistance to those in need.
- Safeguarding and Inclusion – We are committed to ensuring that all individuals, particularly vulnerable members of society, feel safe and supported. Trustees have undertaken safeguarding training, and clear safeguarding policies and contacts are in place.
- Historic and Architectural Preservation – As custodians of a historically significant chapel, we ensure its upkeep and make it accessible for visitors, contributing to the preservation of local heritage.

Through these activities, York Unitarians provides meaningful benefit to individuals and the wider community, fostering a spirit of inclusivity, support, and personal development.

DECLARATIONS

The members of York Unitarians CIO declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the members:



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Full name: Indira Zoe Bojelian

Position: Trustee and Hon Secretary

Date: 23rd March 2025

St Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, 31 St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees	Charity Name York Unitarians CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1181531
Set out on pages	1-2		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~*[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.*~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:	M A Kirk	**Date:**	7 October 2025
Name:	MADELEINE A KIRK		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	9 MELLOMBE AVENUE STRENSALL YORK YO32 5BA		

Section B **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern

	(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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YORK UNITARIANS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. 1181531

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of
York Unitarians CIO
for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Charity registration number 1181531

Trustees, 2022-2023

Chairperson:	**David Zucker**
Secretary:	**Jenny Jacobs**
Treasurer:	**Richard Brown**
Members:	**Joan Sinanan**
	John Issitt
	Laura Cox
	Sue Catts
	Meike Dux-Harrap (to 18/10/23)
	Rev. Nicky Jenkins (from 18/02/24)

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Chair's Report

I opened my report last year referencing the war in Ukraine and the fact that in the previous year I had suggested that by the time the report was read in March 2022 the war might be over. Yet not only does that dreadful war continue unabated but we are living at a time of perhaps more conflicts in the world than many of us have known in our lifetimes; the most obvious is in Gaza but there are so many others largely ignored in which lives no less valuable (all lives are of equal worth) seem to be ignored – no demonstrations, no calling for action, no apparent interest. Still just as I called last year for us not to forget the Uyghurs, and the peoples of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Yemen, it is with deep regret that I must do so again. The world is broken, and it is for us, of all faiths and none, to do what we can to mend it, whether by addressing conflict, climate change, poverty, or any of the many other social ills which face us. Our individual contributions are small but together we do make a difference. We must shout loudly against injustice and not permit the voices of love to be drowned out by the voices of hate. Many of us were very moved on 18 February 2024 when Rabbi Elisheva and Rasha Salah El-Din by their example demonstrated what can be done to bring people and peoples together.

This year is for us at York, a year of change. We have said farewell to Stephanie Bisby, our minister for the last three or so years. She has done a magnificent job as we struggled with Covid and all the challenges it presented. She used her passion for literature as the foundation for many of her services. She brought a new way of thinking to us all. As I said at her last service it is "Au revoir" and not "Goodbye". We look forward to her occasional return to lead us again from time to time in prayer and meditation.

Not only, however, have we lost Stephanie, but it is also time for a new committee to be elected. I want to thank all those who have contributed so much over the last year, be it in the kitchen, at meditation, in organising social events, in organising inter-faith activities, shared lunches, flowers and the so many other things that people do for us, but you will forgive me if I single out Jenny Jacobs, our indefatigable secretary and Richard Brown our very skilled treasurer.

Jenny is a stalwart of our congregation. Not only has she done a brilliant job as secretary, but she has been a tremendous support to me in my years of office in the chair from which for right and proper constitutional reasons I must now stand down. It may sound trite, but it is truly the case that I could not have done the job without her guidance, common sense, judgement and commitment. Hers will be a hard act to follow but as none of us is indispensable I have every confidence that we shall have a bold and dynamic new committee to lead us as we go forwards.

Change is, of course a part of life, as is death. This year we said a final goodbye to Tom Hughes. He will be missed.

I shall say less about Richard, only because he is staying on, but I know you would all wish me to pass on to him our very grateful thanks for a job well done.

I end by acknowledging the many concerts which are organised in the chapel and Steve Crowther for his work in the background and last but not least David, Laura and Sophie who between them play for us each Sunday.

David Zucker
Chairperson

Minister's Report

By the time the AGM comes around I will no longer be minister with York Unitarians, but Jenny asked me to write a report anyway, as I have been with you for most of the 2023-24 year. This report covers my third full year with York Unitarians, as I joined in January 2021, after graduating from Unitarian College in October 2020.

Having arrived during lockdown, at a time when normal routines were disrupted in a huge variety of ways, I have seen and been part of substantial changes at York despite the relatively short time I have been involved. Zoom

services and discussion groups gave way to hybrid services and a return to in-person events, and over time it has become apparent that there is once again a much greater need for a locally based minister than when I began. It is a great sadness to me that economic and practical considerations make it impossible for me to be that person. I will always be grateful to the congregation and Chapel for taking a chance on a new minister at a difficult time, and it gives me comfort to know that I am leaving behind a thriving congregation with a growing team of talented worship leaders and great energy for development.

This year York retained strong links with the national Unitarian movement, with Jenny Jacobs serving as a member of the Executive Committee, an impressive achievement alongside her busy life and her equally demanding role as Secretary of the congregation. Once again, we at York were visited during the year by the General Assembly President, this year Vince McCully from Rivington, a visit which was enjoyed by many.

I was lucky enough to be invited, together with Rev Kate Dean from Hampstead, to support Rev Winnie Gordon (Birmingham New Meeting) in leading the Anniversary Service at the Annual Meetings, which was an absolute joy, and also resulted in the creation of a new hymn with music by the very talented Jen Hazel (musical director of New Unity).

Locally, the Anti-Slavery Exhibition and Concert were noteworthy for the opportunity to express our Unitarian values in a very public way, drawing attention to a cause which is often ignored. Many people remarked on how little they had been aware of slavery as a contemporary and local concern, compared to how much we hear about overseas and historic aspects of the issue. I owe a debt of gratitude to our visiting speaker, Gary Craig, to all who helped organise and publicise the events, to the musicians who arranged and took part in the concert, and especially to the Social Action Group for bringing it all together.

It has also been a pleasure to see the Chapel continue to support York Interfaith Group, and a particular delight was the service recently organised by David Zucker, at which we heard and learned from representatives of the local Jewish and Muslim communities. Thanks go to Dee Boyle (vice-chair of YIG) and all who have supported the important work of interfaith collaboration, a support which I hope will continue, as sadly it is even more needed since the government has ceased to provide funding support for the national Interfaith Network, leaving local groups such as York Interfaith Group operating without the support of an overarching national body.

A sadness for our Chapel community this year was the loss of Tom Hughes, a longstanding and valued member, though the funeral proved an opportunity to celebrate his long life, his scientific achievements and his love of music and the Orkneys. Our thoughts remain with his family and friends, and with all those who have lost loved ones this year or struggled with ill health or other challenges. My special thanks go to the Pastoral Care Team (and especially its coordinator, Janet Eldred) who have done so much to support congregation members when I have been unable to, due to distance. I know they will continue to care for those in difficulty in the coming year.

Thanks also (as always) to the committee for their dedicated service, to all our worship leaders and musicians, and to all who help with practical tasks such as tea-making, greeting and flower arranging. I wish the congregation every success in recruiting my replacement, and I am sure that I will continue to cross paths with many of you for years to come. I will look forward to hearing news of what is next for the congregation, and to seeing some of you at the Annual Meetings and at Yorkshire Unitarian Union events.

Rev. Stephanie Bisby

Secretary's Report

Perhaps the most significant event of the past year was our Minister's resignation in early December and I'm writing this just after Stephanie's last service and farewell. Even though we weren't able to organise a big party for her, as it turned out we did manage to give her a good send-off. It's sad to see her go, but she has cut her ministerial teeth with us, so to speak, and we wish her all the very best as she moves on to the next stage in her career.

This past year has seen us welcome quite a few new members: Alison and Ben Walters and Zoe and Paul Bojelian. But we also lost long-time member Tom Hughes, who died last November. We also lost – just via a move to the Lake District! - long-time chapel supporters Nick Morrice (a former Chair and Treasurer) and Adrienne Wilson, who did so much to support Steve Crowther and who organised the Friday lunchtime concerts.

I am very grateful that David Hammond is now organising the Friday lunchtime concerts, and I've stepped in to support Steve with the concert admin. Hopefully I'll do a better job once I'm not also trying to juggle it with my current secretarial duties! Our concerts are one of the major ways in which we reach out to the community, and they are greatly appreciated (as well as bringing in some useful income). We have a beautiful chapel with great acoustics and it's wonderful to be able to share it, whether for worship, meditation or music. One significant concert last year was the Christmas charity concert by the Little Operatic Trio who performed for free, enabling us to raise over £300 for our chapel charities.

Other significant events during the year include the events (including another fundraising concert) and brilliant exhibition for Anti-Slavery Week in October. Barbara Barnes did a sterling job of work on the exhibition, and it is hoped this will be shared with other groups both locally and further afield. But congratulations must go to the entire Social Action Group for all their work putting together the programme for Anti-Slavery Week.

Although we didn't have a stall at York Pride this year, there was a good showing of York Unitarians in the parade, carrying our new banner, designed by Joan Sinanan.

When I took on the post of Secretary, I knew I wouldn't be doing it forever, but I hadn't realised that our newish Constitution would mean I have to stand down at this year's AGM. However, admin has never been my strong suit, and although I haven't dropped many major clangers, my secretarial duties have often been completed in a "just in time" fashion. I'm apparently very modern as this is the approach adopted by major manufacturers in the pursuit of extreme efficiency! I couldn't have made even as good a job of it as I have without the help and advice of the previous Secretary, Margaret Hill, and I will endeavour to do all I can to support whoever takes over as Secretary following the AGM.

But it's not just the Committee who keep our chapel show on the road. We wouldn't be the successful, thriving community we are without the very many people who help out at the Chapel, whether as worship leaders, members of the Pastoral Care team, Social Action Group, Building Group, musicians, flower- arrangers, welcomers and all who offer financial support.

A huge thank you to you all.

Jenny Jacobs
Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year to 31 December 2023

Income

Total income on the cash account was nearly £2,000 down on the figure for 2022. This was mainly due to decreased fundraising activity compared with last year. There was a big fundraising drive for Ukraine in 2022, as well as the sale at St Crux which we did not take part in in 2023.

Receipts from live giving were down by around £500 year on year. Offertory income (from collections and regular donations by chapel members) showed a relatively small increase but donations were down, even allowing for a £1,000 legacy received in 2022.

Receipts from lettings were down by £150 but still brought in over £6,000.

Although the amount raised by fundraising overall was well down on the figure for 2022, income from both concerts and sales of items in chapel remained much the same.

Expenditure

Expenditure was £7,000 higher than in 2022. Although spending increased in every area except administration and publicity, it was especially high in the maintenance and hardware category due to the £5,937 cost of the new sound system. As a result of this purchase, we ended the year with a £5,000 deficit instead of a small surplus.

Costs associated with worship increased by 8%. Preachers' and musicians' fees were increased in May 2023, from £50 to £70 and from £40 to £50 respectively.

We spent nearly £9,000 on maintenance and hardware, over five times as much as in 2022 – two thirds of this was on the new sound system alone.

Nearly twice as much (£903) was donated to our chosen charities, St Nick's Nature & Environment Centre and the Separated Child Foundation, as in 2022. Other charitable donations were almost £2,000 down year on year, mainly because so much was raised for the Red Cross Ukraine appeal in 2022.

Administration costs increased by 40% but expenditure on publicity decreased by 86% (it was unusually high in 2022 because of the chapel's 350th anniversary).

Miscellaneous costs were over £500 and included fees, expenses and small purchases not covered by other categories.

Assets

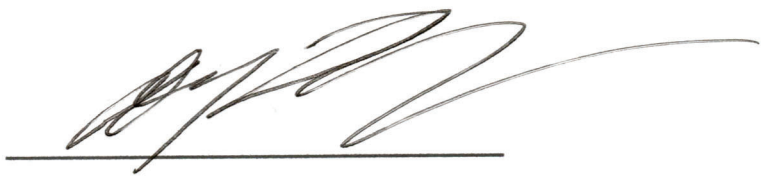
The overall picture is the reverse of the situation last year when we had a £5,000 surplus on the cash account but our total assets fell sharply due to the 2022 global stock market decline. We ended 2023 with a £5,000 deficit on the cash account but, because of the recovery in the markets, our total assets increased by £6,000.

Richard Brown
Treasurer

Declaration

The Trustees declare that the above Trustees' Report was approved by them on 24"' March 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



David Zucker
(Chairperson)

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2023

		2023		2022
		£		£
RECEIPTS				
Live giving				
	Offertories	13,135		12,516
	Donations	585		1,715
			13,720	**14,231**
Grants				
	Chapel charity	19,511		19,349
	Yorkshire Unitarian Union	500		0
			20,011	**19,349**
Inquirer subscriptions		41		165
			41	**165**
Use of Premises				
	Lettings	6,325		6,475
	Weddings & blessings	200		250
			6,525	**6,725**
Fundraising				
	St Crux	-		362
	Sales	276		295
	Charities/gifts	440		1,845
	Concerts	1,768		1,699
			2,484	**4,201**
	Dividends & interest		1,787	1,728
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**44,568**	**46,399**

		2023		2022
		£		£
PAYMENTS				
Worship				
	Minister's Stipend	14,108		13,179
	Minister's Expenses	3,788		4,014
	Minister's Pension	4,128		3,274
	Income Tax & NI	1,168		1,104
	IT support	2,015		1,730
	Pulpit supply inc expenses	1,108		949
	Pianists	2,340		2,140
			28,655	**26,390**
Premises				
	Electricity & Water	2,396		2,511
	Internet	430		355
	Insurance	1,760		1,572
	Cleaning	1,248		1,278
	Maintenance & Hardware	8,988		1,629
			14,822	**7,345**
Donations, grants, fees				
	Chosen charity	903		503
	Charitable donations inc GA	774		2,811
	GA quota	1,470		1,540
	Other donations including YUU	1,083		580
			4,230	**5,434**
Administration & Publicity				
	Administration	1,236		883
	Publicity	235		1,692
	Fundraising expenses	0		220
	Inquirer	74		165
			1,545	**2,960**
	Miscellaneous expenses		536	514
TOTAL PAYMENTS			**49,788**	**42,643**
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR YEAR			(5,220)	5,015
Add: unrealised gain on value of investments			5,263	(7,359)
Add: transferred from Chapel Charity account			6,183	(8,777)
General Fund Balance brought forward			172,000	183,121
General Fund Balance carried forward			**178,226**	**172,000**

Congregational Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31st December 2023

		2023		2022
		£		£
ASSETS				
	Investments at market valuation (see note)	129,683		118,238
	Bank and cash	50,515		54,274
	Plus: debtors and prepayments	0		74
	Less: creditors falling due within 1 year	(1,972)		(586)
		178,226		**172,000**
Represented by:				
	General Fund	**178,226**		**172,000**

Note

Investments at market valuation		
at 1st January	118,238	134,424
Purchased during year	-	-
Increase in market value during year	11,545	(16,186)
at 31st December	**129,683**	**118,238**

Chapel Charity Funds

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31st December 2023

Income and Expenditure Account

		2023		2022
		£		£
Income				
	Receipts from investments	19,511		19,349
	Donations received	-		-
			19,511	**19,349**
Expenditure				
	Grants to chapel	-		-
	Transferred to York Unitarians CIO	25,694		-
	CAF Bank charges	-		-
	Transfer to Investment Fund	-		-
			25,694	**-**
Net income / (expenditure) for the year			(6,183)	19,349

Balance Sheet

Investments

	2023		2022
	£		£
COIF Ethical Investment Fund units	613,994		558,245
Purchased during year	-		-
Market value at 31 December		**613,994**	**558,245**
Total assets		**613,994**	**558,245**

Represented by:

Fund balance brought forward	558,245		637,377
Plus: net income / (expenditure) for the year	(6,183)		19,349
Plus: unrealised gains on investments in year	61,932		(98,481)
Plus: cost of new units	-		-
		613,994	**558,245**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of (Charity Name): YORK UNITARIANS CIO

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2023 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1181531

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets):

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: M A Kirk. **Date:** 4/10/2024

Name: MADELEINE A KIRK

Relevant professional 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).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Chair's Report

In my report last year I noted the abatement of Covid but also the then new concern over the war that had just erupted in Ukraine. I suggested that by the time you read the report in March 2022, the war in Ukraine might have moved on, yet here we are another year on with no sign of peace. Another year of misery, needless loss of life, pain, suffering and displacement, yet now compounded by the misery inflicted by nature on the people of Syria and Turkey, with the people of Syria hardly needing any more challenges than those they were already facing. These are not the only people who deserve our thoughts and prayers. Let us not forget the Uyghurs, the peoples of the Holy Land, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Yemen all of whom have faced conflict one way or another in the past year. Nor should we forget the Russians whose youth are being sent needlessly into battle. I am sure there must be others. With climate change and failing harvests conflict will become more and more manifest. Peoples will continue to migrate. Yet somehow we must continue to do our bit to make the world a better place.

Prayers make us feel better but action is what is required. I am pleased in this report to acknowledge the work done by so many in our congregation in the areas of social action, refugees, interfaith, climate change and more. Before moving on to more pleasant matters, whether you are a monarchist or republican, I am sure you would want me to acknowledge the death of her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. For many of us, even of mature years she was the only British monarch we have known. Whilst many in her family may be cause for pause, I am sure that you will agree that she was an exemplar of dignity, even if not infallible.

Lastly whilst dealing with sad events, this year marked the passing of our much loved Anneliese Emmans Dean who was taken from us far too soon. Her poems brightened our days especially with all that buzzing! She is missed.

So, onto brighter and more cheerful things. Though Covid is still about, life is pretty much back to normal. I am pleased to note the small but steady increase in attenders at our services whilst at the same time acknowledging that we have now, I think, just about got the balance right between our offering to those in chapel and those at home via Zoom during our services.

On the subject of services, I would like to thank not only Stephanie but all those wonderful (I shall exclude myself at this point) people who have stepped forward to lead services on the more or less alternative Sundays when Stephanie is elsewhere. I also want to thank those who provide flowers, cakes, biscuits and all the other goodies which make our gatherings after our services so enjoyable, not to mention those who boil water, make tea and coffee and those who wash up!!

This year we have enjoyed a number of meals out together, giving members the opportunity to meet outside the usual forum. Thank you to those who organised the various evenings. Thank you also to Dee, in particular, for organising regular meditation groups on Thursdays. It is pleasing to note that as a community we have become so much more active lately with

not just the gatherings to which I have just referred but also poetry groups and other literary adventures not too far from Stephanie's heart.

As with every year that passes the Annual General Meeting brings new members to the committee, but others move on. I want to thank everyone who has served on the committee over the last year, especially Jenny Jacobs and Richard Brown for their help, support and commitment. There will be those who for constitutional reasons have to stand down for at least one year, notably Dee Boyle, Barbara Barnes and Elizabeth Faiers. Their contributions to the 7 chapel are incalculable. I have no doubt that even though not on the committee they will continue to make significant contributions to what we do. I hope so!

Finally, I want to thank our brilliant musicians. We are so very lucky to have such wonderful music to accompany our services. Here you will forgive me if I single out David Hammond for organizing his concert for Ukraine.

To anyone I have left out or who does not appear between the lines, I apologise.

David Zucker
Chairperson

Minister's Report

Once again it has been an eventful year, both in the world and within our own community. I was disappointed to miss one of the highlights of 2022-23, the celebration of the congregation's 350th anniversary, due to illness, but by all accounts it was a joyful festivity. We have welcomed visitors for a number of other occasions including the closing service of Interfaith Week, a special service for refugee week, and the first ever York Unlocked weekend. One significant event this year which was both a privilege and a great sadness for me was conducting the funeral for one of the newer members of the Chapel community, Anneliese Emmans Dean, at York Cemetery. Anneliese's warmth and brilliance continue to be much missed.

We have settled into a pattern of Sunday services with me leading worship for York Unitarians twice a month, usually on the first and third Sundays, and I now also arrange worship leaders for the other Sundays. I was particularly pleased to secure a visit from the GA President in February, and have had especially positive feedback about her service. I have also received positive comments about the occasions when we've done something a little out of the ordinary (the cafe style service for the Week of Prayer for World Peace, the new year ritual and in particular the recent visit of the Clerkes of All Saints Choir). Please do continue to feed back any thoughts about future invitations, and let me or a committee member know if you would like to take a service, or be involved in other ways. In particular we are keen for support with social media and the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who has led and been involved in Sunday services, to our hugely efficient committee, and to all who contribute to the life of the Chapel in so many ways. We have been fortunate to benefit from two excellent technical support people, with Asad now

managing the Zoom every Sunday, and I know many people are grateful that the option to Zoom into services still exists for those occasions when physical attendance isn't practical. Our monthly newsletter also receives positive feedback.

The meditation and poetry groups continue to thrive, along with the quarterly book group, and there have been some enjoyable 'Cuppa and Chat' afternoons at the Hungate Reading Cafe. The pastoral care team continue to provide support to our chapel community, ably led by Janet Eldred, who also acts as volunteer chaplain to Coltons' Almshouses. Chapel members also continue to be active in York Interfaith, a connection which has brought us some excellent opportunities for outreach and publicity, including recently offering 'Thoughts for the Day' on Radio Jorvik as part of the 'Love in the Morning' show.

Moving further afield, this year I am acting as Secretary for the Yorkshire Unitarian Union, Laura Cox is Vice-President and David Zucker is on the executive committee, so York is well represented in our area despite Elizabeth Faiers stepping down as treasurer after 30 years. Nationally, a number of York members are attending the upcoming General Assembly annual meetings, both as Chapel delegates and in various other capacities, and I am looking forward to being involved with both worship and workshops at the meetings. Despite the last few years being extremely challenging ones for many people, York Unitarians continues to be a lively and positive community which I am proud to serve.

Rev. Stephanie Bisby

Secretary's Report

The past year has been an especially busy one at the chapel, as we have come out from under the shadow of COVID19, learning to live with it, rather than letting it dictate our lives with stringent lockdowns and the curtailing of most of our activities. Of course, we are still very conscious that it hasn't gone away and some of our community have now suffered it not once, not twice but even three times!

For the first time, the chapel took a stall at York Pride in June, as well as marching in the parade. It was a gloriously sunny day and very enjoyable, but we've decided not to have a stall in 2024. Instead we're going to invest in a new York Unitarians banner. The YUU banner we have been using is very heavy and we thought it was high time we invested in a banner of our own.

The main event of 2022 was the 350th anniversary of our chapel community, and we had a wonderful weekend in early July with talks from Andrew Hill and Stephanie Bisby (although Stephanie was not able to deliver her talk in person) about the past and the future of the chapel, and a particularly exciting and varied programme of free concerts, including a ukulele band, a wind quartet and a recorder quartet. There was a wonderful cake and we welcomed many visitors.

During the year we said farewell to Rich McGeary, who'd been invaluable helping us to Zoom our services but who got a much better job offer from a firm in London, and we said

hello to IT support from Ayo Olawuyi and Asad Qureshi, who took over sharing the Sundays between them. We've since said goodbye to Ayo, who is now too busy with his own church, and Asad has taken over the Zoom service every week.
Other comings and goings; we bade farewell to Dylan Nykamp, who has moved to Leeds, and a final farewell to longtime friend and more recently, member, of the chapel, Anneliese Emmans Dean, who died far too young last May. We are very grateful that Anneliese left us a legacy in her will.

The new Social Action Group has been busy organising events and the past year has generally seen an increase in 9 activities, with meals out, a book group and the tea and chat gatherings at the Hungate Reading Café. We haven't been so successful on actual social action, with fundraising for the chapel charities down this year. However, we were proud to host David Hammond's Concert for Ukraine, which was very successful and raised over £1000 for the DEC Red Cross emergency appeal. And we are now collecting weekly for our local food bank (please keep bringing in those contributions!).

The new Building Group is looking at how we can provide a private, pleasant , sustainable space for Stephanie to discuss weddings and similar events with clients, as well as ways in which we can make our chapel more energy efficient overall.

The Committee would like to put on the record our thanks to the very many people who are serving the Chapel, whether as Committee members, worship leaders, members of the Pastoral Care team, Social Action Group, Ministerial Support Group, Building Group, musicians, flower-arrangers, welcomers and all who offer financial support.

I would like to offer a particular vote of thanks to the three very long-serving members of the Committee who, by virtue of the requirements of our Constitution, are standing down this year: Barbara Barnes, Dee Boyle and Elizabeth Faiers. All three have made tremendous contributions to our chapel over very many years.

But in many different ways we all contribute to the continuing health and well-being of our Chapel community – and long may we continue to do so.

Jenny Jacobs Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year to 31 December 2022

Income
Total income on the cash account was only £1,000 short of the figure for 2021. Live giving decreased year on year. Offertory income was around the same as the previous year, although in real terms it was less as there were fewer collections than normal in 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. Collections were suspended as a trial from the end of August but were reinstated after offertories in chapel dropped by around 70% during this period.

Regular standing order contributions from members decreased, partly due to a fall in membership but also people deciding to give less. Other than a legacy of £1,000, donations

of all kinds were down on the previous year. It seems fair to assume that cost of living concerns are at least partly responsible for the decrease in live giving.

Receipts from lettings showed a big increase, mainly due to the number of musical groups hiring the chapel and greater frequency of usage. Receipts from weddings, etc, were minimal compared with 2021.

Fundraising income was up by around 20%. This was largely due to a big fundraising drive for the Red Cross Ukraine appeal early in the year. Income from concerts/performances was almost exactly the same as in 2021 (around £1,700). Takings from the St Crux fundraising day were well down on previous years – only about £150 net after costs for hire and catering were deducted.

Receipts
Expenditure was over £2,700 more than in 2021. A decrease of £5,000 in expenditure on the chapel premises was more than cancelled out by increases in every other category.

Costs associated with worship increased by 15%. This was mainly due to there being almost twice the number of services as in 2021, the first half of which was impacted by the Covid pandemic. We also spent much more on IT and technical support as our live streaming of services became established.

We spent only £1,600 on chapel premises in 2022, compared with £7,800 in 2021 when we purchased a lot of new technical equipment and had various maintenance work done.

Charitable donations and grants increased considerably due to fundraising for the Red Cross Ukraine appeal. Other charitable giving was somewhat less than the previous year. We spent £1,692 on publicity around the 350th anniversary, and the creation of our new website. Miscellaneous costs were over £500 mainly because of pastoral and gift expenses.

Assets Despite a £5,000 surplus on the cash account, our total assets decreased over the year by £11,000 to £172,000 as a consequence of a fall in the value of our investments. This was due to a significant global decline in the financial markets in 2022, a situation which should improve in 2023.

Richard Brown
Treasurer

Declaration

The Trustees declare that the above Trustees' Report was approved by them on 26'" March 2023

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



David Zucker
(Chairperson)

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2022

			2022		2021
		£		£	
RECEIPTS					
Live giving					
	Offertories	12,516		12,110	
	Donations	1,715		4,677	
			14,231		**16,787**
Grants					
	Chapel charity	19,349		19,066	
	Yorkshire Unitarian Union	0		62	
			19,349		**19,128**
Inquirer subscriptions		165		165	
			165		**165**
Use of Premises					
	Lettings	6,475		3,638	
	Weddings & blessings	250		1,025	
			6,725		**4,663**
Fundraising					
	St Crux	362		794	
	Sales	295		272	
	Charities/gifts	1,845		720	
	Concerts	1,699		1,702	
			4201		**3488**
Dividends & interest		1,728		1,640	
Gift aid reclaimed		0		1,671	
			1,728		**3,311**
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**46399.00**		**47542.00**

			2022		2021
		£		£	
PAYMENTS					
Worship					
	Minister's Stipend	13,179		12,985	
	Minister's Expenses	4,014		3,752	
	Minister's Pension	3,274		2,057	
	Income Tax & NI	1,104		1,051	
	IT support	1,730		480	
	Pulpit supply inc expenses	949		496	
	Pianists	2,140		2,085	
			26,390		**22,906**
Premises					
	Electricity & Water	2,511		2,087	
	Internet	355		402	
	Insurance	1,572		1,588	
	Cleaning	1,278		551	
	Maintenance & Hardware	1,629		7,848	
			7,345		**12,476**
Donations, grants, fees					
	Chosen charity	503		500	
	Charitable donations inc GA	3,391		1,246	
	GA quota	1,540		1,540	
	Other grants inc YUU				
			5,434		**3,286**
Administration & Publicity					
	Administration	883		985	
	Publicity	1,692			
	Fundraising expenses	220			
	Inquirer	165		165	
			2,960		**1,150**
	Miscellaneous expenses		514		53
	Refunds				
TOTAL PAYMENTS			**42,643**		**39,871**
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR YEAR			5,015		7,671
Add: unrealised gain on value of investments			(7,359)		7,942
Add: transferred from Chapel Charity account			(8,777)		8,413

General Fund Balance brought forward	183,121	159,095
General Fund Balance carried forward	**172,000**	**183,121**

Congregational Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31st December 2022

		2022		2021
		£		£
ASSETS				
	Investments at market valuation (see note)	118,238		134,424
	Bank and cash	54,274		49,640
	Plus: debtors	74		192
	Less: creditors	-586		-1,135
		172,000		**183,121**
Represented by:				
	General Fund	**172,000**		**183,121**

Note

Investments at market valuation		
at 1st January	134,424	118,018
Purchased during year	-	50
Increase in market value during year	(16,186)	16,356
at 31st December	**118,238**	**134,424**

Chapel Charity Funds

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31st December 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

		2022		2021
	£		£	
Receipts from investments	19,349		19,066	
Donations received	-		500	500
		19,349		**19,566**
Grants to chapel	-		-	
Transferred to York Unitarians CIO	-		27,980	
CAF Bank charges	-		-	
Transfer to Investment Fund	-		500	
		-		**28,480**
19,349		-8,913		

		2022		2021
	£		£	
COIF Ethical Investment Fund units	558,245		636,877	
Purchased during year	-		500	
Market value at 31 December		**558,245**		**637,377**
	558,245		**637,377**	
Fund balance brought forward	637,377		561,076	
Plus: net income / (expenditure) for the year	19,349		-8,913	
Plus: unrealised gains on investments in year	(98,481)		84,714	
Plus: cost of new units	-		500	
		558,245		**637,377**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: YORK UNITARIANS CIO

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if any): 1181531

Set out on pages: 8-11 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: M A Kirk. **Date:** 10.10.2023

Name: MADELEINE ANNE KIRK

Relevant professional 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).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

YORK UNITARIANS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1181531

Accounts

YORK UNITARIANS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
no. 1181531

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of York Unitarians CIO for the year ended 31st December 2021

YORK UNITARIANS CIO

Charity registration number 1181531

Trustees, 2020-2021

Chairperson:	David Zucker
Secretary:	Jenny Jacobs
Treasurer:	Richard Brown
Members:	Barbara Barnes
	Dee Boyle
	Elizabeth Faiers
	Andrew Hill
	Joan Sinanan

Constitution and Objects

York Unitarians CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution passed on 18th March 2018.

The Object of York Unitarians CIO ("the Congregation") is the advancement of religion in accordance with the usages and practices of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and for other charitable purposes that the Trustees may from time to time determine.

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Chair's Report

I began my report last year by saying how challenging events had been. I was, of course, referring to Covid. Certainly that continues to be a challenge, though happily somewhat less, but in the face of the events in Ukraine we probably all need to be grateful, at least for now, that we live where we do and feel a little less sorry for ourselves. I appreciate that by the time you read this report events may well have moved on but as at the time of writing I express the prayers of all of us for a speedy end to this wretched conflict so that all affected can return safely to their country, homes and loved ones, and resume the lives so violently interrupted*.

Over the last twelve months we have returned, as many of us hoped, to face to face services in chapel. We have invested in new equipment provided in significant part by the generosity of one of our members. And, with the help of Richard McGeary, our ever-present information technologist, we expect that the glitches that have continued to challenge us will eventually be eradicated so that whilst the vast majority of us can enjoy services in fellowship in chapel, others who choose to join from home will not be excluded.

As the effects of Covid have waned I am happy to report that bookings for the chapel for concerts, weddings and the like are also coming back. In the last year we were also able to provide space in the chapel for Laura Cox and her friends from Extinction Rebellion to make their banner. The world's political leaders would do well to remember that of far greater importance than arbitrary international borders are the immediate effects of climate change; a crisis which impacts upon us all. Finally in making mention of the use of the chapel, I want to thank Dee Boyle for bringing back her meditation group.

Our minister Stephanie Bisby has now settled into her role. I extend thanks to her, on your behalf, not only for the regular services which she leads but also for the work such as her study groups, but also the other work, which is often done quietly, and efficiently, without fuss behind the scenes. I would like to thank also every one of you who have led services, helped with flowers, made tea and coffee, or in any other way contributed to the life of our community even if all you do is attend services, without you we are nothing.

As with every year that passes the Annual General Meeting brings new members to the committee, but others move on. I want to thank everyone who has served on the committee over the last year, especially Jenny Jacobs and Richard Brown for their help, support and commitment. I want also to thank our musicians. However, I want to make special mention of Andrew Hill. Andrew's service to this community is and has been unequalled. From leading services, writing hymns, serving on the committee, being the resident historian, to just being there with helpful advice. In short, he is a ubiquitous force. This year he is standing down from the committee. In that capacity he will be missed but in every other capacity we look forward to his engagement with us, together with Margaret, for many years to come.

I cannot conclude this report without making mention of Joyce Fletcher who died last year. In her time she was a very committed member of our congregation. A memorial service was

held in chapel for her last November. We remember her in our thoughts at this time and extend our best wishes to Alfred and family.

David Zucker,
Chairperson

Minister's Report

For the first time I am able to report on a full year of ministry at York, albeit it has been a year of two parts – the first dominated by Zoom services and discussion groups, and the second by the gradual process of returning to in-person events. My thanks to the congregation and committee (especially the officers, David Zucker, Jenny Jacobs and Richard Brown) for their unfailing patience and efficiency throughout a period of continuing change. Thanks also to Andrew Hill for his long service as pulpit secretary, magazine editor and committee member, and to Anneliese Emmans Dean and Janet Eldred for teaming up with me to keep the York Unitarian newsletter going strong since his retirement as editor.

Since June 2021, services have again been taking place in Chapel, with access continuing via zoom for those at home (barring a few occasions when technology has defeated us). With the support of Richard McGeary and Peter Exley, who has done extensive work to add and hide various necessary cables, we have added a high quality camera and improved the integration of our sound system into our zoom services. The system is still not perfect (and indeed, as proof that you can't please all of the people all of the time, I occasionally receive conflicting feedback and requests: some would like to see more use of the screen in worship, while others find it a distraction; some would like to see more focus on the congregation in chapel and at home, while others prefer to stay off camera) but we are well on our way.

Alongside a regular programme of Sunday worship (with me usually leading worship on the first and third Sunday of the month, and chapel members and visiting preachers on other Sundays), we have welcomed visitors for residents' weekend, a wedding, a marriage blessing and a baby blessing, and enjoyed a successful (albeit exhausting) return to our St Crux fundraiser. It was a particular delight to share our space with representatives of other faiths in November for our interfaith service, which doubled as the closing celebration of York Interfaith Week. The week included a showing of and a talk about the interfaith quilt produced during lockdown, and it's lovely to have the quilt back on display in the Chapel. Thanks to Dee Boyle and all who helped to make these events possible.

Huge thanks go also to the Pastoral Care team, especially Janet Eldred who fits in volunteering as both co-ordinator of the Pastoral Care team and Voluntary Chaplain to Coltons Cottages alongside her busy job. Much of the work of this team, being of a confidential nature, goes unremarked, but I know that many chapel members are very grateful for the team's practical and emotional support. A particular sadness this year has been the loss of longstanding and valued chapel member Joyce Fletcher, whose funeral I was privileged to conduct in November. Our thoughts remain with her husband Alfred (a former Chair of the congregation), daughter Janet and all the family.

Along with many members of York Unitarians I remain active in the Yorkshire Unitarian Union, which aims to support all the congregations and ministers in the area and help us to share good ideas, inspiration and action. 2022 will see the first in-person Unitarian Annual Meetings since before the pandemic (and therefore the first that I will attend as York's minister), and I'm delighted that a number of York members will be joining me in April at the three-day event in Birmingham in various capacities including Executive Committee member and Yorkshire Unitarian Union representative as well as our own delegate and an observer. Hopefully this will be a summer of celebrations, as we are finally able to hold my induction (welcome) service, as well as a weekend of events marking the 350th anniversary of the Chapel community. Our anniversary has already resulted in some positive publicity, and thanks go particularly to Joan Sinanan and Andrew Hill for their work with the York Free Press.

Despite the disruptions of the pandemic, the Chapel's cultural life continues to thrive, with the poetry group having met monthly on zoom all year, and a varied programme of Friday lunchtime concerts, Early Music and Late Music lined up. Thanks to all the musicians and organisers who contribute to our Sunday services and various events, to Meike Dux-Harrap for the upcoming book groups, and to all who have supported the online discussion group, which has covered various books and topics over the year, from the Bible to current affairs, and is now branching out into art as well. Claire Wilton led us in an afternoon of Craftivism for the environment, which was greatly enjoyed. In the autumn I plan to hold the first 'animal service' of my ministry – I'm told this was a regular event prior to the pandemic, and it will be lovely to share our space with our animal companions and consider how we value and support the diversity of life on the planet, and how we might do it better. I am excited to work with the committee and congregation to explore how we can better use the chapel space for connection and to help inspire positive change in the world.

All in all, it has been a remarkable year, and a pleasure and privilege to serve York Unitarians. I have included many thank-yous in this report, but there are just as many which remain unspoken, so whether or not your name appears, please know that your presence and your contributions are greatly valued, and are part of what will sustain this community as we move ahead with whatever the next 350 years brings.

Rev. Stephanie Bisby

Secretary's Report

In many ways this has been another challenging year! Covid has dragged on and on, and we started 2021 in the midst of yet another lock-down, which had been instigated on Boxing Day 2020. During lockdowns, we continued services every week on Zoom. In this, we have the right to feel proud of ourselves, as some chapels closed altogether and some held services but much less frequently. Others took longer to get back to meeting in person once this was possible.

Of course, not everything in the world of Zoom has gone as smoothly as we would have hoped. Once we were back in the chapel, we started holding hybrid services, with many members continuing to join us virtually. Sometimes, despite our best efforts, no-one at

home could hear what was going on in the chapel. And some of us (me included) leading worship were not technically-minded enough to figure out what might be going wrong, much less put it right. Eventually, we decided to get some professional help, and appointed Richard McGeary, who has suggested various tweaks and improvements to our equipment, and now sets up and runs our Zoom services every week. Things still aren't perfect, but on the whole they are working much better than they were, and we're not complacent; we will continue to try and improve things and make them run as smoothly as possible.

We have appointed a new cleaner, Louise, and were able to reopen the chapel for regular Friday lunchtime and Saturday evening concerts in the summer. And we were also open as a polling station in both May and November, which meant a lot of red tape but a healthy sum for chapel funds. In July, a planned walk and picnic at Rowntree Park were cancelled, because of an extreme heatwave, in favour of a picnic in our own leafy chapel garden (complete with gazebos). This event was a great success, one of the first organised by the new Social Action Group.

We also hosted the AGM of the Yorkshire Unitarian Union, and welcomed Liz Slade, our Chief Officer, who travelled up from London for the occasion. We held our annual sale at St Crux, which is a significant fund-raising event for the chapel, but does demand a lot of work from a rather small group of people. We are booking again for 2022, and hope that more members will be prepared to help out and spread the load this year. We were able to hold our Members' Service this year (something we couldn't do last year because of lockdown) and welcomed Anneliese Emmans-Dean, a long-time friend of the chapel, and Alison Morgan, who first came across us during lockdown in 2020, to full membership.

Sadly, we also lost a long-time member of the chapel when Joyce Fletcher, who had recently celebrated her 90th birthday, died in November. Her memorial service was held in the chapel.

We contributed to York Interfaith Week with a very well-attended closing service amongst other events, including hosting the York Interfaith Quilt, which was masterminded by chapel member Dee Boyle.

Finally the Committee would just like to put on the record our thanks to the very many people who are serving the Chapel, whether as Committee members, worship leaders, members of the Pastoral Care team, Social Action Group, Ministerial Support Group, musicians, flower-arrangers, welcomers and all who offer financial support. In many different ways we all contribute to the continuing health and well-being of our Chapel community.

Jenny Jacobs
Secretary

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year to 31 December 2021

Income

Total income was up only very slightly on the previous year, which might seem surprising given that 2020 was such a fallow year due to the Covid pandemic. The reason for this is the large amount of Gift Aid reclaimed in 2020 on past offertories and donations, which comprised more than a quarter of total receipts for that year.

2021 saw our finances returning to a more typical pattern. Earned income increased in all areas of activity, especially fundraising which brought in nearly £3,500 as against only £500 in 2020. Income from concerts returned to pre-Covid levels. Sales in the chapel and charity appeals were also back, as was the annual fundraising day at St Crux which raised nearly £800.

"Live giving" was up nearly £5,000 on 2020, mainly due to a big increase in donations. Offertories are regular donations by the congregation and amounted to more than £12,000. These consist mainly of standing orders from members who choose to give in this way. This is an important source of income and we are very grateful for their support.

The chapel was virtually unused in the period from January to May which inevitably impacted on our income. We nonetheless raised £4,633 from lettings and events such as weddings.

Expenditure

Expenditure rose from £23,000 in 2020 to nearly £40,000 in 2021.

We spent seven times as much on "Worship" as we did in 2020. The reason for this is the big increase in staff costs associated with our new Minister, Rev. Stephanie Bisby, who joined us on 1st January 2021 (we had been without a minister for almost the whole of 2020). Correspondingly, "pulpit supply" expenses incurred by lay preachers decreased by half.

We spent about £4,500 less on the chapel building and facilities than we did in 2020 when the quiet periods during lockdowns were used to catch up with building and maintenance work. There was less expenditure on maintenance in 2021 but more on hardware due to the need to purchase new IT and technical equipment for broadcasting services online.

Charitable donations came to £1,746, including a total of £1,063 for our chosen charity Chance for Nepal and £191 for the York Rescue Boat.

Assets

Our total assets increased over the year by £24,000 to £183,121.

3-Year Budget

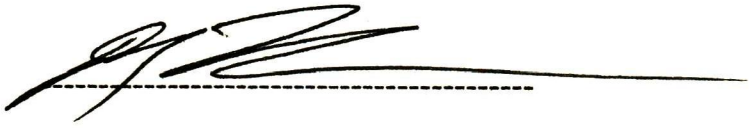
I have projected a 3-year budget based on activity over the last two years, bearing in mind that they have both been exceptional to a degree. This will be revised annually with reference to our actual financial situation.

Richard Brown
Treasurer

Declaration

The Trustees declare that the above Trustees' Report was approved by them on 27th March 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



David Zucker
(Chairperson)

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2021

			2021		2020
		£		£	
RECEIPTS					
Live giving					
	Offertories	12,110		10,779	
	Donations	5,177		1,157	
			16,787		**11,936**
Grants					
	Chapel charity	19,066		18,215	
	Yorkshire Unitarian Union	62			
			19,128		**18,215**
Inquirer subscriptions		165		158	
			165		**158**
Use of Premises					
	Lettings	3,138		1,427	
	Weddings & blessings	1,025		200	
			4,663		**1,627**
Fundraising					
	St Crux	794		0	
	Sales	272		0	
	Charities/gifts	720		0	
	Concerts	1,702		513	
			3,488		**513**
Dividends & interest		1,640		2,325	
Gift aid reclaimed		1,671		12,565	
			3,311		**14,890**
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**47,542**		**47,339**

		2021		2020
		£		£
PAYMENTS				
Worship				
	Minister's Pay	12,985		373
	Minister's Expenses	3,752		-
	Minister's Pension	2,057		107
	Income Tax & NI	1,051		218
	IT support	480		-
	Pulpit supply inc expenses	496		1,079
	Pianists	2,085		1,440
			22,906	3,217
Premises				
	Electricity & Water	2,087		1,520
	Internet	402		-
	Insurance	1,588		1,484
	Cleaning	551		1,395
	Maintenance & Hardware	7,848		12,511
			12,476	16,910
Donations, grants, fees				
	Chosen charity	500		-
	Charitable donations inc GA	1,246		588
	GA quota	1,540		1,540
	Other grants inc YUU	-		275
			3,286	2,403
Administration & Publicity				
	Administration	985		1,174
	Publicity			
	Fundraising expenses			
	Inquirer	165		158
			1,150	1,332
	Miscellaneous expenses		53	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS			39,871	23,862
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR YEAR			7,671	23,477
Add: unrealised gain on value of investments			7,942	6,788
Add: transferred from Chapel Charity account			8,413	6,803
General Fund Balance brought forward			159,095	122,027

General Fund Balance carried forward	**183,121**	**159,095**

Congregational Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31st December 2021

		2021		2020
		£		£
ASSETS				
	Investments at market valuation (see note)	134,424		118,018
	Bank and cash	49,640		41,077
	Plus: debtors	192		0
	Less: creditors	-1,135		0
		183,121		**159,095**
Represented by:				
	General Fund	**183,121**		**159,095**

Note

Investments at market valuation		
at 1st January	118,018	56,780
Purchased during year	50	54,450
Increase in market value during year	16,356	6,788
at 31st December	**134,424**	**118,018**

Chapel Charity Funds

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31st December 2021

Income and Expenditure Account

		2021		2020
		£		£
Income				
	Receipts from investments	19,066		16,715
	Donations received	500		500
			19,566	**17,215**
Expenditure				
	Grants to chapel	-		1,500
	Transferred to York Unitarians CIO	27,980		24,019
	CAF Bank charges	-		15
	Transfer to Investment Fund	500		500
			28,480	**26,034**
Net income / (expenditure) for the year			-8,913	-8,819

Balance Sheet

Investments

		2021		2020
		£		£
	COIF Ethical Investment Fund units	636,877		560,576
	Purchased during year	500		500
	Market value at 31 December		**637,377**	**561,076**
Total assets			**637,377**	**561,076**
Represented by:				
	Fund balance brought forward	561,076		536,063
	Plus: net income / (expenditure) for the year	-8,913		-8,819
	Plus: unrealised gains on investments in year	84,714		33,332
	Plus: cost of new units	500		500
			637,377	**561,076**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: YORK UNITARIANS CIO

On accounts for the year ended: 31st DECEMBER 2021 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1181531

Set out on pages: 13-16

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: M A Kirk **Date**: 15 March 2022

Name: MADELEINE A KIRK

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: Retired Head of Financial Services Joseph Rowntree Foundation

(if any):	
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Section B Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

YORK UNITARIANS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1181531

Accounts

YORK UNITARIANS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1181531

Annual Report and Financial Statement of York Unitarians CIO for the year ended 31st December 2020 to be presented at the annual meeting of members on Sunday 28th March 2021 via Zoom

St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

York Unitarians CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution passed on 18th March 2018.

The Object of York Unitarians CIO ("the Congregation") is the advancement of religion in accordance with the usages and practices of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, and for other charitable purposes that the Trustees may from time to time determine.

YORK UNITARIANS CIO 1181531

Trustees, 2019-2020

Chairperson:	David Zucker
Secretary:	Margaret Hill (to 16th August 2020) Jenny Jacobs (from 16th August 2020 to date)
Treasurer:	Nick Morrice
Members:	Barbara Barnes
	Dee Boyle
	Richard Brown (from 16th August 2020)
	Laura Cox (to 16th August 2020)
	Elizabeth Faiers
	Andrew Hill
	Margaret Hill (from 16th August 2020)
	Joan Sinanan

AGENDA
INTRODUCTION

1. Apologies
2. a) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th August 2020.
b) Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 11th October 2020.
3. Matters arising
4. Proposed amendment to Constitution
5. Annual report and Accounts for York Unitarians CIO 2020 pages 8 - 12
6. Chapel Charity report and accounts, pages 12 - 13
7. Election of Trustees for 2021/2022: a) Treasurer
b) Trustees (minimum of 6, maximum of 12)
8. Election of representatives to the Yorkshire Unitarian Union
9. Brief discussion on the proposed G.A. motions
10. Tech project
11. Nepal project
12. Adoption of a Green Policy
13. Any other business

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members of St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel held on 16th August 2020 in the Chapel

Present: 17 members were present:
David Zucker (Chair), Nick Morrice (Treasurer), Margaret Hill (Secretary), Jen Atkinson, Barbara Barnes, Dee Boyle, John Brogden, Richard Brown, Janet Eldred, Elizabeth Faiers, Marta Hardy, Simon Hardy, Andrew M. Hill, Jenny Jacobs, Alan Pennington, Joan Sinanan, Claire Wilton.

Observers on Zoom: Keith Brown, Sue Catts, Laura Cox, Sue Elliot, Susan Leadley, Adrienne Wilson.

The Chairman clarified a point of order regarding electronic voting. The Constitution 2018 allows :-

. "(a) The Congregation may, if the trustees so decide, allow the members to vote by post or electronic mail ("email") to elect trustees or to make a decision on any matter that is being decided at a general meeting of the members. (b) The trustees must appoint at least two persons independent of the Congregation to serve as scrutineers to supervise the conduct of the postal/email ballot and the counting of votes. "

Introduction:

The AGM in 2019 was the last as St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, an excepted charity. The AGM in 2020 is the first as York Unitarians CIO and elections for trustees will be held under the CIO Constitution dated 18th March 2018. The merger will be registered in the Register of Mergers with the Charity Commission.

The Chairman and Secretary signed the minute of agreement merging the charities.

1. Apologies: none

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th March 2019, and minutes of Special General Meeting 18th August 2019 was proposed by Alan Pennington and seconded by Joan Sinanan and accepted by the meeting.

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes:

4.a. There were no questions on the Annual Report for 2019 - pages 2 – 7.
4.b. There was one question about the Accounts for 2019, pages 8-10, Dee Boyle questioned the payment for a wedding of £70, it appears this was a donation. Thanks were expressed to Adrienne Wilson and Gill Chippett for the assistance they had given to the Treasurer.

The Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Elizabeth Faiers and seconded by Barbara Barnes and accepted by the meeting.

The Chairman signed the Declaration on page 15 "The members of York Unitarians CIO declare they have approved the trustees' annual report above".

5. The Treasurer spoke about the Budget for 2020 on page 15 which is now wrong due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of services and concerts. The expenditure so far this year has been £20,601, which is high due to the work done by Peter Exley during Lockdown. The Income this year has been £21,323 which includes Gift Aid reclamations. Alan Pennington complimented Peter Exley on the excellent work done on the front railings.

6. Chapel Charity Accounts – pages 11 to 14 – Elizabeth Faiers (treasurer) confirmed that all investments in the permanent endowment have now been transferred to York Unitarians CIO.

The majority of this investment is from the sale of the Sunday School premises some years ago, and it has to remain as a permanent endowment. Last year the interest from the permanent endowment was £16,000 for the use of the Chapel. The Chapel Charity accounts are now closed. Thanks were given to Elizabeth for her work as the Chapel Charity treasurer.

7. Committee Elections:

Nominations :

a) Chairperson – David Zucker
b) Secretary – Jenny Jacobs
c) Treasurer – Nick Morrice
d) Committee members:

1. Barbara Barnes
2. Dee Boyle
3. Richard Brown
4. Elizabeth Faiers
5. Andrew Hill
6. Margaret Hill
7. Joan Sinanan

All had been nominated and seconded. It was proposed by John Brogden and seconded by Jen Atkinson that they should be elected unopposed and accepted by the meeting

Thanks were expressed to Simon Hardy and Laura Cox who are not seeking re-election as committee members and to Margaret Hill standing down as secretary but staying on the committee, a gift was handed to Margaret.

8. Representatives to the Yorkshire Unitarian Union (up to four places) are:
Jen Atkinson, Jenny Jacobs, Adrienne Wilson, David Zucker

9. Any other relevant business :

There was a discussion about zoom services and services in the chapel. While zooming from the chapel is possible, the first attempt was not satisfactory.

There was a discussion about services in the chapel versus services on zoom, with points of view expressed on both sides. It was mentioned that we are a chapel community, and that we are in the process of looking for a new minister.

It was proposed that zoom services should be either at least once a month or twice a month, with live services in the chapel on other Sundays. The vote on this was evenly split, and the Chairman gave his casting vote to twice a month services. The decision on which these will be lies with the worship leaders.

It was agreed that we investigate technology to enable zooming from the Chapel to be efficient. A sub-committee (David Zucker, Nick Morrice, Claire Wilton and Dee Boyle) was set up. A special general meeting will be called to report back within 3 months.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of members of St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel held by Zoom on Sunday 11th October 2020 at 11.45am

Present: Jen Atkinson, Barbara Barnes, Dee Boyle, Keith Brown, Richard Brown, Sue Catts, Meike Dux-Harrap, Janet Eldred, Susan Elliot, Elizabeth Faiers, Alfred Fletcher, Marta Hardy, Simon Hardy, Andrew Hill, Margaret Hill, John Issitt, Jenny Jacobs, Susan Leadley, Claire Lee, Myrna Michell, Nick Morrice, Alan Pennington, Brinley Price, Joan Sinanan, Adrienne Wilson, Claire Wilton, David Zucker.

David invited Claire Wilton, as Chair of the Future Ministry Sub-Committee, to recap the appointments process and history for information and to propose the motion, “The congregation invites Stephanie Bisby to become Minister of York Unitarians.”
The motion was seconded by Claire Lee.

The first amendment was proposed by Adrienne Wilson and seconded by Dee Boyle. This was, “I move that, because of the pandemic, the pulpit vacancy for York Unitarians be temporarily withdrawn, effective immediately, and that it be re-advertised only after the congregation as a whole have had a minimum of 6 months of normal face-to-face worship in the chapel.”

Speeches for and against were made before the amendment was put to a vote. Only five votes were cast in favour of the amendment, which therefore failed to be carried.

The second amendment was proposed by Marta Hardy and seconded by Joan Sinanan. This was, “Stephanie Bisby be appointed as part-time minister on the terms offered save that there be a probationary period such that:

(1) the probationary period shall not end until a period of six months has elapsed during which time services in the chapel have been continuously held or after 9 calendar months from today's date whichever is the shorter.

(2) there be a ballot of all the members entitled to vote within 14 days of the expiry of the probationary period

(3) if necessary the probationary period shall be extended by 14 days to permit the ballot to take place.”

Speeches for and against were made. Claire Wilton proposed an amendment to clause (2). This was agreed with the Proposer of the amendment. David Zucker suggested that clause (3) would need to be amended and suggested the appropriate wording. The revised amendment was as follows, “Stephanie Bisby be appointed as part-time minister on the terms offered save that there be a probationary period such that:

(1) The probationary period shall not end until a period of six months has elapsed during which time services in the chapel have been continuously held or after 9 calendar months from today's date whichever is the shorter.

(2) The Chapel Committee will fully consult and take feedback from all members within 14 days of the end of the probationary period before making a decision on whether to proceed with the appointment.

(3) If necessary the probationary period shall be extended by 14 days to permit that consultation.”

The reworded amendment was then voted on and was carried by a substantial majority. This now becomes the substantive motion on which Members will be invited to vote.

Speeches for and against the original motion were also now heard, as well as discussion around better communications, which the Committee will take on board.

Finally, the Secretary proposed that voting be allowed by email as well as by postal vote. This proposal was also carried.

Chair’s Report

Who would have thought a year after we first went into lockdown, we would be in lockdown? For all of us this has been a very challenging year but, of course, for anyone who has lost a relative or friend it has been indescribably awful. Phrases such as, “We must carry on”, or “Time is a great healer”, are easily expressed but rarely offer sufficient consolation to those who grieve, but as a congregation we cannot let the year that has just passed us by, go without recognition of the dreadful pandemic and the effect it has had on so many lives.

Despite the challenges, somehow we have held it together and if anything, as a congregation we have grown in strength. When first we contemplated holding services via Zoom, I suspect that few of us thought that the numbers attending would increase, yet they have. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our services, whether as leader, reader, host, musician or attendee. We are nothing without your participation. Silent prayer has its place but being in communion with people of similar values, in worship, validates our individual perspectives in a way that being in isolation cannot do. Personally I cannot wait for us all to be together again in the chapel.
At the AGM we will have a new committee, some will be carrying on from last year but some may leave us in accordance with the constitution or simply because they feel they have made their contribution. I want to thank the outgoing committee for all its work over the last year. It has been something of a tradition not to single people out for special praise but I am going to make an exception this year. If I cause offence to anyone who thinks that they, or some other person, should have had special mention, I apologise now.

First of all, Nick Morrice. Nick has contributed so much over the last few years. He took over as Treasurer (assisted by Adrienne Wilson) at a time when there was a real need and in taking up that role stood down from the chair. I know that the role has been very challenging but over the last year our “Treasury Team” have managed to get on top of the accounts so that the new Treasurer will have a relatively straight forward task.

Secondly, I want to thank Claire Wilton. We are very lucky to have been able to bring Stephanie Bisby on board this year as our new Minister. Claire, working with others made the task of appointing our new minister, seamless and I want to express my personal thanks to Claire, over and above those I express on behalf on the congregation more generally, for her wise counsel when at times it was really needed.

There are exciting times ahead. We recently arrived in the 21st century, having had wifi installed in the building. I know the congregation is keen to continue to facilitate remote services; we are at last in a position to do so albeit that there is some essential equipment that must be procured. We hope to get a Social Action Committee up and running. We are looking to see what more we can do for our new found “friends” in Nepal. We are now running bible classes in addition to the Meditation group, so ably run by Dee Boyle. As we look forward to returning to the chapel, we will look to see how we will continue to grow and attract even younger members than we have now.

Romans 12:4
“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function…….”

David Zucker
Chairperson

Minister’s Comments

It is a pleasure and privilege to work with the York congregation – albeit also a challenge in these strange times of constantly changing regulation! For the last few months I have been leading worship twice a month on Zoom (and greatly appreciating the Zoom services led by congregation members whenever I am able to attend), and we are currently exploring how we can best continue to include those at home once services return to the Chapel. Services are

advertised regularly on Facebook (thanks to Margaret Hill for all the weeks that are not mine!) and @YUnitarians is now updated on Twitter and Instagram with weekly service information and occasional sharing of UKUnitarians and Inquirer content – if you use social media, please do support us by liking and sharing our news.

The Bible study group focusing on Mark's gospel has led to some lively discussions. In the summer I hope to lead a study group based on Praying with Jane Eyre (due for publication in July). I welcome suggestions for discussion group topics in between these times. York congregation members continue to be active in York Interfaith, the poetry and meditation groups and I attend these groups whenever possible, as well as meetings of the Yorkshire Unitarian Union (YUU). I have agreed to be co-opted onto the YUU committee as Acting Secretary so that the current Secretary can take up the role of acting Vice-President. I also remain involved with the Sheffield District, and will be taking part in their Good Friday service, which all are very welcome to attend.

Nationally, I sit on the Inquirer board and have recently contributed several articles to the Inquirer, and one to the Liberal Christian Herald. Professional development is also an important part of ministry and I am currently studying for a counselling qualification as well as working on my final dissertation with Luther King House in Manchester.

Rev. Stephanie Bisby

Secretary's Report

To 16th August 2020, from Margaret Hill

Services were held every Sunday in the York Chapel until 15th March 2020 when it was decided to close because of the coronavirus situation. Services started on Zoom on 29th March, and attendances at these zoom services have been good, with friends from other congregations joining us. The meditation group and poetry group have also met on zoom, and a 'heart and soul' group met weekly on zoom until August.

In January 2020 our minister Nicky Jenkins retired. A lunch was held after her final service, followed by an entertainment, and presentations were made to her, thanking her for her service to the Chapel.

The Chapel was open to the public for York Residents' Festival weekend in January 2020 with 142 visitors with an exhibition called "Then and now", showing how the chapel has changed over the years. The Chapel had been used regularly for concerts including the regular Friday lunchtime concerts and the monthly Late Music concerts until the coronavirus lockdown, when all concerts had to be cancelled to the end of 2020.

The Annual General Meeting due on 29th March 2020 had to be postponed.

Work on the Chapel building continued during lockdown, with re-pointing the front wall and side wall with lime mortar, and repainting and repairing the metal fence and gates, restoring the gate in the Welbeloved courtyard, and installing a ramp to the main door.

The Ministry sub-committee (Jen Atkinson, Claire Lee, Claire Wilton and Margaret Hill) reported to the Committee in June that an application for the ministry of the Chapel had been received from Stephanie Bisby. Arrangements were made for her to conduct three services in August and September.

Services resumed in the Chapel from 2nd August to 20th September, following a risk assessment by the Chairman and secretary, social distancing was put into operation, safety notices were positioned and various cleaning materials have been obtained following Government guidelines.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 16th August in the Chapel.

From 16th August 2020, by Jenny Jacobs

The main business in the latter quarter of the year was the completion of the Ministerial Appointments process. Despite the difficulties of Covid restrictions, which meant a Special General Meeting had to be held via Zoom, not in the chapel, and that voting had to take place via email, we managed to surmount these difficult and unusual circumstances, and the Reverend Stephanie Bisby was invited to become our Minister from the 1st January 2021 on a part-time basis. I am happy to report that Stephanie accepted.

Services are still taking place via Zoom and seem likely to continue doing so until late June at the earliest. The Chapel has now been equipped with WiFi, and a first service has been streamed from the Chapel rather than from the home of the worship leader. We are still considering further expenditure to enhance our ability to deliver services online as well as in the chapel.

Myrna Michell and Margaret Issitt have joined our community but we have not held our usual Membership Service because of not being able to meet in the chapel.

Melissa, our cleaner, retired at the end of 2020 and we have not yet found a replacement.

A payroll company has now been appointed to deal with the payment of salary to our Minister (and should we employ a new cleaner, to them also).

The Committee is grateful to the very many people who are serving the Chapel, whether as Committee members, worship leaders, members of the Pastoral Care team, Ministry sub-committee, Ministerial Support Group, Zoom hosts, musicians and to all who offer financial support. In many different ways we all contribute to the continuing health and well-being of our Chapel community.

Treasurer's Report for Financial Year to 31 December 2020

RECEIPTS: 2020 represents the first complete year-long financial report of York Unitarians CIO – you may recall that last year there were technically two separate accounts, one covering the first 10 days of January (which were the last 10 days of St Saviourgate Chapel) and the other covering the CIO from 11 January – 31 December 2019. However, 2020 has been an extraordinary year in other ways due to the closure of the chapel on account of the pandemic.

''Live giving'' consisted mainly of bank standing orders from members who choose to give in this way (and we are very grateful that they do so). Many such donations are eligible for GiftAid. The decrease of £4151 is accounted for because of the reduction in offertories since lockdown began in March.
Inquirer subscriptions appear down because some people now choose to subscribe in their own right rather than via the chapel. Subscriptions have actually increased by one.

Lettings are down by nearly £5000 because of the cancellation of concerts since March. We received one deposit of £200 for a blessing ceremony due to take place in July this year.

Under fundraising, the annual St Crux event did not take place, and concert income was well down from £1844 to £513.

These losses were offset, however, by the timely receipt of Gift Aid reclamations. The result is that the total receipts are substantially the same for both 2020 and 2019.

PAYMENTS: Under ''Worship'', the substantial decrease is due to the retirement of Rev Nicky Jenkins on 6 January.

Under ''Premises'', there was a saving of nearly £1000 on electricity because the chapel was not open.

While the chapel was closed, Peter Exley was able to catch up on several outstanding items of building and maintenance work such as the installation of a new ramp, smartening up the small open area at the back of the chapel and re-pointing the front wall. This accounts for the increase under Maintenance and Hardware.

No money was collected for the chosen charity, the York Lifeboat.

ASSETS: During the year the Skipton Building Society account was closed as being surplus to requirements, and the proceeds invested in COIF Ethical Investment Funds. There is now a single CAFCASH current account, the balance of which at the end of the year was £41,010. Cash in Hand of £67 represents donations received before lockdown and not yet paid in because of the pandemic restrictions. It includes a float of £30 for lunchtime concerts.

Looking ahead to 2021: Outgoings for our new Minister's pay and pension, plus the cost of using a Payroll Company, amount to £1500 per month.

For building and maintenance work, Peter Exley has so far been paid £1085, but there will be more owing to him for his work on the installation of Wi-Fi as well as improvements to the chapel's heating and ventilation system.

The Quota payable annually to the General Assembly (£35 per chapel member) has been paid. This amounted to £1540 as there were 44 members on 31 December 2020.

The musicians who have helped out on Zoom services since the beginning of the year have been paid £40 per service.

Subscriptions paid by Standing Order produce income of around £850 per month.

THANKS: I would like to thank Richard Brown for taking on the Treasurer role following this year's AGM. I will of course be happy to help him in any way I can in the handover period.

I'm also deeply indebted to Adrienne Wilson for the substantial amount of help she has given me over the last two years.

Also I would like to thank Gill Chippett for creating the spreadsheet and providing advice, and to Michael Sturge for examining the accounts.

Nick Morrice

Treasurer
16 March 2021

YORK UNITARIANS CIO								
			Registered Charity 1181531					
CONGREGATIONAL RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT								
		FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020						
						2020		**2019**
					£		£	
RECEIPTS								
	Live giving							
		Offertories			10,779		12,981	
		Donations			1,157		3,106	
						11,936		**16,087**
	Grants							
		Chapel Charity			18,215		19,000	
						18,215		**19,000**
	Inquirer subscriptions				158		410	
						158		**410**
	Use of Premises							
		Lettings			1,427		6,334	
		Weddings			200		70	
						1,627		**6,404**
	Fundraising							
		St Crux			-		992	
		Sales			-		54	
		Charities			-		400	
		Concerts			513		1,844	
						513		**3,290**
	Dividends & interest				2,325		2,076	
	Gift Aid reclaimed				12,565	**14,890**	**-**	**2,076**
TOTAL RECEIPTS						**47,339**		**47,267**

PAYMENTS								
	Worship							
		Minister's Pay			373		13,589	
		Minister's Expenses			-		2,181	
		Minister's Pension			107		3,197	
		Income Tax & NI			218		710	
		Pulpit Supply inc expenses			1,079		809	
		Pianists			1,440		1,960	
						3,217		**22,446**
	Premises							
		Electricity & water			1,520		2,514	
		Insurance			1,484		1,402	
		Cleaning			1,395		1,495	
		Maintenance & Hardware			12,511		11	
						16,910		**5,422**
	Donations, grants, fees							
		Chosen Charity			-		1,200	
		Charitable Donations inc GA			588		476	
		GA Delegates Fees			-		533	
		GA Quota			1,540		1,470	
		Other grants inc YUU			275		400	
						2,403		**4,079**
	Administration & Publicity							
		Administration			1,174		875	
		Publicity			-		-	
		Fundraising Expenses			-		125	
		Inquirer			158		740	
						1,332		**1,740**
	Miscellaneous Expenses					-		**40**
TOTAL PAYMENTS						**23,862**		**33,727**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS IN YEAR						**23,477**		**13,540**
Add: unrealised gain on value of investments						**6,788**		**8,741**
Add: transferred from Chapel Charity						**6,803**		-
General Fund Balance Brought Forward						**122,027**		**99,746**
General Fund Balance Carried Forward						**159,095**		**122,027**

YORK UNITARIANS CIO								
			Registered Charity 1181531					
CONGREGATIONAL BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020								
ASSETS						**2020**		**2019**
						£		£
	Investments at Market Valuation: (Note 1)					**118,018**		**56,780**
	Bank and Cash					**41,077**		**65,247**
						159,095		**122,027**
REPRESENTED BY								
	General Fund					**159,095**		**122,027**
Note 1	**Investments at Market Valuation**							
	At 1 January					56,780		48,039
	Purchased during year					54,450		-
	Increase in market value during year					6,788		8,741
	At 31 December					118,018		56,780

Treasurer's Report on St Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel Charity 2020

The Chapel Charity (registration number 230167) was set up for the sole purpose of looking after the permanent endowment funds relating to the sale of property belonging to St Saviourgate Chapel, York.

The committee decided that once the congregation had become a CIO, the balance of funds in the CAF Bank Current Account of the Chapel Charity would be transferred into the CIO CAF current account. This transfer took place in April 2020 amounting to £11,453.85. The permanent investment is still held in the original COIF Charities Ethical Investments Funds account; the dividends are now paid directly into the CIO current Account. The fund continues as a separate permanent endowment and only the income can be used by the congregation.

Elizabeth Faiers 19 March 2021

			ST SAVIOURGATE UNITARIAN CHAPEL CHARITY				
			Registered Charity number 230167				
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020							
Income					2020		2019
				£	£	£	£
	Receipts from investments			16,715		16,367	
	Donations received			500		500	
					17,215		16,837
Expenditure							
	Grants to Chapel			1,500		8,000	
	Transfer to York Unitarians CIO			24,019		11,000	
	CAF Bank Charges			15		60	
	Transfer to Investment Fund			500		500	
					26,034		19,560
Net Income /(Expenditure) for the year					-8,819		-2,723
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020					2020		2019
				£	£	£	£
Investments							
	COIF Ethical Inves Fund Units			560,576		526,744	
	Purchased during year			500		500	
	Market Value at 31 December				561,076		527,244
	Cash deposits				-		8,819
Total Assets					561,076		536,063
Represented by							
	Fund balance brought forward			536,063		456,745	
	Less: Net Expenditure for the			-8,819		-2,723	
	year						
	Plus: unrealised gains on						
	Investments in year			33,332		81,541	
	Plus cost of new units			500		500	
					561,076		536,063

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of York Unitarians CIO (Charity No. 1181531)

I report on the accounts of the York Unitarians CIO (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages10 – 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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20 March 2021

Michael W Sturge FCA

23 Lucombe Way,

York YO32 4DS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Saviourgate Chapel Charity (Charity No. 230167)

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

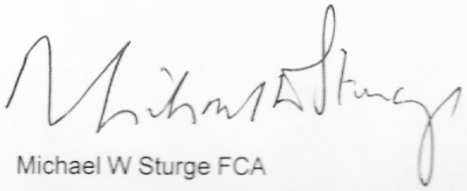
I report in respect of my examination of the Chapel Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did 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 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.



20 March 2021

Michael W Sturge FCA

23 Lucombe Way,

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Colton's Hospital Almshouses Trust

This Trust was set up 304 years ago by a previous Minister of St. Saviourgate, Thomas Colton, and his wife. Thomas Colton was the minister of St Saviourgate Chapel between 1692 and 1731. The majority of the trustees have to be Unitarian; the remaining trustees are from the community local to the cottages. The 12 Almshouses are set around a central lawn off Burton Stone Lane in York.

Last year the Coronavirus Pandemic caused various difficulties including the cancelling of the usual Carol Singing in the grounds, and wearing a mask when visiting residents has become mandatory. To mitigate the sorrow felt by the cancelling of the Carol Singing the trustees decided to give every resident a small Christmas hamper, this was very much appreciated. During this last year we have replaced the boilers in all the cottages and had one cottage completely updated and remedial decorating done in a second.

The newest Unitarian trustee is Rev Stephaney Bisby and we welcome her involvement.

Elizabeth Faiers
Clerk to the Trustees

DECLARATIONS

The members of York Unitarians CIO declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the members:

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Full name
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Position
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Date: 28th March 2020



St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ