

**The Journey Church Manchester CIO**

**Registered Charity Number: 1183350**

**Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement**

# **Inaugural Annual Report for The Journey Church Manchester CIO**

**Septemer 2020 - August 2021**

**The Journey Church Manchester** [thejourneychurchonline.com](http://thejourneychurchonline.com)

The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in such places and in such ways as the Charity Trustees from time to time think fit.

As a church we have endeavoured to reach out to our communities with the gospel and bring the teachings of Christ in word and deed in our daily lives and when gathered together. Our mission is to live out God's Kingdom dream for this world.

## **Activities**

### **Growth**

The church continued to reach out online and in-person while still under the Covid restrictions. We have about 8 regular families, young adults and students as part of our community and mission.

### **Partnerships**

We grew our partnership and giving to Fusion. We joined the Evangelical Alliance in June 2021. One of our values at The Journey is unity in the church expressed in diversity.

### **Missional leaders**

Alan Taylor and Ruth Taylor have continued to be overseen and pastored the community while Paul Eaton has developed our worship and ministry to students. We have families reaching out into their neighbourhoods and communities with our emphasis on local mission. We have also been reaching out online with a growing presence on social media.

### **Pandemic**

From September 2020- August 2021 most of the year was heavily disrupted by the restrictions.

We have aimed to meet as much in person within the restrictions and people's own safety considerations. This has included meetings in Ladybarn Community Hub on Sundays.

### **Financial Review**

We continue to collect our giving through Stewardship. From September 2020 - August 2021 we have spent £10032.51 and received £14958.74. The regular monthly giving was around £1200 throughout the year.

The main areas of expenditure were ministry from the community hub, Fusion student ministry partnership and online church including building a new website.

### **Reserves policy**

The Church now has a surplus of £12383.59 at the end of the year. This figure was much higher than expected due to the pandemic not requiring room hire and hospitality for long periods.

We intend to use some of the surplus in 2021-22 year to contribute to local community projects and help set up costs for employment.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The trustees met four times during the year and helped oversee changes and safety decisions meeting together during the pandemic.

Paul Eaton resigned as a trustee.

Rick Ashton came on as trustee in March 2021 as someone who is not a member of the Journey church.

Nathan Harrison has agreed to come on as a trustee to make it up to four trustees. Dan Moynihan has agreed to chair trustees and Nathan Harrison has agreed to be the treasurer. Rick Ashton brought his HR experience to the team.

### **Employment**

The church is planning to employ Alan Taylor for 2.5 days work week as the Team Leader of the Journey Church from September 2021. The trustees included the advice and support of Pastor Simon Shaw from the Source community in Derby to help the trustees make necessary decisions on employment without Alan Taylor in the room. Rick Ashton led the process on preparing paperwork for employment including a contract and pension.

A number of new givers came forward to help increase the income and enable Alan to be employed. We have 16 partners of the Journey Church who are not members but giving to enable the mission and church to grow.

### **Going Concern**

There are no uncertainties regarding the charity as a going concern.

### **2020-21**

#### **Receipts**

Give.net (Stewardship)	14658.74
Bank transfers	300
Total	14958.74

<b>Payments</b>	
Pastoral	521.79
Hospitality	47.15
Meetings	85.32
Speakers gifts	60
Ministry	3164.27
Online church	718.13
Room hire	740
Audio/Visual/IT	254.93
Admin	650.57
Newday United	800
Fusion	2950
Local gifts	0
Total	10032.51
Profit/loss	4926.23
Cash Funds (Co-operative Bank)	12383.59

Approved by the trustees March 28th 2022