



Church of St John the Evangelist

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CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity Registration Number: 1187186

Introduction

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are; the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

Achievements and performance

The global COVID-19 pandemic certainly challenged St John's in 2021. However, through the grace of God we are weathering the trials and building a different kind of future for ourselves.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

The Charity has continued to benefit from the enthusiastic ministry of Anglican Minister Annie Gray & Methodist Minister Adele Moorhouse. We are blessed to have two such inspirational, faithful and committed ministers who it is clear will lead us through the difficulties which the pandemic raises by fixing our gaze firmly on the need to continue with our outreach to support our local community. Whilst our activities have been restricted, our ministers have been busy planning ways to reach members, spread the Word and planning some exciting ventures for our future once we are able to function with minimal restrictions.

As restrictions have ebbed and flowed over the year, we have adapted our worship services and grown in confidence in the delivery of these whilst maintaining our polished online video services. These continue to reach folk from beyond the immediate church family. Thanks are recorded to all those who have made extraordinary efforts to deliver both the online and in person worship. It is through these combined efforts that during the year we have brought more folk to a public declaration of faith. The online Alpha course has been a further successful venture and proven to be a good vehicle for those interested in faith to explore Christianity in a non-threatening way.

We have also re-started the Beacon coffee drop-in and Tiny Tots and it is truly gratifying that the numbers of those from outside of our church family has increased. These are proving to be a valuable outreach service to our community.

Our Housegroups have continued to function both online and in person and again have proven a valuable means to welcome additional members to the church. Prayer has been so particularly important to members during 2021 and the Core Prayer Team have delivered uplifting monthly prayer opportunities online throughout the year which have been a tremendous source of comfort and support.

Thankfully there has been only limited need to complete repairs to the building beyond the requirements for annual maintenance, though the taps in the washrooms have been replaced.

Pastoral support is especially important during these trying times, so provision has been made to reach out to those members who do not use the internet and provide support to those struggling with the many difficulties thrown up by the pandemic. The Trustees and Ministers are very conscious that there will be a continuing need for a range of responses to the pastoral area of our working. So, during 2022 our approach to pastoral care is being reviewed and we are looking to further enhance the telephone befriending service.

Inspired by the challenge of cutting our carbon footprint and looking at our overall sustainability, we have set up an Eco-Team which is looking at a number of options to reduce waste and boost recycling. The group is eagerly awaiting a report from Green Journey Energy Audit, which should provide a range of options for our church to move toward a net-zero future. The group has already arranged for the installation of a bee-friendly flower bed which complements the prayer space that was created last year, and which offers a spot for the community to pause and contemplate. It has also compiled a comprehensive list of all local re-using and recycling opportunities within our community which has been shared with the wider community through the Kingston Park Life magazine, along with a dedicated website and Facebook page. Other initiatives that are currently being worked on include the installation of a cycle rack and coffee cup recycling facility.

In view of the disruption the pandemic caused to our local community, it was felt important that St Johns lead the way in marking the easing of restrictions during 2021 and the gradual return to a type of normality. Our response was the successful Out of Lockdown event on 31st July. The poor weather did not deter attendance and the event had a 'wonderful' buzz. We built on the momentum of the summer event by staging a carol singing concert in December using Tesco car park. We are grateful to Tesco for the willing support of the store Community Champion in helping to facilitate the event.

The success and breadth of these events is testimony to the determination of the organising group to deliver a quality experience for our local community. The events also served to strengthen our existing ties with local groups including the Kingston Park Scouts, Newcastle Choral Society and Kingston Park Primary School whose choir sang so well at the carol singing.

As a result of the pandemic the local free magazine Kingston Park Life had struggled with advertising revenue. In January we responded to an appeal and agreed to support the magazine through a grant. In return we have been able to use it as part of our local outreach to ensure all residents receive direct communication of all that is happening in the life of the church.

One unexpected consequence of the pandemic was that the Lord has led St John's to provide support for the Asylum Seekers currently housed locally. The response of the church family in providing gifts together with spiritual support and prayer has been amazing.

We are looking forward to 2022 full of hope.

Financial Review

We hardly imagined at the end of 2020 that we would be reporting similar Covid-19 related issues for 2021. We are still seeing its impact which resulted in the closure of the church for worship and other activities, in particular this has affected rental income. However, as seen below, the deficits for 2020 on most funds and the large overall deficit were of more concern than the eventual outturn for 2021 proved to be. For this we must be thankful for timely extra-ordinary receipts of significant sums from a number of sources identified below.

Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

| | 2020 (£) | 2021 (£) |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| General Account | -13,583.80 | -£6,094.30 |
| Restricted Account | -1,568.26 | 9,885.41 |
| Reserves | 937.63 | 740.77 |
| Mission Fund | -1,605.29 | -1,232.58 |
| Combined Total | -15,819.70 | 3,299.30 |

General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity. It shows a large reduction over the year in our working deficit, despite the prolonged 2021 closure periods. This is attributable to government grants via Newcastle City Council amounting to £9,320, claimed in respect of rental revenue lost during lockdown periods; along with refunds from gas and electricity suppliers for overestimated accounts in 2020 and spring 2021.

Income for the year was up by 2.3% overall. Regular planned giving of church members by standing orders was the key to meeting the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid-19 without drawing more deeply on Reserves. Our sincere gratitude is offered to all those who managed to continue or even increase their giving during the year. It is genuinely appreciated, as are occasional donations and the cash offerings at the resumed worship services in the church.

Rental income from outside users of our premises was below the amount budgeted for by 37.4% and below that for 2020 by 28.8%. Several regular organisations were slow to return when restrictions were relaxed, and some may not return. Whilst the loss of income is of concern, of greater importance will be the loss to our local community of the social benefits these groups undoubtedly provided.

Total Expenditure was 1.9% below the budgeted amount but 8.3% below the total for last year. Savings have been made largely through postponing maintenance spending, though some works are now becoming unavoidable. A church or charity that is committed to worthy objectives will have difficulty finding serious economies in everyday working expenditure and will be most reluctant to make cuts in those objectives. In the case of St John's, we have maintained our commitment to support financially a variety of charities, both religious and secular. The agreed share of our annual working income in the previous year came to over £8,000, distributed to 11 chosen organisations.

Restricted Account

The Account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific matters and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

The Account holds monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account support, which includes a grant of £200 from the Allchurches Trust toward the ongoing project to improve the audio-visual capabilities within the Worship Area. The fund is also holding a legacy of £15000 received from a devoted late member of our congregation. In the early part of 2022, the monies will be spent on renewal of the data projector and potentially a new laptop should we decide to go ahead with live streaming of events from the building.

The Restricted Account also received a grant of £100 from the United Reformed Church Trust that was used to finance part of the children's activities at the Out of Lockdown event in July 2021. A further £1500 was received from the Allchurches Trust which was used to purchase equipment to be used as part of our ongoing programme of outreach events.

The payments from the Account reflect the costs of the improvements to the wi-fi and induction loop (£870) and the Outreach Event (£8222).

Reserves and Mission Fund

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses including substantial past donations for unrestricted purposes are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face. The Mission Fund is the proceeds of a donation by church members for outreach events and mission initiatives from within our church.

Amounts in these Funds are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The interest earned represented the only income to both accounts in the year. The latter are deposited so that in each year one will mature, and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application

During 2021 given the prevailing financial difficulties, £10,000 was withdrawn from Reserves to support the General Account. Sizeable further withdrawals are anticipated in 2022.

Withdrawals totalling £5289 were taken from the Mission Fund to assist in financing of equipment toward the Outreach events staged in the year. The purchases are regarded as investments in the exciting programme of events that is planned.

We continually give thanks to God for all those members and others who contribute the financial resources to support the mission and activities of St John's church. In particular recently, the challenges have been substantial, and, in this report, we find gratifying evidence that we may continue in faith to weather the storms. St John's is fortunate in having a still healthy level of Reserves which will act as a financial cushion in what looks like an unsettled immediate future.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustee's policy to try to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 3 – 5 years and to support the Charity through 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Christian Churches Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding structures and policies are in place in accordance with Church of England guidance and we also work closely with the safeguarding teams of other denominations. The Church of England has recently introduced a new monitoring system and the Charity took the opportunity to do a full review of safeguarding matters in 2021.

The pandemic has resulted in some volunteers ceasing (or pausing) as active workers. There has also been a new leader of children's work within the church. Therefore, one of the key aspects of the review was to bring all training up to date for those who are now involved in delivering children's activities. There is also now an increased requirement for training for the trustees and other office holders in the Charity. This training has mostly taken place online.

DBS checks have continued to be done as they become due. Appointments are made under 'Safer Recruitment and People Management' procedures.

As the restrictions associated with the pandemic have eased, the safeguarding team have reviewed both the returning and those new activities that are spoken of elsewhere in this report.

There were no serious incidents in 2021 .

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

Elected Trustees

Timothy Rogers (Chair of Trustees & Safeguarding Officer). Re-elected April 2021

Julie Horton. Re-elected April 2021.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected April 2021.

Jackie Collins. Re-elected April 2021.

John Dawson. Re-elected April 2021.

Co-opted Trustees

Steve Huggan (Church Warden). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Initially co-opted April 2019, co-option continued since then

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Initially co-opted October 2020, co-option continued since then

Ex-officio Trustees

Adele Moorhouse (Minister)

Annie Gray (Minister)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021****RECEIPTS**

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| GENERAL ACCOUNT | 82,201.20 | 84,235.64 |
| RESTRICTED ACCOUNT | 652.47 | 16,800.00 |
| RESERVE ACCOUNT | 937.63 | 740.77 |
| MISSION FUND | 94.71 | 17.42 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>83,886.01</u> | <u>101,793.83</u> |

PAYMENTS

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL ACCOUNT | 95,784.99 | 90,329.94 |
| RESTRICTED ACCOUNT | 2,220.73 | 6,914.59 |
| RESERVE ACCOUNT | - | - |
| MISSION FUND | 1,700.00 | 1,250.00 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | <u>99,705.72</u> | <u>98,494.53</u> |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT | <u>- 15,819.71</u> | <u>3,299.30</u> |

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| General Account | 7,216.51 | 11,159.29 |
| Reserves | 70,443.80 | 61,184.57 |
| Restricted Account | 4,787.85 | 18,676.02 |
| Mission Fund | 17,703.30 | 12,430.88 |
| TOTAL | <u>100,151.46</u> | <u>103,450.76</u> |

GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2020 £ | 2021 £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Planned Giving | | |
| Standing Orders with Gift Aid | 45,363.00 | 44,270.00 |
| Standing Orders without Gift Aid | 9,445.00 | 8,944.00 |
| Donations | | |
| Donations with Gift Aid | 240.00 | 286.70 |
| Donations without Gift Aid | 400.00 | - |
| | 55,448.00 | 53,500.70 |
| Collections at Services | 332.38 | 334.01 |
| Rental Income | 10,558.80 | 7,650.25 |
| Grants | 2,668.00 | 9,320.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | |
| Photocopying | 13.00 | 39.80 |
| Gift Aid Claim | 12,328.22 | 11,288.60 |
| Fees | 22.00 | 228.00 |
| Literature Income | 21.60 | 12.45 |
| Sundry items | 809.20 | 1,861.83 |
| | 13,194.02 | 13,430.68 |
| | 82,201.20 | 84,235.64 |
| Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | 5,795.10 | 12,178.36 |

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Legacy to Holding Fund | | 15,000.00 |
| Grants for Restricted Purposes | | 1,800.00 |
| Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing | 362.47 | |
| Donations to Hardship Fund | 250.00 | |
| Donations to Holding Fund | 40.00 | |
| | <u>652.47</u> | <u>16,800.00</u> |
| RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>652.47</u> | <u>16,800.00</u> |
| Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | - | 6,181.12 |

RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Interest | 937.63 | 740.77 |
| | <u>937.63</u> | <u>740.77</u> |
| RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>937.63</u> | <u>740.77</u> |
| Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | - | - |

MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest | 94.71 | 17.42 |
| MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>94.71</u> | <u>17.42</u> |
| Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | - | - |

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

| GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021 | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ |
| Payments to the denominations | | |
| Anglican Share | 26,412.00 | 29,400.00 |
| Methodist Assessment | 25,572.00 | 23,364.00 |
| URC Mission & Ministry | 2,016.00 | 2,508.00 |
| Baptist Church | 3,290.40 | 4,316.00 |
| | 57,290.40 | 59,588.00 |
| Management & Administration | | |
| Minister Expenses | 112.40 | 40.00 |
| Council Tax - Vicarage | 448.54 | 2,492.29 |
| Water Rates - Vicarage | - | 185.53 |
| Gas | 1,792.23 | 1,892.58 |
| Electricity | 1,556.11 | 1,007.80 |
| Telephone | 511.89 | 364.06 |
| Water Rates - Church | 353.80 | 217.17 |
| Insurance | 1,261.77 | 1,286.91 |
| Maintenance | 3,004.78 | 2,782.68 |
| Maintenance - Grounds | 973.00 | 1,196.00 |
| Equipment | 373.50 | 529.18 |
| Secretary | 1,257.00 | 1,269.60 |
| Stationery | - | 46.58 |
| Photocopier | 362.27 | 435.46 |
| Bookings Secretary | 128.50 | 120.00 |
| Cleaner | 1,749.96 | 1,767.00 |
| Window Cleaner | 115.20 | 115.20 |
| Cleaning Materials | 212.05 | 309.59 |
| Fees & Licences | 1,661.88 | 1,504.88 |
| Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc | 117.65 | 118.85 |
| Worship Requisites | 87.31 | 138.86 |
| Literature & Promotion Costs | 688.20 | 1,260.10 |
| | 16,768.04 | 19,080.32 |
| Other Expenditure/Projects | | |
| Children's Worker | 6,728.04 | 1,132.54 |
| Children's Worker Expenses | 39.00 | 81.81 |
| Choir | 261.25 | 103.80 |
| Interregnum Costs | 2,428.50 | - |
| Sundry Costs | 1,397.83 | 2,067.53 |
| | 10,854.62 | 3,385.68 |
| Church Groups | | |
| Outreach | 54.60 | - |
| Junior Church | 131.00 | 5.25 |
| Holiday Club | 44.72 | 240.69 |
| Social Events | 331.00 | - |
| | 561.32 | 245.94 |
| Donations | | |
| Charitable Giving | 10,195.00 | 8,030.00 |
| Charitable Donations | 115.61 | - |
| | 10,310.61 | 8,030.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS | 95,784.99 | 90,329.94 |
| Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | - | 2,141.28 |

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | 2020 £ | 2021 £ |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| AV & WiFi Upgrade | | 1,301.00 |
| Outreach Events Equipment & Costs | | 5,613.59 |
| Charitable Donations | 1,531.73 | |
| Bank Charge | 5.00 | |
| Hand Dryers paid from Donated Funds | 684.00 | |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS | <u>2,220.73</u> | <u>6,914.59</u> |
| Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | 680.00 | 2,178.36 |

RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | - | - |
| | - | - |
| TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 |

MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant to Kingston Park Life Magazine | | 1,250.00 |
| Grant re Community Event | 1,700.00 | |
| TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS | <u>1,700.00</u> | <u>1,250.00</u> |
| Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds | 115.10 | 4,039.84 |

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Current Account | Restricted Account | Reserve Account | Mission Fund | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance Brought Forward | 7,216.51 | 4,787.85 | 70,443.80 | 17,703.30 | 100,151.46 |
| Prior Year Adjustments | | | | | |
| Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Adjusted Balances Brought Forward | 7,216.51 | 4,787.85 | 70,443.80 | 17,703.30 | 100,151.46 |
| Plus | | | | | |
| Receipts | 84,235.64 | 16,800.00 | 740.77 | 17.42 | 101,793.83 |
| Credit Transfers | 12,178.36 | 6,181.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18,359.48 |
| Less | | | | | |
| Payments | 90,329.94 | 6,914.59 | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | 98,494.53 |
| Debit Transfers | 2,141.28 | 2,178.36 | 10,000.00 | 4,039.84 | 18,359.48 |
| Notional Carried Forward Balance | 11,159.29 | 18,676.02 | 61,184.57 | 12,430.88 | 103,450.76 |
| Uncleared Effects: | | | | | |
| Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cleared Balance at Year End | 11,159.29 | 18,676.02 | 61,184.57 | 12,430.88 | 103,450.76 |

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

| | Opening Balance £ | Closing Balance £ |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| GENERAL ACCOUNT | | |
| Co-operative Bank | 7,216.51 | 11,159.29 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT | | |
| Individual Funds | | |
| Holiday Club | 10.83 | 0.00 |
| Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hardship | 541.02 | 541.02 |
| Donations Held | 4,236.00 | 18,135.00 |
| Outreach Event | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | <u>4,787.85</u> | <u>18,676.02</u> |
| RESERVES ACCOUNT | | |
| Virgin Money Instant Access | 28,821.54 | 18,849.89 |
| Cambridge & Counties | 16,122.26 | 16,324.68 |
| Cambridge & Counties | <u>25,500.00</u> | <u>26,010.00</u> |
| | 70,443.80 | 61,184.57 |
| MISSION FUND | | |
| Virgin Money Instant Access* | 17,703.30 | 12,430.88 |
| *Same account as Reserves | | |
| TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END | 100,151.46 | 103,450.76 |

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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 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.

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA

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Date: 27 January 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund the monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds, form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

Hardship

Funds available to support those in need. In the year, no donations were made from the fund.

Donations Holding Fund

A legacy of £15000 was received in the year. It is currently being held to cover the costs of the continuing audio-visual upgrade project. The Trustees will consider options for any residual monies once this project is completed. The following grants were received:

Allchurches £200 toward audio-visual upgrade

Allchurches £1500 toward costs of equipment for the programme of outreach events

c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a previous donation. The monies are available subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement; and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, payments totalling a £4039.84 were made toward the costs of staging the Outreach events, mostly covering the costs of equipment.

Holiday Club

Residual funds held on behalf of the Holiday Club leaders. A grant of £100 was received from the URC Trust toward the costs of the children's activities which this year were held as part of the Out of Lockdown Party.

Fundraising

Pandemic restrictions curtailed more formal fundraising activities in the year. It is hoped these can re-commenced during 2022.

2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year, 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, is donated to charities. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2021, this fell to the Baptist Mission Society, World Mission fund. Since 2017, donations have always been made to Tearfund, The Barnabas Fund, Compassion UK and Jubilee Debt Campaign. Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by Church Council.

In January 2021, Church Council decided that due to adverse media reports no donations would be made to Tearfund and Barnabas UK. It was also decided to add Action for Children and West End Refugees to the recipients. This was because restrictions prevented the normal carol singing events in December 2020, the collections from which would normally have been donated to these charities.

The table below records those charities supported from the annual distribution, with a comparison to the previous year for information.

| Organisation | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Council for World Mission | £2550 | |
| BMS World Mission | | £2000 |
| Tearfund | £695 | |
| The Barnabas Fund | £695 | |
| Compassion UK | £695 | £603 |
| Jubilee Debt Campaign | £695 | £603 |
| Kisima Trust Europe | £695 | £603 |
| Betel UK | £695 | £603 |
| United Christian Broadcasters | £695 | |
| Action Foundation | £695 | |
| Mission Aviation Fellowship | £695 | |
| Newcastle Street Pastors | £695 | |
| Wycliffe Bible Translators | £695 | |
| Action Foundation | | £603 |
| International Justice Mission | | £603 |
| Northern Learning Trust | | £603 |
| Safe Families | | £603 |
| West End Refugees | | £603 |
| Action for Children | | £603 |
| | £10195 | £8030 |

We also supported the Salvation Army through our Harvest Collection (£205) and donations via the Virtual Christmas Tree raised £120 for Christian Aid. The carol singing, in Tesco car park, and the social event, at church, in December raised £170. This will be split between Action for Children & West End Refugees and will be distributed in 2022. Notwithstanding the difficulties presented in fundraising during a pandemic, St John's has once again proven to be a caring, compassionate and generous church.

3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review.

The Independent Examiner fee was £150.00.

4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.