

Merland Rise Church

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020

Merland Rise Church

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Report of the Trustees for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) ("SORP (FRS 102)").

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal purposes of Merland Rise Church are the advancement of the Christian faith and the provision of service and support to all sections of the community, including people of other faiths and none, with a particular focus on the socially and economically disadvantaged living within the Preston and Tadworth area and the surrounding neighbourhood. The Church also carries out such other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world that, in the opinion of the members of the Church in General Meeting and the Trustees, shall further the work of the Church and serve disadvantaged people groups.

Significant activities

In fulfilling its purposes, the Church will engage in a range of activities either independently or in collaboration with other Churches, public and third sector and voluntary organisations which share the social justice priorities, and with whom it can work in partnership to improve the life chances and opportunities of those it seeks to serve.

The Church's activities include, but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching and Believers baptism;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper, which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, whether locally, regionally, nationally or internationally;
- promotion of family life, diversity, strong and supportive personal and community relationships;
- the nurture and growth of Christian disciples, including the imperative of serving others selflessly, giving of their time and financial resources;
- encouraging pastoral care, with a particular focus on the elderly and vulnerable, supporting and encouraging charitable and community causes both locally and abroad;
- supporting provision and access to those with disabilities, with a particular focus on the deaf and deaf/blind community;
- counselling and support to those experiencing relationship difficulties, financial support to the economically disadvantaged including a Food Bank and debt counselling service, employment advice including resolving conflicts and enhancing the employability of those seeking work;
- practical support, including the provision of furniture, white goods and emergency cash to those experiencing financial hardship as a result of their immigration status, long-term ill health, unemployment or similar;
- services to children and young people including life skills, training and social and recreational facilities;
- maintaining our long established collaborative working with Epsom Downs Primary School and Children's Centre;
- use of our premises by various charities, community groups and public bodies which share our priorities.

Public benefit

In planning the activities of the Church, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

During the year the Church has adapted to the Covid pandemic by offering both Sunday morning and Sunday evening services on-line via Zoom, in both live broadcast format and via a YouTube catch-up facility. Complying with Government guidance on places of worship throughout the pandemic, we offered in person services for up to 30 people when permitted, noting that all in person participation was on a pre-booked basis only. This enabled a small number of people to worship in person, while the majority participated via Zoom.

The pandemic limited the range of services we were able to offer but during each phase of the pandemic we have offered practical service and support to all sections of the community. Foremost, this has expressed itself in shopping or collection of prescriptions for the clinically vulnerable, disabled and isolated elderly local residents. We have also offered ongoing pastoral care, run multiple prayer meetings and weekdays Bible study and prayer groups via Zoom, either when face to face contact was not permitted or when it was considered by the trustees that such contact was imprudent.

Fundraising activities

The Church does not engage in public fund raising activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of the charity is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet and the related notes and have been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and SORP (FRS 102).

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources of the Church are the voluntary donations and giving by members of the Church's congregation together with allied income tax rebates under the gift aid scheme. We have also has received Covid grants from the local authority which we have used for the benefit of local residents and have also made limited use of the Government's Furlough Scheme. The latter has been fully focused on three part-time employees who clean and maintain the church premises and service external bookings and whose work was suspended when the premises fell into disuse and room hire was not permitted.

Investment policy and objectives

Any money not required for day to day use is placed on deposit with the Church's bankers, CAF Bank Limited. At the balance sheet date, the Church part-owned one freehold property which is used to provide tied accommodation to the Pastor.

Reserves policy

The Church has a General Reserve Fund of £15,000 that represents approximately 10% of the Church's annual revenue expenditure including legal commitments under contracts of employment to cover unforeseen increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure. The Church also has a General Repairs and Maintenance Fund to cover major uninsured repairs and maintenance expenditure on the Church premises and equipment. At the end of the financial year the Church's reserves met these targets.

Going concern

The financial statements are drawn up on the going concern basis, which assumes Merland Rise Church will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider the current and forecast cash resources to be sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the charity for at least 12 months.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Church members approved and adopted a new Constitution at a Special Church Meeting in December 2019 which formed part of our application to the Charity Commission to assume Charitable Incorporated Organisation (also referred to as CIO) status. Our new CIO status was subsequently registered with the Charity Commission effective 6th February 2020 under charity number 1187784.

Transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Merland Rise Church (registered charity number 1141447) became dormant for all operational purposes on 31st March 2020. Therefore, from 1 April 2020 onwards, all the assets, liabilities and funds reported under the unincorporated charity were migrated into the CIO (registered charity number 1187784) for operational purposes pending the formal legal transfer of assets and liabilities. The latter was expected to take up to 18 months to be ratified, as it would require the consent of our Holding Trust (FIEC) and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (Landlord) to agree and document the transfer of leases and licenses for land and premises.

The transfer has been accounted for under 'merger accounting', in accordance with sections 27.12 and 27.13 of SORP FRS 102 and the assets, liabilities and funds were presented as though they have always been part of the same reporting charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The running of the Church is under the control of an "Eldership" comprising the Senior Pastor and Elders. The Pastor was appointed by the Church at a Special Meeting and is employed under a contract of service, effective 1st September 2017. The other Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution formally adopted on 6th February 2020 and they meet regularly, administering the charity by majority decision.

Organisational structure

The Church appoints a Pastor and other paid staff as circumstances require. The Pastor and Elders lead the Church in terms of both spiritual matters and governance of the charity. The day to day co-ordination of the Church's programme and various practical matters are then managed by the Leadership Team, members of which are similarly elected by the members of the Church at a Church Meeting. In addition to this management structure the Church employs a part-time Administrator, Cleaner and Caretaker Hosts. The position of Associate Pastor was also an employed role until the incumbent relocated to Germany in September 2020, with there being no intention to replace the job holder for the foreseeable future.

Governance code

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code and are considering how the relevant matters can be applied to and implemented by the Church.

Wider network

The Church is a member organisation of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and FIEC Ltd, charity number 251395 and continues to act as the holding trustee in respect of the Church premises, until such time that the formal migration of assets into the CIO is complete. To this end it is expected that FIEC will cease to operate as Holding Trustee during the second half of 2021.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate or eliminate those risks.

The Trustees regularly review the major risks to which the Church is exposed and have established systems and procedures to mitigate those risks, particularly in the areas of financial management, child and vulnerable adult protection and premises' health and safety.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1187784

Principal address

Merland Rise
Tadworth
Surrey
KT20 5JQ

Trustees

M Childs Elder
J A Davis Elder (resigned 31st December 2020)
G J Mann Elder
K Lane Elder
A L Dowe Associate Pastor and Elder (resigned 31st August 2020)
Rev R Powell Pastor and Elder

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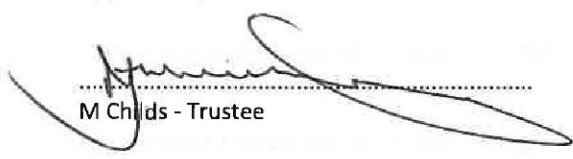
Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent ME19 4JQ
CAF Bank Limited is a subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

There were no funds held as a custodian for any other charities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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M Childs - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Merland Rise Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Merland Rise Church (CIO), charity number 1187784, for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charity Act;
2. to follow all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and;
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date: 24 September 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20 Total funds	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	123,162	17,555	140,717	211,285
Charitable activities					
Use of halls	3	542	-	542	8,572
Investment income	4	34	-	34	129
Other income	5	9,726	-	9,726	922
Total		133,464	17,555	151,019	220,908
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Staff costs and related expenditure	6	70,241	-	70,241	137,158
Housing expenses		65	-	65	151
Church expenses		12,484	-	12,484	28,651
Printing, publicity and outreach		782	-	782	3,761
Departments		377	-	377	728
Donations and giving		14,986	10,895	25,881	38,148
Administration and other expenses		11,086	30,807	41,893	82,628
Total		110,021	41,702	151,723	291,225
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		23,443	(24,147)	(704)	(70,317)
Transfers between funds	17	(1,750)	1,750	-	-
Net movement in funds		21,693	(22,397)	(704)	(70,317)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		248,846	1,893,029	2,141,875	2,212,192
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		270,539	1,870,632	2,141,171	2,141,875

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20 Total funds	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	423,585	1,854,193	2,277,778	2,307,894
Investment	12	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
		423,685	1,854,193	2,277,878	2,307,994
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	23,924	-	23,924	21,837
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>57,119</u>	<u>16,439</u>	<u>73,558</u>	<u>79,682</u>
		81,043	16,439	97,482	101,519
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(34,189)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,189)</u>	<u>(67,638)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>46,853</u>	<u>16,439</u>	<u>63,293</u>	<u>33,881</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		470,539	1,870,632	2,341,171	2,341,875
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>270,539</u>	<u>1,870,632</u>	<u>2,141,171</u>	<u>2,141,875</u>

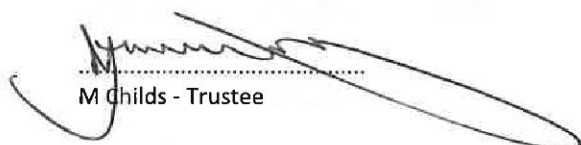
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Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2020

FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		12,119	(10,124)
Manse fund		220,934	220,934
General Reserve Fund		15,000	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund		<u>22,486</u>	<u>23,036</u>
		270,539	248,846
Restricted funds:			
Building Fund		1,854,193	1,885,000
Emergency Fund		7,819	4,396
Men's Ministry Fund		3,507	1,757
Women's Ministry Fund		3,626	1,876
Other fund		<u>1,487</u>	<u> </u>
		<u>1,870,632</u>	<u>1,893,029</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>2,141,171</u>	<u>2,141,875</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



 M Childs - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees can be held responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of the church groups that owe affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Going concern

The financial statements are drawn up on the going concern basis, which assumes Merland Rise Church (CIO) will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees consider the current and forecast cash resources to be sufficient to cover the working capital requirements of the charity for at least 12 months.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Cost are allocated to the principal activities of the Church on the following basis:

- Salaries and related costs : time spent
- Other costs : in accordance with purpose and nature of expenditure

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the period 6 February 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost and 20% on cost

The Church has in place an accounting policy of carrying out regular maintenance and repairs on its freehold properties (the cost of which are charged in full to the SOFA). No depreciation arises in the year on the freehold property used as tied accommodation as in the opinion of the trustees the residual value of the property is not materially less than its carrying amount in the financial statements. An impairment review of such fixed assets in accordance with FRS 102 section 27 is carried out as at the end of each financial period.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

All the charity's expenditure is shown inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Endowment funds are resources received by the charity that represent capital and the trustees are required by charity law to retain and use the endowment for the charity's purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Investments

Investments are categorised as current assets where the intention is to realise the investment without reinvestment of the sale proceeds. All other investments are classified as fixed assets. All investment assets are stated in the balance sheet at fair value and both realised and unrealised gains or losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities. The fair value of listed investments is taken at the market price of the asset as at the year end date.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Apart from certain investments, the charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Currency

The Church's functional and presentational currency is pounds Sterling (GBP).

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about the Church as an individual entity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Church is exempt under the Charities Act 2011 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Freewill offerings	86,614	-	86,614
Donations	8,285	15,970	24,255
Legacies	8,229	-	8,229
Gift aid	19,948	1,585	21,533
Commission receivable	86	-	86
	<u>123,162</u>	<u>17,555</u>	<u>140,717</u>

	Period 1/1/19 to 31/03/20		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Freewill offerings	135,314	-	135,314
Donations	27,771	12,691	40,462
Gift aid	32,899	2,366	35,265
Sales of forex & commission receivable	244	-	244
	<u>196,228</u>	<u>15,057</u>	<u>211,285</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20 Total funds £
Use of halls and meeting rooms	542	-	542

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds £
Use of halls and meeting rooms	8,572	-	8,572

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	34	-	34

The prior year total is allocated between fund categories as follows:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	113	16	129

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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20 Total funds
	£	£	£
Other income	6	-	6
Government grants	9,720	-	9,720
	<u>9,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,726</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds
	£	£	£
Other income	922	-	922
	<u>922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>922</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Period 1/4/20 to 30/12/20 Totals
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs and related expenditure	70,241	-	-	70,241
Housing expenses	65	-	-	65
Church expenses	12,484	-	-	12,484
Printing, publicity and outreach	782	-	-	782
Departments	377	-	-	377
Donations and giving	-	25,881	-	25,881
Administration and other expenses	35,148	-	6,745	41,893
	<u>119,097</u>	<u>25,881</u>	<u>6,745</u>	<u>151,723</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS (continued)

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Period 1/1/19 to 30/3/20 Totals
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs and related expenditure	137,158	-	-	137,158
Housing expenses	151	-	-	151
Church expenses	28,651	-	-	28,651
Printing, publicity and outreach	3,761	-	-	3,761
Departments	728	-	-	728
Donations and giving	-	38,148	-	38,148
Administration and other expenses	73,400	-	9,228	82,628
	<u>243,849</u>	<u>38,148</u>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>291,225</u>

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/4/20 to 31/3/20 Total funds
	£	£	£
Evangelical Alliance	124	-	124
FIEC	2,488	-	2,488
Tithes	12,374	-	12,374
Other charitable giving	-	10,895	10,895
	<u>14,986</u>	<u>10,895</u>	<u>25,881</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 Total funds
	£	£	£
CSW	2,732	-	2,732
Tearfund	2,732	-	2,732
Evangelical Alliance	206	-	206
FIEC	3,988	-	3,988
Flynn	2,732	-	2,732
Taylor	5,465	-	5,465
Bread	4,099	-	4,099
Kim	2,732	-	2,732
Other charitable giving	-	13,462	13,462
	<u>24,686</u>	<u>13,462</u>	<u>38,148</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

Governance costs

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	274	718
Legal and professional fees	<u>6,471</u>	<u>8,510</u>
	<u>6,745</u>	<u>9,228</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	41,993	83,586
Trustees' social security	951	5,895
Trustees' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>4,383</u>	<u>8,656</u>
	<u>47,327</u>	<u>98,137</u>

Trustees' expenses

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>397</u>	<u>1,185</u>

In the current period the trustees' expenses totalled £397 (2019 - £1,185). The expenses related to the Pastor's and Associate Pastor's expenses in connection with their duties.

The trustees were not reimbursed expenses during the current nor prior period.

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10. STAFF COSTS

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,540	117,801
Social security costs	1,748	6,811
Other pension costs	5,271	10,181
	<u>70,559</u>	<u>134,793</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20
Pastoral	2	2
Administration and support	4	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	2,479,122	42,862	2,521,984
Additions	-	1,892	1,892
Disposals	-	(630)	(630)
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,479,122</u>	<u>44,124</u>	<u>2,523,246</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	173,188	40,902	214,090
Charge for period	30,807	1,122	31,929
Disposals	-	(551)	(551)
At 31 December 2020	<u>203,995</u>	<u>41,473</u>	<u>245,468</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,275,128</u>	<u>2,651</u>	<u>2,277,778</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>2,305,934</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>2,307,894</u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

The freehold property comprises the Church's premises and a freehold property. The Church's premises are stated at its capitalised value of £2,058,187 relating to the new building. The residential property comprises a freehold property which is used as tied accommodation by the Pastor which is stated at cost of £420,934 at the beginning of the period.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 April 2020	100
At 31 December 2020	<u>100</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	<u>100</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>100</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The Church holds 100% of the issued share capital of Merland Rise Church Trading Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Period 1/4/20 To 31/12/20 £	Period 1/1/19 to 31/3/20 £
Trade debtors	480	695
Other debtors	504	-
Merland Rise Church Trading Limited	9,189	8,896
Tax	6,466	9,619
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,285</u>	<u>2,627</u>
	<u>23,924</u>	<u>21,837</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Period 1/4/20 to 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/03/20
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,509	682
Social security and other taxes	1,307	-
Other creditors	6,686	49,135
Accrued expenses	<u>24,687</u>	<u>17,821</u>
	<u>34,189</u>	<u>67,638</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Period 1/4/20 To 31/12/20	Period 1/1/19 to 31/03/20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 16)	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

Amounts falling due in more than one year:

Repayable otherwise than by instalments:

Unsecured loans	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(10,124)	23,993	(1,750)	12,119
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	23,036	(550)	-	22,486
	<u>248,846</u>	<u>23,443</u>	<u>(1,750)</u>	<u>270,539</u>
Restricted funds				
Building Fund	1,885,000	(30,807)	-	1,854,193
Emergency Fund	4,396	3,423	-	7,819
Men's Ministry Fund	1,757	1,750	-	3,507
Women's Ministry Fund	1,876	-	1,750	3,626
Other Fund (destined giving)	-	1,487	-	1,487
	<u>1,893,029</u>	<u>(24,147)</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,870,632</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,141,875</u>	<u>(704)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,171</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,464	(109,471)	23,993
Repairs and maintenance Fund		(550)	(550)
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	(30,807)	(30,807)
Emergency Fund	3,750	(327)	3,423
Other Charitable Giving Fund	11,055	(9,568)	1,487
Men's Ministry Fund	1,750	-	1,750
Women's Ministry Fund	-	-	-
Trustees Discretionary Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>17,555</u>	<u>(41,702)</u>	<u>(24,146)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>151,019</u>	<u>(151,723)</u>	<u>(704)</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,621	(10,995)	(1,750)	(10,124)
Manse fund	220,934	-	-	220,934
General Reserve Fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
General Repairs and Maintenance Fund	23,036	-	-	23,036
	261,591	(10,995)	(1,750)	248,846
Restricted funds				
Building Fund	1,945,933	(60,933)	-	1,885,000
Emergency Fund	4,668	(272)	-	4,396
Men's Ministry Fund	-	1,757	-	1,757
Women's Ministry Fund	-	126	1,750	1,876
	1,950,601	(59,322)	1,750	1,893,029
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,212,192</u>	<u>(70,317)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,875</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,835	(216,830)	(10,995)
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	(60,933)	(60,933)
Emergency Fund	296	(568)	(272)
Other Charitable Giving Fund	12,894	(12,894)	-
Men's Ministry Fund	1,757	-	1,757
Women's Ministry Fund	126	-	126
	15,073	(74,395)	(59,322)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,908</u>	<u>(291,225)</u>	<u>(70,317)</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Details of the remuneration and expenses paid to trustees is shown within the Notes to the accounts.

The total amount of donations without conditions received by the Church from the trustees during the period was £19,055 (period to 31.03.2020 - £46,737).

Apart from the above, there were no related party transactions between the trustees and the Church.

Merland Rise Church Trading Limited

Merland Rise Church Trading Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Merland Rise Church (CIO). Any profits made by the company will be donated to the Church under gift aid. No charitable donations were made to the Church during the current period nor prior year. At the year end, the Church was owed £9,189 (period to 31.03.2020 - owed to £8,896) by that company.

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Church is controlled by the trustees under the general guidance of the Church Meeting in accordance with the Church's constitution.

20. UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUNDS

The nature and purpose of the Church's unrestricted designated funds are as follows:

Manse

This fund comprises the interest in freehold Manse owned by the Church. The Church sold its Manse and purchased another Manse in 2017 and granted the Pastor an option to purchase a part interest in this Manse. This option was exercised in January 2019.

General Reserve Fund

This fund has been established to allow the Church to cover unforeseen and unbudgeted increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure.

General Repairs and Maintenance Fund

This fund has been established to cover major uninsured repairs and maintenance costs of the new Church building.

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21. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The nature and purpose of the Church's restricted funds are as follows:

Building Fund

This fund comprises the Church's premises whose redevelopment was completed in 2017.

Emergency Fund

This fund is available to the Pastor to use on a discretionary basis for particular needs and situations he identifies among the Church fellowship and the local community.

Other Charitable Giving Fund

This fund receives offerings from members of the Church which are for specified third party charities.

Men's and Women's Ministry Fund

This relates to donations received from members to support the activities carried out by the respective ministries.

22. Transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Merland Rise Church (registered charity number 1141447) was registered as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (registered charity number: 1187784) on 6 February 2020. On 1 April 2020 all the assets, liabilities and funds reported under the unincorporated charity as at 31 March 2020 were transferred to the new CIO. The transfer has been accounted for under 'merger accounting', in accordance with sections 27.12 and 27.13 of SORP FRS 102. Consequently, the assets, liabilities and funds were presented as though they have always been part of the same reporting charity.