



RENEW CHURCH

ANNUAL

RETURN

2023

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67 HIGH STREET

UTTOXETER

STAFFORDSHIRE

ST14 7JQ

Registered Charity: 1187890

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accruals Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Renew Church

Registered Charity Number 1187890

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *LA Silver*

Date: 26 March 2024

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance
Accountancy Practitioner

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Independent Examiners Report to the Church Council

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. Please advise me of any changes. **A spare copy is enclosed.**

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 26 March 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

During the year the church continued to meet together, preach the Gospel, break bread, pray and share the Life of Christ with one another and the local community.

We also provided many important services to the various communities located in and around Uttoxeter.

TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council members during the year were as follows:

David Morley

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Richard Bullock

2 Durose Court, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire ST14 5NF Tel: 01889 567390

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Jonny Hollingsworth

46 Heathfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. ST14 7JP

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Please print name:

JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH Date: 15-04-2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 31.12.23 £	Total 31.12.22 £
<u>Resources Arising</u>					
Donations and Incoming Resources		172,344	0	172,344	164,483
Activities for Generating Funds		0	0	0	0
Investment Income		1,041	0	1,041	86
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		13,875	0	13,875	11,406
Other Incoming Resources			0	0	8,040
Grant Income		23,015		23,015	0
Legacy		100,000		100,000	0
Total Incoming Resources		310,275	0	310,275	184,015
<u>Resources Used</u>					
Resources Used					
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income		0	0	0	0
Fundraising Trading Cost of Goods Sold		0	0	0	0
Investment Management Costs		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities		68,216	0	68,216	49,373
Governance Costs		108,644	0	108,644	134,775
Other Resources Used		88,244	0	88,244	5,657
Total Resources Expended		265,104	0	265,104	189,805
Net Movement in Funds		45,171	0	45,171	(5,790)
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.01.23		874,612	0	874,612	790,762
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		0	0	0	89,640
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.12.23		919,783	0	919,783	874,612

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Balance Sheet

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Church Premises		612,726	612,726
Church Manse		0	0
Church Equipment		54,636	54,636
		<u>667,362</u>	<u>667,362</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & In Hand		253,022	207,057
Accounts Receivable		0	193
Creditors: Due Within One Year		601	0
Net Current Assets		<u>252,421</u>	<u>207,250</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>919,783</u>	<u>874,612</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year		0	0
Net Assets		<u>919,783</u>	<u>874,612</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Income Funds:			
General Fund		919,783	874,612
Restricted Funds		0	0
		<u>919,783</u>	<u>874,612</u>

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS REPORT
FROM 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The accounts for the year have been submitted and examined by the independent company Luke Silver Accountancy & Taxation Services. Since an audit is not required, they have examined the accounts in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No. 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). The accounts have been examined in line with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, following the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

A copy of the Independent Examiners' Report is attached and dated 26th March 2024.

TRUSTEES

During 2023 there have been no changes to the Board of Trustees.

The accounts have been submitted to the Trustees for approval. They were accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Please note that as well as being an ex-officio Trustee, Jonathan Hollingsworth is also the Senior Pastor and therefore his annual salary and training requirements have been reflected as a 'Trustee Payment' as part of our annual return.

INCIDENTS

There had been no serious incidents that were required to be brought to the Charities Commission's attention.

CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Charity Commission Annual Report for Renew Church has been submitted online once again this year.

ACCOUNTS

2023 has seen a return and increase to the activities and services that we provide and has been another year of progress in maintaining our facilities through the completion of planned maintenance and implementing building improvements. Our food bank commitments have continued to increase in this period as did our attempts to support those continuing to struggle within our community spiritually, emotionally and physically.

- **Income**

Overall, the total incoming resource in the period was £310,275.00 which has increased from 2022. This is mainly due to the Church being left an incredibly generous legacy donation in September 2023. Due to this donation and the sale of the Church manse during the previous financial year the decision was made to open a separate Higher Rate Savings account through Kingdom Bank until the Church requires the funds for any future Church projects or local Church plants. The charity remained actively in control of its financial situation.

- **Expenditure**

Overall, the expenditure in the period was £265,104.00; which is an increase of our expenditure amount last year. As mentioned above the Church opened a savings account with Kingdom Bank and moved a large amount into this account. The Church undertook one large maintenance project this year in which we resurfaced our car park and added line spacing. We also had to replace our main hall flooring towards the end of the year. Our charitable giving has also increased as we have been able to support and give to campaigns and organisations when needed as well as providing more outreach activities in our local community.

- **Balance Sheet**

The value of fixed assets remains positive and funds are continuing to be held in a savings account as a contingency.

Richard Bullock
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

RENEW CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FROM 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

AIMS

We aim to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We believe that a personal belief in God should be exemplified, globally and locally, by Christians putting God's love into practice with worthy actions and honourable deeds that benefit the community at large. Consequently, we aim to have a positive effect on our community in Uttoxeter and the surrounding villages. We aim to support the local schools, supplement the education of children by offering a moral and ethical framework through the teaching of Christian principles. We aim to assist the spiritual wellbeing of people of all ages in our community.

IDENTIFIABLE BENEFITS FOR THE PUBLIC

Renew Church offers a venue for the public with positive activities for people of all ages. In line with increasing internet use, Renew maintains a website, www.renewchurch.co.uk, for access to further information about the Church by the general public. The Church continued to live stream services online via YouTube and Facebook. The Church endeavours to provide all of our activities and groups free of charge so they are accessible to people from every social walk of life.

Our toddler group, Roar, returned with sessions on a Wednesday morning and added an afternoon sessions and is an asset to those in our local community providing a safe place for parents/carers and their children to come and chat, play and engage in a variety of other activities. We also continued our group for new parents with pre-walking children called Little Pups which gives a great opportunity for people to come and relax, chat and have a drink with new parents/carers who may not feel comfortable in a larger setting with older children running around.

Renew Church continued with our Friday lunch club for the over 60s in our community. They are welcomed into the building for a warm meal, fun games and the ability to sit and talk with those their age in a caring environment. This is a group we are especially passionate about as for a number of the elderly in our community this is the only time in the week that they can participate in something like this.

We also have various children's groups and youth activities throughout the week. We also have a dedicated room for the children and young people that is used on a Sunday morning for Sunday School and Friday evenings for a time when the youth can meet weekly for a fun evening of music, discussions, prayer and faith-based talks. We also have a very active children's club that runs termly on Friday's with games, songs and a biblically based moral story. Our young people are also taken annually to a Christian summer youth festival where they can meet and socialise with like-minded peers as well as take part in the activities, services and seminars provided.

Our Warm Welcome Café as part of our food bank on a Monday morning has been a huge success. This is a place where local families who are suffering from ill health and associated with poverty are temporarily assisted with food parcels and/or can sit and have a warm drink and slice of cake and talk with one of our volunteers. Referrals to other service providers are made when necessary to ensure that they are getting the all-round support that they need.

Renew Church has its own very talented music group. The group play various instruments and sing together. They provide the music during our services every Sunday throughout the year. They have regular practices together and are developing their talents and skills on an ongoing basis.

On Sunday's Christian religious services are held at Renew Church. These are open to all people of different ethnic backgrounds and all age groups. The services are generally times of joyful and exuberant praise and worship to God, but time is also allowed for reflection and prayer.

There is always a friendly welcome for people attending Sunday services. A crèche facility is provided for parents with young children as well as our Sunday School 'Tribe' for those ages 4-11 years old. The coffee-bar is open after the services and tea and coffee are provided and served free of charge.

Renew Church is also a base from which other activities take place to benefit the general public:

- Donations have been made to various charities throughout the year to support people in their times of need.
- We linked up with Places of Welcome and opened an evening Craft Group for the community which was very well attended.
- Local families who are having difficulties financially can come at various times within the year for our School Uniform Mornings where they can have a look through, and select free of charge, items of good quality, used uniform that have been donated to the Church for their children.
- The Church also held several free events including a community Pantomime called 'Robin Good' in December, a Light Party in October and a Lunch with Santa event on Christmas Eve. All the events were well attended and great opportunities for members of the Church and local community to come engage with.

Renew Church is working with the local agencies on an ongoing basis to identify the local needs where we can provide support and have a positive impact for the good of the local community.