

Reach Church Trustees Report
24th April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Our Heritage:

Understanding our legacy and where we came from is key in understanding our DNA.

In the mid 90s Roy and Brenda Taylor returned from leading a church in Spain to start a new church in Marple.

Marple Christian Gospel Fellowship was formed and quickly grew in an upper room above Marple library. Many people were drawn to the passionate worship and in-depth bible teaching and soon the need arose for a bigger building.

Roy soon came across the Old Wesleyan Chapel on High Street, New Mills, previously the home of New Mills Christian Fellowship. A deal was done with the Macedonian Trust to purchase the building on condition it would be used as a place of worship. Repairs were done to the building and Christian Revival Church New Mills was born.

The church continued to thrive and grow and the leadership was handed over to Peter and Janice Bird. In the Spring of 2009 "Revive Church" as it was now known was asked to plant a new church in Stalybridge at Mount Street.

The new church grew and Andy and Jackie Chadwick who had been part of Revive Church New Mills for 10 years before church planting in Spain were asked to return to the UK to take up the leadership.

The Church continued to grow and soon needed bigger premises, relocating to the old Play Planet building in Millbrook where it continues to thrive today.

In 2020 Peter and Janice Bird handed over the leadership of the New Mills Church and Revive Church Stalybridge started a new chapter of its life as "Reach Church".

We are so grateful for the legacy of Roy and Brenda Taylor and Peter and Janice Bird in believing in us and supporting us on our journey.

We truly believe that the best is yet to come!

The Formation of Reach Church.

Reach Church was formed following the de-merger of Revive Church New Mills and Revive Church Stalybridge. Although the new Reach Church Charity (CIO) was legally recognised on April 24th 2020, the church continued to operate at Revive Church Stalybridge until an official hand over of assets and staff on 31st August 2020.

The church was formally recognised and welcomed into fellowship with Assemblies of God GB.

The first financial year operated from 1st September 2020 to 31st March 2021

Church activities

Starting a new charity during a pandemic was tricky to say the least. The first services under the new charity happened during lockdown periods, so very little was possible in terms of wider church activities other than online content.

We used a combination of pre-recorded and live streamed services during the period September 2020 to March 2021 with a brief period of being open to congregation attendance in January.

Policies were re-written to follow covid safe protocols and the purchase of anti-viral cleaning products and sanitiser dispensers were made, being installed around the church building to allow people to sanitise their hands on arrival and exit. Seats were organised into socially distanced pods and a one-way system introduced to limit any inter-mingling or crossing over of individuals or groups.

When we were able to reopen, we provided a telephone booking system to enable us to follow regulations, limit numbers and have socially distanced seating pods.

Activities for children and young people carried on with special online provision of kids' church activities and youth quiz and bible times. When restrictions permitted, children's activities returned to the Sunday morning service and took place under a gazebo outside the building.

Regular quiz nights took place over Zoom for fun and fellowship times and an in-person family quiz night planned for Summer 2021 when regulations allowed.

Food parcels were sent out to those struggling with food poverty in the community as part of our "boxes of hope" programme and initial discussions were held with the Trussel Trust Tameside East Foodbank to open a food bank at the church premises in Millbrook.

Coaching of local school children took place online as all outside visitors to schools were prohibited and many children were educated at home.

Weekly online prayer meetings took place throughout this period on Facebook live.

Andy hosted “lock-n specials” online via Facebook Live, comprising of a time of worship, prayer and bible study during lockdown periods, initially nightly at 6pm, then going to 3 times a week. These provided a time of encouragement and support for many who were struggling in being away from their church family during a time of fear and uncertainty and were watched by hundreds across the UK and beyond.

Covid recovery.

As restrictions have allowed, activities have been planned to resume where possible with the reintroduction of Impact groups scheduled for autumn 2021. Services have been streamed online throughout the pandemic and continue to do so with some people choosing to continue to watch from home. Although in-person attendance of services has been lower than pre-pandemic numbers, this is largely in line with other churches across the UK, Europe, and the Western World.

Conclusions.

Whilst this time has been very challenging, God has continued to provide many opportunities for sharing the gospel, both online and in-person. People have been faithful in their giving, enabling us to cover our outgoings and continue to support charities such as The Leprosy Mission and Gap Kenya.

Whilst we have had to adapt our practises and reach others online, our online content has reached many hundreds from across the UK and beyond with the good news of Jesus Christ and the hope we have in Him.

As we continue to rebuild in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, we still believe that the best is yet to come!

Chair of Trustees:

Andy Chadwick

REACH CHURCHUK**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021****INCOME****31/03/2021****Gift Aid Income**

Tithed Giving	25162	
Small Change Giving (GASDS)	2269	
	<hr/>	27431
Gift Aid Tax Received and Accrued	6858	
	<hr/>	34289

OTHER INCOME

Voluntary Giving (Non Gift Aid)		15441
Allocated		8750
Room Hire Income (Slimming World)		920
Grant - Community Garden	24890	
Less Costs	<hr/>	-1852
		23038
Donations - TLG (net of Costs)		319
Bank Interest Received (Deposit Account)		<hr/>
		324

TOTAL INCOME**83081****EXPENDITURE****31/03/2021**

Pastors and Support Workers Salaries and Expenses		23697
Pension Costs		1365
<u>Building Costs:</u>		
Rent	8750	
Utilities	2666	
Building Maintenance and Repairs	756	
Insurance	<hr/>	757
		12929
Professional Fees and Subscriptions	384	
Legal Fees re Demerger & Leasehold	2400	
Visiting Speakers - Costs and Gifts	250	
Hospitality	7	
Housekeeping	18	
Printing and Stationery	18	
Equipment hire - Photocopier	543	
Worship and PA Costs	138	
Telephone and Broadband	212	
Mobile Telephone Charges	48	
Computer and Software Costs	851	
Church Family gifts	26	
Covid 19 Costs	761	
Sundry Expenses	87	
Bank Charges	36	

Depreciation of Church Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings	<u>1326</u>	7105
		45096

<u>NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</u>		<u><u>37985</u></u>
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Transfer to Restricted Fund:

Community Garden	23038	
TLG	<u>319</u>	23357
Balance - To General Fund		14628

REACH CHURCH
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2021

			<u>31-Mar-</u>
			<u>21</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			3177
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings - Net Book Value			
 <u>DEBTORS</u>			
Sundry Debtors:			
Gift Aid Tax Claim		6858	
Rent Deposit paid (Refundable)		2500	
Other Debtors and Prepayments		1182	
		<hr/>	10540
 <u>Cash at bank and in Hand:</u>			
Current Bank - Unity Trust	40548		
Nat			
West	84932		
Deposit Bank - Charity Bank	81193	206673	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	217213
 <u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>			
PAYE and Pension Creditor	497		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	4201	-4698	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	212515
 <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
			<hr/>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>			<u>215692</u>
 <u>REPRESENTED</u>			
<u>BY:</u>			
		<u>Comm</u>	
<u>RETRICTED INCOME FUND:</u>	<u>TLG</u>	<u>Gdn</u>	
Balance b/f	26		
Transfer between funds	319	23038	
Balance c/f	345	23038	23383
 <u>GENERAL FUND:</u>			
Balance b/f		177681	
Surplus in year		14628	
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Balance c/f			192309
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			215692
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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Reach Church

For Accounting Period to 31st March 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages following this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

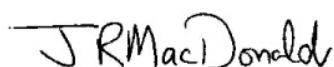
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 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 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 Charities Act; and section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.



John MacDonald

(Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians)

Dated 19th of October 2021

REACH CHURCH UK**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

INCOME**31/03/2021****Gift Aid Income**

Tithed Giving		25,162
Small Change Giving (GASDS)		2,269
		<hr/> 27,431
Gift Aid Tax Received and Accrued		6,858
		<hr/> 34,289

OTHER INCOME

Voluntary Giving (Non Gift Aid)		15,441
Allocated		8,750
Room Hire Income (Slimming World)		920
Grant - Community Garden	24,890	
Less Costs	<u>(1,852)</u>	23,038
Donations - TLG (net of Costs)		319
Bank Interest Received (Deposit Account)		324

TOTAL INCOME**83,081****EXPENDITURE****44,286**

Pastors and Support Workers Salaries and Expenses		23,697
Pension Costs		1,365
<u>Building Costs:</u>		
Rent	8,750	
Utilities	2,666	
Building Maintenance and Repairs	756	
Insurance	<u>757</u>	12,929
Professional Fees and Subscriptions	384	
Legal Fees re Demerger & Leasehold	2,400	
Visiting Speakers - Costs and Gifts	250	
Hospitality	7	
Housekeeping	18	
Printing and Stationery	18	
Equipment hire - Photocopier	543	
Worship and PA Costs	138	
Telephone and Broadband	212	
Mobile Telephone Charges	48	
Computer and Software Costs	851	
Church Family gifts	26	
Covid 19 Costs	761	
Sundry Expenses	87	
Bank Charges	36	
Depreciation of Church Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings	<u>1,326</u>	7,105

45,096**NET SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD****37,985****Transfer to Restricted Fund:**

Community Garden	23,038	
TLG	<u>319</u>	23,357
Balance - To General Fund		<hr/> <u>14,628</u>

REACH CHURCH UK
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2021

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings - Net Book Value

31-Mar-21

3,177.00

DEBTORS

Sundry Debtors:

Gift Aid Tax Claim	6,858
Rent Deposit paid (Refundable)	2,500
Other Debtors and Prepayments	1,182
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	10,540

Cash at bank and in Hand:

Current Bank - Unity Trust	40,548	
Nat West	84,932	
Deposit Bank - Charity Bank	81,193	206,673
	<hr/>	217,213

LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES:

PAYE and Pension Creditor	497	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	4,201	(4,698)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS

212,515

NET ASSETS

215,692

REPRESENTED BY:

RESTRICTED INCOME FUND:

	<u>TLG</u>	<u>Comm Gdn</u>	
Balance b/f	26		
Transfer between funds	319	23,038	
Balance c/f	345	23,038	23,383

GENERAL FUND:

Balance b/f		177,681	
Surplus in year		14,628	
Balance c/f		<hr/>	192,309
			<u>215,692</u>