

Revelation Church Manchester

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 August 2021

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	32 Morrell Road Manchester M22 4WH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Constitution dated October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191914
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Robin Cox Azzurra Caltabiano Leigh Tarver
BANKERS	Co-operative bank
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are: to advance the Christian faith, and the relief of persons in need by reason of financial hardship or other economic or social disadvantage.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The year 2020/21 was our first year of operating as a church as we seek to begin our mission of seeing the Kingdom of God advanced in Greater Manchester. As a church, we began meeting in September 2018 having been sent from Nottingham as a church plant by Grace Church Nottingham. We established our own charity on 20th October 2020 and by May 2021 began operating as an independent charity. Prior to May 2021 the church operated as a branch of Grace Church Nottingham.

Whilst there have been challenges in becoming established as a charity in the midst of a global pandemic, we have seen the faithfulness of God in our calling to plant Revelation Church. We have found a long-term home in which we can put our roots down to grow and start to reach our local community and the wider city. A healthy start to our finances in our first operating year gives us a confident expectation having the resources to continue to reach out and begin new initiatives, and we have a vibrant and healthy community ready to step out in faith into all God is leading us into.

Sunday meetings

A significant development for us has been finding a facility to hire for our Sunday and midweek meetings. The Millennium Powerhouse is situated in Moss Side and only a mile from the city centre. It's perfectly situated to reach University students whilst also being in an inner city area renowned for being one of more deprived areas in the city. This location is not only accessible from across the city, but there is great opportunity to meet the real economic and immediate needs of people right on our doorstep.

Our Sunday meetings had been online-only until April 2021, after which we were able to begin weekly meetings at the Powerhouse albeit under significant COVID restrictions. Despite the challenges of building connections almost entirely over screens, our community grew during our online time and moving to in-person gatherings continued to spark growth. As the year ended, we were averaging around 60 people at our Sunday gatherings, and this growth has continued into 2021/22.

University students

In the winter of 2020, the University of Manchester made national headlines due to the poor isolation conditions within its accommodation, and we were able to reach out and connect with students who had been unable to socialise and find community. We were able to provide much needed supplies and home baked goods, whilst also helping them find relationships in a unique time of loneliness, and a number of these students are now in key leadership roles within the church. Many others were hit by the economic impact of the pandemic, and we opened up a support fund for anyone connected with the church to request groceries or other needs. Only £50 was used from this fund as our church community rose to meet the need - individuals and families responding to do weekly food shops, cook meals and give gifts to those in need within the community. It's estimated that closer to £1,000 of support was provided overall.

Generosity

We are called to bring the Kingdom of God to Manchester in both word and deed, and although we are just beginning we want serving the poor in the city to be at our foundation. We have begun by partnering with Barnabas, a highly respected Christian charity reaching out to the homeless in the city. We have spent this year building relationship and supporting them financially. We are growing our financial support whilst also seeking to become actively involved in serving the poor in Manchester.

Global reach

The COVID-19 pandemic has created great disruption and tragedy and caused individuals across the globe to seek for answers, and we have seen the power of being a connected world as we have hosted gatherings online. Whilst our focus has always been reaching people in Greater Manchester, we have been encouraged to hear stories from as far as Kenya, India, Iran and Bangladesh as people have joined our Zoom calls, watched our sermons or connected us on social media to say that through Revelation Church people are finding their way to God or being strengthened in their faith.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

Financially we are in a strong position to end August 2021. We have been supported by Grace Connection with a large gift to get us started, and all our ongoing income comes from member donations. In 2020/21 we did not run a full budget year and only began receiving monthly donations from the majority of our members in August 2021 but into 2021/22 we have seen member donations matching our outgoings on an ongoing monthly basis, leaving a large amount in reserves.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £15,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of budgeted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £13,500 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by Duncan Bell. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the chair of trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Robin Cox

Date: 09 June 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Revelation Church Manchester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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Date: 15 June 2022

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds		
		£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		10,051	-	-	10,051
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-
Other grants		20,000	-	-	20,000
Other		2	-	-	2
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>30,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,053</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	16,509	-	-	16,509
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	50	-	-	50
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>16,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,559</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		13,494	-	-	13,494
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>13,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,494</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		-	-	-	-
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>13,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,494</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2021
	General funds	Designated funds		
	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	13,494	-	-	13,494
	<u>13,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,494</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	2,003	-	-	2,003
	<u>2,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,003</u>
C Liabilities				
Falling due within one year:				
Pension	158	-	-	158
Fee for Independent Examination	538	-	-	538
	<u>696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>696</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				
				2021
				£
Contents and equipment				15,000
				<u>15,000</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Robin Cox date 09 June 2022

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	2021
	funds	funds		
	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment costs	12,720	-	-	12,720
Staff training and expenses	48	-	-	48
Venue hire	740	-	-	740
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	2,145	-	-	2,145
Ministry expenses	80	-	-	80
Insurance	54	-	-	54
Legal and professional fees	615	-	-	615
Administration and support	38	-	-	38
Other costs	69	-	-	69
	<u>16,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,509</u>
3 Grants and gifts paid to others				
Organisations	-	-	-	-
Individuals	50	-	-	50
	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.