



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Rock Church Stratford-upon-Avon

On accounts for the
period ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1195784

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, 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 Charity'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:

Date:

30/1/2023

Name:

Joanne Baldwin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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THE ROCK CHURCH STRATFORD UPON AVON

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1195784

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 10th SEPTEMBER 2021 TO 31st MARCH 2022

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith, in particular but not exclusively, by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching in Stratford-upon-Avon and such other parts of the United Kingdom; and the relief of persons who are in need.

The charity was incorporated as a CIO with the Charity Commission on the 10th September 2021, charity registration number 1195784. Its website is www.therockchurchstratford.org.

The Rock Church Trustees have served the vision of the church since its inception, and at the time of writing this report are:

Anne Lowe from 1st January 2021

Angus Eagles from 1st January 2021

Claire Banner from 22nd February 2022

Rachel Franklin from 22nd August 2022

The Elders are:

Arvel Lowe - Lead Pastor.

Angus Eagles

Paul Davies

The Elders were formally appointed on the 27th March 2022.

The Elders oversee the spiritual direction of the church.

The Trustees are appointed by the charity and share the ultimate responsibility for governance and operational management.

The Trustees and Elders are volunteers, each serving within the requirements of a signed volunteer's agreement, with all necessary 'safer recruitment' checks being undertaken.

All Trustees are aware of the requirements of being a Trustee and have all signed the Trustee Eligibility Declaration form.

During the period 10th September 2021 to 8th August 2022 the function of the church was managed virtually, with weekly Sunday services and Trustee/prayer meetings being undertaken in line with Government guidelines due to the pandemic. In-person services started on 15th August 2021, following lifting of Government restrictions. In person Sunday services are held at the Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Rd, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0PY.

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The charity does not own any property currently, although is actively seeking a building within the geographical area of Stratford-upon-Avon.

We are keen to grow and raise the profile of the charity within the community of Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwickshire, to demonstrate Christian values and provide relief for persons who are in need through the demonstration of 'love' both practically and spiritually.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission and consider all the activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes to be of public benefit.

Use of volunteers

We have expanded the number of voluntary supporters during 2021/22 to 12, they are a diverse group of people serving the vision of the Rock Church and who bring a wide range of valuable skills and knowledge to the church. They are instrumental in the development and delivery of the services we are currently undertaking. They will also be key to the creation of new projects as we move forward.

The charity is incredibly grateful to all the supporters and volunteers who support the Rock Church who visit the homes for the elderly, vulnerable and lonely as part of the pastoral team. Our volunteers also actively help with the contributions from the Church/wider community to the local food bank. All have been managed within the 'safer recruitment' remit and all checks are verified.

Achievements and performance

Despite ongoing challenges brought about by the global pandemic, the charity worked in line with government safety guidance and performed well throughout the year.

- We have created numerous charity governance and HR policies as well as risk management processes to strengthen the charity.
- We purchased a subscription to iKnow Church which is an online database and administration software specifically designed for churches. This was done to help us in securely storing the data of those in our database.
- The platforms we use have user accessible unsubscribe/remove options should they no longer wish for us to hold any of their personal information and aid us in our commitment to securely holding data and being GDPR compliant.
- We use pCloud which is a secure cloud based file storage solution for the storage and sharing of church related files between selected persons - currently church leadership and Trustees.
- We are now exploring utilising MS Office 365.

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- Our website is on a secure hosting server and all contact forms send messages directly to our info@therockchurchstratford.com email address. No messages or personal information is captured and stored on the website itself.
- We have received 2,632 unique visitors to our website which evidences new and ongoing relationships with those we seek to serve.
- We developed a ministry for the youth to help young children understand the gospel and have fun during the service.
- We purchased £8,251 of PA and Audio Visual equipment for use for the services which included:
 - Sound Desk
 - iPad (remote sound desk control)
 - 2 x Laptops (1 for visuals, 1 for Zoom)
 - iPhone (for Zoom Camera)
 - Speakers
 - Cabling
 - Projector
 - Projector Screen
 - Wireless Microphones
 - Microphones
 - Rack (for protecting equipment)
 - Rack Drawers
 - Protective cases
 - LED Lights
- We received £500 as a donation from HSBC to recognise the time spent by one of our volunteers on church activities.
- We have affiliated with OSL (Order of St Leonard) whose vision is to bring together all those whose belief is in Jesus from whatever culture, denomination or church stream. Working collectively in faith and having a larger organisation which we work alongside, enhances our reach and the impact we can have to wider communities. Membership of OSL brings the Rock Church into fellowship with Churches Together in England whose focus is supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

Charitable giving to OSL for £1,000 was given on 8th December 2021.

- We registered for the Governments Gift Aid scheme ensuring that any donations provided by the congregation can be enhanced through the Government scheme.
- We appointed Ormerod Rutter Chartered Accountants (Droitwich) to support us with our financial reporting and advice.

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Future plans include (but are not limited to):

- We will actively seek to raise awareness of the power of the gospel and its impact on people's lives.
- We will continue to work closely with those who engage with us to further develop our strategy.
- We will remain committed to our Objects and Vision.
- We will continue to monitor the uptake and outcomes of the work undertaken by the Rock Church and adapt our services and processes where required.
- We will expand our networking activities, build relationships and partnerships so that we can work with the community to offer a wider range of services and resources.
- We will seek our own building so that we can host mid-week and weekend groups for all the community.
- We will continually enhance our communications strategy so that we can extend our reach to those we seek to serve.
- We will further enhance our support to the many complex issues people experience.
- We will explore the potential to grow a network of further volunteers and 'friends' who are committed to supporting in the local communities.

Financial review

The Rock Church experienced significant growth during 2021/22 in terms of income. Our bank balance as at the 31st March 2022 consist of £9,441 (current account) £72,051 (savings account), £10 (crisis fund account) – total £81,502.

Funding has been moved from the Rock Church current account to a savings account to ensure financial due diligence.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that general unrestricted funds should be targeted at a level equal to six month's expected expenditure to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet costs as they fall due. Such reserves as of 31st March 2022 meet this requirement. The Trustees will continue to monitor the level of reserves and ensure it is managed being mindful of the FSCS requirements.

Additional information

The charity's principal source of funding is through donations from its congregation and visitors.

Structure, governance, management

The charity is governed by its Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity Trustees dated 10th September 2021. Trustees are appointed by Elders based on their skills.

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MARCH 2022

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are provided with information as to their duties and responsibilities, the terms of their engagement as a Trustee and details of the charity's key principles and aims for its work. Each Trustee is also provided with a copy of the constitution.

Organisational structure

The Trustees are responsible for managing the charity. Responsibilities for some functions are delegated to individuals as they see fit.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

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 judgements and 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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. 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.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs A Lowe
Chair of trustees

Dated:

 29/01/2023



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rock Church Stratford-upon-Avon

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

10/09/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation - transfer of opening bank balance	37,690	-		37,690	
Donations - other	56,126	12,156	-	68,282	-
Bank interest	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income)	93,817	12,156	-	105,973	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	93,817	12,156	-	105,973	-
A3 Payments					
Room hire	8,473	-	-	8,473	-
Advertising	254	-	-	254	-
DBS checks	104	-	-	104	-
Subscriptions & registration fees	608	870	-	1,478	-
Gift payments	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
Telephone costs	520	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	1,060	-	-	1,060	-
Christmas lunch costs	634	2,397	-	3,031	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,953	3,267	-	16,220	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Assets purchases from bank	-	-	-	-	-
Audio visual equipment	-	8,251	-	8,251	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	8,251	-	8,251	-
Total payments	12,953	11,518	-	24,471	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	80,864	638	-	81,502	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	80,864	638	-	81,502	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Bank account 1
Bank account 2
Bank account 3

Total cash funds

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

8,803
72,051
10
80,864

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

638
-
-
638

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

-
-
-
-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B5 Liabilities

Details

Independent examiners fees

Fund to which
liability relates

1,056

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Annie Lowe
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Date of
approval

29.01.23
29/1/23