

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1200154

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

ROOTED COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Rooted Community Church
Period ended 31st December 2023
Annual Report of the Trustees

(Report prepared by Trustees in collaboration with Church Administrator, Church Treasurer and Pastor)

Charitable Status

The charity is registered (No. 1200154) and governed in accordance with our Governing Document as a CIO- Foundation, being first registered on 23rd August 2022. This report covers the extended period of reporting from the date of registration of the charity up to the 31st December 2023. The registered administrative address for the charity is 45 Comberford Road, Tamworth, B79 8PE.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees are responsible for the oversight of the church as a CIO and work in collaboration with the Church Core Leadership and Pastor, who oversee the spiritual and practical life of the church on a day to day basis. Three of the Trustees, along with the Pastor, are also members of the Core Leadership. The church held its first Annual Church Meeting on the 26th March 2023 at which the Core Leadership, Wider Leadership and Trustees were affirmed. Progress of the different ministries that had begun during the first year of the church were shared, along with vision for development in the period following. Transparency is maintained within the Governance and Management Structure by sharing all documentation between teams on Microsoft 365 Teams (apart from confidential pastoral matters). As part of Governance procedures, the Trustees regularly review the CIO Governing document to ensure compliance with Charity Governance. At charity inception, Trustees were taken through a rigorous induction and training as well as sharing in online training for faith communities with the Charity Commission. Additional Trustees have been provided with our document 'Expectations of Trustees', which includes: explanation of the roles and responsibilities of Trustees; expectations of how they should be expected to fulfil their roles as Trustees; the legal requirements of Trustees; along with direction to further training and equipping sources on the Charity Commission website. They are also provided with a copy of the Charity Constitution and the Church Life document which cover the Structure, Governance and Management of the Charity. All our Trustees are Partners of Rooted Community Church and are chosen for the different skills that they bring to the Board of Trustees to enable effective Governance.

Objectives and Activities

The Objects of the Church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of the faith contained in the Constitution, Church Life document, and posted on the church website www.rootedcommunitychurch.co.uk
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

Our activities throughout the year, from the inception of the church, have been with those aims in mind and with working for the public benefit as stated below.

Our church name is the foundation for the 4 tag lines which undergird who we are and how we operate:

Rooted Community Church

- rooted in Christ
- rooted together
- rooted in community
- rooted to thrive.

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Objectives and Activities continued

During the past year of operation as Rooted Community Church (RCC) we have been conducting services on a Sunday afternoon at 4pm with the aim of equipping people to live out their faith and serve the community with the aim of extending the influence of the Christian faith and bringing people to faith in Christ – thus fulfilling our objective for the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public.

We have established 6 Rooted@Home small groups during the year, having started with just 2, with the aim of helping people grow in their faith and reach out to others.

We have established a WelcomeSpace on a Monday morning where people can come and find friendship, support, love and care in a warm social environment. During the latter part of the year this has expanded as we have taken on a Charity Letting of a shop in our local shopping centre where we can not only provide a warm WelcomeSpace, but also offer prayer, opportunity to explore the Christian faith and direct people to other churches, charities and agencies for different areas of support.

We have started a parent & toddler Stay & Play group on a Wednesday morning; a Rooted Youth club on a Friday evening and RootedKidz running alongside our Sunday services. We have also organised sessions for RootedWomen and RootedMen periodically. Activities are organised by and staffed by volunteers, with the additional help of the Pastor, who are Partners of Rooted Community Church, or regularly a part of the congregation.

Public Benefit Statement

When planning activities, the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. To that end we seek to serve the community and be a part of the community as well as providing services in different ways as mentioned above. During the period we have served our local Children's Centre by refurbishing some of their outdoor play area – repainting fences, planters and so on. We have conducted a number of local litter picks and carried out weeding around the local shops on paths and steps. We have also conducted a number of prayer walks around the community, praying into seen and felt needs and offering prayer to those whom we have met.

Achievements and Performance

As part of our worship we have during the period baptised 8 people as an act of their profession of faith in Christ. Since the establishment of the church we have seen 9 additional people added into the church as Partners, and have continued to see our congregation grow – to the extent that we anticipate having to plant at least one further congregation during the year ahead, and continue to grow the number of Rooted@Home small groups. Performance to meet our financial and charitable Objectives are regularly reviewed at Trustee meeting to ensure we stay on track.

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Financial Review


During this first extended period (16 months) of accounts, RCC has received total income of £147,791. The majority of the income has been tithes and offering donations to the church along with tax reclaimed on gift-aided donations. It is important to note that of the income reported in this period, a significant proportion of it (approximately £55k) is a result of large sum one-off giving from donors during the start-up of the church. The total expenditure in this period was £75,892 which includes our full time pastor, premises rental, administrative costs and missional giving. The resulting surplus of £71,899 in this first period provides a healthy foundation of reserves which are available to cover up to 12 months of operating costs, at current levels, and to provide funding possibilities for future ministry opportunities serving the local community in Tamworth and beyond. Full details of the income and expenditure (reported on a receipts and payments basis) are provided on Page 5.

Charity Trustees at the time of this report

Gillian Johnson
Paulus Daniel Van Harten
Andrew James Watts
Jo Scott
Margaret Ann Coleman
William Shakespeare
Susan Ann Milns
Ex-officio Stephen Denis Mark Le Page (Pastor)

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Name: 
5.2.24.
M. COLEMAN

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Rooted Community Church

for the 16th month

extended period with year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity.

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 Commissioners 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 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 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 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

Date



2/2/2024

Carolyn Smith FMAAT

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Rooted Community Church
16 months to 31st December 2023
Statement of Receipts & Payments

| | 2023 - 16 month period | | | 2022 |
|--|------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds | |
| | funds | funds | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| Gift-Aided donations | 74,411 | - | 74,411 | - |
| Non-Gift-Aided donations | 29,629 | - | 29,629 | - |
| One-off donation from Rooted Café Church | 25,614 | - | 25,614 | - |
| Gift-Aid tax income from HMRC | 15,970 | - | 15,970 | - |
| Income from other activities | 2,087 | - | 2,087 | - |
| Bank interest received | 81 | - | 81 | - |
| Sub total | 147,791 | - | 147,791 | - |
| Sale of Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 147,791 | - | 147,791 | - |
| Payments | | | | |
| Employment costs including pensions | 42,218 | - | 42,218 | - |
| Staff training and ministry resources | 1,117 | - | 1,117 | - |
| Missional giving | 8,400 | - | 8,400 | - |
| Ministry gifts to visiting speakers | 600 | - | 600 | - |
| Room hire | 7,537 | - | 7,537 | - |
| Insurance | 1,579 | - | 1,579 | - |
| IT software / consumables & licences | 1,987 | - | 1,987 | - |
| Design, printing and advertising | 602 | - | 602 | - |
| Legal and professional fees | 2,829 | - | 2,829 | - |
| Repairs, maintenance and small equipment | 2,586 | - | 2,586 | - |
| Other training & regulatory costs | 572 | - | 572 | - |
| Sundry expenses | 373 | - | 373 | - |
| Sub total | 70,399 | - | 70,399 | - |
| Purchases of Assets (see table) | 5,493 | - | 5,493 | - |
| Total payments | 75,892 | - | 75,892 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 71,899 | - | 71,899 | - |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this period end | 71,899 | - | 71,899 | - |

Rooted Community Church
As at 31st December 2023
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

| Details | Unrestricted funds | Total funds |
|--|--|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | |
| Bank current account | 71,899 | 71,899 |
| Petty Cash | - | - |
| Total cash funds | 71,899 | 71,899 |
| | Fund to which asset relates | Amount due |
| | £ | £ |
| Other monetary assets | | |
| Gift Aid due from HMRC | Unrestricted | 1,437 |
| | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost |
| Assets retained for the charity's own use | | |
| PA equipment | Unrestricted | 2,435 |
| Dishwasher | Unrestricted | 1,200 |
| Church banners and pop-ups | Unrestricted | 1,008 |
| PAT testing equipment | Unrestricted | 455 |
| Unit 12 furniture | Unrestricted | 214 |
| Stay & play equipment | Unrestricted | 181 |
| | | 5,493 |
| | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due |
| Liabilities | | |
| PAYE & NI due to HMRC | Unrestricted | 2,158 |
| Pension costs | Unrestricted | 1,793 |
| | | 3,951 |

Notes to the Accounts

- 1) There has been no guarantee given by Rooted Community Church which has resulted in any potential liability at 31st December 2023.
- 2) There is no outstanding debt at 31st December 2023 which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees:

Name:  M. COLEMAN

Date of Approval:

5.2.24.