

Allerton United Reformed Church

Trustees Report for 2020

During the course of the year, no new members joined the church either by Profession of Faith or by Transfer from other churches and 6 members were removed from the Roll by death or for other reasons. The number of names on the Roll of Members decreased to 66.

Pastoral care of church members was exercised informally by the Minister and individual members and formally by the Elders working through 7 Elders Districts. Pastoral care focused particularly on helping and encouraging the housebound, the sick, the bereaved and the troubled, especially in the context of the pandemic.

The congregation met for the public worship of God in the United Reformed Church tradition on those few Sunday mornings allowed for by lockdown guidelines.

The Children's Organisations ceased to meet for much of the year due to the lockdown guidelines. Some were able to keep in touch using Zoom.

The Adult Organisations also ceased to meet due to the lockdown guidelines.

All the regular social and fundraising events were cancelled.

The external national organisation Al-Anon, supporting the families of Alcoholics, also suspended its meetings.

The church supported several charitable causes including the URC Commitment for Life Scheme in support of World Development. The congregational Benevolent Fund gave donations to several national and local causes. Individuals and church organisations supported causes such as Claire House. The church is an accredited Fair Trade Church.

At a national level, the church supported URC national and international charitable projects through its monthly contributions to the Ministry and Mission Fund and through donations to Christian Aid.

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ALLERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

31/12/2020		Undesignated	Designated	Total
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources (Freewill offering, plates, gift aid and other)	1a	45,168.14	240.00	45,408.14
Income from activities in furtherance of charitable objectives (Funerals and Magazine)	1b	264.10	0.00	264.10
Fundraising Activities	1c	2,516.20	0.00	2,516.20
Investment income CCLA / COIF and Mersey Synod Trust	1d	1,216.08	0.00	1,216.08
Other incoming resources	1e	17,380.03	1,135.34	18,515.37
Adjustment Historic discrepancy; adjustment to align published balance brought forward 1/1/20 to actual figure; we actually had £13.89 more than the published figure.		13.89		13.89
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		66,558.44	1,375.34	67,933.78

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Appeals, donations, outreach	2a	0.00	425.00	425.00
Note that sums received by way of appeals for other charities, etc., and then paid out to those charities, are not strictly part of our income or expenditure, but rather they are sums held in trust. In line with advice received, these are now reported separately from our internal church accounts.				
Costs of activities for charitable objectives	2b	47,977.84	4,294.09	52,271.93
Support costs + sundry payments	2c	1,043.05	0.00	1,043.05
Investment Pool Mersey Synod	2d	1,167.54	0.00	1,167.54

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		50,188.43	4,719.09	54,907.52
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NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES		16,370.01	-3,343.75	13,026.26
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TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD at LESS FUNDS HELD IN TRUST FROM 2019	01 January 2020	57,446.41
		1,105.53

Hence TOTAL FUNDS at	31 December 2020	69,367.14
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LETTINGS INCOME

Total lettings income	11,173.00
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Total income	67,933.78
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Percentage of income due to lettings	16.4%
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Maximum percentage permitted by Charity Commissioners	60.0%
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ALLERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
31/12/2020

	Undesignated Funds £	Designated Funds £	Equipment, etc. £	Total £
FIXED ASSETS				
Investment Pool held by Mersey Synod; now wound up.	0.00			0.00
Proceeds of sale paid into bank				0.00
Piano			2,000.00	2,000.00
				0.00
				0.00
	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank: Current Account	2,496.37			2,496.37
Coif Account	13,262.80			13,262.80
Bank: Savings Account	19,464.25	34,464.27		53,928.52
Cash Float	182.40			182.40
Sundry Debtors				0.00
	35,405.82	34,464.27		69,870.09

Note that Cash Float is actually FWO offertory for 27 December in dated envelopes, but not actually received until after the New Year; so credited as for 27 December in order to credit it to the correct week, but treated as immediately transferred to Cash Float in order to reconcile with the banking. Subsequently banked 12 January 2021.

TOTAL ASSETS

35,405.82	34,464.27	2,000.00	71,870.09
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TOTAL FUNDS (i.e. assets other than equipment)

35,405.82	34,464.27	69,870.09
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Outstanding M&M commitment	10,710.00	0.00	10,710.00
Agreed partial deferral because of impact of Covid restrictions			
Cheques issued and in pipeline	251.17	0.00	251.17
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	10,961.17	0.00	10,961.17

TOTAL LIABILITIES

10,961.17	0.00	10,961.17
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NET ASSETS

24,444.65	34,464.27	2,000.00	60,908.92
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FUNDS

General Account	6,132.82	0.00	6,132.82
Legacies and In Memoria	29,273.00	10,100.20	39,373.20
Children and Youth	0.00	805.67	805.67
Organ Fund	0.00	22,554.85	22,554.85
Flower Fund	0.00	421.13	421.13
Benevolent Fund	0.00	582.42	582.42
Special Covid Equipment	0.00	-261.88	-261.88
	35,405.82	34,464.27	69,608.21

Note that total of designated funds excludes the "Covid Fund", which is in deficit.

Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
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Total Assets (i.e. Total of Funds plus listed Equipment)

35,405.82	34,464.27	2,000.00	71,608.21
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Current Account Uncommitted Funds

Balance	2,496.37
Cheques issued and in pipeline	251.17
Uncommitted Funds	2,245.20

ALLERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

31/12/2020

1. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Undesignated	Designated	Total
	Funds £	Funds £	£
1(a) Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources			
Freewill offerings	20,918.31		20,918.31
Gift Aid Yellow Envelopes	1,940.00		1,940.00
Collection Plates	2,661.50		2,661.50
Legacies, In Memoriam, & Other Donations	19,648.33		19,648.33
Premises - Special COVID Precautions & Equipment		240.00	240.00
			0.00
			0.00
	45,168.14	240.00	45,408.14
1(b) Income from activities in furtherance of charitable objectives			
Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms + Fees	2.00		2.00
Tea and Coffee Donations	40.00		40.00
Messenger Sales & Advertising	13.60		13.60
Reform Subscriptions	208.50		208.50
	264.10	0.00	264.10
1(c) Income from activities for generating funds			
RADS Theatre Dinner	1,069.20		1,069.20
Musical Evening 29 Feb	493.00		493.00
Sale of Plants & Marmalade	174.00		174.00
Open Door Coffee Morning	43.00		43.00
Craft Group, in lieu of Christmas Fayre	150.00		150.00
Christmas Raffle	361.00		361.00
Christmas Card sales	226.00		226.00
			0.00
			0.00
	2,516.20	0.00	2,516.20
1(d) Investment income			
Bank interest received	29.28		29.28
CCLA Interest retained	34.77		34.77
Investment Pool with Mersey Synod; Fluctuation	-15.51		-15.51
Investment Pool with Mersey Synod; Forced Sale, due to pooled investment winding up despite our clear objections.	1,167.54		1,167.54
	1,216.08	0.00	1,216.08
1(e) Other incoming resources			
Premises and organizations' donations* (see below)	11,173.00	0.00	11,173.00
Grants and other premises income (excluding lettings)		0.00	0.00
RADS	2,000.00		2,000.00
Tax Refund - Gift Aid	4,181.29	0.00	4,181.29
Benevolent Fund (income see note 5)		461.68	461.68
Flower Fund income		0.00	0.00
Sundry	25.74		25.74
Youth & Children		132.00	132.00
Heart of Liverpool Pastorate; Minister's expenses from other Churches		500.00	500.00
St. Stephen's; reimbursement for their humidity sensor (paid from, and reimbursed to, Organ Fund)		41.66	41.66
			0.00
	17,380.03	1,135.34	18,515.37

***Premises Income and Organization Donations**

3 Storage containers:			
Guides	210.00		210.00
Rangers	200.00		200.00
GuidesRADS	210.00		210.00
Al-Anon	120.00		120.00
Barnabas Bible Study Group	0.00		0.00
Beavers	200.00		200.00
Belly Dancing	200.00		200.00
Caterpillar Music	1,020.00		1,020.00
Ceroc Dance Group	490.00		490.00
Dance Group	445.00		445.00
Guides	240.00		240.00
Healthy hearts	80.00		80.00
Kumon	1,392.00		1,392.00
Monday Club	50.00		50.00
Music Theory Group	75.00		75.00
Carlton House	0.00		0.00
Other lettings	100.00		100.00
Rainbows	0.00		0.00
4th Allerton Scouts	836.00		836.00
Tai Chi	440.00		440.00
Tots & Co	800.00		800.00
Tumble Tots	495.00		495.00
VIP Puppets	0.00		0.00
Yoga	1,095.00		1,095.00
Zumba	335.00		335.00
The Little Laboratory	45.00		45.00
Birthday and Other Parties	250.00		250.00
Giggling Tots	270.00		270.00
Diddi Dance	140.00		140.00
Strengthening Wellbeing Together	75.00		75.00
Barefaced Fit	120.00		120.00
Ballroom Dancing	315.00		315.00
Craft Group	220.00		220.00
Cinderella Panto Filming	500.00		500.00
Tread Classes	135.00		135.00
Teeny Tiny Tots	70.00		70.00
			0.00
			0.00
	11,173.00	0.00	11,173.00

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Undesignated	Designated	Total
Funds	Funds	
£	£	£

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

2(a) Appeals and donations received 2019 & paid out 2020, NET EXPENDITURE (see note 5)	25.00	25.00
Benevolent Fund expenditure (see note 5)	400.00	400.00
Person in Need; authorised by Tim Meadows		0.00
Other Outreach	0.00	0.00
	0.00	425.00

2(b) Costs of activities for charitable objectives

Ministerial and Service Expenses

Ministry & Mission	16,935.60	16,935.60
Minister's expenses		0.00
Pulpit fees	60.00	60.00
Organists' fees	810.00	810.00
Licensing fees (CCLI, etc.	539.28	539.28
Materials for Worship	71.49	71.49
Defibrillator Consumables	218.40	218.40
	18,634.77	18,634.77

Church premises

Heating and Lighting	6,039.90	6,039.90
Cleaning (salary, materials + equipment)	9,735.00	9,735.00
Water (Church and Manse)	1,458.11	1,458.11
Fire extinguisher maint	297.84	297.84
Pest Control	384.00	384.00
Insurance	4,147.26	4,147.26
	22,062.11	22,062.11

Other

Premises Expenditure* (see below)	6,952.96	2,800.00	9,752.96
Premises - Special COVID Precautions & Equipment		501.88	501.88
Publicity	328.00		328.00
Children and Youth		336.04	336.04
Organ Fund expenditure (includes humidity sensor for St. Stephen's, since reimbursed)		398.97	398.97
Flower Fund expenditure		0.00	0.00
Fundraising floats / expenses		257.20	257.20
	7,280.96	4,294.09	11,575.05

2(c) Support costs and sundry expenses

Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	958.22	958.22
Secretary's Expenses	0.00	0.00
Accountancy Fees (Invoice still awaited at year end)	0.00	0.00
* Sundry Expenses	84.83	84.83
	1,043.05	1,043.05

* Note that Sundry Expenses include £25 annual registration fee for Liverpool Free Church Federal Council, plus £30 for leaving gift for Moderator, and £20 for a retirement gift for one of our volunteer workers.

2(d) Investment Pool Mersey Synod

Forced sale of holding when fund wound up; entered at cell C 166 as investment income, and paid into bank.	1,167.54	1,167.54
	1,167.54	1,167.54

***Premises General Expenditure**

Brian Merrett; Proven Hall Roof	650.00	200.00	850.00
P A Lahogne; storage cupboard, Choir Room	1,248.41		1,248.41
Elektrikom	740.00		740.00
David Jones, paint, etc.	42.45		42.45
Mike Pugh, sum overdue from April 2019 to the late Denise Pugh. Reimbursemet for payment to Ni-Pi for electrical work, April 2019	186.00		186.00
Brian Merrett; painting & other work in Proven Hall		2,600.00	2,600.00
David Jones; paint, etc.	39.00		39.00
Mersey Synod; 2019 payment for Building Survey Scheme. Paid late by oversight	135.00		135.00
Proven Hall floor; Traditional Floori8ng UK Ltd.	2,034.00		2,034.00
D & I Roofing, paid by BACS; emergency repairs following water ingress and flood in corridor.	120.00		120.00
D & I Roofing, paid by BACS; emergency leak repair	140.00		140.00
Mersey Synod; Annual (2020) Contribution to Building Survey Scheme	135.00		135.00
D&I Roofing; emergency repair (water ingress)	140.00		140.00
New keys	29.10		29.10
Sue Pickering of 202 Mather Avenue; contribution towards cost of replacement fence to common boundary, following resolution of Manaquers	500.00		500.00
New keys	14.00		14.00
D&I Roofing; emergency repairs	800.00		800.00
	6,952.96	2,800.00	9,752.96

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	b/f 1/1/2020	Income	Expenditure	Current Total
	£	£	£	£

3. FUND ACCOUNTS

(a) Youth and Children (Junior Worship & Holiday Club)	1,009.71	132.00	336.04	805.67
(b) Organ Fund	22,912.16	41.66	398.97	22,554.85
(c) Flower Fund	421.13	0.00	0.00	421.13
(d) Benevolent Fund	520.74	461.68	400.00	582.42
(e) Special COVID Precautions & Equipment	N/A	240.00	501.88	-261.88

Note that figure brought forward for Benevolent Fund is that PRIOR to cheques for December 2019 donations being debited to the bank, as these were still in the pipeline at the year end.

4. APPEALS - SUMS RECEIVED 2019 & PAID OUT 2020

	b/f 1/1/2020	Income	Expenditure	Net
				Expenditure
Christingle 2019 (for Claire House)	474.48	N/A	474.48	0.00
Christian Aid Commitment for Life 2019	631.05	N/A	631.05	0.00
				0.00
Total	1,105.53	0.00	1,105.53	0.00

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5. BENEVOLENT FUND EXPENDITURE DETAILS

			Running Total
Balance as at 1/1/2020	520.74		520.74
Pipeline as at 1/1/20		400.00	120.74
Income	461.68		582.42
			582.42
			582.42
			582.42
			582.42
Current totals	982.42	400.00	582.42



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

FUNDS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH ALLERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2020

Charity no
(if any)

225517

Set out on pages

1 to 5 attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

15 June 2021

Name:

Timothy Vogel

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None