

# Allerton United Reformed Church

## Trustees Report for 2023

During the course of the year, no new members joined the church either by Professional Faith or by Transfer from other churches and 7 members were removed from the roll by death or for other reasons. The number of names on the Roll of Members decreased to 62.

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

The congregation met weekly for the public worship of God in the United Reformed Church tradition on Sunday mornings.

The spiritual and social needs of children were addressed by Junior Worship which met during Sunday morning worship. Children shared with the congregation in worship and also met together to learn more about God and the moral responsibilities of living a Christian life in the church and the community.

The church sponsored several charitable causes including the URC Commitment for Life Scheme in support of World Development and the Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The congregational Benevolent Fund gave donations to several national and local causes, individuals and church-supported organisations such as The Whitechapel Centre and The Brain Charity.

The children in Junior Worship raised money for Asylum Link.

The church is an accredited Fair-Trade Church and a Rocha-Bronze Award Eco-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.

Signed:

Ruth Winterburn *Ruth Winterburn*

Barbara Ellis *B. Ellis*

Raymond Redfern *Raymond Redfern*

Nick Pye *Nick Pye*

*15 October 2024*

Headline Figures	
Income	86,657.12
Outgoings	84,061.43
Profit/Loss	2595.693

Income	£
Donations, Fundraising Activates (Donations Tab)	47,977.05
Lettings Income (Lettings Tab)	27,313.77
Income from activities (Other Income Tab)	8,700.50
Bank Interest (Bank Interest Tab)	236.08
Investment income CCLA (CCLA Deposit Tab)	985.27
Investment growth (CCLA Investment Account Tab)	1,444.45
Total Income	86657.12

Notable Income Detail	£
Weekly Congregation Donations	10517.96
Monthly Regular Gift Aid Donations	17246.88
Spring Fair	1497.60
Strawberry Tea & Plant Sale	1619.80
Christmas Fair	4483.80
#1 Letting (Kumon)	7598.00
#2 Letting (Caterpillar Music)	3085.00
#3 Letting (K Dixon)	2685.00
#4 Letting (Tread)	2670.00
#5 Letting (Dance Unlimited)	1760.00
Lettings income % (must be <=60%)	31.52%

Account Status 31/12/22	£
Safe	681.00
Community Account	3761.10
Active Saver Account	22325.28
CCLA Deposit Account	23467.69
CCLA Investment Account	11780.05
Total Monies	62015.12

Key Assets	£
Grand Piano	2000.00
Printer	1000.00

Outgoings	
Appeals, Donations, Outreach	3597.71
Ministerial & Service Expenditure	28258.59
Church Premises (Heat/Light etc.)	22587.29
Maintenance of Building	28681.52
Supporting Costs/ Sundry Expenses	936.32
	84061.43

Notable Outgoing Detail	
Childrens Holiday Club	1223.85
Ministry Fees	24756.6
Cleaning Fees	7303.91
Gas	4944.94
Insurance	4907.09
Electricity	2432.46
Main Hall Refurbishment	16839.00
Re-Pointing Work	9000.00

Designated Funds	
Doodson Fund (Formally Organ Fund)	12097.53
Junior Worship Fund	720.45
Flower Fund	411.13
Benevolent Fund	652.59
Ukraine Appeal Fund	0
Special Covid Equipment Fund	0
Total Designated Monies	13881.7
Total Undesignated Monies	48133.42

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allerton United Reformed Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Allerton United Reformed Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Church 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 Church'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**

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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Date: 29 October 2024