

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 233569

Details

Other names	FUND FOR STEWART HALL OF THE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND, FUND FOR STEWART HALL OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-02-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	41 Mandarin Close Westerhope Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE5 1YP
Phone	01912672594
Email	stephennelson.family@gmail.com

Activities

Objects: INCOME TO BE APPLIED FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATED OF THE DEED IN OR TOWARDS THE RECONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OR UPGRADING OF THE STEWART HALL INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPMENT THEROF IN SUCH MANNER AS WILL IMPROVE THE SUITABILITY OF THE HALL FOR USE AS A HALL. AFTER FIVE YEARS, CAPTIAL TO BE APPLIED IN OR TOWARDS IMPROVING OR RENOVATING THE FABRIC OR THE BUILDINGS OF THE CHURCH AND THE FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT THEROF OR OTHERWISE FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Religious/Christian Church. Uniformed organisations, beavers, cubs, scouts, Inspire Youth, SEARCH activities, Congolese worship group, Romanian worship group, bowling club, WI, Sewing group (WEA), Band practise and other groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£268,470	£67,438	-	-
2024-12-31	£29,252	£43,636	-	-
2023-12-31	£55,062	£56,054	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,987	£31,616	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,421	£24,945	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Nelson	Chair	2021-01-12
Bill Sutherland		2018-04-21
JUNE WALKER		1960-04-01
John Leslie		2022-02-01
URC NORTHERN PROVINCE TRUST LTD		

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 233569

Accounts

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	2024	2025
Loose offering	2,058:61	1,932.60
Envelope offering	8,565:00	7,400.00
Gift aid gifts	75:00	NIL
Miscellaneous gifts	470:00	NIL
Total gifts	11,168.61	9,332.60
Coffee	186:33	219.49
Gift Day	410:00	410.00
Building maintenance	nil	79,818.56 Funds from Manse sale returned by Synod
Disaster appeals	nil	NIL
Bequest	nil	157,978.29 from Estate of Ron Morris
Total 'other' giving	596.33	238,426.34
Romanian congregation	4,084:50	4,031.00
Congolese congregation	2,945:00	4,219.00
Total Christian congregations	7,029.50	8,250.00
Bowls	1,400:00	1,400.00
WI	140:00	NIL group has been dissolved
Meze Mundo	1,400:00	1,400.00
Sewing class	2,650:00	1,812.50 – now independent group
Scouts	1,000:00	1,500.00
Inspire Youth	1,311:00	3,860.00
Other room users, rentals, etc	1,500:00	1,405.00 (Scouts donation extracted)
Total room users	9,401.00	11,377.50

Christmas Fair	976:95		923.60	
Pulpit Supply support	80:00		160.00	
		1,056,95		1,083.60
TOTAL NON-GRANT INCOME	29,252.39		268,470.04	

GRANTS RECEIVED – None 2024 and 2025

	EXPENDITURE	2024	2025
Ministry and Mission	8,526:00	7,674.00	
Pulpit supply	269:19	856.05	
Community Worker expenses	600:00	152.50	
Total 'service' provision	9,395.19		8,682.55
Disaster Appeal (UNISEF)	NA	NA	
Energy Electric	1,901.58	2,146.91	
Energy Gas	2,921:24	4,793.86	
Water	254:74	291.54	
Insurance	3,582:30	3,440.21	
Caretaker (wages)	1,040:00	1,040.00	
Caretaker flat Council Tax	1,520:03	1,599.73	
Repairs and maintenance	18,362:83	44,282.09	
Cleaning materials	324:21	455.89	
Broadband	3,127:20	658.19	
Total buildings costs	33,034.13		58,708.42
Admin/other expenditure	1,207:66	47.74	
TOTAL NON-GRANT EXPENDITURE	43,636.98		67,438.71

FUNDS – BALANCE SHEET

Opening balances 1st January 2025

Main Bank	32,034.63
Reserve Building Fund held within main account (10,000)	

Plus Total non-grant income 268,470.04

Less Total non-grant expenditure 67,438.71

Closing balances (excluding grants) 201,031.33

31st December 2025

Main Bank 233,065.96

TOTAL £233,065.96

NOTE:

The expected monies from the sale of the manse were paid across from Synod after the 5 year gap. This money had been targeted by the Elders to improve the fabric of the church buildings. This included replacing condemned gas fires in the caretakers flat, updating the caretakers bathroom facilities, creating audio visual facilities in the main hall for worship groups and community users. The funding allowed Elders to focus on a mission to support members of the community who were living with memory issues particularly those with Dementia. A decision to redecorate in Dementia friendly colours with appropriate toilets, carpets and support rails was made. At this point a truly amazing bequest was forwarded of over £150,000. This will allow us to support qualified workers from SEARCH to run Memory Tea groups at RSM on Wednesdays, once the building and decorating work is completed.

Robert Stewart Memorial United Reformed Financial Report for 2025

The year has been astonishing in terms of our financial state. Initially the expected monies from the sale of the manse were paid across from Synod after the 5 year gap. This money had been targeted by the Elders to improve the fabric of the church buildings. This included replacing condemned gas fires in the caretakers flat, updating the caretakers bathroom facilities, creating audio visual facilities in the main hall for worship groups and community users. The funding allowed Elders to focus on a mission to support members of the community who were living with memory issues particularly those with Dementia. A decision to redecorate in Dementia friendly colours with appropriate toilets, carpets and support rails was made. At this point a truly amazing bequest from the passing of Mr Ron Morris was forwarded of over £150,000. This will allow us with the help of Synod , to support qualified workers from SEARCH to run Memory Tea groups at RSM on Wednesdays, once the building and decorating work is completed.

To protect the Current cheque bank account from fraud and other possibilities, the manse monies and bequest were placed in a different account and as building improvements are made monies are drawn down from this into the current account.

The income during 2025 saw a drop in congregational giving of just under £2,000 compared to the previous year which is balanced out with increased giving from the Congolese worship group. Community user groups saw a significant increase from Inspire Youth as they increased provision for young people during the holidays. Unfortunately for the sewing group, WEA have withdrawn the funding. We are supporting the group by relaxing charges to enable the well supported group to continue and build a robust system to ensure they can be self funding. As already mentioned the £79,818.56 from the Manse sale and the bequest of £157,978.29 has given a secure financial platform of over £200,000. The expenditure has shown a significant increase in pulpit supply which has been off set by Synod support in supporting these costs. The energy costs have increased especially the cost of gas which has increased by nearly £2,000. The major expenditure has been the planned spend of the Manse monies to improve the urgent repairs and upgrades of the building. These have included:

Repair and blocking off of a light well which has been leaking (£2,500), repairing and having to replace the kitchen boiler (£3,000+), replacing condemned gas fires in the caretakers flat and organ room (£12,000+), double glazing window replacement in the Ladies toilets (£1,200), establishing a full Audio visual system in the main hall (£8,260) for community users and worship groups, the main hall floor sanded and sealed (£3,000) and the refurbishment of an outdated bathroom for the caretakers flat (£4,600).

As part of our mission to become a Dementia friendly building we have begun decoration in the colours advised by Dementia workers from SEARCH and are looking to help fund two workers to run the Memory tea group on Wednesdays. We currently support: Bowling club, Tea and Tech group, Ukelele group, West End Friends and Asian Ladies group, Romanian worship group, Congolese worship group, WEA ESOL courses, Meze Mundo a local street band, Sewing groups, Inspire Youth a youth club, and the 49th Scouts: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of Robert Stewart Memorial United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 Charity no (if any) 233569

Set out on pages 1 - 7

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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: [Signature] Date: 17.4.26

Name: KEITH GAVIN MILLER

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

Address: 14 BOLBEEC ROAD, FENHAM

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
NE4 9EP

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.

[Large empty box for disclosure details]

KEITH GAVIN MILLER

14 BOLBEEC ROAD, FENHAM

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 233569

Accounts

The Annual Robert Stewart Memorial United Reformed Church 2024 Report

This year the funds have remained healthy despite an incredible price rise in energy bills. The 5 year agreement we had in place with much lower tariffs has protected us especially over the last two years. Our new three year contract was agreed in the light of continued global uncertainty and the prospect of ongoing increases. The knowledge of the increase and request for users of the building to be aware and be as frugal as they can be has helped with efficiency. The changing of all lighting to LED has helped the building efficiency as has the changing of the windows to double glazing too. The cost of gas has increased by £600 over the year.

Over the year the biggest spend was on maintenance and repairs on the building, including: damp treatment in the caretakers flat, emergency lighting, LED lighting installation, pointing and roof repairs to mend a leak on the minor hall roof, and emergency lighting installation.

In January we paid for the upgrade of the AV system to enable recording and the organ tuned for the Dementia Christmas Service that was broadcast at Christmas. February saw the installation of the memorial seating into the memorial garden. More roses were planted into the raised beds during March with further planting of bedding plants into fresh compost in May.

March was a time of repointing at higher levels of the building with repairs to the roof and dormer windows. The Scouts were supported with new independent lighting fed through to the hut and the mould and damp in the Caretakers flat were dealt with and eradicated effectively.

In June we enjoyed afternoon tea at Doxford Hall, meeting a number of past members from Edinburgh, Morpeth and Newcastle . A great day out was had by all.

In July the church sanctuary was painted with the internal and external entrance painted and weather proofed in September. During the summer , whilst most lettings were on holiday the safety checks eg PAT tests, fire extinguishers, alarm tests etc, emergency lights and the remaining lights that weren't LED were changed. The issue with the central heating boiler was repaired, a new circuit board being required.

In November we had a trip to Low Hauxley instead of visiting the Christmas tree exhibitions. The final costs of organ check and streaming camera upgrade were completed in time for the funeral of a well loved past member .

In summary, the support of the worship groups and community users has enabled the reserve to be increased to £10,000 and with no extreme expenses the balance has healthily remained stable. We are supporting SEARCH groups; West end friends, Tea and Tech, Singing for the Brain and seated dance at no cost for letting.

Thanks to Keith and Pauline Miller for auditing the accounts.

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

INCOME	2023	2024
Loose offering	1,824.80	2,058:61
Envelope offering	6,275.00	8,565:00
Gift aid gifts	2,500.00	E.Wallis, R.Morris
Gift Aid tax refund	2,910.52	applied for
Miscellaneous gifts	3,057.00	470:00
Total gifts	16,567.32	11,168.61
Coffee	119.30	186:33
Coin a day	14.00	nil
Gift Day	nil	410:00
Building maintenance	567.28	nil
Disaster appeals	97.00	nil
Bequest	20,904.64	D.Broomfield nil
Total 'other' giving	21,702.22	596.33
Ethiopian congregation	nil	
Romanian congregation	3,693.00	4,084:50
Congolese congregation	3,190.00	2,945:00
Total Christian congregations	6,883.00	7,029.50
Bowls	1,400.00	1,400:00
WI	255.00	140:00
Little band	1,760.00	1,400:00
Sewing class	1,050.00	2,650:00
Scouts	1,500.00	1,000:00
Inspire Youth	2,000.00	1,311:00

Other room users, rentals, etc	1,035.00		1,500:00
Total room users		9,000	9,401.00
Christmas Fair	997.34		976:95
Pulpit Supply support			80:00
			1,056,95
TOTAL NON-GRANT INCOME	55,149.88		29,252.39

GRANTS RECEIVED SHOWN BELOW under 'Improvements'

Synod property grant (windows)	2,242.00		NIL
Synod property grant (kitchen window)		441.00	
Synod property grant (Sanctuary glazing)		4,874.22	Feb
Synod property grant (Kitchen and prep room)		1,813.00	
	9,370.22		

EXPENDITURE**2023****2024**

Ministry and Mission	8,283.96	8,526:00
Pulpit supply	550.00	269:19
Community Worker expenses	836.37	600:00
Total 'service' provision	9,670.33	9,395.19
Disaster Appeal (Turkey)	97.00	NA
Energy Electric	1,933.28 (5 yr contract)	
1,901.58		
Energy Gas	2,311.82	2,921:24
Water	200.05	254:74
Insurance	3,507.70	3,582:30
Caretaker (wages)	1,040.00	1,040:00
Caretaker flat Council Tax	1,447.68	1,520:03
Caretaker flat gas	0.00	NA
Repairs and maintenance	30,262.21	18,362:83
Cleaning materials	339.07	324:21
Broadband	652.80	3,127:20
Total buildings costs	41,791.61	33,034.13
Admin/other expenditure	4,592.61	1,207:66
TOTAL NON-GRANT EXPENDITURE	56,054.55	43,636.98

FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET

Opening balances 1st January 2024

Main Bank	46,419.21	
Reserve Building Fund held within main account (10,000)

Plus Total non-grant income 29,252.39 + 46,419.21 = 75,671.60

Less Total non-grant expenditure 43,636.98

Closing balances (excluding grants)

31st December 2024

Main Bank 32,034.62

TOTAL

NOTE:

The drop in income from last year was due to an extraordinarily large bequest in the previous year. Significant repairs were undertaken with a new reinforced path with no steps to the front door, and repairing damp in the caretakers flat. LED lights throughout the premises and boiler repairs account for the major other spend and no grants were applied for due to extensive provision in the previous year.

The Accounts have been checked and declared accurate by Keith Gavin Miller June 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

233569

Set out on pages

(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 30/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

7TH JUNE 2025

Name:

KEITH GAVIN MILLER

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

[Empty box]

Address:

14 BOLBEC RD. FENHAM.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
NE4 9EP

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 233569

Accounts

Annual Financial report 2023 for RSM URC

The overall financial situation is very healthy despite being apparently £991.97 less than this time last year. Taking into account the £4000 being held for Inspire Youth from last year, which has been paid at the start of 2023 we are actually £3,008.03 better off this year.

There has been significant spending to upgrade the kitchen, the preparation room, the memorial garden and the rolling programme of build repairs including roof work this year. Over £30,000 has been spent which has maintained the buildings integrity and ensuring safety and hygiene in the kitchen and food preparation area. The walls are now all washable as is the new flooring with the addition of a new sink in the preparation area helping ensure a hygienic environment for food preparation and cooking.

Our spending on energy has been significantly lower than the current national charges due to the 5 year lock in contract we signed for both gas and electricity. This has saved us at least £30,000 but unfortunately the contract expires in May 2024 when we expect to be paying at least 3 times our current costs. Due to the tremendous rise in energy costs, energy use has been more closely monitored reflected in the slight drop in costs this year compared to 2022. Another drop in costs has been the Ministry and Mission payments. This is due to fewer members in our congregation as a number have passed away.

Our income has been significantly boosted by very generous donations and a bequest for which we are extremely grateful. These amounts account for our increased income for this year compared to 2022 of nearly£20,000. We now have almost all windows double glazed, a new kitchen and large preparation room facilities, a new large step free path from the pavement that leads to two large memorial benches on accessible paths around two large raised beds. The beds were planted out by volunteers with over 1,500 bulbs which made a lovely spring spectacle for our community. The beds are now planted with roses and an olive tree ready for summer.

The ongoing maintenance programme is in place with the rest of the windows being changed to double glazed ones, changing all lights to LEDs, pointing stone work, roof work and new floor covering for 2024.

April 2024

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	2022	2023
Loose offering	1,754.35	1,824.80
Envelope offering	7,805.00	6,275.00
Gift aid gifts	1,715.00	2,500.00
Gift Aid tax refund	2,871.25	2,910.52
Miscellaneous gifts	890.00	3,067.00
Total gifts	15,035.60	16,577.32
Coffee	142.30	119.00
Coin a day	57.20	14.00
Gift Day	351.00	nil
Building maintenance	786.00	567.28
Bequest		20,904.64
Total 'other' giving	1,336.50	21,604.92
Ethiopian congregation	200.00	nil
Romanian congregation	4,850.00	3,693.00
Congolese congregation	2,850.00	3,190.00
Total Christian congregations	7,900.00	6,883.00
Bowls	1,400.00	1,400.00
WI	340.00	255.00
Little band	1,640.00	1,760.00
Sewing class	2,480.00	1,050.00
Scouts	1,500.00	1,500.00

Inspire Youth			2,000.00
Other room users, rentals, etc	2,835.00		1,035.00
Total room users		10,595.00	9,000
Christmas Fair	1,119.97		997.34

TOTAL NON-GRANT INCOME **35,987.07** **55,062.58**

GRANTS RECEIVED SHOWN BELOW under 'Improvements'

Synod property grant (windows)			2,242.00
Synod property grant (kitchen window)			441.00
Synod property grant (Sanctuary glazing)			4,874.22 Feb
Synod property grant (Kitchen and prep room)			1,813.00
			9,370.22

	EXPENDITURE	2022	2023
Ministry and Mission	9,075.96		8,283.96
Pulpit supply	320.00	550.00	
Community Worker expenses	707.40	836.37	
Total 'service' provision	10,103.36		9,670.33
Disaster Appeal (Turkey)		97.00	
Energy Electric	4,869.54		1,933.28 (5 yr contract)
Energy Gas			2,311.82
	4,245.10		
Water	154.78	200.05	
Insurance	3,221.94	3,507.70	
Caretaker (wages)	1,040.00	1,040.00	
Caretaker flat Council Tax	1,387.24	1,447.68	
Caretaker flat gas	32.50	0.00	
Repairs and maintenance	8,807.94	30,262.21	
Cleaning materials	587.98	339.07	
Broadband	700.80	652.80	
Total buildings costs	20,802.72		41,791.61
Admin/other expenditure	710.26		4,592.61
TOTAL NON-GRANT EXPENDITURE	31,616.34		56,054.55

GRANT FUNDING**Improvements**12th Jan 23 Synod16th Feb 2323rd Feb 2331st March 23**Total grant****Grant income**

2242.00

441.00

4874.22

1813.00

9370.22**Grant expenditure**27th Jan 23 MRM Kitchen Window28th March 23 Finco kitchen Fitting23rd May 23 Finco kitchen fitting**Total spend****9370.22**

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

	For	Collected	Paid
14 th February 2023	DEC for Turkish disaster	97.00	97.00 Post Office to DEC

FUNDS – BALANCE SHEET

Opening balances 1st January 2023

Main Bank	47,411.18	
Reserve Building Fund held within main account (6,161.58)
TOTAL	47,411.18	

Plus Total non-grant income 55,062.58

Less Total non-grant expenditure 56,054.55

Closing balances (excluding grants) -

31st December 2023

Main Bank	46,419.21	
-----------	-----------	--

TOTAL	46,419.21	
--------------	------------------	--

NOTE:

Monies held for Play Newcastle, now known as Inspire Youth were paid across to their account and no monies are now held for them



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2023

Charity no (if any)

233569

Set out on pages

1 - 6

(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 31/12/20.23

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

7.3.24

Name:

KEITH GAVIN MILLER

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

Address:

14. BOLBEC ROAD
FENHAM
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 9EP

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.

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 233569

Accounts

The ward app was actually for £1485.00

The other ward app Aug-18 was for £3600

Inspire Youth Accounts 2022

Inspire Youth changed their name and became part of the Inspire Youth organisation.

URC	PLAY in NEWCASTLE ACCTS					
DATE	FUNDER	AMOUNT	RENT	SESSIONS	PAID	PAYMENT
12.11.2 1	Rent at £20 per hour April 2.5 hrs x 20 May 7.5 hrs x 20 June 3 hrs x 20 July 10 hrs x 20 Sept 5 hrs x 20 Oct 10 hrs x 20	50 150 60 200 100 200	760	2389.5	12.11.21	760 paid
20.12.2 1	Invoice 12 Nov 10 hrs x 20 = 200 Dec 7.5hrs x20 = 150	1120	350	919.5	20.12.21	1120 paid
29.03.2 2	Hall hire		270.50			
28.04.2 2	Invoice 13 Jan 10hrs x20 = 200 Feb 7.5hrs x 20 = 150		350	-550.50	9.03.22	640 paid
28.06.2 2	Hall hire		300			

5.09.2 2	Hall hire		640			
8.12.2 2	Hall hire		800			
23.12. 22	St Hildas trust grant To be paid out to Inspire Youth to deliver Youth work		4,000			

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	2021		2022	
Loose offering	2,072.14		1,754.35	
Envelope offering	9,395.00		7,805.00	
Gift aid gifts	780.00		1,715.00	
Gift Aid tax refund	1,539.34		2,871.25	
Miscellaneous gifts	556.20		890.00	
Total gifts		14,342.68		15,035.60
Coffee	85.57		142.30	
Coin a day	20.74		57.20	
Gift Day	540.00		351.00	
Kitchen fund	412.00		786.00	
Total 'other' giving		1,058.31		1,336.50
Ethiopian congregation	nil		200.00	
Romanian congregation	1,100.00		4,850.00	
Slovenian congregation	nil		nil	
Congolese congregation	640.00		2,850.00	
Total Christian congregations		1,740.00		7,900.00
Bowls	1,050.00		1,400.00	
WI	150.00		340.00	
Little band	160.00		1,640.00	
Sewing class	400.00		2,480.00	
Elections	400.00		400.00	
Scouts	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Other room users, rentals, etc	1,050.00		2,835.00	

Total room users	4,710.00	10,595.00
Christmas Fair	1,070.42	1,119.97
Other Income	2,538.81	
TOTAL NON-GRANT INCOME	25,421.41	35,987.07
GRANTS RECEIVED NOT SHOWN BELOW under 'Improvements' (excluding grants for youth work)		
Elders Council of Newcastle (for garden)		200.00
Community Foundation (for kitchen)		6,000.00

	EXPENDITURE		2021	2022
Ministry and Mission	10,083.96		9,075.96	
Pulpit supply	30.00		320.00	
Community Worker expenses	418.50		707.40	
Total 'service' provision		10,612.42		10,103.36
Fuel	1,703.93		4,869.54	
Water	147.63		154.78	
Insurance	3,054.97		3,221.94	
Caretaker (wages)	1,040.00		1,040.00	
Caretaker flat Council Tax	1,600.19		1,387.24	
Caretaker flat gas	0.00		32.50	
Repairs and maintenance	5,409.07	(see overleaf)	8,807.94	
Cleaning materials	126.22		587.98	
Broadband	460.80		700.80	
Total buildings costs		13,542.81		20,802.72
Admin/other expenditure		789.51		710.26
TOTAL NON-GRANT EXPENDITURE			28,687.26	31,616.34

Building repairs and maintenance

M Birrell - garden	360.00
Window cleaner	48.00
Firepoint	1,174.70
Paint and painter	698.24
Structural repairs (D Hastie)	4,745.00
Scaffolding & ladder hire (pointing)	754.00
Plumbing (K Best)	340.00
Henderson & Harrison (boilers)	636.00
Electrical repair (S Lowes)	52.00
TOTAL	8,807.94

Improvements	Grant	Church	Total
Kitchen (plans)	125.00	125.00	250.00
Double glazing (MRM)	4,908.00	9,522.00	14,430.00*

* further portion of Synod grant expected early in 2023

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

	For	Collected	Paid	
7 March 2022	DEC	155.00		All paid to DEC
6 April 2022	DEC	323.00		All paid to DEC
24 May 2022 Aid	Christian Aid	105.00		All paid to Christian
30 August 2022	Gordon's 90 th birthday	617.00		
11 October 2022 UK			317.00	Paid to Alzheimer's
17 October 2022			100.00	Paid to SEARCH
		Balance remaining	200.00	

WARM AND WELCOME / BUILDING FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Opening balance at 1st January 2022	6,161.58
<u>Income</u>	nil
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Transfer to main account	6,161.58
Closing balance at 31st December 2021	nil

FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET

Opening balances 1st January 2022		
Main Bank	30,651.95	
Warm & Welcome/Building Fund		6,161.58
TOTAL	36,813.53	
<u>Plus</u> Total non-grant income	35,987.07	
<u>Less</u> Total non-grant expenditure	31,616.34	

Closing balances (excluding grants)

31st December 2022

Main Bank	41,184.26	
Warm & Welcome/Building Fund		nil
TOTAL	41,184.26	

NOTE:

These accounts DO NOT SHOW monies held on behalf of Play Newcastle or Inspire Youth. A separate account will be provided for transactions with these organisations. For this reason, the balances shown here may not reflect the actual balances at the

bank. In particular, a grant of £4,000 has been received which will be paid over to Inspire Youth early in 2023.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Robert Stewart Memorial United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

1 - 6 (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 31/12/2020.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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: [Signature]

Date: 19 February 2023

Name: Peter Rand

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

[Empty box for professional qualification]

(if any):

Address: 56 Windsor Gardens, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5SY

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.

A separate account should be given of transactions involving Play in Newcastle and Inspire Youth.

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 233569

Accounts

ROBERT STEWART MEMORIAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	2020	2021
Loose offering	1,596.22	2,072.14
Envelope offering	7,160.00	9,395.00
Gift aid gifts	1,250.00	780.00
Gift Aid tax refund	1,952.68	1,539.34
Miscellaneous gifts	478.00	556.20
Total gifts	12,436.90	14,342.68
Coffee	153.71	85.57
Coin a day	36.20	20.74
Gift Day	835.15	540.00
Kitchen fund		412.00
Total 'other' giving	1,025.06	1,058.31
Ethiopian congregation	1,275.00	nil
Romanian congregation	960.00	1,100.00
Slovenian congregation	800.00	nil
Congolese congregation		640.00
Total Christian congregations	3,035.00	1,740.00
Little Voices	330.00	0.00
Bowls	1,400.00	1,050.00
Just Us (band)	138.00	0.00
WI	60.00	150.00
Other bands	0.00	160.00
She choir	188.25	0.00

Sewing group	200.00		400.00
Elections	400.00		400.00
Scouts			1,500.00
Other room users, rentals, etc	30.00	(See overleaf)	1,050.00
Total room users		2,746.25	4,710.00
Christmas Fair		0.00	1,070.42
Other Income		2,538.81	
Grants received		0.00	2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME		21,782.02	25,421.41

Other Income

Search Services	750.00
Dockray meeting	30.00
Party - K Miller	60.00
Elders' Council - Play	200.00
Badminton	10.00
Total	1,050.00

Grants received

Allchurches Trust	2,500.00
-------------------	----------

EXPENDITURE**2020 2021**

Ministry and Mission	7,269.32		10,083.96
URC Northern Synod levy	86.94		0.00
Pulpit supply	140.00		30.00
Community Worker expenses	418.00		418.50
Trips (net cost after donations)			80.92
Total 'service' provision	7,914.26		10,612.42
Fuel	6,502.47	(net of refunds)	1,703.93
Water	99.45		147.63
Insurance	2,988.61		3,054.97
Caretaker (wages)	1,060.00		1,040.00
Caretaker flat Council Tax	1,159.16		1,600.19
Caretaker flat gas	50.50		0.00
Repairs and maintenance	7,369.21	(see overleaf)	5,409.07
Cleaning materials	233.02		126.22
Broadband	460.80		460.80
Total buildings costs	19,923.22		13,542.81
Manse council tax	124.00		
Manse insurance	0.00		
Manse telephone and broadband	0.00		
Manse fuel	131.75		
Total manse costs	255.75		
Admin/other expenditure	594.03	(see overleaf)	789.51
TOTAL 'CHURCH RUNNING COSTS'			28,687.26
Grant funding expenditure (IT project)			20,813.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	49,500.53		24,944.74

Admin/Other Expenditure

Copyright licence	244.66
Churches Together Christmas cards	20.00
Offering envelopes	46.93
New computer - church system	449.98
Printer ink	27.94
	789.51

Building repairs and maintenance

Lighting tubes	17.99
Church keys	35.00
Caretaker flat - double glazing	4,998.00
Plaster church ceiling	150.00
Alarm repair	57.00
Fire extinguisher maintenance	151.08
	5,409.07

**WARM AND WELCOME / BUILDING FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Opening balance at 1st January 2021	6,161.58
<u>Income</u>	
nil	
<u>Expenditure</u>	
nil	
Closing balance at 31st December 2021	6,161.58

FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET

NEWCASTLE

Opening balances 1st January 2021

5,881.39

Main Bank 30,175.28

Warm & Welcome/Building Fund 6,161.58

Plus Income 6,713.00

TOTAL 36,336.86

Plus Total income 25,421.41

Less Total expenditure 24,944.74

Closing balances 31st December 2021

Main Bank 30,651.95

Warm & Welcome/Building Fund 6,161.58

TOTAL 36,813.53

2021

MONEY HELD BY RSM URC FOR PLAY IN

Opening balance 1st January 2021

Less Expenditure 7,362.00

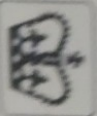
Closing balance 31st December 2021 5,232.39

Closing Balance at main bank account 31st Dec.

RSM fund 30,651.95

For: Play in Newcastle 5,232.39

TOTAL £35,884.34



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Robert Stewart Memorial United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

233569

Set out on pages

1 - 7

(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 31/12/2020.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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:

Peter Rand

Date:

1st March 2022

Name:

Peter Rand

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Oct 2018

(if any):

Address: 56 Windsor Gardens, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 5SY

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.

--