

**St John's Congregational Church,
Thornton Heath**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AG
Registered charity number 235521

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Trustees

The charity trustees who were listed on the Charity Commission website were as follows:

Mrs Beatrice Mary Jarman (until 7 May 2020)

Mr Philip Gilbert Channon

Mrs Gloria Lulalee Day

Mr John Desmond Glenney

Miss Sonja Elaine Reid

Mrs Auleen Peta Timms

Mrs Etta Wagstaffe

The EFCC Trust Corporation Limited

Beatrice Mary Jarman, a trustee and the church secretary, passed away on 7 May 2020.

The church's minister was the Reverend William Edward Calder. During the year he gave notice that he would retire at Easter 2021.

The church is thankful to God for the long service that each of them have given.

Miss Sonja Elaine Reid and The EFCC Trust Corporation Limited were the only active trustees during the year. The latter is the custodian trustee for the charity's properties.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable trust. Its governing document is the trust deed.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity set out in its governing document are to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to build his church in our community.

We are a church affiliated to the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches, working in the community of Thornton Heath with activities such as youth work and pastoral care.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the church has been meeting the spiritual needs of the people of Thornton Heath through declaring the gospel, as well as providing practical help and support.

During the lockdown stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, the church began meeting online using Zoom. The church resumed meeting in person as soon as this was permitted, but has carried on using Zoom as well, so that members who are at home or in hospital can participate in the services.

Financial review

The church recorded net receipts of nearly £11,000 in the year ended March 2021, bringing reserves to over £109,000.

This includes a restricted fund of £575 for the Junior Church.

The charity aims to hold financial reserves sufficient to cover foreseeable repairs that may be required on its premises. The trustees consider that the current level of reserves is adequate for this purpose. The church is continuing to send regular financial support to another congregation.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Sonja Reid', followed by a period.

Sonja Reid
Trustee

Date: 24 November 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the trustees of St John's Congregational Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 give 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.



Neville Reid ACA
19 Mills Grove, London E14 0RH

25 November 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Receipts:				
Offerings & donations (inc Gift Aid)	7,748	-	7,748	18,407
Rent received	54,700	-	54,700	35,630
Legacies	-	-	-	5,000
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	520
Interest received	539	-	539	538
Pension credit from EFCC	960	-	960	960
Total receipts	63,947	-	63,947	61,055
Payments:				
Local ministry costs	31,529	-	31,529	31,790
Gas & electricity	5,671	-	5,671	5,603
Insurance	6,609	-	6,609	6,545
Phone	74	-	74	-
Repairs	4,105	-	4,105	3,201
Donations	840	-	840	840
Water	94	-	94	206
Legal & professional fees	400	-	400	400
Property management fees	3,348	-	3,348	2,232
Miscellaneous payments	343	-	343	499
Total payments	53,013	-	53,013	51,316
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,934	-	10,934	9,739
Cash funds last year end	98,445	575	99,020	89,281
Cash funds this year end	109,379	575	109,954	99,020

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Cash funds:				
HSBC Bank	48,779	575	49,354	38,433
HSBC Money Market Account	49,999	-	49,999	49,999
Nationwide Building Society	10,601	-	10,601	10,588
Total cash funds	109,379	575	109,954	99,020

Assets retained for the charity's own use:

	Fund to which asset belongs
Church, church hall and Hadland Hall	Unrestricted
Manse	Unrestricted

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Sonja Reid
Trustee

Date of approval:

24 November 2022