

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

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**  
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AG  
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**Trustees**

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

Mr Philip Gilbert Channon  
Mrs Gloria Lulalee Day  
Mr John Desmond Glenney  
Miss Sonja Elaine Reid  
Mrs Auleen Peta Timms  
Mrs Etta Wagstaffe

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.

The church's minister, Reverend William Edward Calder, retired at Easter 2021. The church is thankful to God for his long service.

**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.

The church is affiliated to the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches, and works 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. We hold two weekly services, Sunday and Thursday evening prayer meeting, which are broadcast on Zoom for those not able to attend. In October 22 we held our post pandemic Harvest Festival supper, to which those who attend St John's invite friends and family for a shared meal. Our popular Carols by Candlelight was held on 18.12.22 and Christmas Day service on Sunday 25.12.22. We continue to work together as a congregation while we search for a new Minister.

The church is grateful to its volunteers and visiting speakers who have continued to provide its weekly ministry.

**Financial review**

The church recorded net receipts of over £36,000 in the year ended March 2022, bringing reserves to over £146,000.

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: 18 August 2023

**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 2022.

**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

18 August 2023

**St John's Congregational Church**  
**Accounts for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Offerings & donations (inc Gift Aid)	8,780	-	8,780	7,748
Rent received	50,960	-	50,960	54,700
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid tax refund	-	-	-	-
Interest received	525	-	525	539
Pension credit from EFCC	80	-	80	960
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,345</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,345</b>	<b>63,947</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Local ministry costs	1,816	-	1,816	31,529
Gas & electricity	5,616	-	5,616	5,671
Insurance	6,981	-	6,981	6,609
Phone	341	-	341	74
Repairs	4,451	-	4,451	4,105
Donations	840	-	840	840
Water	152	-	152	94
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	400
Property management fees	2,790	-	2,790	3,348
Miscellaneous payments	886	-	886	343
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,873</b>	<b>53,013</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>36,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,472</b>	<b>10,934</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>109,379</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>109,954</b>	<b>99,020</b>
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**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Cash funds:</b>				
HSBC Bank	94,302	575	94,877	49,354
HSBC Money Market Account	49,999	-	49,999	49,999
Nationwide Building Society	-	-	-	10,601
Offerings not yet banked	1,550	-	1,550	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>145,851</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>146,426</b>	<b>109,954</b>

**Liabilities at the end of the period:**

Rent received in advance (estimate)	15,000	-	15,000	3,000
Independent examination fees	850	-	850	400

**Assets retained for the charity's own use:**

	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Insured value</b>
Church, church hall and Hadland Hall	Unrestricted	9,635,995
Manse (estimated valuation)	Unrestricted	250,000

**Signed on behalf of the trustees:**



Sonja Reid  
Trustee

Date of approval: 18 August 2023