

BURTON RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 515335

Details

Other names BURTON CHURCH WINSHILL, RIVERSIDE CHURCH (BURTON)

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-07-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Faith, in Burton-upon-Trent, the surrounding districts and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide; 2. the relief of persons who are in condition of need or distress by reason of financial hardship, age, ill-health, disability or such other economic or social disadvantage; and 3. to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the benefit of the community of Burton-upon-Trent and the surrounding districts with the object of improving the conditions of life of said inhabitants as the Charity Trustees may from time to time in their discretion determine.

Activities: Advancement of the Christian faith, Worship of God, Relief of persons in need, hardship, distress.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STAFFORDSHIRE
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£170,616	£150,941	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,648	£166,734	-	-
2023-03-31	£146,092	£136,007	-	-
2022-03-31	£110,818	£92,412	-	-
2021-03-31	£139,230	£102,944	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Leum Harris		2013-12-08
PHILIP PUSEY		
Ruth Myers		2021-04-01
Timothy Edwards		2021-04-01

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Accounts



Annual Report April 2023 to March 2024

We finished the year continuing to operate as Burton Renewal Fellowship (BRF) – known as ‘Riverside Church Burton’ (RCB) and as a church with charitable status. This will probably be the last year that we will be operating as BRF, as the ownership of the church building has now been transferred to the CIO that is RCB.

The existing team of four senior leaders, all of whom are trustees, continued to have equal authority & accountability in the leadership of the church. The staffing structure we had in the previous financial year which consisted of a full time Operational Manager, full time Community & Partnerships Manager, part time Children’s Worker & Administrative Assistant, part time Youth & Community Worker and sub-contracted cleaner, changed in September when our part time Children’s Worker & Administrative Assistant left to take a full-time position in a local school. A reshuffle of workload ensued and our youth and community worker is now The Children & Youth Worker. Our two full-time employees shared the majority of the administrative tasks.

During the year, the Operational Manager continued to undertake actions to ensure the building remained safe and viable long term. These included;

A grant from the Ward Enhancement Plan was applied for and we were successful. Part of this fund was to purchase a new warm air convector heater for the warehouse, as the old one was becoming obsolete. We were given 4 separate donations that came to £3,100 to enhance our PA & AV system towards the end of the financial year. This was for a new 2x new 65” TV’s, a new PC and associated hardware, along with new microphones. We converted an upstairs office into a media suite. This included painting one of the walls with ‘green screen paint’ and was used for the first time with our Christmas video this year. The big focus though was the commencement of the project to convert some waste land next to our outdoor area into a ‘secret garden’. We obtained a £1,980 grant from BUPA to pay for skips, and with the help of some amazing volunteers, and the further support of a local skip hire company, 100 tons of rubble and waste was removed to create a ‘blank canvas’ that we hope to complete next year. A Fire Risk assessment was commissioned, which highlighted a number of compliance issues, which are being rectified. One of which is for a new fire alarm system.

Riverside Church continued to hold weekly Sunday services - which were also live streamed via, and saved on, our Youtube channel. Throughout the year, this continued to prove to be an invaluable way of ensuring those who were not physically able to be in church - especially those who were too unwell - to remain connected with and a part of the church.

As well as the typical Sunday Services, a number of special ones took place:

- 28th June 2024: Hustings event for the general election.
- 27th October 2024: Hope & Light Crafty Church (running at the same time as another, more traditional service)
- 10th November 2024: Remembrance Sunday, with a special focus on sacrifice.
- 8th December 2024: Christmas Magic Show (morning)
- 8th December 2024: Reflective Carol Service (for those affected by loss of a loved one)
- 15th December 2024: Christmas Carol Service (morning)
- 22nd December 2024: All in Together Service (morning)
- 24th December 2024: Midnight Communion (evening)

Along with their volunteer teams, the Children and Youth Worker was encouraged that the numbers of children and youth attending the sessions continue to grow. It has not been unusual for in excess of 30 under 18's to attend on Sunday morning. As a reflective practitioner, our Children and Youth Worker continued to make minor tweaks to the practical arrangements for the children and youth in order to meet the diverse needs of those attending.

Some small groups for adults experienced changes in leadership and membership but the focus of these groups remained the same: prayer and pastoral support. Of significance during this year was the number of people who requested to join or transfer into the daytime small group. This culminated in creating an additional daytime home group that meets on the alternate Thursday. This is indicative of a growing number of the church who are feeling unable to drive at night for meetings. In addition to prayer and pastoral support, some small groups also used the time to study the Bible and delve deeper into the themes explored on Sundays.

During the year, our Children & youth worker was nominated for a SCVYS award, we also invested in our Children and Youth Worker by signposting her to a series of training events which had been shared with us by Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services. Some of the training included:

- **Having courageous conversations with parents**
- **When couples become carers**
- **An induction to trauma informed practices**
- **Developing an understanding of child sexual abuse**
- **Supporting separated parents**
- **Engaging with Dads**
- **Youth loneliness and isolation**



As we have registered Riverside Church as a food business with the FSA. We had an unannounced inspection in November by an Environmental Health Inspector. He was very impressed with the facilities and level of training of all staff and volunteers and awarded us a 5 star hygiene rating. On a different food based topic we received a very generous donation of 360kg of M&S chocolate digestives (seconds) from Fox's biscuits of Uttoxeter.

At the beginning of this year the Senior Leadership Team, being mindful of the need to start succession planning, invited 17 individuals that were identified as having leadership qualities. 15 of which accepted the invitation. We invited these to a series of monthly training sessions. We have labelled this group the Emerging Leadership Team. Each evening provided time and space for attendees to discover more about themselves as leaders and to encourage them to grow and develop.

As well as the ongoing activities for the church family, we held some on-off events which included a BBQ and 'Thanks a bunch munch' for people who help with the many sessions which are run for the children and youth of the church and wider community.

Other one-off events which we organised and hosted throughout the year included:

- a mini working party to clear the Wetmore Community Garden
- a Christmas Lunch for the residents of the Alms Houses (at the request of the Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent)
- a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be alone or struggle to put this meal on the table (with turkeys and Christmas puddings kindly donated by Burton Albion)
- We also recognised and participated in the 'longest night' campaign which is promoted by the Samaitans

External grants were a little more forthcoming compared to the previous year. The church was awarded funds by the Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent which will cover some of the costs associated with the warehouse building i.e. rent, insurance and part of the utility bills. As mentioned we received the WEP for the heater and skate ramps, and BUPA for the skips. In addition, some micro grants were secured and to help with the costs associated with:

- summer activities for children and youth,
- the kids' after school and youth clubs,
- the provision of warm spaces for targeted groups - including unlimited provision of hot drinks

We looked at the finances vs. value for money and decided to cut ties with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good). We still continued to send



appropriately vetted representatives of the church to support children at our local school. Two staff members led Collective Worship at a local primary school on alternate weeks and, six young people received one-to-one support for an hour on a weekly basis at a primary school. The team of volunteer coaches from Riverside remains at six.

The playgroup, Jelly Tots, which is for parents/carers and children from newborn up to pre-school, continued to be extremely popular, making the most of the safe outdoor space, as well as the large indoor warehouse. The Childminders' Support Group also continued as the separation of the two groups benefits those who attend both sessions.

The Warehouse Wednesdays' provision continued to offer sessions for those aged 7-11 years from 4-5.15 pm. It is seen as a safe space for children with additional needs, so some stay and play with their parents. These children are often limited in the extracurricular activities that they can attend, but they are welcomed and feel at ease at our venue as we take the time to draw up care plans with them and their parents. The later session for those aged 10-16 continued running from 5.45-7.15 pm every Wednesday during term time. Many of the youth accessing our provision are struggling for a variety of reasons and this means that some of these youth have been excluded from activities elsewhere – either by a third party or have excluded themselves as they don't feel able to attend because they are 'quirky.' At these sessions, we offer a safe, warm and accepting place to be themselves. Another USP of both Wednesday sessions is that they attract children and youth who want to learn/develop their skateboarding skills and this is only possible thanks to the committed team of volunteers from the wider community which is growing in number.

A number of sessions were planned for the summer holidays to help children, youth and their parents to continue to have access to the activities which are on offer during term time; some were based at Riverside, while others were in the community. The Jelly Tots playgroup ran for two sessions at the warehouse and, in contrast to term time, siblings were invited to reduce the need for parents to arrange childcare for their older children. Two sessions for primary aged children also took place at the church, as well as another one for youth. In partnership with Burton Albion Community Trust, Trent & Dove and Burton Youth for Christ, we ran three sessions of detached work at local parks. They were aimed at young people, but in reality, they attracted young families so following a review, revised plans will be made for the coming year.



The English Class continued to provide essential support to those for whom English is a second language. Due to word of mouth numbers regularly exceeded 30 each week. After some months, it became necessary to stop any new referrals and for the first time ever we had to have a waiting list.

The monthly Craft Club welcomed some of the English Class participants and it was wonderful to see them honing their command of the English language in a different setting.

Similarly, the monthly Lunch Club for those over 60 altered their criteria slightly to over 65, and the clients continue to be incredibly grateful for an affordable, tasty and nutritious meal with the company of others. Numbers have been consistent, at around 40, which is manageable for the size of the room and the cooks.

The church continued to partner with a number of local organisations by working together with them and making financial donations where appropriate. Riverside contributed funds and foods to Burton YMCA in acknowledgement of the amazing contribution they make to the town, as well as the ever-growing need for food parcels. We also donated funds to our local branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) for the invaluable work they do in helping getting people out of debt.

The Place of Welcome which is usually hosted at Burton library temporarily relocated to Riverside's premises for a few months when the library closed refurbishment. Feedback from the volunteers and staff about the venue and the welcome they received from the church was very positive. An additional two groups who used the library as a meeting place also relocated to Riverside temporarily.

Our local Teams4U volunteers were kind enough to provide 136 Christmas shoeboxes for local children in need. These were distributed by Winhill's Bee Blessed Charity Shop and three local primary schools - all of whom were incredibly grateful for the gifts. Riverside also donated funds to the local branch of the Teams4U to support their invaluable work moving forward.

Support for people further afield also continued with regular giving to Restoration of Hope in Burundi which supports over 70 children and young people who have been living on the streets and are behind with their education. Likewise, the church continued to highlight and support the work of 'Open Doors.'

Church premises continued to be made available for regular use by third party groups and local charities, many of whom work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community as can be seen below.

Narcotics Anonymous (which is for those who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction) continued to hold two fellowship meetings each week at the church's premises. The Burton Addiction Centre also started to hold a weekly pre-recovery group at the church, further cementing the relationship with this incredible local organisation.

BAC 'o' Connor are a pre rehab group that used our premises. Individuals tend to go to rehab and then feed into the NA groups that meet in our building. Hosting the BAC group helps get a sense of continuity for those attending.

The U3A, or 'The University of the Third Age' movement is a collection of groups (u3as) that run local and online member-led learning for those no longer in full time work across the UK. The Burton-wide 'tea and talk' sessions took place as usual at Riverside during the year, while the History Group continued meeting once a month.

Burton Child Contact Centre (BCCC). Started using our warehouse and workshop. They provide a safe, supervised place for divorced and separated parents that require supervised contact.

Burton YMCA is one of our key partners and the organisation used our facilities for staff training during the year. In order to offer the best support available to those in need in the town, professional connections between the staff of both organisations are continuing to grow. The same can be said of Burton Youth for Christ who partner with us in the Warehouse Wednesday project and other aforementioned activities. 24 youth joined the Burton Youth Christ weekend away at Alton Castle. Their good behaviour was commented upon by the staff and volunteers who were responsible for running the programme and upon returning home, all youth confirmed that they had moved forward in their faith.

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations who have supported us financially:

- Community Safety Partnership via Burton Youth For Christ
- Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent
- Burton Albion Community Trust
- East Staffordshire Borough Council

In line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission, we continue to keep reserves of six months in order to make sure that we can meet all our financial commitments, should the need arise. An independent check of accounts and other records has been completed by Lifestyle Accounting.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Riverside Church Burton

515335

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2024	To	Period end date 3/31/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Monthly Giving	92,758		-	92,758	79,448
Offerings	3,183		-	3,183	2,930
One off giving	11,474		-	11,474	1,020
Grants		33,840	-	33,840	18,425
Donations/Rent for use of Building	5,976		-	5,976	3,954
Gift Aid Reclaim	21,801		-	21,801	20,266
Church Social Activities & Events	30		-	30	951
Bank Interest On savings Accounts	1,554		-	1,554	1,654
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	136,776	33,840	-	170,616	128,648
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	136,776	33,840	-	170,616	128,648
A3 Payments					
Gifts	4,338		-	4,338	5,884
Salaries/PAYE/Pension (includes Grant funded project salary costs)	76,402	12,817	-	89,219	110,379
Admin & Building Running Costs	29,953		-	29,953	34,925
Bank Charges/Accountancy Fees	1,032		-	1,032	892
Church Outreach	3,676		-	3,676	7,355
Grant Funded Projects (excluding salary Costs)		21,023	-	21,023	611
Special Projects	1,700		-	1,700	6,688
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	117,101	33,840	-	150,941	166,734
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	117,101	33,840	-	150,941	166,734
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,675	-	-	19,675	- 38,086
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	145,766			145,766	183,852
Cash funds this year end	165,441			165,441	145,766

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	27,168	-	-
	Buildings & special projects	66,734	-	-
	Reserves	71,539	-	-
	Total cash funds	165,441	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Burton Renewal Fellowship

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

515335

Set out on pages

1 TO 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:

Date:

15/5/25

Name:

David R Munro

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

Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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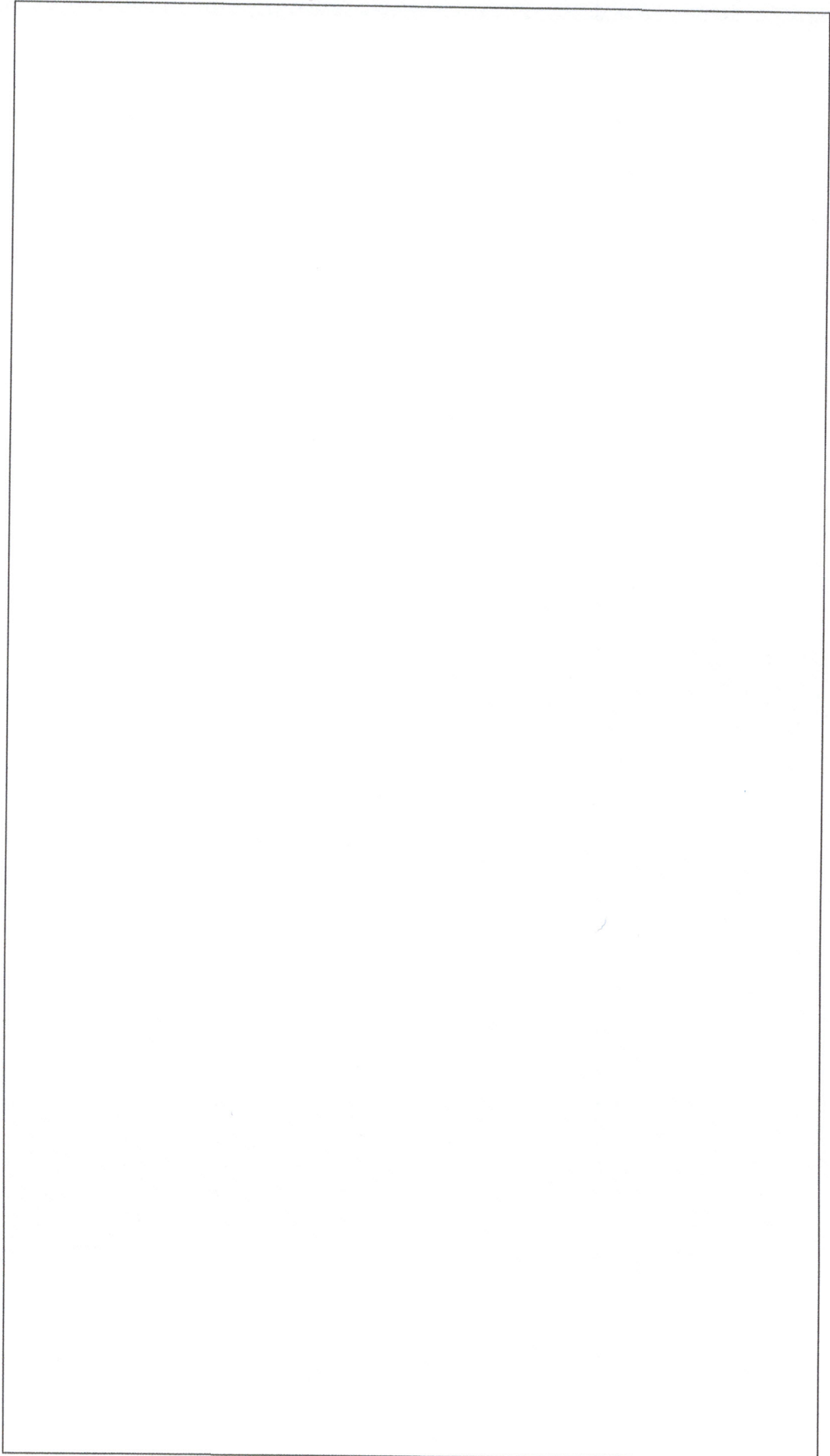
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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



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During the year, it became apparent that it was time to review the organisation's charitable status and so the trustees performed due diligence: it was clear that the best option was to convert to a CIO. Following approval from the Charity Commission to proceed in this direction, we are in the process of transferring from charitable trust status, to becoming a CIO. For now, we continue to operate as Burton Renewal Fellowship - known as 'Riverside Church' and are a church with charitable status.

The objectives of the charity have now been changed slightly from those given at its inception:

- The advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Faith, in Burton-upon-Trent, the surrounding districts and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide; The relief of persons who are in conditions of need hardship or distress or who are aged or sick.
- the relief of persons who are in condition of need or distress by reason of financial hardship, age, ill-health, disability or such other economic or social disadvantage; and
- to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the benefit of the community of Burton-upon-Trent and the surrounding districts with the object of improving the conditions of life of said inhabitants as the Charity Trustees may from time to time in their discretion determine.

The existing team of four senior leaders, all of whom are trustees, continued to have equal and joint leadership of the church. The staffing structure established in the previous financial year which consisted of a full time Operational Manager, full time Community & Partnerships Manager, part time Children's Worker & Administrative Assistant, part time Youth & Community Worker and part time cleaner remained largely the same, although the cleaner moved on to new employment and so we now sub-contract this role.

During the year, the Operational Manager continued to undertake actions to ensure the building remained safe and viable long term. The new sound system was installed towards the end of the previous financial year has, as anticipated, improved the audio experience of those in attendance at meetings in the main church room, and the technical team continue to work to improve the sound for those who tune in digitally.

Riverside Church continued to hold weekly Sunday services - which were also live streamed via, and saved on, our Youtube channel. Throughout the year, this continued to prove to be an invaluable way of ensuring



those who were not physically able to be in church – especially those who were too unwell - to remain connected with and a part of the church.

As well as the typical Sunday Services, a number of special ones took place:

- 7th April 2023: 'Easter Messy Church Style Service (running at the same time as another, more traditional service)
- 29th October 2023: Hope & Light Crafty Church (running at the same time as another, more traditional service)
- 10th December 2023: Christmas Magic Show (morning)
- 10th December 2023: Sands Carol Service (for those affected by baby loss)
- 17th December 2023: Christmas Carol Service (evening)
- 24th December 2023: All in Together Service (morning)
- 24th December 2023: Midnight Communion (evening)

Along with their volunteer teams, the Children's Worker and Youth & Community Worker were both encouraged to see the numbers of children and youth attending their sessions continue to grow. It has not been unusual for in excess of 30 children and youth to attend on Sunday morning. As reflective practitioners, the Children's and Youth Workers continued to make minor tweaks to the practical arrangements for the children and youth in order to meet the diverse needs of those attending. One of the most significant changes was to create a transition process to assist with the move children make up to youth at Easter time when they are in Year 6 at school. 11 children, half of whom had additional needs, made this transition as smoothly as possible and this is testament to the careful planning and preparation undertaken by the Children's and Youth Workers.

Some small groups for adults experienced changes in leadership and membership but the focus of these groups remained the same: prayer and pastoral support. Of significance during this year was the number of people who requested to join or transfer into the daytime small group. This is indicative of a growing number of the church who are feeling unable to drive at night for meetings. In addition to prayer and pastoral support, some small groups also used the time to study the Bible and delve deeper into the themes explored on Sundays.

During the year, we invested in the Children's and Youth Workers by signposting them to a series of training events which had been shared with us by Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services. Some of the training included:

- Having courageous conversations with parents
- When couples become carers
- An induction to trauma informed practices

- Developing an understanding of child sexual abuse
- Supporting separated parents
- Engaging with Dads
- Youth loneliness and isolation

The Operational Manager registered Riverside Church as a food business with the FSA. This is due to the number of regular meetings we provide that offer cooked food. This meant it was a priority to ensure that those preparing and handling food and drink undertook the relevant training. Two trustees attended training for faith-based charities run by the Charity Commission. Staff involved with our community provision undertook Emergency Mental Health First Aid Training. Furthermore, as a token of appreciation, the Senior Leadership Team arranged a series of informal sessions for the church's Wider Leadership Team. Each session had light refreshments and an external speaker who focussed on different aspects of leadership. Each evening provided time and space for attendees to discover more about themselves as leaders and to consider how this impacts on their leadership roles.

As well as the ongoing activities for the church family, we held some on-off events which included a BBQ and 'Thanks a bunch munch' for people who help with the many sessions which are run for the children and youth of the church and wider community.

April 2023 saw Riverside's first ever 'Holiday @ Home' weekend. This started on Friday 28th with a free gig by 7Lights and then on the Saturday, a carousel of activities was offered to members of the community:

- breadmaking
- JD Magic Show and circus skills workshop for families
- stretch & tone
- football at The Meadowside
- history walk around Burton
- art class
- seed/seedling swap, board games & crafts
- beginners' Salsa class

In addition, further activities were made available and attended largely by members of the Riverside Church family:

- teaching sessions on prayer for adults and youth with separate children's work
- soup and a roll lunch
- curry and street food supper
- choice of two films shown on big screens

The weekend concluded with a service on the Sunday morning which included the final teaching session on prayer. Over 300 people accessed

the different activities and we were particularly thrilled to see adults and children from the wider community: Holy Trinity Primary School, the English Class and those who'd seen our advertising on social media. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and it is anticipated that we will look to offer something similar again in around two years' time - particularly as the cost wasn't prohibitive.

Other one-off events which we organised and hosted throughout the year included:

- a working party to clear the Wetmore Community Garden
- a Christmas Lunch for the residents of the Alms Houses (at the request of the Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent)
- a Christmas Market hosting stalls for local, small independent companies
- a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be alone or struggle to put this meal on the table (with turkeys and Christmas puddings kindly donated by Burton Albion)

A few new projects started during the year and they are particularly aligned with Christian beliefs that we are stewards of this planet, as well as the wider global movement to reduce our impact on the environment. The first was the Repair Café which meets monthly on Saturday mornings. Part of a national initiative, this is a free meeting place where visitors bring their broken items from home and together with the specialists they start making their repairs in the Repair Café. The second project is 'Stop and Swap Shop' where people can bring in unwanted, good quality clothes and hang them on the rail for others who want/need them to take. After a month, remaining, unwanted clothes are then taken to a charity shop. This means that people are able to reduce the amount of travel to get necessities as they are already in the building anyway. The same can be said of the third new initiative which is the Community Pantry. Here, items such as food, books, children's toys, DVDs and so on are donated by individuals and organisations such as Trent and Dove, so those in need can help themselves. Food is in high demand and every time the shelves are replenished, they are cleared within moments, so we are investigating ways of funding/sourcing items from companies more formally as it isn't sustainable to continue relying on church members to keep this stocked.

External grants were not as easy to access as in previous years, although the church was awarded funds by the Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent which will cover some of the costs associated with the warehouse building i.e. rent, insurance and part of the utility bills. In addition, some micro grants were secured and to help with the costs associated with:

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Throughout the year, appropriately vetted representatives of the church also continued to support children at local schools. Two staff members led Collective Worship at a local primary school on alternate weeks and, in partnership with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good), six young people received one-to-one support for an hour on a weekly basis at a primary school. The team of volunteer coaches from Riverside grew to six - the largest it's ever been. The one-to-one support for two young people at a local secondary school came to an end during the year as one moved out of area and the other decided after 9 years not to continue.

The playgroup, Jelly Tots, which is for parents/carers and children from newborn up to pre-school, continued to be extremely popular, making the most of the safe outdoor space, as well as the large indoor warehouse. The Childminders' Support Group also continued as the separation of the two groups benefits those who attend both sessions.

Starting in September 2023, the Warehouse Wednesdays' provision was extended by adding another session for those aged 7-11 years from 4-5.15 pm. It is seen as a safe space for children with additional needs, so some stay and play with their parents. These children are often limited in the extracurricular activities that they can attend, but they are welcomed and feel at ease at our venue as we take the time to draw up care plans with them and their parents. The later session for those aged 10-16 continued running from 5.45-7.15 pm every Wednesday during term time. Many of the youth accessing our provision are struggling for a variety of reasons and this means that some of these them have been excluded from activities elsewhere - either by a third party or have excluded themselves as they don't feel able to attend because they are 'quirky.' At these sessions, we offer a safe, warm and accepting place to be themselves. Another USP of both Wednesday sessions is that they attract children and youth who want to learn/develop their skateboarding skills and this is only possible thanks to the committed team of volunteers from the wider community which is growing in number.

A number of sessions were planned for the summer holidays to help children, youth and their parents to continue to have access to the activities which are on offer during term time; some were based at Riverside, while others were in the community. The Jelly Tots playgroup ran for two sessions at the warehouse and, in contrast to term time, siblings were invited to reduce the need for parents to arrange childcare for their older children. Two sessions for primary aged children also took place at the church, as well as another one for youth. In partnership with Burton Albion Community Trust, Trent & Dove and Burton Youth for Christ,



we ran three sessions of detached work at local parks. They were aimed at young people, but in reality, they attracted young families so following a review, revised plans will be made for the coming year.

The English Class continued to provide essential support to those for whom English is a second language. The Department for Work and Pensions regularly referred people to the class via the local Job Centre and an influx of refugees and asylum seekers to the area meant that numbers regularly exceeded 30 each week. After some months, it became necessary to stop any new referrals from the DWP for a variety of reasons but the existing clients who wanted to attend continued to do so. Later in the year, the dynamic of the group changed again when asylum seekers living in local hotels were moved on and soon afterwards significant numbers of clients from Hong Kong started to attend.

One of the clients from the English Class continued to 'give back' by offering free art classes to those who wanted to improve their skills. She had started this during the previous year and during the period October 2022 to May 2023, she taught 12 classes each containing 5 pupils. This was something which we really encouraged as it helped to develop the teacher's confidence and she has now gone on to establish a new business of her own. The monthly Craft Club welcomed some of the English Class participants and it was wonderful to see them honing their command of the English language in a different setting.

Similarly, the monthly Lunch Club for those over 60 continued and the clients continue to be incredibly grateful for an affordable, tasty and nutritious meal with the company of others. The group celebrated 10 years in October 2023, with a special birthday meal which was given to diners as a free gift. Those who chose to, made a donation to charity in lieu of paying for their meal. Numbers have been consistent, at around 40, which is manageable for the size of the room and the cooks.

The church continued to partner with a number of local organisations by working together with them and making financial donations where appropriate. Riverside contributed funds and foods to Burton YMCA in acknowledgement of the amazing contribution they make to the town, as well as the ever-growing need for food parcels. We also donated funds to our local branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) for the invaluable work they do in helping getting people out of debt, as well as donating funds to SANDS.

The Place of Welcome which is usually hosted at Burton library temporarily relocated to Riverside's premises for a month when the library closed unexpectedly for health and safety reasons. Feedback from the volunteers and staff about the venue and the welcome they received from the church was very positive and they will return when the library closes



again for refurbishment. An additional two groups who use the library as a meeting place will also relocate to Riverside temporarily when the time comes.

Our local Teams4U volunteers were kind enough to provide 136 Christmas shoeboxes for local children in need. These were distributed by Winhill's Bee Blessed Charity Shop and three local primary schools - all of whom were incredibly grateful for the gifts. Riverside also donated funds to the local branch of the Teams4U to support their invaluable work moving forward.

The young people of the church ran a bake sale in aid of the child they sponsor through 'Compassion.' A number of other individuals, couples and families within the church also sponsor children abroad through organisations such as 'World Vision'. Support for people further afield also continued with regular giving to Restoration of Hope in Burundi which supports over 70 children and young people who have been living on the streets and are behind with their education. Likewise, the church continued to highlight and support the work of 'Open Doors.'

Church premises continued to be made available for regular use by third party groups and local charities, many of whom work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community as can be seen below.

Narcotics Anonymous (which is for those who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction) continued to hold two fellowship meetings each week at the church's premises. The Burton Addiction Centre also started to hold a weekly pre-recovery group at the church, further cementing the relationship with this incredible local organisation.

The U3A, or 'The University of the Third Age' movement is a collection of groups (u3as) that run local and online member-led learning for those no longer in full time work across the UK. The Burton-wide 'tea and talk' sessions took place as usual at Riverside during the year, while the History Group continued meeting once a month.

Burton YMCA is one of our key partners and the organisation used our facilities for staff training during the year. In order to offer the best support available to those in need in the town, professional connections between the staff of both organisations are continuing to grow. The same can be said of Burton Youth for Christ who partner with us in the Warehouse Wednesday project and other aforementioned activities. 16 youth joined the Burton Youth Christ weekend away at Alton Castle. Their good behaviour was commented upon by the staff and volunteers who were responsible for running the programme and upon returning home, all youth confirmed that they had moved forward in their faith.



We are extremely grateful to the following organisations who have supported us financially:

- TLG
- Community Safety Partnership via Burton Youth For Christ
- Consolidated Charity of Burton on Trent
- Burton Albion Community Trust
- East Staffordshire Borough Council

In line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission, we continue to keep reserves of six months in order to make sure that we can meet all our financial commitments, should the need arise. An independent check of accounts and other records has been completed again this year by Lifestyle Accounting.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2023	To	Period end date 3/31/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Monthly Giving	79,448	-	-	79,448	79,212
Offerings	2,930	-	-	2,930	1,652
One off giving	1,020	-	-	1,020	12,635
Grants	-	18,425	-	18,425	26,407
Donations/Rent for use of Building	3,954	-	-	3,954	6,010
Gift Aid Reclaim	20,266	-	-	20,266	19,325
Church Social Activities & Events	951	-	-	951	522
Bank Interest On savings Accounts	1,654	-	-	1,654	329
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	110,223	18,425	-	128,648	146,092
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	110,223	18,425	-	128,648	146,092
A3 Payments					
Gifts	5,884	-	-	5,884	11,076
Salaries/PAYE/Pension (includes Grant funded project salary costs)	100,379	10,000	-	110,379	55,242
Admin & Building Running Costs	27,111	7,814	-	34,925	35,970
Bank Charges/Accountancy Fees	892	-	-	892	981
Church Outreach	7,355	-	-	7,355	7,487
Grant Funded Projects (excluding salary Costs)	-	611	-	611	11,399
Special Projects	6,688	-	-	6,688	13,852
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	148,309	18,425	-	166,734	136,007
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	148,309	18,425	-	166,734	136,007
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 38,086	-	-	- 38,086	10,085
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	183,852	-	-	183,852	173,767
Cash funds this year end	145,766	-	-	145,766	183,852

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	4,047	-	-
	Buildings & special projects	70,969	-	-
	Reserves	70,750	-	-
	Total cash funds	145,766	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

RIVERSIDE CHURCH – BURTON RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

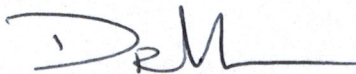
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements the Charities Act have not been met not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David R Munro MAAT

 30th May 2024

Lifestyle Accounting Ltd

58-60 Wetmore Road, Burton-on-Trent

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BURTON RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 515335

Accounts



Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023

This year saw Riverside activities and general life return to 'normal' at Burton Renewal Fellowship – known as 'Riverside Church' - a church with charitable status.

The objectives of the charity continued to remain as they have been since its inception:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines outlined in the Trust Deed,
- the relief of those in conditions of need, hardship, distress or aged.
- The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles, without prejudice as explained by the terms outlined in the Trust Deed.

The Chair of the Trustees resigned unexpectedly in May 2022 for personal reasons and Leum Harris agreed to take on the role initially on a temporary basis and then later in the year, on a permanent basis. This meant that the team of five senior leaders, who were all trustees, reduced to four - all of whom continued to have equal and joint leadership of the church.

It became apparent that the planned staffing structure consisting of a full time Community & Partnerships Manager, part time Children's Worker & Administrative Assistant, part time Youth & Community Worker and part time cleaner was not tenable in the long-term. Whilst the charity's trustees agreed that a focus on the community was right, the day-to-day running of the church, particularly during a time when it was difficult to recruit volunteers and when the number of trustees had reduced by 20%, needed to be addressed. Following the appropriate processes, a full time Operational Manager was appointed.

During the year, the Operational Manager undertook actions to ensure the building remained safe and viable long term. This included measures such as having the church's gas meter moved out of the cellar (which contained asbestos), arranging for an EICR of the electrics, purchasing a new commercial cooker and extractor, and commissioning a structural survey of the buildings - with the latter in itself creating a new list of actions which will start to be addressed during the next year.

In line with Christian beliefs that we are stewards of this planet, as well as the wider global movement to reduce our impact on the environment, a number of staff and volunteers undertook various training on this matter. In addition, funds were secured to install loft insulation, as well as to replace inefficient boilers and lights. After a very long lead time owing to global supply and demand issues, a new sound system was installed towards the end of the financial year. It is anticipated that this will improve the audio experience of

those in attendance at meetings in the main church room, as well as for those who tune in digitally.

Riverside Church continued to hold weekly Sunday services - some of which were also live streamed earlier in the year - until technical difficulties prevented this from taking place again until the last few weeks of the year. As well as the typical Sunday Services, a number of special ones took place:

- 17th April 2022: 'Escape Room style Easter Service
- 31st October: Hope & Light Messy Church
- 11th December 2021: Christmas Magic Show
- 18th December 2021: Christmas Carol Service

Along with their volunteer teams, the Children's Worker and Youth & Community Worker were both encouraged to see the numbers of children and youth attending their sessions continue to grow. It has not been unusual for in excess of 30 children and youth to attend on Sunday morning. As reflective practitioners, the Children's and Youth Workers made minor tweaks to the practical arrangements for the children and youth in order to meet the diverse needs of those attending.

Some small groups for adults experienced changes in leadership and membership but the focus of these groups remained the same: prayer and pastoral support. Some also used the time to study the Bible and delve deeper into the themes explored on Sundays.

Emerging from the pandemic also impacted on the community-based activities at Riverside. Some of the more long-standing activities had returned during the previous year and started to grow substantially again during this year. Meanwhile, the challenges that had arisen as a consequence of the pandemic, as well as those caused by the cost of living crisis exacerbated the need for different types of activities and support.

Essential funds were secured from a range of sources and these provided:

- access to free warm, safe spaces for people
- new, quality resources for groups,
- new activities for the community
- a greater variety of warm drinks and snacks for clients
- the sharing of cost-cutting tips

Throughout the year, appropriate representatives of the church also continued to support children at local schools. Two staff members led Collective Worship (in person for the first time since March 2020) at a local primary school on alternate weeks and a total of seven young people received one-to-one support for an hour on a weekly basis – two at a local

high school and five at a primary school. One-to-one support at the primary school was and continues to be delivered in partnership with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) – a national charity in receipt of a number of awards.

The playgroup, Jelly Tots, which is for parents/carers and children from newborn up to pre-school, continued to be extremely popular, making the most of the safe outdoor space, as well as the large indoor warehouse. The group celebrated its 10th birthday by purchasing £500 worth of new toys thanks to some funding from the Community Foundation's Covid Recovery Fund. In order for this group to support parents/carers as effectively as possible, a separate Childminders' Support Group was established on a different morning, so that Childminders with large groups of children could have their own bespoke group, in which best practice could be exchanged. The establishment of this separate group benefited both sets of clients.

Meetings were held with staff and volunteers from Burton Mind, to see whether there would be demand for a Wellbeing Hub. The lag between being referred for counselling and an appointment becoming available can be considerable - particularly coming out of the pandemic. Burton Mind kindly agreed to share details of the weekly Wellbeing Hub drop-in with anyone who was waiting for an appointment. Even when the Wellbeing Hub doubled as Warm Space for five months, numbers at this particular session were not as predicted, so reluctantly, having been open since mid-September 2022, the Wellbeing Hub closed at the end of March. However, following the temporary closure of Burton Library, the Place of Welcome which is usually hosted there moved into our building temporarily the following week.

The Warehouse Wednesdays youth club and indoor skate park for youth aged 10 to 16 years returned to normal, running from 5.45-7.15 pm every Wednesday during term time. This provided somewhere safe and warm for youth to hang out and funding from National Grid Electricity Distribution meant that a greater variety of warm snacks and drinks could be offered at no additional charge to the youth who attended this activity. Visits from other professionals such as the local PCSO and a worker from SARAC (Sexual Abuse and Rape Advice Centre), meant that youth got to know other relevant organisations. Some holiday provision for this age was also made available and these included two sessions at Easter and four sessions in the Summer. A total of another five special additional sessions for primary school aged children took place during the Easter and Summer holidays.



The English Class continued to provide essential support to those for whom English is a second language. The Department for Work and Pensions regularly referred people to the class via the local Job Centre and an influx of refugees and asylum seekers to the area meant that numbers regularly exceeded 30. This was a real contrast to the previous year.

The popularity of the monthly Craft Club grew during the year with numbers reaching around 15 per session and this group was also grateful for the funding received to purchase materials for 5 months. Knowing the benefits of being creative, a former student from the English Class offered to run some Art Classes - five of which were funded from a grant. These classes were so popular that she decided to add extra dates to meet demand.

Similarly, the monthly Lunch Club for those over 60 continued and the clients continue to be incredibly grateful for an affordable, tasty and nutritious meal with the company of others. Special events such as the Queen's Jubilee were celebrated and one couple chose to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Lunch Club because this group is where their friends are. Numbers have been consistent, at around 40, which is manageable for the size of the room and the cooks.

The church continued to partner with a number of local organisations by working together with them and making financial donations where appropriate. Riverside contributed funds and foods to Burton YMCA in acknowledgement of the amazing contribution they make to the town, as well as the ever-growing need for food parcels. Likewise, financial gifts were also made to the local Salvation Army for its distribution of food parcels.

Our local Teams4U volunteers were kind enough to provide 115 Christmas shoeboxes for local children in need. These were distributed by Winshill's Bee Blessed Charity Shop and two local primary schools - all of whom were incredibly grateful for the gifts. Riverside also donated funds to the local branch of the Teams4U to support their invaluable work moving forward.

The cost of living crisis exacerbated the need for the already stretched local Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre. In recognition of this, the church made a gift to support the work of this charity and we hope to look at other ways to support the staff there - by promoting voluntary roles there, for example.

The young people of the church ran a couple of events to raise funds. The first was a quiz, raffle and light lunch. The second was a bake sale in aid of those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Money raised by the former, along with donations from individuals within the church and the church itself totalled £1,500. As a group, the youth continued to sponsor a



child through 'Compassion' as did other individuals, couples and families within the church.

Support for people further afield also continued with regular giving to Restoration of Hope in Burundi which supports over 70 children and young people who have been living on the streets and are behind with their education. Likewise, the church continued to highlight and support the work of 'Open Doors.'

Church premises continued to be made available for regular use by third party groups and local charities, many of whom work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community as can be seen below.

The growing numbers and needs of those attending Narcotics Anonymous (which is for those who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction) meant that we were asked if another group could be started at the church, so that there would be groups meeting on Sunday *and* Monday evenings. Numbers are such that in excess of 40 people have been known to gather in a single meeting.

The U3A, or 'The University of the Third Age' movement is a collection of groups (u3as) that run local and online member-led learning for those no longer in full time work across the UK. The Burton-wide 'tea and talk' sessions took place as usual at Riverside during the year, while the History Group resumed meeting once a month.

As indicated earlier, Burton YMCA is one of our key partners and the organisation used our facilities for staff training during the year. In order to offer the best support available to those in need in the town, professional connections between the staff of both organisations are continuing to grow. The same can be said of Burton Youth for Christ who partner with us in the Warehouse Wednesday project and who organised an impactful weekend away for 42 youth from the town - 15 of which were from Riverside.

Working with young people aged 11-18 years who are struggling to remain in mainstream education, Eagle's Nest continued to use our venue once a week during the year. Sadly for us, this is likely to be the last time we mention this organisation as a building user as they have now secured their own premises.

An unexpected but delightful connection was made with Burton Parish Council this year and we are very grateful for the opportunity to partner with them in a variety of ways. One of these was the clearing of the overgrown land between Wetmore Road and Hawkins Lane. We look forward to strengthening this relationship in the future.



We are extremely grateful to the following organisations who have supported us financially:

- Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services
- Community Foundation for Staffordshire
- National Grid Electricity Distribution's Community Matters Fund
- Staffordshire County Council
- East Staffordshire Borough Council
- Burton Parish Council

In line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission, we continue to keep reserves of six months in order to make sure that we can meet all our financial commitments, should the need arise. An independent check of accounts and other records has been completed again this year by a Accountants.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Burton Renewal Fellowship

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

515335

Set out on pages

1 TO 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:

Date:

10th May 2023

Name:

David R Munro

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

Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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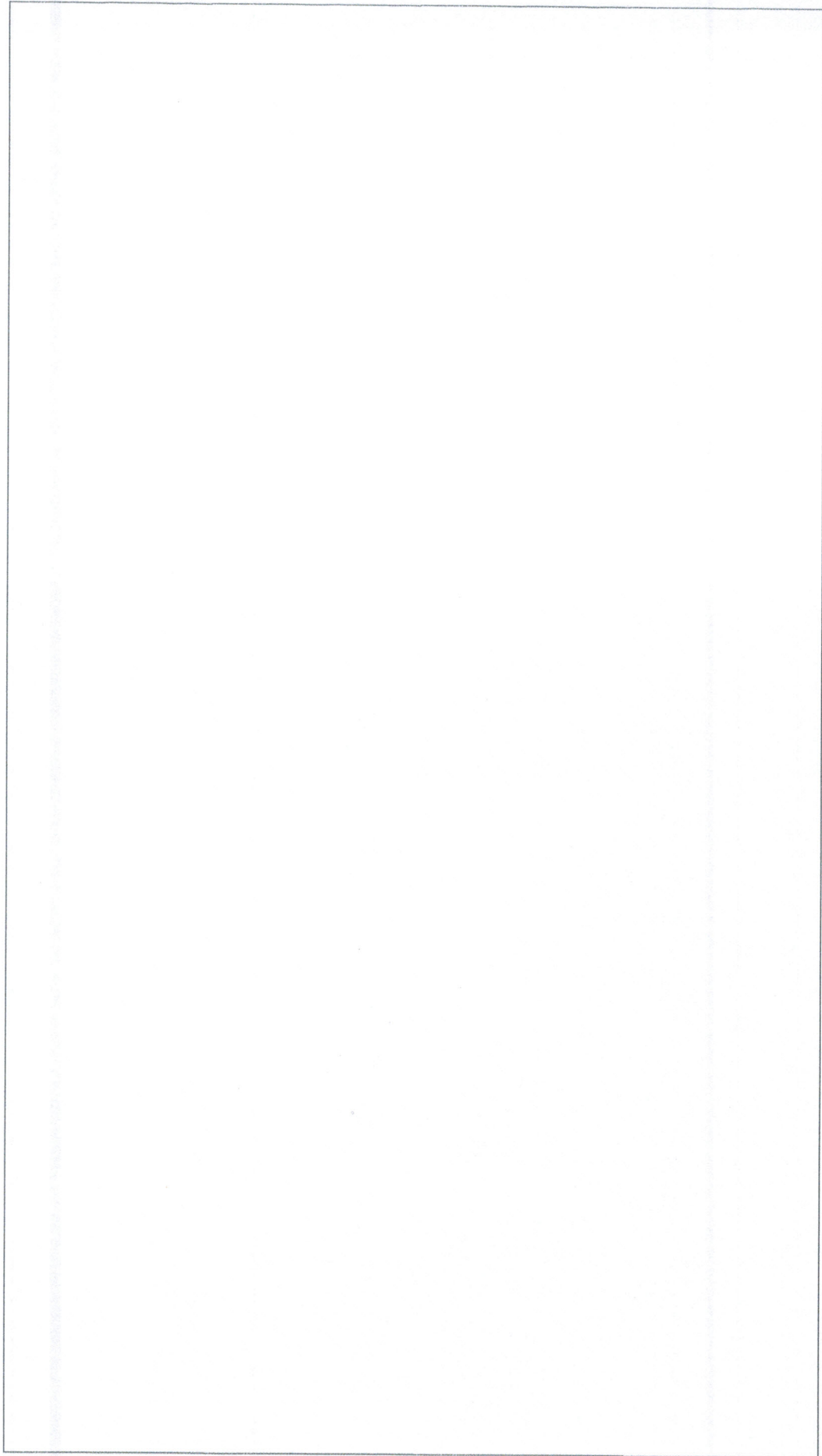
Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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BURTON RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 515335

Accounts



Annual Report April 2021 to March 2022

With the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, this year saw a gradual return to 'normal' at Burton Renewal Fellowship – known as 'Riverside Church' - a church with charitable status. Given the mixed nature of the groups meeting at the premises, the Trustees erred on the side of caution when resuming activities, so this meant that when waves of the virus hit, there was minimal disruption.

As planned, Mark Ward took on the role of Chair for the financial year and introduced a new way of structuring and recording meetings after the retirement of Daryl Williams in May 2021. Daryl Williams and Karen Williams stepped down as Elders and Trustees when Daryl retired in May 2021 and they both took a break from all things connected with Riverside Church for six months. The Elders took this opportunity to rename their role as 'Senior Leadership Team' – a phrase it was hoped would be more meaningful to the general public. At the same time, the five remaining SLT who were also Trustees took on equal and joint leadership of the church.

Having investigated the functions carried out by Daryl in his role as full time Church Leader, trustees made changes to staffing: initially the part time Operations Manager's hours increased when Daryl retired. Later in the year, in September, the new Youth & Community Worker started her part time role, the combined Children's Worker and Administrative Assistant's part time hours increased and the existing Operations Manager's focus changed to become full time Community & Partnerships Manager. A replacement temporary part time cleaner was appointed during this year, although she didn't start the role until the new financial year.

The objectives of the charity continued to remain as they have been since its inception:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines outlined in the Trust Deed,
- the relief of those in conditions of need, hardship, distress or aged.
- The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles, without prejudice as explained by the terms outlined in the Trust Deed.

With these objectives in mind, Riverside Church Burton continued to hold services and was able to open the church up from Sunday 4th April 2021 for those who felt comfortable to attend – with Covid mitigations in place. These controls ranged from pre-booking seats which were arranged in bubbles, to use of hand sanitiser, the wearing of face masks and the shortening of services to one hour. As the financial year progressed, the controls were gradually relaxed. For the most part, services were also livestreamed and this meant that those who were unable to attend the church in person still

remained connected. As well as the typical Sunday Services, a number of special ones took place:

- 4th April 2021: Interactive Easter Experience
- 31st October: Hope & Light Messy Church
- 5th December 2021: Christmas Magic Show
- 19th December 2021: Christmas Carol and Christingle Service
- 26th March 2022: Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those who died during the last two years
- 27th March 2022: 4Front Theatre Company production to celebrate Mothering Sunday

Perhaps the most poignant service was the one held on 26th March when families and friends of those who'd sadly passed away during the two preceding years were invited to come and pay their respects to their loved ones. A memorial was unveiled on that day and families continue to leave flowers for their loved ones.

For half of the year, the children and youth remained separate from the rest of the church in order to protect adults who attended the service but as time progressed, it was a joy to have the children return to being in the services at the start and end, while leaving for age appropriate activities during the middle. The Children's Worker and Youth & Community redesigned the format of the Sunday morning activities to make them less like school and to encourage socialisation between the age groups.

Small groups such as those meeting in homes or at the church met in ways that suited them best: some met in person, others online, while a hybrid approach was used by those who felt confident to do so. These groups were mainly for prayer and pastoral support, while some also used the time to study the Bible and delve deeper into the themes explored on Sundays.

Of equal importance was the desire to continue to reach out to the community and serve those in need. This meant that during the financial year, Riverside Church supported projects financially and in kind where it was considered help was needed. One such example is that the church assisted with the community testing programme by distributing 600 LFTs during the year.

Throughout the year, appropriate representatives of the church also continued to support children at local schools. A staff member led Collective Worship at a local primary school via video call on alternate weeks and a total of five young people received one-to-one support for an hour on a weekly basis – two in person at a local high school and three via video call at a primary school. One-to-one support at the primary school was and continues to be delivered in partnership with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) – a national charity in receipt of a number of awards.



As the uptake of Covid vaccinations increased, so did the reopening of the church's outreach activities in person. On 9th June 2021, the Warehouse Wednesdays youth club opened for a restricted number to ascertain their needs and wants moving forward. This provision continued into the school Summer holidays, with an additional session for primary school aged children during the October half term. By September 2021, the Warehouse Wednesday sessions for those aged 10 to 17 were running as normal, with indoor skateboarding, outdoor football cage and further indoor activities for those in attendance

Jelly Tots, a parent/carer and child group for new-borns up to pre-school, restarted in September 2021, with the first month being open to children below the age of two so that they could settle before the older children joined. This was such a success that this phased start is likely to be used in future years. Numbers started quite low but by the end of the financial year, had risen to 46 children, with 31 adults in a single session.

The break imposed by Covid meant that the parent/carer and child group's organisers were effectively recruiting a brand new client base and this was a sentiment echoed by the volunteers running the English Class which also restarted in September 2021. The latter group continued to provide essential support for those who English was virtually non-existent right through to those who could communicate effectively in the language but wanted to improve. Numbers were low in comparison to previous years but global issues meant that the volunteers had plans in place to advertise and recruit newcomers to the country.

The wide-ranging benefits of learning crafts are well known and so it was with some excitement that the monthly Craft Club restarted in November. Organisers experimented with running this on a Saturday for a couple of months to provide those in full time work with the opportunity to engage with the club, but as this didn't happen it reverted to a weekday in the New Year. The group, although quite small, attracts people with severe health issues who are unable to leave their homes easily; it's therefore proving to be helpful in overcoming isolation.

Similarly, the monthly Lunch Club for those over 60 restarted in October 2021 and the clients who have attended since that point have been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to meet again for an affordable, tasty and nutritious meal. Numbers have been consistent, at around 40, which is manageable for the size of the room and the cooks.

The church continued to partner with a number of local organisations by working together with them and making financial donations where appropriate. Riverside contributed funds and foods to Burton YMCA in acknowledgement of the amazing contribution they make to the town, as well as the ever-growing need for food parcels. On 5th April 2022, Riverside



was proud to host Burton YMCA's Fashion Show Fundraiser and were very grateful to the latter for the donation made to help with the cost of utilities.

Likewise, the church has a strong relationship with the local Teams4U volunteers and both organisations worked together to provide 300 Christmas shoeboxes for local children in need. Amongst other organisations, these were distributed by Winhill's Newstart Charity Shop and Holy Trinity Primary School. Riverside also donated funds to the local branch of the Teams4U to support their invaluable work moving forward.

The young people of the church are encouraged to look outward and together they continued to sponsor a child through 'Compassion.' Similarly, on larger scale, the church has links with Restoration of Hope in Burundi which supports over 70 children and young people who have been living on the streets and are behind with their education. Riverside send regular financial support to help pay for the education and material needs of those requiring it there, as well as sending additional funds if possible when requested.

The Church premises continued to be made available for regular use by third party groups and local charities, many of whom work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

As a self-help group, Narcotics Anonymous was one of the first to return to meeting in person at the church. This group is for those who are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and at one stage the church was facing requests for three different groups to meet in the buildings each week. By the end of the year, the original single group was meeting each week.

The U3A, or 'The University of the Third Age' movement is a collection of groups (u3as) that run local and online member-led learning for those no longer in full time work across the UK. While the History Group wasn't ready to return, the Burton-wide 'tea and talk' sessions took place as usual at Riverside during the year, using Covid procedures to minimise risk of transmission.

As indicated earlier, Burton YMCA is one of our key partners and the organisation used our facilities for staff training and trustee meetings, in addition to the fund raiser mentioned previously. The same can be said of Burton Youth for Christ who partner with us in the Warehouse Wednesday project and have used our facilities free of charge for events such as 'Starbuds' and the Youth Alpha.

Eagle's Nest Project works with young people aged 11-18 years who are struggling to remain in mainstream education. It has a variety of projects – one of which is based at Riverside. The nature of this charity meant that it continued to meet throughout pandemic on a weekly basis during term time.

In line with the recommendations of the Charity Commission, we continue to keep reserves of six months in order to make sure that we can meet all our



financial commitments, should the need arise. An independent check of accounts and other records has been completed again this year by a Chartered Accountant.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2021	To	Period end date 3/31/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Monthly Giving	80,176		-	80,176	86,643
Offerings	1,164	844	-	2,008	2,023
Other Giving			-	-	3,930
Grants	363	4,375	-	4,738	22,758
Gift Aid Reclaim	18,806		-	18,806	19,948
Donations/rent for use of buildings	4,920		-	4,920	3,856
Bank Interest on Savings Accounts	15		-	15	26
Church weekend away/youth/social events	155		-	155	46
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	105,599	5,219	-	110,818	139,230
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	105,599	5,219	-	110,818	139,230
A3 Payments					
Gifts	5,436			5,436	7,713
Salaries/PAYE/Pension (includes Grant funded project salary costs)	46,565	5,174		51,739	65,727
Admin & Building Running Costs	16,274	5,412		21,686	16,298
Bank charges/Accountancy fees	856			856	701
Church Outreach	3,304	2,250		5,554	6,059
Grant Funded Projects (excluding salary costs)		2,969		2,969	4,279
Special Projects	4,172			4,172	2,167
Adjustment					
Sub total	76,607	15,805	-	92,412	102,944
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,607	15,805	-	92,412	102,944
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,992	- 10,586	-	18,406	36,286
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	118,428	36,933		155,361	119,075
Cash funds this year end	147,420	26,347	-	173,767	155,361

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	11,646	6,710	-
	Savings Account - Reserves	69,872		-
	Savings Account - Buildings & Special Projects	65,539	20,000	-
	Total cash funds	147,057	26,710	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Riverside Church Building + land it occupies purchased in 2003		12,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

RIVERSIDE CHURCH – BURTON RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements the Charities Act have not been met not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Accounts

April 2020 – March 2021 Chairman's Report for Burton Renewal Fellowship known as Riverside Church

Despite the pandemic this has been a busy year for Riverside Church and is reflected in the attached accounts. We continue to operate with a compliment of one full time and three part time staff members. Elders who are Trustees meet on a twice weekly basis and this year saw the retirement of Jacqui Botton as an elder and trustee and the appointment of Ruth Myers as both elder and trustee. This will be my last year as Chairman as I will hand over to Mark Ward from the new financial year.

The fellowship is now known as Riverside Church Burton and meets under the chairmanship of Mr Daryl Williams. The objectives of the charity are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines outlined in the Trust Deed, and the relief of those in conditions of hardship or distress, aged or sick. With these objectives in mind during the year Riverside Church Burton held uninterrupted regular services at Riverside Church for adults, young people and children as well as participating jointly with other Churches in town wide activities. The number of Church partners have remained static during the year at around 150 who have connected, in some format, with the worship and fellowship of the church. Like many churches in the UK we have moved our services online but have been able to open the church up for prayer on a number of Sunday's. Home groups and prayer meetings continued throughout the year via Zoom.

In line with the recommendations of the charity commission we have reserves set aside in order to make sure that we can meet all our financial commitments for at least 6 months. An independent check has been carried out again this year by a Chartered Accountant. During the financial year. Riverside Church supported projects financially and in kind, where we considered help was needed. Such projects were both overseas in Burundi and locally in Burton on Trent.

In Burundi we continue to give financial support to help in the education and material needs of around 50 young people living in a children's home.

On a local level we gave financial assistance to the local Youth For Christ centre and the local YMCA and this year saw us support a number of projects in Burton.

Lunch Club – While not being able to meet we have continued to contact individual members by card and small gifts to assure them they are still part of our wider community.

Jelly Tots - A free young mums group aimed at those young mums who need support, this group has grown to around 54 children and carers. We have kept in regular contact by delivering craft materials, cards and gifts to each member throughout the year..

Hope on the Streets – Normally once a month church members give out cakes, chocolate, fruit etc in the town centre and take in around 40-50 prayer requests. In line with Covid regulations we have not been able to provide this service during this year.

English Lessons – Normally foreign language students would come for free lessons, advice and support. We have continued to support group individuals via cards and gifts so that we are able to reopen next year.

Street Angels –Help for those in need between the hours of 10pm and 2am each Saturday night. Due to Covid this was shut down this year but plans for this cross church outreach to begin in the summer of 2021 are in hand.

Schools support – We continue to work with Holy Trinity School in Wetmore and providing assemblies, collective worship and mentoring for individual children. This is done via our partnership with the Light House Group in delivering an online mentoring scheme to a number of students who need additional support. In addition to this we work with two students at Abbot Beyne secondary school.

CAP – We have offered individual debt advice and referred people to the local debt centre.

Detached youth work targeting Winshill, Anglesey and Eton was completed as part of our youth outreach before the second lock down was enforced.

Burton College Chaplaincy - The church continues to take the lead in providing once a week pastoral care to students at the local

college. And this was maintained from April to July this year and will be restarting in May 2021.

Indoor skate park Following a request for help with local youth who were being targeted by drug sellers at the outside skate park we now operate a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning indoor skate park which attracts between 40-50 young people. This work carried on in a restricted numbers format until the 2nd lockdown and will re-open in May 2021. We have maintained regular contact with over 110 young people via gifts and cards each month throughout the lock down period.

After School Club Every Wednesday from 3.30 we run a craft and play based activity club for local young people and have around 30 children who attend. This work was shut down by the school due to Covid concerns this year.

The Church premises (Riverside Church) continued to be made available for regular use by other groups and local charities, many of who work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community. Other Christian congregations and the local primary School were given free use of the Riverside Church.

Our warehouse has also been refurbished & would normally be used by the different groups that use our other buildings as well. It is our continued plan to improve the Church premises for the use of Christian ministry and for the benefit of groups involved in improving body, mind and spirit within our community, these include Harvey girls, YMCA, Narcotics anonymous and U3a who work with the retired community.

Daryl Williams Chair Trustee's



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Monthly Giving	86,643		-	86,643	89,232
Offerings	2,023		-	2,023	5,842
Other Giving	1,650	2,280	-	3,930	1,566
Grants	376	22,382	-	22,758	16,904
Gift Aid Reclaim	19,948		-	19,948	15,280
Donations/rent for use of buildings	3,856		-	3,856	5,745
Bank Interest on Savings Accounts	26		-	26	45
Church weekend away/youth/social events	46		-	46	2,939
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,568	24,662	-	139,230	137,553
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,568	24,662	-	139,230	137,553
A3 Payments					
Gifts	7,713			7,713	12,971
Salaries/PAYE/Pension(includes Grant funded project salary costs)	64,557	1,170		65,727	68,840
Admin & Building Running Costs	16,298			16,298	23,602
Bank charges/Accountancy fees	701			701	686
Church Outreach	3,779	2,280		6,059	12,922
Grant Funded Projects(excluding salary costs)		4,279		4,279	3,167
Special Projects	2,167			2,167	6,449
Adjustment for VAT					
Sub total	95,215	7,729	-	102,944	128,637
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	95,215	7,729	-	102,944	128,637
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,353	16,933	-	36,286	8,916
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	99,075	20,000		119,075	110,159
Cash funds this year end	118,428	36,933	-	155,361	119,075

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Bank Current Account	12,807	16,933	-
	Savings Account - Reserves	69,864		-
	Savings Account - Buildings & Special Projects	35,757	20,000	-
	Total cash funds	118,428	36,933	-

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Riverside Church Building + land it occupies purchased in 2003		12,500	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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		-	
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		-	

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