

CHARITY NUMBER - 1002074

CLAREMONT CHURCH TRUSTEES

ANNUAL REPORT 1st April 2020 31st March 2021

The Covid 19 Pandemic and resultant lockdowns and other restrictions has had a major effect on the life and activity of Claremont Church this year. The result is that the contents of this report is somewhat truncated compared to previous years.

The regular church services ceased in a physical format and moved online by means of ZOOM and continued satisfactorily throughout the financial year. Additional meetings, bible studies and some social events were also introduced using Zoom in order to keep members of the church in contact with each other and to minimise any feeling of isolation.

Support for vulnerable members of the church was put in place to support them with shopping and others matters that occurred. This was in the main carried out by younger members of the fellowship.

During the year the Trustees held only one physical meeting in July 2021 and other necessary meetings were held virtually and communication maintained by means of email.

The trustees continued our general policy of a cautious approach in settling the budget having regard to the expected annual income.

The budget for the year April 2020 to March 2021 was therefore set as follows.

Budgeted Income	£66,866
Budgeted Expenditure	£64,356
Budgeted Surplus	£ 2,510

Due to an unexpected major failure in our heating system towards the end of the previous financial year we had to replace the boilers at significant cost which is included in the expenditure figure for this financial year which has resulted in a substantial increase in actual expenditure compared with the budgeted expenditure. This unexpected expenditure has been covered by reserves held for building repairs and improvements.

Therefore the year end figures for April 20/ to March 2021 were as follows

Year End Income	£59,091
Year End Expenditure	£68,024
Year End Deficit	£ 8,933

The actual totals for the financial year reflect other effects on income and expenditure that are the consequence of Covid and its effect on the life and activity of the church.

They include the following aspects.

1. The level of giving by members of the church was largely maintained despite the fact that we were not meeting physically. This is largely due to the bulk of the giving is by means of regular direct debits and covenanted giving.

2. The building remained un-occupied apart from weekly checks to ensure that everything was sound. Heating was maintained at a low level to protect the fabric.
3. The tenants that normally occupy parts of the building were not physically present and were working remotely. Fortunately they were willing to support the situation and agreement was reached that they would continue to pay a partial rent.
4. The building running costs and utilities were reduced due to the limited occupation of the building.
5. On the expenditure side there was a delay in the insurance bill at the beginning of the financial year with the consequence that there were two insurance bills in the year.

We maintained the employment of our church administrator throughout the year and he made a considerable contribution by facilitating all the technology equipment and organising the virtual meetings and communications. During this period he also continued to carry out his normal responsibilities albeit at a reduced level.

This year has been very strange in the life of the church but we have been able to maintain the situation and despite the effects of Covid 19 and the resultant lock-downs the church has continued to function and in some ways the togetherness of the members has been enhanced.

We have learned much in terms of providing remote working and meetings and we have seen people and past members joining in on Zoom meetings from various places and even internationally. Meetings have also been conveyed on Facebook which has been well received.

Looking to the future and assuming the effects of the pandemic allow we are looking forward to a more normal year next year.

Signed G P McCrindle
 Secretary to the Trustees
 24th January 2022

Claremont Church Bolton

Accounts for the year ended
31st March 2021

John Beatty

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Claremont Church Bolton

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared without carrying out an audit, the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31st 2021 and Balance Sheet as at that date, from the accounting records information and explanations supplied to us.

JOHN BEATTY

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1st September 2021

CLAREMONT CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

INCOME	2021	2020
Gift Aid and Covenants	27026	29309
Other regular Giving	8298	6713
Designated Giving	0	1985
Rental Income	12000	24627
Sundry Income	46	500
Recovered Tax	8842	8843
Loan repayments	720	0
Bank Interest Received	424	1296
Utilities Income	595	5106
Photocopier Refund	1140	0
	<u>59091</u>	<u>78379</u>

LESS EXPENDITURE

Employment Costs	14009	
Cleaners Wages	0	2480
Building Costs/Refurbishment	24820	7942
Claremont Running Costs	0	1751
Gas/Electric/Telephone	7162	12108
Website	243	0
Giving	5250	5366
Ministry Gifts	0	1775
Mission and Outreach	0	669
Love Gift expenses	0	975
Children & Youth work	0	123
Hospitality	0	1426
Leaders Expenses	0	1110
Office Expenses	3889	4122
Photocopier Lease	2005	0
Building Insurance	6895	3232
CCLI	56	0
Tax/Ni	2555	0
Refunds	50	0
Professional Fees	90	0
Loans	1000	0
Music & P A Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>780</u>
	<u>68024</u>	<u>59517</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	-8933	18862

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH
2021**

	2021	2020
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Building at cost/valuation	219720	219720
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank - Current Account	31422	42585
Redwood Bank	18000	18000
Cambridge & Counties Dep Acc	31343	31343
2 yr Cambridge & Counties Acc	50000	50000
Cash in Hand	142	237
	130907	142165
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accruals	0	2930
NET CURRENT ASSETS	130907	139235
NET ASSETS	<u>350177</u>	<u>358505</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
General Fund		
Balance b/f	317335	298473
Surplus/Deficit for year	-8933	18862
Balance c/f	308402	317335
Designated Funds		
Reserve Fund	10000	10000
Charitable Fund	1775	1170
Roof Fund	30000	30000
	<u>350177</u>	<u>358505</u>

Independent Examiners Report To the Trustees of Claremont Church Bolton

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on the following pages.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

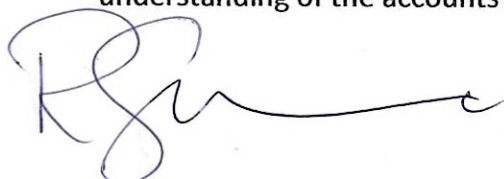
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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



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Date ...27/1/2022.....