

**CHARITY NUMBER - 1002074**

## **CLAREMONT CHURCH TRUSTEES**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The year commenced with Covid 19 restrictions still in place with the ongoing consequence that during the early months we continued to hold the Sunday services and other meetings by means of Zoom. During July, the restrictions were lifted and we were able to move towards meeting physically together once again.

During August and September members of the church started to meet together once again, however we continued Zoom meetings for some months until everybody felt secure enough to meet together. Appropriate precautions have been retained where considered necessary.

The Trustees recommenced actual physical meetings from September onwards but reinforced these with additional meetings by Zoom and communication where necessary by email.

During this year with covid restrictions still in place for the first four months and a gradual return to normality, there was some uncertainty as to the effect on the income of the church. The trustees therefore continued our general policy of a cautious approach in settling the budget having regard to the expected annual income.

Due to the unexpected death of our Treasurer, a formal budget was not produced for the year April 2021 to March 2022. The intention is that this will be re-instated for the year 2022 to 2023.

With the return to normality following Covid the income for year ending 2022 was substantially in excess of the income for year ending 2021.

The increase in giving amounted to £13,630 above the income level for 2021. This however included an amount of £5,379 of designated giving, which was intended to be passed on to other precipitants.

Although some expenditure elements indicated an increase over the previous year, this was because of greater use of the building following the opening up after Covid.

The overall expenditure in 2021 to 2022 was £6,682 less than the previous year, which was largely the result of significantly less repair and refurbishment being done on the building.

Therefore, the year-end figures for April 2021 to March 2022 were as follows

Year End Income	£72,721
Year End Expenditure	£61,342
Year End Surplus	£11,379

The Trustees consider this outcome satisfactory considering that during the first four months we were still under Covid restrictions.

We anticipate it will be a good springboard for the next financial year.

## **Expenditure on Claremont House**

July 2021	New Firestone rubber roof to small flat roof area. - £1,000 Electrical Pat Testing - £275
September 2021	New blinds to main meeting room - £1,900 Further minor roof repairs - £400
October 2021	Replacement of 5 windows in lower floor meeting room - £2,592 Fire extinguisher service - £1,074
November 2021	Replaced window mechanisms and handles in main meeting room - £1,188.
December 2021	Cleaning of downpipes £270
January 2022	Additional blinds - £300 Lift service - £712 New Led lighting to main meeting room - £488
February 2022	Electrical work - £735

## **External Support**

The building continues to be used by community and charitable groups of various descriptions and other churches for meetings and other events. Twice a year we host the memorial service for Bolton Hospice. The local authority has used the building for seminars and self-employed business workshops.

We have continued to support the work of "Create Bolton" a separate charity which has continued to grow and they now operate a popular craft based cafe and workshops in part of the building. We have assisted them with additional accommodation for their work with handicapped children and children with learning difficulties with activities in craft, drama and music.

We have continued to work with Urban Outreach Bolton along with other churches in collecting and distributing food for the town wide food bank.

We continued to send funds out to associates in Nepal to support Christian projects among the needy and destitute in the slums in Kathmandu. Funds have also been provided to assist local Christian Pastors working in various areas in Nepal.

We also gave one off gifts to various charitable works serving the needy in the local area and other Christian organisations with similar aims and objectives to ourselves both at home and abroad.

As a principal we set aside a minimum of 10% of our giving by individuals to provide gifts to the various organisations and individuals we support. In addition, we may from time to time take up special offerings for charitable projects we wish to support.

## **Coming Year**

Now we are free from the restrictions of Covid we have every reason to believe that next year will be a year of steady growth. We have maintained our numbers and towards the end of this year, we started to see some growth in families with young children, which is particularly encouraging.

Signed            G P McCrindle  
                         Secretary to the Trustees  
                         27th November 2022

# Claremont Church Bolton

Accounts for the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 and Balance Sheet as at that date, from the accounting records information and explanations supplied to us.

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1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

## CLAREMONT CHURCH ACCOUNTS

### Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

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

	2022	2021
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>		
Building at cost/valuation	219720	219720
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
Bank - Current Account	20159	31422
Redwood Bank	38079	18000
Cambridge & Counties Dep Acc	32150	31343
2 yr Cambridge & Counties Acc	52014	50000
Cash in Hand	156	142
	142558	130907
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Accruals/Prepayments	0	0
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	142558	130907
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>362278</u></b>	<b><u>350627</u></b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
General Fund		
Balance b/f	308402	317335
Surplus/Deficit for year	11379	-8933
Balance c/f	319781	308402
Designated Funds		
Reserve Fund	10000	10000
Charitable Fund	2497	2225
Roof Fund	30000	30000
	<b><u>362278</u></b>	<b><u>350627</u></b>



# Independent Examiners Report To the Trustees of Claremont Church Bolton

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, 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.

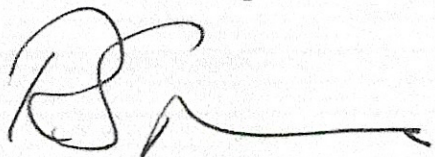
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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 26 August 2022