

Charity number: 1052147

Riverlife Church Sunderland

Unaudited Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 5 April 2021

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Legal and Administration Details for the year ended 5 April 2021

Charity registration number

1052147

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Administration Details

Constitution

The charity is set up under a Trust Deed which sets out the objectives and purposes of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

The constitution and trust deed were adopted on 10 August 1993, as amended on 17 February 1997 and 11 September 2002.

The church is managed by the Church Council, which comprises the Minister and appointed leaders of the Church. The Church Council appoints Holding Trustees for the purpose of holding the land and buildings of the Church who act on the directions of the Church Council.

The Trustees meet at least four times in each year and deal with the administration of the charity overseeing financial accountability, risk management and any other administrative business of the Church. The operational management of the organisation is undertaken by the paid staff team and other Trustees and volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of Riverlife Church are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or World as the Church Council from time-to-time think fit; and to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or World as the Church Council from time-to-time think fit. Give every man, woman, and child the opportunity of understanding the gospel and to provide a church where they can grow in ministry for the Glory of God.

Public Benefit Statements

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit and are satisfied that the Charity delivers public benefit; due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit when deciding on what new projects the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

Due to COVID-19 the church services and community activities were unable to take place.

Although we were unable to meet physically, groups were setup to keep regular contact with everyone via phone, WhatsApp, email etc.

In August the church was able to resume its Sunday Services gradually with all Government guidelines and related precautions in place.

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Sunday Family Service – limited numbers were able to attend with a booking-in system introduced. From August – October, with no services in November due to another lockdown, and resumed Sunday Services December.

At the start of 2021 due to high COVID numbers in the city, we chose to return to online services to keep our community safe. In March we reintroduced physically gathering, with COVID restrictions in place.

Christmas Food Boxes, Gifts, Children's books, and crafts – were distributed in our area connected with a local school. And funded by our congregation, Transforming Lives for Good and Church Revitalisation Trust.

Lifegroups – continued via zoom.

Prayer groups – via zoom and phone calls.

Supporting Community during lockdown.

From early April, in partnership with a local school, we supplied Food Parcels to local families which also included books and crafts for the children. This continued until the Food Vouchers were available to the families in June 2020.

Supporting other Charities in the UK and Aboard.

During this Financial Year we supported The Bible Society, Care for the Family, Wearside Youth for Christ, AOG Lebanon Fund, Release International and Missionaries to Turkey.

Foodbank – In partnership with Trussell Trust we opened a Foodbank in September 2020.

Payback Services – providing Gardening Maintenance.

Supporting Traidcraft – using fair trade goods.

Financial review

Income fell during the year from £118,865 to £63,014, due to the previous year including the disposal of the North Bridge Street property; there were also specific donations of £1,000 received in respect of improvements for Redcar Road, £1,270 in respect of food boxes and Christmas hampers, £700 in respect of Jubilee Church – Turkey and £314 towards the setting up of a Youth After School project. Other income consists mainly of an insurance receipt of £400. The Church also took advantage of the Covid Job Retention Scheme during the pandemic and received £11,066.

Expenditure fell from £56,718 to £49,580 primarily due to the legal and professional costs incurred last year relating to the disposal of the North Bridge Street property.

Charity's Reserves

The Church holds reserve funds with Kingdom Bank.

Charity's Principal Source of Funds

General Offering from the members is supplemented by donations and rent, also from time to time funds raised by events and a small amount of fees for charitable services.

**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 5 April 2021**

Statement of the Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to keep proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the charity, and to prepare statements of unaudited accounts for each accounting year consisting of a Receipts and Payments accounts together with notes to the accounts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are expected to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow the recommendations of the Charity Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to the form and content of the unaudited accounts and to disclose and explain any departures therefrom;
- Prepare the unaudited accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will be able to meet its objectives; and
- Consider the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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John Gaze
Chairman

Date:

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the year ended 5 April 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Riverlife Church Sunderland ('the charity') for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the group's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the group and the group's Trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content if accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

STEPHEN GIBSON FCA
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Dated: 2022

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Unaudited Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 5 April 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Receipts				
General Offering	27,074	-	27,074	13,096
Gift Aid	12,147	-	12,147	17,742
Interest received	15	-	15	23
Donations	5,000	3,284	8,284	947
Rental Income	3,850	-	3,850	6,066
Proceeds of property sale	-	-	-	80,000
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	11,066	-	11,066	-
Other	578	-	578	991
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Total Receipts	59,730	3,284	63,014	118,865
Payments				
Costs of generating funds:				
Wages, salaries and National Insurance	33,015	-	33,015	26,753
Administration	1,659	-	1,659	1,232
Printing, Postage & Stationery	154	-	154	325
Repairs & Maintenance	2,137	-	2,137	3,606
Donations	1,014	-	1,014	100
Upkeep of services	491	-	491	2,044
Community events	84	2,056	2,140	1,516
Light, Heat & Water	271	-	271	323
Insurance	427	-	427	1,460
Ministry Expenses	1,190	-	1,190	4,608
Rent and Rates	4,627	-	4,627	7,087
Sundries	1,286	-	1,286	715
Travel	120	-	120	236
Legal & Professional	-	-	-	5,725
Advertising	125	-	125	292
Accountancy	924	-	924	696
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Asset and investment purchases	47,524	2,056	49,580	56,718
Purchase of assets	1,879	--	1,879	2,633
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Total Payments	49,403	2,056	51,459	59,351
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Net of (payments)/receipts	49,403	1,228	59,514	59,514
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Net Movement in funds for the year	10,327	1,228	11,555	59,514
<i>Cash funds at last year end</i>	76,073	120	76,193	16,679
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Cash funds at this year end	86,400	1,348	87,748	76,193
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Notes to The Unaudited Accounts for the year ended 5 April 2021

1. Cash Funds held and Assets Retained for the Charity's use

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	<i>Total Funds</i>
	Funds	Funds	Funds	<i>2020</i>
	£	£	2021	<i>2020</i>
			£	<i>£</i>
Cash Funds				
Barclays Bank Account	8,894	3,284	12,178	3,628
Kingdom Savings Account	75,562	-	75,562	72,547
Cash in hand	8	-	8	17
	<u>84,464</u>	<u>3,284</u>	<u>87,748</u>	<u>76,192</u>
Assets Retained for Charity's Use				
Furnishings	9,017	-	9,017	8,811
Bibles	172	-	172	172
Toddlers & Children's Activities assets	1,597	-	1,597	1,597
Sundry & electrical equipment	2,167	-	2,167	2,098
Sound equipment	1,971	-	1,971	1,971
Computer equipment	2,924	-	2,924	1,320
Investment property	83,883	-	83,883	83,883
	<u>101,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,731</u>	<u>99,852</u>
Total Assets Retained for Charity Use				

Signed on behalf of the Committee

John Gaze

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Date

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2. Restricted Reserve

	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Specific					
Samaritans Purse	34	-	-	-	34
Youth After School project	-	314	-	-	314
Jubilee Church - Turkey	-	700	(700)	-	-
Christmas hampers/Food boxes	86	1,270	(1,356)	-	-
Red House refurbishments	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>120</u>	<u>3,284</u>	<u>(2,056)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,348</u>
	Balance at 6 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 5 April 2020 £
Specific					
Samaritans Purse	34	-	-	-	34
Christmas hampers	86	238	(152)	-	86
Red House refurbishment	-	947	(947)	-	-
	<u>120</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>(1,099)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120</u>

Samaritans Purse

The Church donates to the shoe box appeal run by Samaritans Purse. Some people do not wish to go out and purchase items for the shoe boxes themselves and would rather make a specific donation to Samaritans Purse so that the Church can then purchase items for shoe boxes on their behalf. Any moneys left over get donated to Samaritans Purse to cover the transportation costs of the shoe boxes.