

DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

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DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and Administrative Details

The church is a Registered Charity no. 500200. The full title of the charity is: Durbar Avenue Evangelical Church. The address is: Durbar Avenue, Coventry, CV6 5LU.

The charity trustees for the purpose of these accounts comprise the Pastor & other officers of the church. The trustees during the year were as follows:

Mr Martyn Owens
Mrs Carol Norman

Mr Kerry Cook
Mr Mark Norman

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is constituted as an independent church, and the governing document is a Trust Deed. The Pastor and Church officers are elected by the Church Meeting, and are responsible for leadership of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims are to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify the congregation through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the circulation of good Christian literature, and the support of missionary endeavour at home and abroad.

Achievements and Performance

Sunday services:

Prior to the lockdown, we held 2 services every Sunday; one at 11.00 am, which also provided a Sunday school for any children between the ages of 4 and 10 (We also had a creche available for any babies or toddlers if parents wished to use this facility.) The other service was at 4.00pm in the afternoon and we had refreshments in the church hall after the service where all were welcome to stay and enjoy a chat and get to know one another over a cake and a cup of tea or coffee. We are a small church and on average until the lockdown at the end of March 2020 we had approximately 30-40 people attending morning services and in the afternoon we had around 25-30 regularly. Our services are fairly traditional with hymns and modern worship songs along with the preaching from the Word of God. The music is played using a combination of organ, piano, and guitar. We encourage those with musical talents to get involved with this. When we were forced to close due to lockdown, our Pastor started to record the morning service and put the recordings onto the website for anyone to view. He later started to livestream the service and they are also available on the church website.

DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (Cont.)****Achievements and Performance (cont.)**

We were able to re-open the church to the public for services on 13th September and then for the month of November we had to close our doors again in the second lockdown. We stopped our afternoon service throughout lockdown and continued to only have a morning service when the church reopened. Whether the church was open to the public or not, our Pastor continued to livestream the services, giving people flexibility around whether they wanted to attend services in person or watch the livestream.

Prayer Meetings:

Prior to lockdown, on Thursday evenings at 8.00 pm we had a prayer meeting which was open for anyone to come along to. We were having on average 18-20 people attending. Since the end of March 2020, we have held our prayer meetings using Zoom. This is a time of great blessing when we can lift one another, our families, the community, and the wider world up to the Lord in prayer. We encourage the congregation to inform us of any prayer needs even if they can't join the meeting themselves. Prayer is a huge part of our church and underpins everything we do.

Youth Meetings:

Again, prior to lockdown, on Fridays there was a youth meeting for children and young people who were in year 5 at school and above. There was a time of discussion/listening to a talk, singing, quizzes etc, followed by games and fun. They particularly enjoyed the table tennis. Throughout the first quarter of 2020 we had a small but regular number of young people attending. Unfortunately, due to lockdown, we were unable to have our Family Fun Day this year, where we would normally promote what we have to offer.

Tracts/Invitations/Outreach:

At several points throughout the year we have tracts printed which we distribute throughout the local community. Members of our church deliver the tracts through the doors of the surrounding streets. We usually distribute around 1,500 tracts/invitations each time. In 2020 however, due to lockdown we were unable to hold our usual Easter and Harvest services and so we only delivered tracts at Christmas. Although we have not yet had a huge response to this type of outreach, we want the local community to know that we are here and that we care about them, and it gives us an opportunity to share the wonderful news of our Saviour. We usually see at least one new person attending following such an activity. Our church is located in a multicultural part of the city and we enjoy a multicultural and diverse congregation reflecting this.

DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (Cont.)****Achievements and Performance (cont.)****Missionary Organisations:**

As a church we are committed to support several Missionary organisations around the world. In 2020, the organisations and missionaries that we sent donations to, were: FEBA Radio, MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), ReachAcross, Good News (formerly Gideons), Platform 67 and a missionary in India that we support. Each of these organisations is committed to spreading the good news of the gospel, which is our commission. If you want to find out more about these organisations, you can visit their websites where they explain their work.

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Funds were used to pay the Pastor's fees, to pay for the maintenance and running of the Church, to support Missionary organisations, to provide literature and to fund various outreach activities. As shown in the Receipts and Payments Account on page 4, there was a net outflow of resources of nearly £26,800 (2019: inflow £15,200). Income was down slightly compared with 2019, but expenditure was significantly higher, largely owing to higher building costs. These arose because we took advantage of the church being closed during lockdown to get some much needed improvements made. We have installed a stair lift so that disabled people can access the upstairs room and we completely refurbished the toilets in the upstairs and downstairs halls, to include the provision of disabled facilities and a baby changing unit. It has made a huge difference to the facilities we have to offer. Overall the state of affairs of the Church is considered to be satisfactory. The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Church, to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available to meet ongoing obligations.

On behalf of the Trustees



M Owens,
Trustee

5 August 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 44(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 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 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 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	2020 <u>Total</u> £	2019 <u>Total</u> £
Receipts				
Sunday Offerings	7,387	-	7,387	12,158
Gift Aid donations (including tax refunds)	33,963	-	33,963	41,191
Gift Day and other Gifts	5,413	943	6,356	2,653
Total voluntary income	46,763	943	47,706	56,002
Investment income	81	-	81	155
Total incoming resources	46,844	943	47,787	56,157
Payments				
Pastor's salary and expenses	28,051	895	28,946	26,704
Visiting speakers	-	-	-	185
Payments to missions	3,660	48	3,708	6,064
Literature and other outreach expenses	61	-	61	362
Church building & equipment costs	39,447	-	39,447	5,008
Minibus expenses	847	-	847	1,171
Subscriptions	971	-	971	920
Internet expenses	116	-	116	84
Independent Examination	340	-	340	330
Miscellaneous expenses	145	-	145	85
Total Resources Expended	73,638	943	74,581	40,913
Net Receipts/(Payments)	(26,794)	-	(26,794)	15,244
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
	(26,794)	-	(26,794)	15,244
Funds brought forward	95,226	-	95,226	79,982
Funds carried forward	68,432	-	68,432	95,226

DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	2020 Total £	2019 <u>Total</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Bank account - Easy Saver	67,162	-	67,162	88,081
Bank account	2,150	-	2,150	7,089
Cash	15	-	15	56
	<hr/> 69,327	<hr/> -	<hr/> 69,327	<hr/> 95,226
LIABILITIES				
Due within one year	(350)	-	(350)	(340)
Net Current Assets	<hr/> 68,977	<hr/> -	<hr/> 68,977	<hr/> 94,886

Approved by the trustees on 5 August 2021



Trustee



Trustee

DURBAR AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting policies

Accounting Convention

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Fixed Assets

No valuation is included in the accounts in respect of the church building, as significant costs are involved in obtaining such a valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

Income & Expenditure

All sources of income are accounted for when received.
Expenditure is accounted for when payment is made.

2. Trustees and employees

One of the trustees, Mr M Owens, receives a salary for his work as the pastor of the church. The costs of this are shown in the receipts and payments account. The church employs no other staff.