



REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Windmill Community Church Oak Hill Finchfield WV3 9AA
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 30 Jul 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1162935
TRUSTEES	Mr M Domoney (Chair) Mrs K Carter Mr M Thomas Mrs K Kirk-Booton Dr Julian Parkes (appointed 12 June 2020)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Aim and purposes

Windmill Community Church (WCC) is committed to the advancement of the Christian religion either in the United Kingdom or overseas, the advancement of religious or other education and the relief of the aged, sick and disabled.

Objectives and Activities

In planning the programme of events for the year, WCC kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees agreed that the focus should be on the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, WCC tries to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the local community by the following means:

- Sunday morning and evening services and mid-week prayer and Bible studies;
- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus. Services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and the sharing of Holy Communion.
- Provision of pastoral care for those who attend WCC and also those in the community;
- Missionary and outreach work;
- Seasonal articles for a local community magazine;
- Monthly services at a residential care home within the community for the elderly;
- Carers and Toddler group - "Little Windmills" providing secure play for toddlers and friendship group for carers;
- Community "Coffee Hub" providing "drop-in" friendship and discussion;
- Alpha Course exploring the Christian Faith;
- Friendship groups for women;
- Friendship groups for men;
- Social events and participating at community events (summer fetes etc.) where the local community can join in.

WCC also continues to support other Christian charities (where appropriate) with donations having been made this year to support short term European mission trips, Wednesday Warm Up Homeless Project Wolverhampton, Tearfund and Connect Wolverhampton.

The Trustees are delighted to report that the renovation of St Thomas Church Building has been completed to further facilitate the work of WCC within the community. Church services in the new building commenced in October 2018. The official opening was celebrated on 17th March 2019 and many invites were sent out within the community we serve and we were also supported by our local MP Eleanor Smith. Opening the building in the heart of the Finchfield neighbourhood has enabled a more enriched programme of events to be established and increase interaction with the local community on a daily basis. WCC members gave generously to support the church's vision to enable the charity to purchase the building and further giving, together with grant monies received during the year, have enabled the restoration works to be completed and the building to be fully operational in serving the local community.

WCC decided to explore the possibility of extending the current building to cater for the growing congregation and the need to extend children's work specifically, on Sundays. WCC has continued to engage Transformations, a Christian Grant Consultancy, with a view to adding the extension to the building, which will allow a richer programme of events. Application for planning for this new extension has commenced and church members again have shown their generosity by their donations received specifically for this extension project. We are awaiting Council decision on the planning application shortly. The trustees and leadership would like to extend their heartfelt thanks again to all individuals and grant makers who have supported the planning for extension thus far.

In line with the Charity's objectives, the vision for a "community hub" has now become a reality. The Coffee Hub is now taking place 4 days per week where people are welcomed for coffee and befriending and is used by a growing number of people regularly and engages with the local community to relieve isolation and loneliness. Volunteers also enjoy serving the local community by running the Coffee Hub and heartfelt thanks extend to all volunteers who enable this work to be carried out.

Upon completion of the "Fathers' Group and in conjunction with a grant provided by the Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council, an NHS approved "Parenting Course" was run from January 2019 through to May 2019. This was well appreciated by a number of families and provided valuable contact with a wide range of people within the community and has led to attendance at Sunday Church services too.

The weekly Carers' and Toddler Group is well established and run by a number of volunteers from WCC and has provided both quality of care and opportunity to engage with carers and their children, again leading to attendance at Church services on occasions. Friendships have formed between the carers and parents that attend which has provided valuable networks of support for those perhaps in isolation or limited in the groups and classes they can frequent with their children because of financial restrictions.

A further community outreach to alleviate isolation is planned by one of our volunteers under the heading of "Windmill Community Crafters" to encourage those with similar interests locally to participate in a friendly group and grow together within the local community. There are also plans being made to establish a Community Gospel Choir.

The Trustees will also consider engaging with more external community groups who can use the church building for appropriate activities in line with the Charity's objectives. New bookings are currently being considered which is another great link between WCC and the local community.

Achievements and Performance

WCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that the community find beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, evening Bible study and prayer meetings provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst Sunday services provide opportunities for people to engage in more outgoing worship.

This year, further new members have been welcomed into the church. The membership of WCC has continued to grow in the last year to 50 people including children. All are welcome to attend our regular services and the number of people who attend can increase at special times of the year.

The church ceased rental of the facilities at the local school once the restored building was completed and open for services in October 2018.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Giving from the church has enabled Windmill to support specific Christian charities and in the year £150 was donated to church members to support their short-term mission trips to Bosnia and Kosovo. A further £150 was donated to Connect to contribute to the outreach events planned for 2020 in Wolverhampton, which will be a really exciting time for the City. Local charities were also supported too with £350 donated to the Wednesday Warm Up Mission for homeless in the City of Wolverhampton caring for those living on the streets. Tearfund were also sent £100 in the year in support of those affected by famine in countries overseas.

As the church has grown it has become apparent that there are some who attend WCC who find themselves in great need. WCC is eager to meet these needs where appropriate; wisely fulfilling our charitable objectives and demonstrating Christian love in service to others. Therefore, a "Hardship Fund" is available so the leadership can assist with small gifts to purchase emergency food or clothing for those within and outside our fellowship if necessary.

WCC continues to circulate a regular newsletter to those who support the church but cannot attend due to ill health and regular advertising and leaflets are circulated to residents of local estates keeping the community informed of the activities run by the church and articles that help and develop knowledge and trust in Jesus.

The Trustees and leadership worked hard to develop good community relationships during the building restoration and have issued community newsletters to keep everyone fully up to date on progress as well as updating the website and social media. The historic building is special to many who were sad to see it fall into a state of disrepair. WCC have liaised with the local Community Association on progress and a series of open days were arranged and attended by the local community enabling a close discussion about the work of WCC and our plans to engage fully with people in the area.

Ecumenical Relationships

WCC has good relationships with other local churches and church leaders in Wolverhampton, extending the opportunity for shared resources and encouragement. As an affiliated member of the Church Planting Initiative, WCC has support and advice available from other church plants across the UK. WCC church leaders also attend the Wolverhampton NET meetings, which gathers together church leaders in the City. WCC is a member of CCPAS to ensure the highest standards in Safeguarding and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. WCC continues to have good relationships with the Greater European Mission and has benefitted considerably from the presence of the American missionary family as well as three other short-term interns working alongside the leadership team both within the Church setting on Sundays and within the wider community.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is an integral part of WCC and is very important to our leadership team. There is very regular contact with members of WCC outside of Church services and each member is encouraged to take part in caring for one another. Church leaders carry out many important house visits and this is a major support and comfort to those going through difficult periods in their lives. The monthly services at Charnwood Nursing Home have continued and provides residents with spiritual input as well as friendship and the opportunity to enjoy music and fellowship. The regular visits have led some to seek the Lord Jesus as they have listened to the Gospel through what has been said. WCC again provided small Christmas gifts for the residents, some of whom have no family.

Financial Review

Total voluntary receipts of unrestricted funds were £31,450 and restricted funds were £48,060 which fulfilled WCC's aspiration to further extend its own place of worship and therefore has been headed "building fund". Further details can be found in the financial statements. Further details surrounding these projects can be found in the report of the Trustees.

Planned giving has increased with regular standing orders received into WCC bank account. WCC is registered with HMRC to reclaim gift aid from eligible donations. Total income has increased in the year which is consistent with the growth in church members and the drive to secure funds to complete the church restoration works.

£25,006 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from Windmill Community Church including relevant insurances and licences, maintenance of the building and small gifts to cover expenses for visiting speakers. Some Christian charities have been supported in the year to further their Christian work world-wide and legal and professional fees have been expended to assist WCC with a further possible extension of St Thomas Church. £26,638 has been spent on the planned building restoration and church fit out and £12,000 on delivering the course for Parents

Reserves Policy

WCC's policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Three months running costs for the charity equates to approximately £8,000 and the balance held on unrestricted funds of approximately £10,000 at the year-end matches this target.

As with all other churches, the charity has been impacted by COVID-19, with church meetings temporarily ceasing in person and moving online. To date, income from donations has not been severely affected, but the trustees are monitoring income and expenditure and, if it becomes necessary, will take measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the charity's free reserves. As at 31 July 2020 the church held £92,366 in its operating bank accounts, of which £59,141 was unrestricted.

Volunteers

A great contribution is made by volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent working for the church whether this be in leadership, music, running community activities, administration or prayer support. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to advance as much as we have over the past year and thanks are expressed for their continued valuable contribution to WCC's ministry and for keeping the church running.

Structure, governance and management

WCC has five Trustees (one Chair) and three church leaders. Apart from the first trustees, new trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees and recommended by the trustees or the spiritual leaders to the charity.

Windmill Community Church has a child protection policy and vulnerable adults protection policy in place. Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out prior to trusteeship or using new volunteers. WCC has a good relationship with Finchfield and Castlecroft Community Association (FCCA) providing links with the local community for outreach and events. WCC is also a member of CCPAS and The Evangelical Alliance. All trustees and church leaders give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 16 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Kath Kirk-Booton

Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Windmill Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Windmill Community Church for the year ended 30 September 2019 on pages 8 to 11 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Mary Evans

Stewardship
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Date: 16 October 2020

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Restricted Funds	2019 £	2018 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		28,591	46,310	74,901	143,532
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		2,859	1,750	4,609	8,489
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		31,450	48,060	79,510	152,021
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest free loans received		-	-	-	7,000
Hardship loans repaid		-	-	-	350
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Total Receipts		31,450	48,060	79,510	159,371
Payments					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	25,006	38,813	63,819	140,725
<i>Other payments</i>					
Hardship loans given		-	-	-	350
Repayment of interest free loans		-	-	-	7,000
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Total Payments		25,006	38,813	63,819	148,075
Net receipts/(Payments) before transfers		6,444	9,247	15,691	11,295
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		6,444	9,247	15,691	11,295
Cash funds as at last year end		3,024	19,060	22,084	10,789
Cash funds at this year end	A	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		9,468	28,307	37,775	22,084

The notes on pages 10-11 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 £	2018 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank with immediate access	8,963	28,307	37,270	21,988
Petty cash	506	-	506	97
	9,469	28,307	37,775	22,084

B Other monetary assets

Gift aid due to charity	717	2,500	3,217	2,495
	717	2,500	3,217	2,495

C Liabilities

Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	810	-	810	720
	810	-	810	720

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value £
Land and buildings (Windmill Community Church, Oak Hill, Finchfield)	General	262,500
Computer Equipment	General	14,094
Fixtures and Fittings	General	11,531
		288,125

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Mrs Kath Kirk-Booton

date: 16 October 2020

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2. Direct costs	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Overseas mission and relief	751	-	751	510
Rental of hired premises	150	-	150	1,749
Insurance	400	-	400	847
Charity Compliance	96	-	96	273
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,438	-	1,438	1,156
Cost of services	1,345	-	1,345	494
Cleaning and sundries	1,892	-	1,892	555
Church resources	3,191	-	3,191	1,969
Community Hub resources	2,156	-	2,156	-
Gifts to individuals	720	175	895	1,481
Utilities	2,502	-	2,502	45
Licences	740	-	740	597
Building Costs	3,547	26,638	30,185	111,707
Legal and Professional Fees	1,589	-	1,589	10,905
Fathers Group Ministry	-	12,000	12,000	6,510
Equipment	4,489	-	4,489	1,927
	25,006	38,813	63,819	140,725

3. Employees & Trustees

The charity has no employees.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

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4. Movement of funds	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	14,270	37,810	(26,638)	-	25,442
Hardship Fund	-	1,250	(175)	-	1,075
Fathers Group Ministry	4,790	8,500	(12,000)	-	1,290
Other	-	500	-	-	500
	<u>19,060</u>	<u>48,060</u>	<u>(38,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,307</u>
					-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>General Funds</i>	3,024	31,450	(25,006)	-	9,468
Total unrestricted	<u>3,024</u>	<u>31,450</u>	<u>(25,006)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,468</u>
Total Funds	<u>22,084</u>	<u>79,510</u>	<u>(63,819)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,775</u>