

Charity Registration No. 1098281

Company Registration No. 04765158 (England and Wales)

LIVING STONES, EASTBOURNE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

LIVING STONES, EASTBOURNE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	T Jackson M Relf Mrs R Jones Mrs C Fredriksson
Charity number	1098281
Company number	04765158
Registered office	Community Wise Ocklynge Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1PY
Independent examiner	Holland Harper LLP 26 High Street Battle East Sussex TN33 0EA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are the advancement of the Christian faith in Eastbourne, the UK and the world. The charity also seeks to give relief to persons in need, to advance the Christian education of young people and also to play an active role in social transformation.

Through worship and prayer, learning about the gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus, we try to help people to live out the good news of Jesus in the community, enabling them to see how our faith affects our relationship with God, other people and the environment. Our outreach work is part of our desire to bring holistic transformation to our communities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Achievements and performance

Charitable Activities

The activities of the Charity are currently expressed through two congregations, each with their own character and leadership. The visible expression of these congregations is their regular Sunday worship. Old Town Community Church meets at Old Town Community Centre with Living Stones Community Church meeting at the Community Wise Centre on Sunday morning. These gatherings are characterised by engaging worship, prayer and relevant bible teaching within an informal setting which encourages participation of all. Children and families play an important part in the life of one congregations and both congregations also seek to be safe places for marginalised and vulnerable people. The power of the gospel of Jesus to transform lives is at the heart of all we do and are. Community engagement is a key part of our vision and purpose.

The year ended as the Covid 19 lockdown began. Sunday gatherings, Life groups and prayer meetings have continued on Zoom and other media with a number of new people joining or re-engagement.

I. Old Town Community Church

Sunday congregation numbers have grown somewhat to 35-40. Care groups in homes continue to be central in the life of the church for prayer and mutual encouragement. During the year the leadership team saw further changes with the current team being one couple and one individual.

The congregation was blessed with a family from the States joining them for the year as the husband took part in the Speak Life evangelists training programme. They lived in the church house - 7 Central Avenue.

An Alpha Course was completed just before lockdown with one attendee coming to the Lord and growing significantly as a new believer.

Messy Church once a month goes from strength to strength and since lockdown has been weekly on Zoom.

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2. Mosaic

Our Mosaic congregation decided to withdraw from Living Stones Eastbourne and to operate under their own independent charitable trust The Gather Collective Ltd - 1139428. We wish them well and continue to have good relations with them. Sadly, the Friday Gather programme at Community Wise, which was largely the initiative of Mosaic, has come to an end as has the chaplaincy project at Community Wise.

3. Living Stones Community Church

This year began with one couple withdrawing from the church. They were also key members for the leadership team and the team has since been strengthened by the addition of two spouses and one new couple joining as leadership disciples.

LiveWires youth club continues to be most popular. As well as the regular talk for all, going through the Gospel of Mark, the "Livewires Extra" initiative has continued with a focus on years seven and eight.

The alternative Halloween evening and the carol service continue to be worthwhile ventures and holiday time "Schools Out" events have proved enormously popular with families.

Church camp this year was a a great opportunity for drawing together as a church and we were glad to welcome Emma McPhail as our speaker.

Little Stones, the Tuesday parent and toddler group continues to thrive as does the network of all church based toddler groups in the area which is co-ordinated by one of the leaders.

Another week of mission with The Turning, in partnership with seven or so other churches, took place in June and continued one Saturday a month. Those taking part report a most open response from people they talk to although commitments to the Lord are few.

An Autumn Alpha course took place with six visitors attending. Three in particular were touched by the Lord with one being totally transformed.

Sunday church lunches have continued to grow with often over 20 people staying for the simple meal and worship.

The rhythm of Sunday morning gatherings has continued, following a teaching series on "The Tabernacle", "Surprising Stories" from the Bible and a visiting speaker each month. The aim has been to continue this pattern on Zoom during lockdown.

4. Joint Activities

Initiatives involving the different congregations working together are:

- For a second time, on 2nd June, some 20 churches across the town closed their normal morning Sunday service to meet at the bandstand, including our three congregations. Well over 1,000 took part in what was an inspiring occasion.
- The leaders of all congregations seek to develop unity with other churches and especially the Old Town churches Together leaders lunches and a town wide group of like minded leaders.
- The Winter Night Shelter at Community Wise again was very busy and supported by members of both congregations.
- The annual Old Town Churches Fete did not happen this year.

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Financial review

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to two month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Collier (Resigned 7 November 2019)

T Jackson

M Relf

Mrs R Jones

Mrs S Blundell (Resigned 22 May 2019)

Mrs C Fredriksson

Mrs R Kenward (Appointed 22 May 2019 and resigned 27 August 2019)

The board has the power to appoint new trustees who can only be appointed if they are familiar with the affairs of the charity. The existing trustees provide informal training in that respect.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The work of the charity is delivered primarily through its three congregations. Separate leadership teams are responsible for the oversight of these congregations with founding leader, Martyn Relf, maintaining a close link with the three of them. The congregations are separately represented at trustee level and reports are received from them at trustee meetings.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

M Relf

Trustee

Dated: 21 October 2020

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIVING STONES, EASTBOURNE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Living Stones, Eastbourne (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Holland Harper LLP

26 High Street
Battle
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Dated: 21 October 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes						
<u>Income from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	78,140	-	78,140	89,564	-	89,564
Investments	4	56	-	56	319	-	319
Total income		<u>78,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,196</u>	<u>89,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,883</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	5	81,921	-	81,921	89,297	7,170	96,467
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>(3,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,725)</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>(7,170)</u>	<u>(6,584)</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2019		<u>123,667</u>	<u>12,913</u>	<u>136,580</u>	<u>123,081</u>	<u>20,083</u>	<u>143,164</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2020		<u><u>119,942</u></u>	<u><u>12,913</u></u>	<u><u>132,855</u></u>	<u><u>123,667</u></u>	<u><u>12,913</u></u>	<u><u>136,580</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		140		180
Current assets					
Debtors	9	25,000		15,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		108,687		122,360	
		<u>133,687</u>		<u>137,360</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(972)</u>		<u>(960)</u>	
Net current assets			132,715		136,400
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>132,855</u>		<u>136,580</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			12,913		12,913
Unrestricted funds			119,942		123,667
			<u>132,855</u>		<u>136,580</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 October 2020

M Relf
Trustee

Company Registration No. 04765158

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Living Stones, Eastbourne is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Community Wise, Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1PY.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer or economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under relevant headings.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are also recognised at transaction price.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020 £	2019 £
Donations and gifts	78,140	89,564
	<u>78,140</u>	<u>89,564</u>
Donations and gifts		
Donations	67,664	79,676
Tax claim	10,476	9,888
	<u>78,140</u>	<u>89,564</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020 £	2019 £
Interest receivable	56	319
	<u>56</u>	<u>319</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

5 Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs	20,199	35,745
Depreciation and impairment	40	40
Rent	22,209	18,556
Insurance	572	1,108
Speakers/musicians	860	615
Food/events	1,956	917
Equipment/resources	5,956	1,509
Mission/ministry	10,529	14,084
Support	600	667
Children/youth	1,205	1,066
Subscriptions	711	1,915
Church camp	2,784	1,698
7 Central Avenue expenses	(231)	4,087
Hope givers fund	11,482	10,729
Winter night shelter	-	325
By the way	(47)	(60)
Telephone	900	855
Accountancy	972	958
Post, stationery, publicity and adverts	159	941
Administration	734	435
Professional fees	157	169
Training	174	108
	<u>81,921</u>	<u>96,467</u>
	<u>81,921</u>	<u>96,467</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>81,921</u>	
	<u>81,921</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2019		
Unrestricted funds		89,297
Restricted funds		7,170
		<u>96,467</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Charitable work	1	1

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	20,199	35,745

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2019	5,860
At 31 March 2020	5,860
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2019	5,680
Depreciation charged in the year	40
At 31 March 2020	5,720
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2020	140
At 31 March 2019	180

9 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	25,000	15,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	972	960

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	140	-	140
Current assets/(liabilities)	119,802	12,913	132,715
	<u>119,942</u>	<u>12,913</u>	<u>132,855</u>
Old Town	77,539		
Living Stones	42,403		
	<u>119,942</u>		

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - none).

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020