

**The Apostolic Church**  
**Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2020**

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# **The Apostolic Church**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **Year ended 31 March 2020**

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

#### **Introduction**

On behalf of the trustees I am pleased to report on the activities of the charity (The Apostolic Church) for the year ended on 31st March 2020.

The Apostolic Church celebrates another year of mission and ministry. In that period, the church has consistently sought to establish local churches, strengthen local churches, prepare leaders for the tasks associated with succession and geographical spread as well as fulfil its mission mandate to the wider world.

The church acknowledges that the world is fast changing and the task of making Christ known continues in a context that is, increasingly, post-Christian. In addition, 2020 has posed unique challenges due to COVID-19 and closures of public buildings and limitations on public gatherings. It has also been important to find appropriate responses to cultural challenges raised around women in ministry, Black Lives Matter and generational nuances.

In the following pages, the trustees seek to outline a picture of the national church at work in the period from April 2019 to March 2020 and does so with thanks to God for His faithfulness and to His people for their labours in His name and for His glory.



Rev I Parker  
National Leader

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**Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

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**Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	The Apostolic Church
<b>Charity registration number</b>	284789
<b>Principal office</b>	105 Crystal House New Bedford Road Luton LU1 1HS

**The trustees**

Rev P Doherty	(Resigned 1 May 2020)
Rev P Howells	
Rev M Chenery	(Resigned 1 May 2020)
Rev A Matheson	(Appointed 19 November 2019)
Rev D Bird	(Appointed 19 November 2019)
Rev C Hopkins	(Appointed 19 November 2019)
Rev I Parker	
Rev T Jack	(Resigned 1 May 2020)
Rev A Abiodun	(Resigned 6 June 2019)
Rev S Taylor	

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## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

### **Year ended 31 March 2020**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is an unincorporated organization governed by a constitution, the last amendment of which was approved in 2018.

The activities of the charity are overseen by trustees, appointed for a period consistent with that of the National Leader. Trustees carry responsibility for spiritual life of the church as well as the business and financial activities that undergird its ministry. The range of activities is extensive, the geographical reach is vast and the level of complexity increases year by year. The trustees are supported by the ministry of apostolic leaders who share the spiritual burden of leadership, and a team responsible for the administrative and financial business of the charity.

In the first quarter of 2020, the trustees initiated a process reviewing if the present unincorporated structure is the most appropriate legal structure to service the very diverse requirements of the church.

The church functions as a single entity with diverse expressions throughout the country. The diversity of expression is determined by the skillsets of the leaders and people, the nature of the community which a local church may serve and the extent to which they are able to use their available resources.

Local churches relate to each other through an apostolic leader of their choice and relate to the national entity by means of a range of reporting features that take account of key business and administrative indicators.

Each local church, though it is empowered to be creative and innovative, even unique in its expression, remains committed to a single task, that of communicating the Gospel to its community and seeking to disciple believers towards Christian maturity.

The church at national level, through its leadership functions remains responsible for accrediting ministers, reviewing performance, making appointments, developing policy, managing our property portfolio, overseeing staff, legal issues, maintaining corporate standards and determining, shaping and monitoring our financial and business practices, etc.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Church conducts its activities in the belief that it serves a public benefit by virtue of its mission to advance the Christian faith (religion) and relieve suffering and that its activities meet the Charity Commission's guidance in respect of Public Benefit.

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**Objectives and activities**

The charity (the church) exists as a legal entity in which the church conducts its legal affairs as it seeks to fulfil its missional mandate in the UK and beyond.

In human terms, leadership is paramount and the church seeks to prepare, encourage and support leaders as they seek to bring the ministry of Christ to various villages, towns and cities across the UK.

The church is made up of many congregations, each with its own mission field, and each with its resources and strengths. Our key strategy is to provide a support mechanism for leaders as they seek to support those they lead. Mission drift is always possible and the church endeavours to state and restate its primary purpose so that any drift is arrested early.

The primary objective of the church is to reveal Christ to the nation through a network of local churches. Our primary activities are those associated with the local church; praying, preaching, worshipping, learning, serving, and witnessing in many ways. The church will, in addition, advocate for the wellbeing of the poor and disadvantaged, care for the sick and lonely, address issues that may have social and/or political relevance. The church will seek to use the platform provided by the Gospel to communicate Christ to the nation.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)***

### **Year ended 31 March 2020**

#### **Achievements and performance**

The trustees acknowledge that the church continues to serve its mission in the United Kingdom in changing and challenging times. This year all our buildings were closed for public meetings in accordance with government guidelines, and new innovative ways of serving our members and community needs were speedily and creatively initiated locally. To measure its progress, the trustees have access to some data that provides an insight into each location where the church has a presence. Data that is statistical and financial is helpful but are imperfect tools to measure activity. They do provide a point of beginning in our desire to understand how each church is doing. To this needs to be added an insight into the nature and context of each local setting, its challenges and the resources available to the local church.

Where strong local teams are built, this provides a great platform for the church to conduct its mission. The trustees are aware that there is strength in local churches throughout the UK.

#### **Action Overseas**

Action Overseas (AO) is the international missions' agency that serves the church in the UK. AO exists to serve the local church and to facilitate the desire of people in local churches to share their faith in locations beyond the borders of this country. This is in accordance with the Great Commission, understood by the church to be Jesus' command to share the Gospel around the world.

AO measures its progress by using the 2020 Vision, a goal to further reach into twenty nations (where we currently have no presence), planting 20,000 churches and making 200,000 disciples by 2020. The AO team seeks to engage and inspire local church members to pray, give and visit mission fields in various locations. From April 2020 due to travel restrictions being imposed the majority of those working in this team have been furloughed and flexi furloughed. This has obviously had an effect on mission activities and has meant reviewing and evaluating the way Action Overseas will engage with its missionary role in mission fields and inspiring and engaging local churches. The use of online training tools and Zoom sessions have been further developed replacing field visits, and have enabled the strengthening of the work and the deepening of relationship throughout the Covid-19 restrictions.

Despite the difficulties that have limited the normal practices of the board much ground has been made in the various fields throughout the nations. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness.

AO has continued to plan for future missional enterprise and in 2021 a new model of mission for the board "Mission Pecs" will commence with Nigel & Rachel Bainbridge relocating to the city of Pecs, Hungary.

#### **Church Planting**

Church planting is a priority area for the church. It is a delight to see the church plant at Liverpool continue in its journey of development, we recognise the ground that has been made. Our church planting team in the city of Birmingham are on the cusp of planting a new work, after extensive cultural research and relationship building. In Scotland, in the city of Stirling we have seen a new church plant established and flourishing and we believe this new venture has the potential to be a hub church, planting churches throughout the region. In South Wales, the church plant in Llandeilo continues to establish itself as a credible community body, not only endeavouring to reach the spiritual needs of the community, but many practical and social ones. We are grateful to God for all our church planting teams, for their sacrifice, commitment and passion.

#### **Training**

We are aware of the great need for the wider church's ministry and influence in the UK in coming years. We are committed to the Apostolic Church fulfilling its missional mandate to extend the Kingdom of God through its influence as 'salt and light'. We understand that leadership is critical to

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the ongoing ministry of the church, both in its present and future. Accordingly, to complement the training of leaders that occurs in each local church, our national program of leadership training continues.

Our training platforms are the Baton Training Program, a high-level training program which operates under the leadership of Pastor Alistair Matheson. Baton trains emerging leaders and prepares them for the rigours of life as a leader both in the church and beyond.

In addition, the Leadership Academy provides training for emerging leaders and is built around AXX Global, a theological training program to which is added training in respect of leadership and the distinctive's associated with the Apostolic Church.

Our Church plant in Liverpool, Rope Chapel has begun a new residential training program for prospective church planters. The 18-month course consists of onsite training, mentoring, church planting experience. It will help student identify their strengths and weakness and prepare them for the location they will eventually plant a new church.

It is anticipated that around 30 people will have successfully trained for leadership and ministry in both Baton and the Leadership Academy programs from 2019 to the end of the 2020 calendar year. The training that occurs in the local church remains crucial to leadership development and our national training initiatives seek to assist and supplement local training.

#### **National Youth**

We remain committed to youth ministry being essential to the future of our movement of churches. Every local leader is expected to foster ministry to young people and to endeavour to disciple young believers.

#### **Children's Ministry**

Encouraging and training leaders in children's ministry in the various congregations around the country is a high priority for the church. We remain convinced that reaching young people for Christ is a great investment of our resources as it applies the focus and means to a demographic where, historically, more people come to Christ than any other age group. The church is seeking to appoint a Children's Work director to facilitate local initiatives through mentoring, resources and training.

#### **National Conference Events**

Due to COVID-19 we could not have a gathered conference. However, we were able to move the event online and have started regular online national events. Planning is well under way for our NEXT leadership conference, and it is expected that this event will attract many current and emerging leaders.

#### **Staff, Leaders and People**

The church is a people business and we extend our appreciation to the many leaders and people who serve selflessly and tirelessly throughout the country. We are respectful and thankful for the variety of gifts and talents that are required to present the Gospel through many wide-ranging ministries.

Our trustees are thankful to our pastors, elders and local leaders. We convey appreciation to our various committees who oversee various areas of specific interest, and our untiring national office staff. We also acknowledge our missionaries to Malawi, Alan and Sandra Skene whose long and faithful service continues to bear amazing fruit.

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#### **Europe**

We continue to play a role among the nations in Europe where the Apostolic Church has a presence. We note our particularly close association with the churches in France, Belgium, Italy, Ireland and Hungary and commit to our ongoing work of serving together to further establish the church in Spain, Portugal, Germany, Holland, Ukraine, Russia and other places where there are meaningful connections or prayerful aspirations.

#### **Financial review**

The trustees report that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 show a surplus of £702,236 (2019: £1,067,958). This is stated before charging the actuarial losses of £87,000 (2019: £45,000) incurred on the defined benefit pension schemes. The church had healthy year end reserves of £18,315,782 (2019: £17,700,546).

The trustees are content that whilst there may be some local difficulties in some local churches the church overall is able to meet its obligations, make provision for reserves, achieve a small surplus and ensure that as much income as possible remains available for local churches to conduct their ministry in and from their local communities.

#### **Reserves policy**

The trustees oversee a policy of building national reserves and are content that this process is under way. The trustees acknowledge that this a process of contact building and are working towards a goal where both local churches and the national church have adequate financial reserves which can be called upon when necessary.

#### **Investment policy**

The Church's policy is to hold excess funds and reserves in cash, short- and medium-term investments. As has been the case for some time, properties which are surplus to requirements, are sold. The proceeds of the sale of manses are used to meet our historical obligations. Others are used to strengthen and enhance the ministry locally and nationally.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees regularly review the risks faced by the Church as it conducts its various events and activities. Risk is managed by developing and implementing policies in respect of major risks associated with people and property management. People-related risks are managed through policies like DBS registration, safeguarding and data protection. In addition, our approach to supervision and management of leaders and workers who relate to people is critical in cultivating a low risk environment.

The appointment of a quality assurance officer in March 2020 further demonstrates the trustees' commitment to reducing risk by engaging with assemblies to achieve a consistency of approach to applying the churches policies and procedures. And to providing help and support to assemblies where needed, so that a good and consistent standard is maintained across all areas.

Our property management policies include appropriate caretaking and security of buildings, and a range of appropriate insurance arrangements to cover foreseeable risks.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)***

### **Year ended 31 March 2020**

#### **Plans for future periods**

The Church is constant in its expectation that the church has a bright and positive future. It is evident that the church must change in changing times and its methods, structures, doctrines and culture must be rooted in Biblical understanding and expressed in ways appropriate to the various contexts in which it ministers. Fundamental to this understanding is that true apostolic leadership will support, enhance, strengthen and benefit each and every leader and all local churches.

We are conscious that our changing world abounds with opportunities to connect with other leaders and to plant and strengthen the church. We envisage this happening through the ministry of experienced leaders as well as young and developing leaders. Through our leaders, we seek to embrace the significant opportunities that are emerging at home and board.

It was of vital importance for the trustees to have a greater understanding of significant cultural challenges troubling various aspects of our church family, particularly in the light of the George Floyd incident in May this year.

Difficult conversations were initiated so that we might move together, towards a greater degree of maturity (described in Eph 4:13), and demonstrate something supernatural for the world and model the genuine "Unity and Diversity" Christ demands. A full review of our structures and practices was initiated, outside consultation sought and a program of reform begun. It is anticipated that this reform process will take 12 to 24 months.

#### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England, Wales and Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Charities and Trustees Investments (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the provisions of the Trust Deed. 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.

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## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

The trustees' annual report was approved on ....17/12/2020..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Parker', written in a cursive style.

Rev I Parker  
National Leader



# **The Apostolic Church**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Apostolic Church**

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Apostolic Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.



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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Apostolic Church (continued)**

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and the returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Apostolic Church** *(continued)*

### **Year ended 31 March 2020**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Apostolic Church** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Field (Senior Statutory Auditor)

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

For and on behalf of  
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**The Apostolic Church**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ended 31 March 2020**

			2020		2019
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Charitable activities	4	4,903,964	808,717	<b>5,712,681</b>	5,791,014
Investment income	5	310,840	–	<b>310,840</b>	315,334
Other income	6	171,503	–	<b>171,503</b>	270,462
<b>Total income</b>		<u>5,386,307</u>	<u>808,717</u>	<u><b>6,195,024</b></u>	<u>6,376,810</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	4,614,203	880,837	<b>5,495,040</b>	5,310,671
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>4,614,203</u>	<u>880,837</u>	<u><b>5,495,040</b></u>	<u>5,310,671</u>
Net gains on investments	10	2,252	–	<b>2,252</b>	1,819
<b>Net income</b>		<u>774,356</u>	<u>(72,120)</u>	<u><b>702,236</b></u>	<u>1,067,958</u>
Transfers between funds		(269,959)	269,959	–	–
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes		(87,000)	–	<b>(87,000)</b>	(45,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>417,397</u>	<u>197,839</u>	<u><b>615,236</b></u>	<u>1,022,958</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		14,217,087	3,483,459	<b>17,700,546</b>	16,677,588
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>14,634,484</u>	<u>3,681,298</u>	<u><b>18,315,782</b></u>	<u>17,700,546</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**The Apostolic Church**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**31 March 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	15	11,606,230	11,058,215
Investments	16	572,991	570,739
		<u>12,179,221</u>	<u>11,628,954</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	373,042	670,606
Cash at bank and in hand		9,703,821	9,567,949
		<u>10,076,863</u>	<u>10,238,555</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	182,721	252,090
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>9,894,142</u>	<u>9,986,465</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>22,073,363</u>	<u>21,615,419</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	19	1,405,581	1,485,873
<b>Net assets excluding defined benefit pension plan liability</b>		<u>20,667,782</u>	<u>20,129,546</u>
Defined benefit pension plan liability	20	2,352,000	2,429,000
<b>Net assets including defined benefit pension plan liability</b>		<u>18,315,782</u>	<u>17,700,546</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		3,681,298	3,483,459
Unrestricted funds:			
Defined benefit pension reserve		(2,352,000)	(2,429,000)
Other unrestricted income funds		16,986,484	16,646,087
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>14,634,484</u>	<u>14,217,087</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	21	<u>18,315,782</u>	<u>17,700,546</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....17/12/2020..., and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Rev I Parker  
National Leader

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**The Apostolic Church**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year ended 31 March 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	702,236	1,067,958
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	106,680	72,902
Net gains on investments	(2,252)	(1,819)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(310,840)	(315,334)
Interest payable and similar charges	101,593	113,312
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(171,503)	(270,462)
Defined benefit pension plan employer contributions	(245,000)	(262,000)
Accrued income	(14,228)	(7,304)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	297,564	(556,488)
Trade and other creditors	(53,918)	15,313
Cash generated from operations	410,332	(143,922)
Interest paid	(20,593)	(16,312)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	389,739	(160,234)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	310,840	315,334
Purchase of tangible assets	(745,192)	(853,806)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	262,000	1,061,095
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(172,352)	522,623
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	(81,515)	196,135
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(81,515)	196,135
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	135,872	558,524
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	9,567,949	9,009,425
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	9,703,821	9,567,949

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**The Apostolic Church**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 March 2020**

**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England, Wales and Scotland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Suite 105, Crystal House, New Bedford Road, Luton, LU1 1HS.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011, Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

**Fund Accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Finance Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Finance Committee for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**Going concern**

Based on the charity's current financial position and ongoing nature of its activities there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

#### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty *(continued)***

##### **Significant judgements**

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

##### **Control of assembly assets and funds**

The Trustees delegate powers for local authority to local Pastors and Leading Elders in relation to various matters including day to day financial control, however the assets and funds held by the local assemblies are all controlled by the Church as a whole and incorporated into the Financial Statements.

##### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

- **Legacy income**

The Charity recognises legacy income when the receipt is probable and the entitlement has been established. Estimates of legacy income due are based on correspondence received from solicitors acting on behalf of estates where a legacy payment to the Charity is notified during the year.

- **Impairment of fixed assets**

The Charity considers whether assets held are impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified the estimation of recoverable value requires estimation of the recoverable value. The Trustees evaluate this based on available evidence and reports from relevant experts as appropriate.

- **Investment valuation**

The Charity carries investments held at Market Value. The valuation of fixed asset investment properties has to be estimated and the Trustees base their estimates on expert valuations and market conditions. Listed investments are valued based on their listed market values.

- **Defined benefit pension scheme**

The Charity has obligations to pay pension benefits to certain employees. The cost of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depend on a number of factors, including; life expectancy, asset valuations and the discount rate on investments. Management estimates these factors in determining the net pension obligation in the balance sheet. The assumptions reflect historical experience and current trends.



# **The Apostolic Church**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

#### **Tangible assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Certain properties are carried at amounts relating to historical insured values. Capital expenditure of less than £5,000 is treated as revenue expenditure.

# **The Apostolic Church**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	167/50 years straight line
Long leasehold property	-	50 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% straight line

#### **Investments**

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

#### **Investment property**

Investment properties are initially measured at cost including any transaction costs, and are revalued to fair value at each year end.

No depreciation is charged against any investment properties held.

#### **Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

# **The Apostolic Church**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2020**

### **3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

#### **Financial instruments**

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

#### **Defined benefit plans**

The company recognises a defined net benefit pension asset or liability in the statement of financial position as the net total of the present value of its obligations and the fair value of plan assets out of which the obligations are to be settled. The defined benefit liability is measured on a discounted present value basis using a rate determined by reference to market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds. Defined benefit obligations and the related expenses are measured using the projected unit credit method. Plan surpluses are recognised as a defined benefit asset only to the extent that the surplus is recoverable either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

Changes in the net defined benefit asset or liability arising from employee service are recognised in income or expenditure as a current service cost where it relates to services in the current period and as a past service cost where it relates to services in prior periods. Costs relating to plan introductions, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements are recognised in income or expenditure in the period in which they occur.

Net interest is determined by multiplying the net defined benefit liability by the discount rate, both as determined at the start of the reporting period, taking account of any changes in the net defined benefit liability during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments. Net interest is recognised in income or expenditure.

#### **Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

# The Apostolic Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations, giving and similar income	4,252,349	75,374	<b>4,327,723</b>
Legacy income	342,738	–	<b>342,738</b>
Fundraising for buildings	–	417,352	<b>417,352</b>
Other charitable activity	308,877	314,551	<b>623,428</b>
Conference income	–	1,440	<b>1,440</b>
	<u>4,903,964</u>	<u>808,717</u>	<u><b>5,712,681</b></u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations, giving and similar income	4,140,992	81,269	4,222,261
Legacy income	123,399	500,000	623,399
Fundraising for buildings	2,160	414,804	416,964
Other charitable activity	303,216	216,763	519,979
Conference income	–	8,411	8,411
	<u>4,569,767</u>	<u>1,221,247</u>	<u>5,791,014</u>

### 5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Property income	294,432	<b>294,432</b>	301,941	301,941
Investment income and interest received	<u>16,408</u>	<u><b>16,408</b></u>	<u>13,393</u>	<u>13,393</u>
	<u>310,840</u>	<u><b>310,840</b></u>	<u>315,334</u>	<u>315,334</u>

The income from properties above includes both that from specific investment properties held by the charity, and income from properties held for the charity's own use where additional income is received from the hire of halls and other buildings to third parties.

### 6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	<u>171,503</u>	<u><b>171,503</b></u>	<u>270,462</u>	<u>270,462</u>

# The Apostolic Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Annual convention and conferences	11,137	–	11,137
Missionary	1,903	345,333	347,236
Ministerial	3,135,918	279,686	3,415,604
Other	357,647	255,818	613,465
Church admin	171,373	–	171,373
Support costs	936,225	–	936,225
	<u>4,614,203</u>	<u>880,837</u>	<u>5,495,040</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Annual convention and conferences	6,922	–	6,922
Missionary	602	384,646	385,248
Ministerial	2,757,559	530,221	3,287,780
Other	395,801	226,422	622,223
Church admin	136,799	–	136,799
Support costs	871,699	–	871,699
	<u>4,169,382</u>	<u>1,141,289</u>	<u>5,310,671</u>

### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2020 £	Total fund 2019 £
Annual convention and conferences	11,137	–	11,137	6,922
Missionary	347,236	–	347,236	385,248
Ministerial	3,415,604	757,726	4,173,330	3,938,257
Other	613,465	–	613,465	622,223
Church admin	171,373	–	171,373	136,799
Governance costs	–	178,499	178,499	221,222
	<u>4,558,815</u>	<u>936,225</u>	<u>5,495,040</u>	<u>5,310,671</u>

Apportionment of costs between activity types has been allocated on an actual basis.

# The Apostolic Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 9. Analysis of support costs

	Annual convention £	Missionary £	Ministerial £	Other £	Church admin £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Staff costs	—	—	390,708	—	—	390,708	300,311
Premises	—	—	208,658	—	—	208,658	202,163
Finance costs	—	—	20,593	—	—	20,593	16,312
Governance costs	423	13,179	129,635	28,757	6,505	178,499	221,223
Other expenses	—	—	130,924	—	—	130,924	122,602
Travel and accommodation	—	—	6,843	—	—	6,843	9,089
	<u>423</u>	<u>13,179</u>	<u>887,361</u>	<u>28,757</u>	<u>6,505</u>	<u>936,225</u>	<u>871,700</u>

Support costs above relate to specifically identifiable support activities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 10. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>2,252</u>	<u>2,252</u>	<u>1,819</u>	<u>1,819</u>

### 11. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>106,680</b>	72,902
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>(171,503)</b>	<b>(270,462)</b>

### 12. Auditors remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,287</b>

### 13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	<b>2,244,614</b>	2,272,358
Employer contributions to pension plans	<b>76,247</b>	59,716
	<b>2,320,861</b>	<b>2,332,074</b>

The average head count of employees during the year was 135 (2019: 134). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Number of staff	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
£60,000 to £69,999	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>

# The Apostolic Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

#### Payments to Trustees

No remuneration was paid to any individual in connection with their services as Trustee.

The remuneration payments made relate entirely to the work carried out as full or part time pastors of churches in line with the standard fees authorised by the charity's governing document. The level of salary received is independently determined by the local church leadership team in line with the guidance issued by the Finance Committee and salary review board. There is a weighting according to geographic location and congregation size.

The Charity also makes pension contributions as part of the defined contribution pension scheme in place. The totals paid to Trustees in relation to their roles as ministers were as follows:

#### Gross Salary

	2020	2019
	£	£
E Parker (resigned 14 February 2019)	-	66,887
P Doherty (resigned 1 May 2020)	21,969	21,330
P Howells	22,452	20,516
M Chenery (resigned 1 May 2020)	35,705	32,712
A Matheson (appointed 19 November 2019)	32,141	-
C Hopkins (appointed 19 November 2019)	37,280	-
I Parker	28,000	26,378
T Jack (resigned 1 May 2020)	35,623	31,710
A Abiodun (resigned 6 June 2019)	22,159	20,081
S Taylor	35,482	34,735
	<b>270,811</b>	<b>254,349</b>

#### Employer Pension Contributions

	2020	2019
	£	£
E Parker (resigned 14 February 2019)	-	893
P Doherty (resigned 1 May 2020)	659	640
P Howells	2,177	2,113
M Chenery (resigned 1 May 2020)	3,461	3,323
A Matheson (appointed 19 November 2019)	2,266	-
C Hopkins (appointed 19 November 2019)	1,117	-
I Parker	797	768
T Jack (resigned 1 May 2020)	10,181	6,198
A Abiodun (resigned 6 June 2019)	2,010	1,951
S Taylor	1,065	1,042
	<b>23,733</b>	<b>16,928</b>

In addition to the above payments, certain Trustees are provided with living accommodation by reason of their employment as pastors. This is in line with customary practice for ministers of religion to enable their duties to be better performed. Those who are not provided with living accommodation receive a housing allowance as part of their salary in lieu of the church providing a manse. The housing allowances are included in the gross salaries above.



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### Reimbursed expenses

The following expenses were reimbursed during the year:

	2020 £	2019 £
E Parker (resigned 14 February 2019)	-	1,469
P Doherty (resigned 1 May 2020)	1,151	748
P Howells	1,846	937
M Chenery (resigned 1 May 2020)	1,145	114
A Matheson (appointed 19 November 2019)	775	-
C Hopkins (appointed 19 November 2019)	80	-
I Parker	2,657	1,183
T Jack (resigned 1 May 2020)	3,413	1,284
A Abiodun (resigned 6 June 2019)	136	372
S Taylor	927	2,566
	<b>12,130</b>	<b>8,673</b>

### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2019	12,025,036	16,927	459,263	<b>12,501,226</b>
Additions	625,322	112,000	7,870	<b>745,192</b>
Disposals	(100,311)	-	-	<b>(100,311)</b>
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>12,550,047</b>	<b>128,927</b>	<b>467,133</b>	<b>13,146,107</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2019	1,002,073	2,235	438,703	<b>1,443,011</b>
Charge for the year	95,644	2,579	8,457	<b>106,680</b>
Disposals	(9,814)	-	-	<b>(9,814)</b>
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>1,087,903</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>447,160</b>	<b>1,539,877</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>11,462,144</b>	<b>124,113</b>	<b>19,973</b>	<b>11,606,230</b>
At 31 March 2019	11,022,963	14,692	20,560	11,058,215

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

On transition to FRS102 the assets have been included in the financial statements on a historic cost basis.

Certain property additions incurred by the assemblies between 1992 and 2010 are not included within the accounts as the accounts prepared during these years did not include the income and expenditure for the assembly data.

The church purchased a flat for £112,000 during the year which is included in the balance for leasehold buildings. The property is held under a 999 year lease which commenced in 1990.

#### 16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 April 2019	130,739	440,000	<b>570,739</b>
Additions	—	—	—
Fair value movements	2,252	—	<b>2,252</b>
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>132,991</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>572,991</b>
<b>Impairment</b>			
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020			—
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 March 2020	132,991	440,000	<b>572,991</b>
At 31 March 2019	130,739	440,000	570,739

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

#### Investment properties

The value of the investment property held is based on an independent professional valuation obtained in May 2016. The trustees have considered fluctuation in market value since the valuation was carried out and no adjustments to the carrying market value are considered necessary.

#### Financial assets held at fair value

##### Listed investments

Fair value adjustments are processed in respect of the listed investments every 6 months in line with a report issued from the broker.

#### 17. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>6,529</b>	8,248
Other debtors	<b>366,513</b>	662,358
	<b>373,042</b>	670,606

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	115,509	116,732
Accruals and deferred income	52,135	66,363
Social security and other taxes	54	61,810
Other creditors	15,023	7,185
	<u>182,721</u>	<u>252,090</u>

### 19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>1,405,581</u>	<u>1,485,873</u>

Various bank loans are secured against properties held by the Church throughout the UK.

### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

#### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £76,247 (2019: £59,716).

# The Apostolic Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2020

### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits *(continued)*

#### Defined benefit plans

The charity operates two defined benefit pension schemes:

- The Apostolic Church Unfunded 6/7th Scheme (the "Unfunded Scheme")
- The Apostolic Church Staff Pension Scheme (the "Funded Scheme")

#### Unfunded Scheme

This is an informal top up pension arrangement providing benefits based on a standard minimum fee and reduced for other pension income received by the individual. Under the scheme, the employees are entitled to retirement benefits on reaching retirement age. There are no scheme assets held separately from those of the charity. The scheme is closed to new members. Spouses of the former employees are also entitled to the same level of benefit upon the death of the former employee within the scheme.

Pensions are paid to the beneficiaries on a monthly basis directly from the charity's assets. The value of the liabilities at the reporting date has been determined on a member by member basis based on data used by the previous actuary in preparing last year's disclosures and with allowance for member movements over the year. A valuation of the scheme has been carried out as at 31 March 2020 by a qualified independent actuary.

#### Funded Scheme

This scheme provides members with pensions in retirement and death benefits. Pension benefits are linked to a member's final salary and their length of service, at 30 June 2005 or earlier date of leaving. Since 30 June 2005 the Funded Scheme has been closed to new employees.

The Funded Scheme is a registered scheme under UK legislation, is subject to the funding requirements outlined in this legislation and was contracted into the State Second Pension.

The Funded Scheme was established from 1 July 1981 under trust and is governed by the Funded Scheme's trust deed and rules. The charity is responsible for the operation and governance of the Funded Scheme, including making decisions regarding the Funded Scheme's funding and investment strategy.

A full actuarial valuation of the scheme was carried out as at 30 June 2017 with the next one due 30 June 2020. The liabilities of the scheme shown below have been estimated by updating the results of this actuarial valuation to allow for the passage of time, benefits paid out of the scheme and changes in actuarial assumptions.

The statement of financial position net defined benefit liability is determined as follows:

	Unfunded Scheme		Funded Scheme		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(1,190,000)	(1,421,000)	(3,626,000)	(3,741,000)	<b>(4,816,000)</b>	(5,162,000)
Fair value of plan assets	—	—	2,464,000	2,733,000	<b>2,464,000</b>	2,733,000
	<u>(1,190,000)</u>	<u>(1,421,000)</u>	<u>(1,162,000)</u>	<u>(1,008,000)</u>	<u><b>(2,352,000)</b></u>	<u>(2,429,000)</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2020

#### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits *(continued)*

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations are as follows:

	Unfunded Scheme £	Funded Scheme £	Total £
At 1 April 2019	1,421,000	3,741,000	<b>5,162,000</b>
Interest expense	27,000	84,000	<b>111,000</b>
Benefits paid	(121,000)	(163,000)	<b>(284,000)</b>
Remeasurements:			
Actuarial gains and losses	(137,000)	(36,000)	<b>(173,000)</b>
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>1,190,000</b>	<b>3,626,000</b>	<b>4,816,000</b>

Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	Unfunded Scheme £	Funded Scheme £	Total £
At 1 April 2019	—	2,733,000	<b>2,733,000</b>
Interest income	—	62,000	<b>62,000</b>
Benefits paid	(121,000)	(163,000)	<b>(284,000)</b>
Contributions by employer	121,000	124,000	<b>245,000</b>
Administrative costs	—	(32,000)	<b>(32,000)</b>
Remeasurements:			
Return on plan assets, excluding amount included in interest income	—	(260,000)	<b>(260,000)</b>
<b>At 31 March 2020</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,464,000</b>	<b>2,464,000</b>

The total costs for the year in relation to defined benefit plans are as follows:

	Unfunded Scheme		Funded Scheme		Total	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recognised in income or expenditure:						
Net interest expense	27,000	33,000	22,000	25,000	<b>49,000</b>	58,000
Administrative costs	—	—	32,000	39,000	<b>32,000</b>	39,000
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>64,000</u>	<u><b>81,000</b></u>	<u>97,000</u>
Recognised in other recognised gains and losses:						
Remeasurement of the liability:						
Actuarial gains and losses	(137,000)	20,000	(36,000)	72,000	<b>(173,000)</b>	92,000
Return on plan assets, excluding amounts included in net interest	—	—	260,000	(47,000)	<b>260,000</b>	(47,000)
	<u>(137,000)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>224,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u><b>87,000</b></u>	<u>45,000</u>

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#### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits *(continued)*

The fair value of the major categories of plan assets are as follows:

	Funded Scheme	
	2020	2019
	%	%
Cash and cash equivalents	5.12	4.89
Insured annuities percentage	26.05	27.75
Net current assets percentage	68.83	67.36

The return on plan assets are as follows:

	Funded Scheme	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Return on assets of benefit plan	(198,000)	113,000

The principal actuarial assumptions as at the statement of financial position date were:

	Unfunded Scheme		Funded Scheme	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	%	%	%	%
Discount rate	2.10	2.00	2.30	2.30
Expected rate of increase in pensions	—	—	2.60	3.20
Inflation assumption	2.00	2.30	2.00	2.40
Mortality rates:				
Current pensioners at 65 - male	86.30	86.30	86.30	86.30
Current pensioners at 65 - female	88.20	88.20	88.20	88.20
Future pensioners at 65 - male	87.40	87.30	87.40	87.30
Future pensioners at 65 - female	89.50	89.40	89.50	89.40

#### 21. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2020 £
General funds	16,646,087	5,079,307	(4,471,203)	(269,959)	2,252	16,986,484
Defined benefit pension schemes	(2,429,000)	307,000	(143,000)	—	(87,000)	(2,352,000)
	<u>14,217,087</u>	<u>5,386,307</u>	<u>(4,614,203)</u>	<u>(269,959)</u>	<u>(84,748)</u>	<u>14,634,484</u>

	At 1 Apr 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2019 £
General funds	15,838,414	4,827,563	(4,006,382)	(15,327)	1,819	16,646,087
Defined benefit pension schemes	(2,549,000)	328,000	(163,000)	—	(45,000)	(2,429,000)
	<u>13,289,414</u>	<u>5,155,563</u>	<u>(4,169,382)</u>	<u>(15,327)</u>	<u>(43,181)</u>	<u>14,217,087</u>

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### 21. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

#### Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2020 £
Missionary fund	—	75,374	(345,333)	269,959	—	—
Building funds	2,590,206	417,352	(279,686)	—	—	2,727,872
Other restricted income	893,253	315,991	(255,818)	—	—	953,426
	<u>3,483,459</u>	<u>808,717</u>	<u>(880,837)</u>	<u>269,959</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,681,298</u>

	At 1 Apr 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Mar 2019 £
Missionary fund	—	381,269	(384,646)	3,377	—	—
Building funds	2,693,673	414,804	(530,221)	11,950	—	2,590,206
Other restricted income	694,501	425,174	(226,422)	—	—	893,253
	<u>3,388,174</u>	<u>1,221,247</u>	<u>(1,141,289)</u>	<u>15,327</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,483,459</u>

#### Missionary fund

The missionary fund comprises restricted income which is related to missionary work under the ActionOverseas banner, within the total fund are amounts attributable to specific ongoing projects. The Church has increased spending on missionary activities to increase awareness which has caused the fund to move into a deficit position. The trustees have decided to transfer funds from unrestricted reserves to clear the deficit.

#### Restricted building funds

Represents various building funds managed on a local and national level in relation to various building projects ongoing at specific individual assemblies.

#### Other restricted funds

Represents various restricted income and expenditure items managed on a local level at specific individual assemblies.

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### 22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	10,512,661	1,093,569	<b>11,606,230</b>
Investments	572,991	–	<b>572,991</b>
Current assets	7,489,134	2,587,729	<b>10,076,863</b>
Creditors less than 1 year	(182,721)	–	<b>(182,721)</b>
Creditors greater than 1 year	(1,405,581)	–	<b>(1,405,581)</b>
Defined benefit pension	(2,352,000)	–	<b>(2,352,000)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>14,634,484</b>	<b>3,681,298</b>	<b>18,315,782</b>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	10,066,541	991,674	11,058,215
Investments	570,739	–	570,739
Current assets	7,746,770	2,491,785	10,238,555
Creditors less than 1 year	(252,090)	–	(252,090)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(1,485,873)	–	(1,485,873)
Defined benefit pension	(2,429,000)	–	(2,429,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>14,217,087</b>	<b>3,483,459</b>	<b>17,700,546</b>

### 23. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure</b>		
Listed investments	<b>132,991</b>	<b>130,739</b>

The fair values of the listed investments are determined by reference to the quoted market price.

The remaining financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised in the Statement of Financial Position at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

### 24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	9,567,949	135,872	<b>9,703,821</b>
Debt due within one year	(116,732)	1,223	<b>(115,509)</b>
Debt due after one year	(1,485,873)	80,292	<b>(1,405,581)</b>
	<b>7,965,344</b>	<b>217,387</b>	<b>8,182,731</b>