



## **Church of St John the Evangelist**

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# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

## ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**Charity Registration Number:** 1187186

## **Introduction**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

## **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are; the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St Johns meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

## **Achievements and performance**

The global COVID-19 pandemic certainly challenged St John's in 2020. However, through the grace of God we are weathering the trials and building a different kind of future for ourselves.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

The Charity has continued to benefit from the enthusiastic ministry of Adele and during the year we have welcomed Annie Gray as our Anglican minister. We are blessed to have two such inspirational, faithful and committed ministers who it is clear will lead us through the difficulties which the pandemic raises by fixing our gaze firmly on the need to continue with our outreach to support our local community. Whilst our activities have been restricted, our ministers have been busy planning ways to reach members, spread the Word and planning some exciting ventures for our future once we are able to function with minimal restrictions.

One particularly gratifying success in 2020 has been the move to delivering our services online. From shaky beginnings, these are now increasingly professional productions and most importantly, they are reaching not just our church family but beyond to folk not previously involved with St Johns. Thanks are recorded to all those who have made extraordinary efforts to deliver the services online. It is through these combined efforts that during the year we have brought more folk to a public declaration of faith. The online Alpha course has been a further successful venture and proven to be a good vehicle for those interested in faith to explore Christianity in a non-threatening way.

The online coffee after church and Beacon events each have a loyal attendance, and all are welcome to login for a chat. Our Housegroups have continued to function online and it has again proven a valuable means to welcome additional members. Prayer has been so particularly important to members during 2020 and the Core Prayer Team have delivered uplifting monthly prayer opportunities online throughout the year which have been a tremendous source of comfort and support.

The move to provide online worship and other outreach activities has highlighted the need to improve our audio-visual capabilities. Therefore, a major project has begun to improve Wi-Fi capability and audio-visual infrastructure with the aim of being able to deliver live streaming of services and events. This will no doubt be of benefit to our varied users and the local community. Good progress has been made, though lockdown restrictions have hampered the final completion of the project.

Pastoral support is especially important during these trying times, so provision has been made to reach out to those members who do not use the internet and provide support to those struggling with the many difficulties

thrown up by the situation. The Trustees and Ministers are very conscious that there will be continuing need in this area and it will form a key focus for reflection, prayer and action in 2021.

Our Children's Worker has been active providing weekly materials for our younger members, reaching out to families on the periphery of the church by providing Advent craft boxes. As regulations have permitted, she has also continued to deliver assemblies at Kingston Park Primary School.

Beyond the online realm, the restrictions imposed have naturally curtailed activities, but the community Prayer Space and the Forget-Me-Not garden are providing a space for all members of the community to spend time reflecting on the pandemic and other concerns. The community response to the space has been universally positive.

One unexpected consequence of the pandemic was that the Lord has led St John's to provide support for the Asylum Seekers currently housed locally. The response of the church family in providing gifts together with spiritual support and prayer has been amazing. We are delighted that one of the men has chosen the Christian faith and been baptised. The family of Jesus himself had to flee tyranny and seek safety abroad, so we are following where the Lord has been.

We are looking forward to 2021 full of hope.

### Financial Review

With the grace of God, St John's successfully rose to the challenge of substantially increased denominational assessments in 2019. A totally different scale of challenge was to come in 2020, with its forced closure periods for worship and other activities, many of which normally provide rental income. The result, seen below, is deficits for 2020 on most funds and an overall deficit of £15,819.71. Set out below is an explanation and the breakdown of our performance across the various accounts and funds which are operated.

#### Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
General Account	£2,923.58	-£13,583.79
Restricted Account	£4,529.26	-£1,568.26
Reserves	£26,575.26	£937.63
Mission Fund	£69.80	-£1,605.29
Combined	£34,097.90	-£15,819.71

#### General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity. It shows the large shift from surplus into deficit as Sunday cash collections diminished and rental incomes dried up for the greater part of the year. The size of the deficit was kept down by avoiding or postponing major costs in repairs, maintenance and equipment renewal that had been budgeted for. It was also mitigated by receipt of a grant from Newcastle City Council, claimed in respect of rent revenue lost during the second lockdown.

Income for the year was down by 16.8% overall. The decrease was largely due to the loss of rental income from outside users of our premises and facilities. Sadly, several regular users may not return. Whilst the loss of income is of concern, of greater importance will be the loss to our local community of the social benefits these groups undoubtedly provided. Regular planned giving by church members' standing orders was the key to meeting the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid-19 without drawing too deeply on Reserves. Our deep gratitude is offered to all those who managed to continue or even increase their giving during the year. It is genuinely appreciated, as are occasional donations and the cash offerings at the few worship services there have been in church.

Total Expenditure was 5.6% below the budgeted amount but only 0.2% below the total for last year. This illustrates the difficulty in finding any serious economies by a church or charity that is committed to worthy objectives. An example in the case of St John's is the commitment to allocate 10% of general income to support a variety of charities, both religious and secular, to the tune of more than £10,000 in 2020.

### Restricted Account

The account holds funds for matters such as donations to be used for specific matters and proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing at Marks & Spencer and Tesco, in aid of the West End Refugee Service and Action for Children.

The Hardship Fund received a donation of £250 this year and a payment was made to assist with a particular need within the parish. Donations are particularly welcome to this fund.

The Account also holds the designated Donations Holding Fund, being monies retained from non-specific donations which the Trustees have earmarked for specific purposes, currently this includes the ongoing project to improve Wi-Fi within the whole building and the sound system in the Worship Area.

### Reserves

Funds from past years' surpluses including substantial past donations for unrestricted purposes are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face. The past year has presented a major ongoing case in point. Amounts are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The latter are deposited so that in each year one will mature, and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application, as recently. Given the prevailing financial difficulties, £5000 was withdrawn from Reserves to support the General Account. It is anticipated that further withdrawals may be necessary in 2021.

Overall, the Lord has helped us weather the tribulations of 2020, and we know that 2021 could well be equally challenging. St John's is fortunate in having a healthy level of Reserves which will act as a financial cushion. We are also truly blessed to have so many members who have continued to support us.

### Reserves policy

It is the Trustee's policy to try to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 3 – 5 years and to support the Charity through 2021.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Christian Churches Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning

Group'. Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding, Outreach and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

Safeguarding structures and policies are in place in accordance with Church of England guidance.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure 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 Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 sufficient accounting records that 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. 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.

### **Trustees**

#### **Elected Trustees**

Timothy Rogers (Chair of Trustees & Safeguarding Officer). Re-elected October 2020

Julie Horton. Retired as Church Warden October 2020. Elected trustee October 2020.

Robin Wallace. Re-elected October 2020

Jackie Collins. Re-elected October 2020

John Dawson. Elected October 2020

John Dowling. Resigned August 2020

Hilary Dowling. Resigned August 2020

#### **Co-opted Trustees**

Steve Huggan (Church Warden). Co-opted April 2019 – October 2020 and again October 2020

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted April 2019 – October 2020 and again October 2020

Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted April 2019 – October 2020 and again October 2020

Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted October 2020

#### **Ex-officio Trustees**

Adele Moorhouse (Minister)

Annie Gray (Minister). Appointed May 2020

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020****RECEIPTS**

	2019	2020
	£	£
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	98,895.41	82,201.20
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	4,529.26	652.47
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	26,575.26	937.63
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	218.59	94.71
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>130,218.52</u></b>	<b><u>83,886.01</u></b>

**PAYMENTS**

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	95,971.83	95,784.99
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT</b>	-	2,220.73
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>	-	-
<b>MISSION FUND</b>	148.79	1,700.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b><u>96,120.62</u></b>	<b><u>99,705.72</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>34,097.90</u></b>	<b><u>- 15,819.71</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	2019	2020
	£	£
<b>General Account</b>	15,005.20	7,216.51
<b>Reserves</b>	74,506.17	70,443.80
<b>Restricted Account</b>	7,036.11	4,787.85
<b>Mission Fund</b>	19,423.69	17,703.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>115,971.17</u></b>	<b><u>100,151.46</u></b>

**GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2019 £	2020 £
<b>Planned Giving</b>		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	45,050.00	45,363.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	10,798.00	9,445.00
<b>Donations</b>		
Donations with Gift Aid	441.00	240.00
Donations without Gift Aid	167.00	400.00
	<b>56,456.00</b>	<b>55,448.00</b>
<b>Collections at Services</b>	<b>1,459.52</b>	<b>332.38</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>28,928.30</b>	<b>10,558.80</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,668.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Photocopying	29.65	13.00
Gift Aid Claim	11,371.54	12,328.22
Refreshments	-	-
Fees	220.00	22.00
Literature Income	-	21.60
Social Events	193.20	-
Sundry items	237.20	809.20
	<b>12,051.59</b>	<b>13,194.02</b>
	<b>98,895.41</b>	<b>82,201.20</b>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>26,069.30</b>	<b>5,795.10</b>



**RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2019 £	2020 £
Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing	1,129.26	362.47
Donations to Hardship Fund		250.00
Donations to Restricted Purposes	3,400.00	40.00
	<u>4,529.26</u>	<u>652.47</u>
<b>RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>4,529.26</b></u>	<u><b>652.47</b></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

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**RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Interest	575.26	937.63
Donation received	26,000.00	
	<u>26,575.26</u>	<u>937.63</u>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>26,575.26</b></u>	<u><b>937.63</b></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	<b>26,500.00</b>	-

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**MISSION FUND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Interest	218.59	94.71
	-	-
<b>MISSION FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u><b>218.59</b></u>	<u><b>94.71</b></u>
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	-

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## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT &amp; FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>		
	2019	2020
	£	£
<b>Payments to the denominations</b>		
Anglican Share	26,400.00	26,412.00
Methodist Assessment	24,516.00	25,572.00
URC Mission & Ministry	2,604.00	2,016.00
Baptist Church	3,162.70	3,290.40
	<b>56,682.70</b>	<b>57,290.40</b>
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>		
Minister Expenses	228.10	112.40
Council Tax - Vicarage	-	448.54
Water Rates - Vicarage	-	-
Gas	1,603.73	1,792.23
Electricity	2,258.58	1,556.11
Telephone	409.37	511.89
Water Rates - Church	502.49	353.80
Insurance	1,271.27	1,261.77
Maintenance	4,674.84	3,004.78
Maintenance - Grounds	1,220.48	973.00
Equipment	2,305.01	373.50
Secretary	1,200.00	1,257.00
Stationery	324.96	-
Photocopier	614.50	362.27
Bookings Secretary	123.00	128.50
Flowers	50.00	-
Cleaner	1,668.96	1,749.96
Window Cleaner	115.20	115.20
Cleaning Materials	312.96	212.05
Fees & Licences	1,770.70	1,661.88
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	258.13	117.65
Worship Requisites	239.59	87.31
Literature & Promotion Costs	861.61	688.20
	<b>22,013.48</b>	<b>16,768.04</b>
<b>Other Expenditure/Projects</b>		
Children's Worker	6,420.00	6,728.04
Children's Worker Expenses	96.50	39.00
Choir	340.01	261.25
Interregnum Costs	-	2,428.50
Sundry Costs	60.00	1,397.83
	<b>6,916.51</b>	<b>10,854.62</b>
<b>Church Groups</b>		
Outreach	298.29	54.60
Junior Church	104.79	131.00
Holiday Club	-	44.72
Social Events	250.81	331.00
Music Group	20.95	-
Genesis	-	-
	<b>674.84</b>	<b>561.32</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Charitable Giving	8,675.00	10,195.00
Charitable Donations	1,009.30	115.61
	<b>9,684.30</b>	<b>10,310.61</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>95,971.83</b>	<b>95,784.99</b>
<b>Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds</b>	<b>26,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>

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**RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2019 £	2020 £
Charitable Donations	-	1,531.73
Bank Charge	-	5.00
Hand Dryers paid from Donated Funds	-	684.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,220.73</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	1,069.30	680.00

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**RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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<b>TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	25,000.00	5,000.00

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**MISSION FUND PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Banner re The Beacon	148.79	
Grant re Community Event		1,700.00
<b>TOTAL MISSION FUND PAYMENTS</b>	<b>148.79</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	-	115.10

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**STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<b>Current Account £</b>	<b>Restricted Account £</b>	<b>Reserve Account £</b>	<b>Mission Fund £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Balance Brought Forward	15,005.20	7,036.11	74,506.17	19,423.69	115,971.17
Prior Year Adjustments					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	<b>15,005.20</b>	<b>7,036.11</b>	<b>74,506.17</b>	<b>19,423.69</b>	<b>115,971.17</b>
Plus					
Receipts	82,201.20	652.47	937.63	94.71	83,886.01
Credit Transfers	5,795.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,795.10
Less					
Payments	95,784.99	2,220.73	0.00	1,700.00	99,705.72
Debit Transfers	0.00	680.00	5,000.00	115.10	5,795.10
Notional Carried Forward Balance	7,216.51	4,787.85	70,443.80	17,703.30	100,151.46
Uncleared Effects:					
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	<b>7,216.51</b>	<b>4,787.85</b>	<b>70,443.80</b>	<b>17,703.30</b>	<b>100,151.46</b>

**SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS**

	<b>Opening Balance £</b>	<b>Closing Balance £</b>
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Co-operative Bank	15,005.20	7,216.51
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT</b>		
Individual Funds		
Holiday Club	10.83	10.83
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	1,129.26	0.00
Hardship	496.02	541.02
Donations Held	5,400.00	4,236.00
	<b>7,036.11</b>	<b>4,787.85</b>
<b>RESERVES ACCOUNT</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access	33,654.13	28,821.54
Cambridge & Counties	15,852.01	16,122.26
Cambridge & Counties	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>
	<b>74,506.17</b>	<b>70,443.80</b>
<b>MISSION FUND</b>		
Virgin Money Instant Access*	19,423.69	17,703.30
*Same account as Reserves		
<b>TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b>115,971.17</b>	<b>100,151.46</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST,  
KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Mr G Clark FCPFA

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Date: 17 January 2021

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Accounting Policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund the monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds, form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at any time at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

##### Hardship

Funds available to support those in need. In the year, a donation of £250 to the fund was received and a donation to support a deserving family within the parish was made.

##### Donations Holding Fund

One donation was received in the year totalling £40. This was donated to Christian Aid (£20) and as part of the giving to the asylum seekers (£20), noted elsewhere in the report. £684 was spent on the installation of new hand dryers utilising funds that had previously been donated for this purpose. During 2021 more of the funds will be used to fund the upgrade of the sound system & audio-visual capabilities and Wi-Fi within the building. If appropriate, the Trustees will decide on what any residual funds are used for.

As previously indicated, the Miscellaneous designated fund that had not been used for several years was removed in the current year's accounts.

#### c) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

##### Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a previous donation. The monies are available subject to approval of the Trustees for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement; and fund, in part, the children's work of the church. In the year, a grant was made of £1700 as an enabling sum to support planning for community project to mark the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. This should come to fruition in 2021. The cost of the Zoom licence, so vital in our mission work in 2020, was taken from the fund also.

##### Holiday Club

Residual funds held on behalf of the Holiday Club leaders.

##### Fundraising

This fund has previously been referred to as Carol Singing, the proceeds of which formed the main income and expenditure from the fund. It has been re-named Fundraising to allow for the possibility of receipts and payments for specific causes such as Christian Aid Week.

In the year donations were made, to West End Refugees (£564), Action for Children (£564), these being the proceeds of fundraising of the carol singing in December 2019 plus donations for flowers so generously donated by Marks and Spencer. Christian Aid received a total £382 which included money raised from Marks and Spencer donated flowers and of plants donated by members.

## 2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year, 10% of our General income, subject to adjustments, is donated to charities. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2020, this fell to the Council for World Mission. Of the remainder, donations are usually made to Tearfund, The Barnabas Fund, Compassion UK and Jubilee Debt Campaign. Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by Church Council. The table below records those charities supported from the annual distribution, with a comparison to the previous year for information.

Organisation	2019	2020
Church Mission Society	£2,325	
Council for World Mission		£2550
Tearfund	£635	£695
The Barnabas Fund	£635	£695
Compassion UK	£635	£695
Jubilee Debt Campaign	£635	£695
Kisima Trust Europe		£695
United Christian Broadcasters	£635	£695
Action Foundation		£695
Betel UK	£635	£695
Kingston Park Play Area Fund	£635	
Lighthouse Church	£635	
Mercy Ships	£635	
Wycliffe Bible Translators	£635	
Mission Aviation Fellowship		£695
Newcastle Street Pastors		£695
Wycliffe Bible Translators		£695
	£8675	£10195

We supported Operation Christmas Child with a small donation to help cover running costs. In December, the asylum seekers being housed locally received gifts from St John's, a gesture which we know was very gratefully received. Notwithstanding the difficulties presented in fundraising during a pandemic, St John's has once again proven to be a caring, compassionate and generous church.

## 3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review.

No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review.

The Independent Examiner fee was £150.00.

## 4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.