

Gateway Church (Kendal)

Charity Number 1169843

Statement of Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

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Charity Information

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Trustees

Rev J A Gios
Mr J J Harrison
Mr R Salehi
Mr N Thompson

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Independent Examiner's Report

Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

The charity operates in Kendal and surroundings areas.
The objects of the charity are:

- Establish a gather for Christian Worship, prayer, bible teaching and the preaching of the Christian Gospel.
- Serve the local community in providing a place of prayer, worship and meeting the needs of the community and helping individuals in need.

Achievements and performance

This year has been a challenging, yet something of an opportunity for us at Gateway Church. In January 2020, the church started to serve the community of Kendal through the new project of **Neighbourhood Chaplains**. This started by prayer walking each of the estates that we felt called to minister to – and work began. The team of 7 chaplains made a tremendous amount of progress in such a short space of time.

However, as Covid-19 hit in March it placed us on Lockdown from being out in the community and undertaking our normal work pattern. However, our Community Connector/Church planter, Jonny Gios was able to cofound a group with the local NHS trust called '**Kendal Self Isolating Support**' group. This was able to gather 3.5k on a Facebook group and reached 6.5k most vulnerable people in Kendal with visitation cards. These were delivered by 180 volunteers with offers of shopping, dog walking etc. Thankfully, we were able to get them to all 6.5k vulnerable people before the lockdown was implemented. This is still continuing today with the assistance of **KCEPG** (Kendal Community Emergency Planning Group).

As a church we didn't feel we could sit back and not still be involved in the first lockdown. Therefore, we have supported a number of people in the community, the Police, Royal mail postal workers, local NHS, and a number of businesses. We have supported them through, Bags of Courage, Bags of Blessing, Bags of Hope, support cards, Hope Hug bears, food parcels, given 3 boxes of PPE out and other essential items. There have been individuals that we have been able to help with larger items through our ministry with ACTS 435 with carpets, furniture and cots.

In addition to the above, we looked for the gaps within the statutory & charitable sector of need in the community that wasn't being addressed. We were able to secure funding from All Churches Trust, Mr Willats, Free Methodist Church, and Cumbria Community Foundation to run the following support services and engagement.

Equip Mental Health course that was run over 8 weeks with a qualified mental health first aider, Ramin Salehi. This was run on Facebook live and recorded to continue to be a resource.

CAP Money Course was a 3-week course and ran twice in 2020, one in June and one in September. This was a course to help people learn to manage their money better. In total 13 people attended these courses.

CAP Job Club – run in partnership with King's Church, Preston. This course was to help those in our community find a job if out of work.

Kendal Community Hub – Funding allowed us to build a new website called Kendal Community Hub. This is a site that allows people in our community to locate organisations according to their need. This site has a variety of providers on the site that sign posts them to the most appropriate area of support.

Transforming Lives monthly gathering has played an important part in the momentum of Gateway Church. In January/February we had the Message Trust and John Mosey to speak at our gathering at the Fleece Inn. These were received well from all. Despite the covid pandemic we have been able to continue to broadcast these live on Facebook.

Church Online gatherings have been challenging but an important essential tool to maintain fellowship and contact with one another. From March until September each week we continued to gather on Zoom twice a week. From September we took the decision to produce online pre-recorded content for every Sunday at 10.30am. This meant that we changed our time again from gathering at 2pm to 10:30am. This was done all in agreement with those within the church. We continue to gather on zoom for our Wednesday night discipleship group. We have had to invest finance in being online this year – somewhat of an unexpected cost but essential, nonetheless.

In June 2020, as restrictions seemed to be easing and churches could start gathering physically. We were informed by the Fleece Inn pub, where we had been meeting for 7 months that they wanted all the upstairs space back. We were therefore homeless yet again – and still to this day we are continuing to pray for a place to gather after Covid.

In December we partnered with BBC Radio Cumbria for the **Cumbria Big Carol Sing** – this brought many of our community together on their roads, streets, villages. Invites were sent to neighbours along with Hope Magazines and a candle.

Since March 2020, we have trained with **Christian Vision** and now partnered with them to reach more people for Jesus. Partnership involves engaging with online conversations and developing these ongoing relationships. We have had some positive conversations – and this has been a good ministry whilst we have been in lockdown.

Training has continued throughout 2020. The core group of Gateway have continued their online learning with M4 church planting course. This has been supported by Counties who have supplied a church planter coach to define and shape our values and vision going forward. There are 6 team members that are part of the core group and this course runs till September 2021.

Jonny Gios, our community connector and church plant lead in June was accepted to start on the Evangelist Training Programme **ETP** with Counties. This has involved 2 days a month training with Counties in the area of Evangelism. This has helped establish a focus area for the ministry of Gateway.

Throughout 2020 on the 20th day of each month – we have been spending the day in **prayer** and fasting for our church and community. Little did we know that we would be praying as much for the NHS! We continue to pray and seek God during these times.

There have been times of discouragement and times of joy throughout 2020. We have seen people leave Gateway Church this year and move on to other churches with our blessing. Nevertheless, we have seen people move into Kendal and feel called to join us as a church.

We trust that God is going to continue to lead us and provide for us as we step out into his purposes.

We maintain that we are a church that is outward focused and building links within our community. We're longing to come out of Covid into a new chapter and to see people's lives changed and transformed.

May I take this opportunity as chair of trustees to thank the trustees for their efforts and wisdom over 2020. Their input and experience has been invaluable. As trustees we would also like to thank Jonny and Pamela for their leading of Gateway and the tremendous amount of effort & contribution the members have made as a small group of followers of Jesus.

We are cheering Gateway Church on and we ask for more Lord, more. We don't do this alone – we partner with God.

Structure, governance and management

There were no new trustees appointed during the year.

The governing document was based on the CIO Foundation Constitution with a minimum of three trustees.

Approved by the trustees on.....26/03/2021.....and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J J Harrison

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gateway Church (Kendal)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

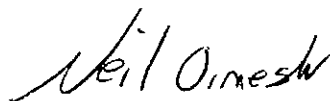
Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 21st June 2021

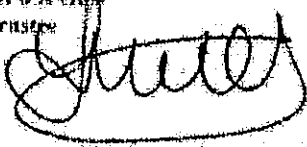
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Trustees' Certificate

for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to Dabbs Accounting Limited, from which the attached accounts have been prepared, contain a full and correct record of the charity's transactions to the best of our knowledge and belief.

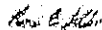
Mr J A Goss
Trustee



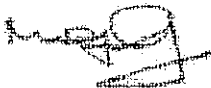
Mr J J Harrison
Trustee



Mr R Salehi
Trustee



Mr N Thompson
Trustee



Date: 26/3/2021

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

Receipts	2020 Unrestricted funds	2020 Restricted funds	2020 Designated funds	2019 Total
Voluntary Income:				
Grants and donations	12,041	38,061	-	39,895
Gift aid	-	-	-	-
Service and sales	-	330	-	-
Charitable activities:	-	-	-	-
Loan received	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	12,041	38,391	-	39,895
Payments				
Operating expenses:				
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-
Overpaid PAYE	-	-	-	-
Training	-	3,978	-	911
Advertising and promotion	6,429	401	-	4,358
Insurance	266	-	-	215
Charitable donations	150	-	-	1,222
Rent	30	-	-	1,695
Outreach	214	1,398	-	122
Gathering, gifts & hospitality	3,048	1,151	-	6,390
Travel and subsistence	509	-	-	1,721
Administration Costs:				
Legal and professional	379	-	-	255
Subscriptions	935	-	-	488
I.T	1,334	3,068	-	1,948
Printing, postage and stationery	885	-	-	138
Accountancy incl payroll processing	2,520	-	-	2,430
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Misc. Creditors	5,556	-	-	(420)
	22,255	9,996	-	21,462
Loan repaid	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	22,255	9,996	-	21,462
Net of receipts/ payments	(10,214)	28,395	-	18,433
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	28,456	-	-	10,023
Cash funds this year end	18,242	28,395	-	28,456

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

Notes	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash Funds		
NatWest Bank- Current Account	46,637	28,456
	<u>46,637</u>	<u>28,456</u>
Debtors		
PAYE to be recovered	556	556
	<u>556</u>	556
Liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	352
Other creditors	473	5,677
	<u>473</u>	<u>6,029</u>
	<u>46,720</u>	<u>22,983</u>

Notes

Misc.creditors figure of £5,556 is made up of payment made during the year to J Gios for repayment of personally paid expenses.

Other Creditors - £473

The amount under other creditors is wholly made up of payments made by J Gios personally on behalf of the charity whilst the account was unavailable to be used and is the remaining balance left payable after £5,556 paid in the year.