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**REPORT OF MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
March 2020 – March 2021**

Middlesbrough Community Church has during this past year pursued the objects of 'The Middlesbrough Community Church Trust' which was first established in September 1981 and formally known as 'The Kingdom Life Trust'. The number of trustees remained at five. Their primary purpose was to ensure the objectives and aims of the Trust were carried out and described in the Trust deed as follows: 'to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the fourth schedule of the Trust and the worship of God both locally and in other areas.'

The activities of the church have been heavily impacted by COVID-19, but as many activities as possible have continued, some on-line and some only during part of the year when face to face meetings were allowed.

A brief description of the past year's activity is set out below:

1. Weekly meetings have been conducted throughout the year for worship, preaching, teaching and supporting the local Christian community that meets as Middlesbrough Community Church (formally known as St Aidan's Community Church). These meetings were largely held on Zoom.
2. We would normally have collaborated with a number of other local churches, but this has not been possible during 2020-1.
3. The church is an active participant in the "Transforming Teesside Together" movement which is a grouping of local churches of many denominations. Its purpose is to help unify the churches on Teesside.
4. Children and young people ministries came to a stop during the initial part of the COVID-19 lockdown. Separate on-line meetings were then held and the children's work (ages 4 to 15) reformed under the new name "Crowned". As soon as schools were back in class, the children's work shifted to a face to face meeting that was much appreciated by the children and the people working with this group. The Sunday morning meetings are aimed at encouraging, developing and nurturing young people in their Christian faith.

5. The Middlesbrough Foodbank operates one day per week within the St. Aidan's building and is being run by members of the congregation. This has been a particularly important work during the COVID-19 restrictions due to the impact on local families.
6. It was not possible to host the annual Christmas Meal for people from the local area and so instead Christmas hampers were prepared and then distributed free of charge to people who may have otherwise attended. These were given to both people within the church as well as those who were not.
7. Church members with additional external support run a Credit Union from the church building. This is open to members of the church and also local residents who can use it to save money as well as borrow small amounts in an affordable way. This was run during part of the year when the regulations allowed.
8. The church building is hired out for use by another church who are mostly of Eritrean extraction who meet on a Sunday afternoon. This meeting was only able to meet for a small part of the year in the building due to the COVID-19 regulations.
9. A local group (Recipe) uses the church building to provide food and community support one evening per week. They met when they were able to do so (which was only a limited period).
10. The hall and building were used to serve the local community through the building being available for hire, although there were no external hire events to limit the infection risk of those who needed to use the building.

The Trustees meet regularly to ensure that the trust funds are spent appropriately to further the aims outlined above, that the accounts are annually independently reviewed and that they are invested wisely as a resource for future plans. Meetings are chaired and formally structured with minutes written and kept for future reference. Meetings during 2020-1 were held on zoom and did not take place as frequently as previous years.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Walker

Andrew P Walker M.A. CEng MIMechE
Chair of Middlesbrough Community Church Trust

MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the Financial Year April 2020 to March 2021

		2021
	INCOME	£
01	Regular Giving	70,695
02	One Off Gifts	12,803
03	Grants	3,635
04	Gifts to Specific Causes	1,376
05	Trading Income	3,769
06	Other Income	0
	Total Income	92,279
	EXPENDITURE	
10	Staffing Costs	38,494
20	Lease & Utilities	15,299
21	Waste & Insurance	6,109
22	Buildings, Maintenance & Security	10,372
30	Subscriptions	8,808
40	Office Running Costs	2,642
41	Office Equipment	0
42	Operational Costs	943
43	Conferences	129
44	Bank Charges, Interests and Fees	1,972
50	Discipleship / Teaching	580
51	Family & Pastoral Care	1,083
52	Social Actions	125
53	Kids & Youth Work	2,527
54	Evangelism	432
55	Prayer	0
56	Prophetic	0
57	Mission Teams & Travels	0
58	Intern Costs	0
	Total Expenditure	89,514
	Surplus/(Loss)	2,765
	Reconciliation of Funds:	£
	Bank Accounts and Cash Opening Balances:	
	Current A/C Yorkshire Bank	32,160
	Savings A/C Yorkshire Bank	19,053
	Green Pastures Savings	10,000
	MCP Coop Account (MCC money)	12
	Petty Cash	139
	Total	61,363
	Add: Total Income	92,279
	Less Total Expenditure	-89,514
	Funds at 31 March 2021	64,128
	Bank Accounts and Cash Closing Balances:	
	Current A/C Yorkshire Bank	34,906
	Savings A/C Yorkshire Bank	19,072
	Green Pastures Savings	10,000

MCP Coop Account (MCC money)	12
Petty Cash	139
Total Funds at 31 March 2021	64,128



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Middlesbrough Community Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 2021

**Charity
no (if any)**

511864

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**Respective
responsibilities of
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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Susana Sargeant

Date:

17/01/2022

Name:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None