

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

For the period: From 01/04/22 To 31/03/23

Charity name: Westfield United Reformed Church

Charity registration number: 1131463

# **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Worship services, Home-groups, Showchoir, Parents & Toddlers group, Community cafe. Base for assistance to homeless people and letting rooms for counselling, special needs groups and other community use. Supporting local and overseas charities eg Bridgwater food bank and rural dental service in Uganda.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

#### **Additional information**

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers carry out the majority of the work of the church. Volunteers are on the staff of the cafe and members of the congregation carried out the outreach and pastoral work of the church.

# **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During this report period, the church fully restarted its activities after Covid and community use of the building returned to pre-Covid levels.  Communal worship retained a Zoom option which is used by the housebound.  Patronage at the cafe has returned to pre-Covid levels. Cafe staff noticed increased demand for our 'free meal' scheme for the homeless or those experiencing economic hardship.
		The popular Showchoir continued to thrive despite the loss of our Children and Youth Worker. The church appointed a replacement children's worker, due to start in April 2023. The toddler club closed pending appointment of a children's worker. Mission work continued by supporting four bodies outside the church during the year and also on-going support for dental training in Uganda.  A community minister works in partnership with the church. Her role is to encourage community groups to work together to reduce social isolation.

# **Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The church's financial situation is shown in the audited accounts submitted along with this report. Income from lettings and the cafe resumed to normal levels after Covid but there was a dip in giving from the congregation. Initiatives taken in mid 2023 have reversed this trend Grants were received for the church's work with the homeless and other support work. The church's financial situation is kept under continual review and the financial year ended with a small surplus balance.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church has a policy of holding 3 month's staff salary in reserve to maintain security for staff.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£22,413
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Funds are monitored closely to assess to the effect of the price inflation on outgoings and income from the cafe and lettings

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fund raising)	Para 1.47	The charities principal source of funds are - Giving by the congregation Room lettings Cafe sales Grants for specific activities
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity at the end of the year under review is the unprecedented increase in energy and other costs. This not only impacts the church directly but also constrains the giving of church members and the patronage of the cafe by the community.  This challenge will be managed by close financial monitoring and prompt action.

# Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	The church has adopted a constitution on 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The Church is governed by the Church Meeting. The Church Meeting is open to the entire congregation, although only Members are permitted to vote when there is a formal vote. However, the meeting usually works by consensus so that the views of all may be heard and taken into account.  Members of the congregation join the church by making a confession of faith or by transfer from another church.  Elders are elected from the membership to lead the congregation and are ordained into office. The function of the Elder is much wider than that of a Trustee and includes pastoral oversight of the congregation.
Trustee selection methods	Para 1.25	Trustees are the serving Elders of the church, selected as above, and generally serve for a period of two to four years

#### **Additional information**

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Members receive appropriate training before appointment as Elders. Once appointed Elders as Trustees take part in relevant training provided by the URC as the courses arise.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is part of the United Reformed Church and subject to its oversight and discipline.  The minister and Elders meet monthly and advise the Church meeting which meets every other month.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	none

# **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Westfield United Reformed Church
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1131463
Charity's principal address	Church Office
	West Street
	Bridgwater
	Somerset
	TA6 7EU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Thomas Dougall	Secretary	Whole year	Church Meeting
2	Kerry Dougall		Whole year	Church Meeting
3	lan Dyer		Whole year	Church Meeting
4	Judith Adcock		Whole year	Church Meeting
5	Rachel Leach		Whole year	Church Meeting

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Director name			
None			

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

# Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

#### **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	T. M. Dougall
Full name(s)	Thomas Murray Dougall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary
Date	17/09/2023

## WESTFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>	20	<u>2022</u>	
RECEIPTS				
Donations - Unrestricted	40,234	48,010		
Donations - Restricted	4,242	4,437		
Gift aid	10,677	9,415		
Cafe income	43,847	24,546		
Children and young people	3,366	9,540		
Mission - Restricted	9,888	10,341		
Insurance compensation	52,167			
Fair and carnival parking	7,850	1,612		
Grants	26,345	24,945	`	
Rent receivable	44,036	33,177		
Other income	490	290		
Bank interest received	124	41		
·	243,266		166,354	
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	;		100,52	
Café purchases	26,599	11,222		
Wages and salaries	50,810	47,963		
Staff pension costs	513	. 514		
Removing barriers project	22,641	_		
Rates	3,463	3,911		
Insurance	4,598; "	4,387		
Light and heat	12,555	9,583		
Cleaning	6,723	5,689	e.	
Repairs and maintenance	8,125	13,362		
URC assessment	37,991	39,256		
Print, postage and stationery	2,501	560		
Computer costs	1,235	2,868		
Hire of equipment	, -	172		
Pastoral and worship	2,653	1,409		
Accountancy fees	1,147	1,407		
Bank charges	260	284		
Credit card charges	-	790		
Staff entertainment	2,467	_		
General expenses	4,853	4,809		
	189,134	<u></u> ,	148,186	
CHARITABLE GIVING				
Mission - restricted	16,430	7,087		
General expenses - restricted	-	2,008		
Charitable donations	-	864		
	16,430		9,959	
Income for the year	£37,702	<u>=</u>	£8,209	

#### WESTFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	<u>20</u>	23	<u>202</u>	22
FIXED ASSETS				
Kitchen Refurbishments inc Legal Fees	24,142		24,142	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	9,710		9,710	
Computer equipment	610		610	
		34,462		34,462
CURRENT ASSETS				
Café goods for resale	125		_	
PAYE/NIC recoverable	346			
Deposit refurb account	25,821		16,561	
Deposit account	22,413		7,332	
Current account	3,217		4,177	
Café account	2,341		2,087	
Mission account	6,312		9,972	
Petty cash account	15		2	
		60,590		40,131
CURRENT LIABILTIES				
Trade Creditors	800		800	
Loan - South West URC Synod	28,242	÷	49,242	
PAYE/NIC payable	534		316	
Wages control account	3,439			•
		(33,015)		(50,358)
		62,037	-	24,235
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TOTAL RESERVES (Restricted & Unrestricted)	:	62,037	<u>-</u>	24,235

#### ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have prepared the foregoing accounts without carrying out an audit from the books and records maintained by our client and from information and explanations supplied by them.

34 North Street Bridgwater

3rd August 2023

Michal J Dodden & Co.

Michael J Dodden & Co Chartered Certified Accountants



Westfield United Reformed Church 1131463

Receipts and payments accounts
For the period from 1st April 2022 To 31st March 31st March 2023

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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation General	40,234	4,242		44,476	52,447
Monies raised for outside causes		9,888		9,888	10,341
Gift aid tax repayment	10,677			10,677	9,415
Legacies				artist (Watershield)	
Property - church/hall users	99,099			99,099	68,875
Grants received - Sedgemoor District Council		850		850	
Grants received - Somerset Communities Foundation		22,301	TV.	22,301	9,078
Grants received - URC SW Synod		1,694	19990000	1,694	2,267
Grants received - Medlock Charity				i Astronous tib 1.€	1,000
Grants received - Fairfield Trust		1,500		1,500	
Grants received - Coronavirus - Other			CANADA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN	LYNE Street	12,600
Miscellaneous	52,657		1980	52,657	290
Bank interest & investment income	124			124	41
, . Total receipts	202,791	40,475	premiu Elysaka z 😁	243,266	166,354
A3 Payments	202,791	etre green	bagina Eurobe (*)		
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowmen funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	15	-	to neurost z
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	Total cash funds			-
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	account(s	Agreement Euror Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Agreement Error Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowmen funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Bank current account	3,217	•	
CU-se receive	Deposit account		25,821	_
	Building saver account		22,413	
	Café account	2,341		
	Mission account			
			6,312	
	Luncheon account			
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Other assets	Gift aid recoverable	0	18 TEL	
	Café stock	125		
	PAYE/NIC recoverable	346		
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	*	Fund to which	Cost (optional)	Current value
24 Apparts restained for the abority's aura	Details Kitchen refurbishment	asset belongs	Cost (optional)	(optional)
34 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	9710		
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	Computer equipment	610		153 July 11
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35 Liabilities	Details Trade creditors	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
o Elabilides	Wages control account	3439		
	Loan from South West URC Synod	28242		
			•	
	PAYE/NIC payable	534	•	
			•	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the rustees	Signature	Print N	lame	Date of approval