

THE ROCK CHURCH  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

# THE ROCK CHURCH

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

Mr I Evans  
Mrs H Evans  
Mr A Nuttall  
Mr P Norris  
Mr A James

**Charity number**

1130956

**Principal address**

The Rock Centre  
Lichfield House  
27-31 Lichfield Street  
Walsall  
WS1 1TJ

**Independent examiner**

Mr Nicholas Hunt  
9 Tong Street  
Walsall  
WS1 2DY

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# THE ROCK CHURCH

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

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

The governing document is a trust deed dated 16th March 2009, and a deed of Variation dated 23rd June 2009. The charity is a trust as agreed by the Charity Commissioners.

Trustees of The Rock Church: the method of appointment is set out in the trust document.

The Rock Church operates through various committees, which meet between full meetings of the Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr I Evans  
Mrs H Evans  
Mr A Nuttall  
Mr P Norris  
Mr A James

The Rock Church is an independent church with a registered address at 27-31 Lichfield Street, Walsall. The correspondence address is The Rock Church, Lichfield House, 27-31 Lichfield Street, Walsall WS1 1TJ.

The Rock Church is a religious charity registered with the Charity Commission. Registration number 1130956

The Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects are:

- To advance the Christian Faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees think fit.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and to relieve the distress caused thereby, on such occasion as the Trustees think fit.

The Trustees have the responsibility of co-operating with the church leadership team in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and has a number of active community programmes which are aimed at improving the lives of those in the local community.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Review of the Year**

The Trustees met during the year; in addition to regular leadership meetings. We continue to serve the people of the Church and the local community through the pastoral offices. These make up a significant part of The Rock Church ministry.

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### **Work with, and in, the Local Community**

**Mens & Ladies Breakfast meeting** — Regular breakfast meetings are held to provide social interaction, support and Christian training.

**Community Youth** – Working with youth linked with the church at the Rock Centre Building, along with other youth agencies and groups promoting a community spirit, life skills and social skills.

**The Rock Centre** – The town centre building, purchased in July 2013, has provided us with greater opportunities to develop further projects together with an income stream for the Charity to support the ongoing work. This has also provided a town centre venue for meetings including Sunday services, Friday night youth activities, foodbank drop off/collection points, Adult Life groups, community drop in centre and many special events. During the year we have been considerably altering the fabric of the building to make it more fitting for our activities.

**Foodbank** – The Rock Church provides a storage facility and collection point for the Black County Food Bank, helping those in the community urgently needing help with food and provisions. Due to the demand we have increased our opening times and are now operating two days a week. Many volunteers from the community support the operation of the food bank.

**Media** – We are developing our video and audio production. Our web site is continually being updated to provide internet based promotions and information.

**Teaching & Discipleship** – The charity has expanded midweek regular meetings to provide Christian training and Discipleship, Bible study and social fellowship. Baptismal classes were held followed by a baptismal service.

**Training** – During the year courses were held to keep staff & volunteers up to date with safeguarding requirements and working with vulnerable people.

**Special events** – During the year we have held special events such as hosting international training and teaching seminars. We provided a venue for a local school to host end of term concerts & prize giving. Monthly we host a business networking and training meeting for local businesses, as well as hosting a local church together meeting for 'The Turning' which trains people on how to communicate their faith.

### **Achievements and performance**

Church attendance is over 120 average regular attendees.

### **Financial review**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six month's expenditure. The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



**Mr I Evans**

Chair of Trustees

Dated: 16 January 2019



# THE ROCK CHURCH

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROCK CHURCH

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We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

### 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

Our 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent Examiner

Nicholas Hunt, 9 Tong Street, Walsall, WS1 2DY

Signed



Dated: 16 January 2019

# THE ROCK CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>				
Voluntary income	32,534	643	33,177	44,465
Investment income	127,203		127,203	79,692
	159,737	643	160,380	124,157
Other incoming resources	1,856		1,856	3,467
Total incoming resources	161,593	643	162,236	127,624
<u>Resources expended</u>				
Charitable activities	121,768	243	122,012	112,432
Total resources expended	121,768	243	122,012	112,432
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds	39,825	400	40,225	17,266
Fund balances at 1 April 2018	73,352	788	74,141	56,875
Fund balances at 31 March 2019	113,178	1188	114,366	74,141

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## BALANCE SHEET

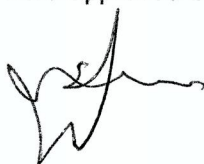
AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

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	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		40,000		40,000
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	114,365		74,140	
Net current assets		114,365		74,140
Total assets less current liabilities		154,365		114,140
Income funds				
Restricted funds		1,188		788
Unrestricted funds		113,178		113,352
		<u>114,366</u>		<u>114,140</u>

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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 January 2019



Treasurer  
Andrew James



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

The receipts and payments basis has been adopted in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Rock Church. Planned giving received under Gift Aid is recognised only when it is received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid is recognised when the income is received. Funds raised by the various social events are accounted for gross.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the Rock Church.

Rental income from the Letting of church premises is recognized when payment is received.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land

### 2.. Employees

There were no employees during the year.