



**Trust for the Development of
The Parish Church of St Helen Abingdon**

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended: 31 December 2020

Registered Charity No. 1090001

St Helen's Church Office, St Helen's Court, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 5BS

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

Reference and administrative details

Registered Name and Constitution

Trust for the Development of the Parish Church of St Helen Abingdon, is also known as "Trust for the Development of St Helen's Church". The Trust is a Registered Charity, registered number 1090001.

Trustees

The Trustees serving during 2020 and since the year-end were as follows:

Reverend Dr Charles Miller	Rector of Abingdon	Chairman of Trustees
Mrs Linda Hobbs	Church Warden	
Dr Geoff Meen	Church Warden	
Mrs Susan Read	Treasurer	
Mr Stephen Thomas	Properties Officer	

Registered Office:

Parish Office, St Helens Court, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 5BS

Honorary Independent Examiner:

Bruce Hunt, BA, FCCA, 7 Knollys Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1XN

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank plc, 32 Cornmarket Street, Oxford OX1 3ES
CCLA Investment Management Ltd, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

Solicitors:

Challenor & Son, Stratton House, Bath Street, Abingdon, Oxon

Exemptions from disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is governed by a trust deed dated 19 December 2001 under which the trust is controlled by the trustees consisting of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Helen's Church and up to two other persons elected annually by the District Church Council (DCC) of St Helen's Church.

Trustees are provided with a copy of the Trust Deed when they commence their duties. The trust reports to the annual meeting of St Helen's Church, and provides financial reports to St Helen's DCC.

The trust has no paid staff. Administration of the trust and organisation of events are carried out by the Trustees with assistance from members of St Helen's congregation.

Reserves Policy

The policy on reserves is that before a project is commenced, sufficient funds should be in place to complete that project within the expected timescale.

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Financial review

The Trust was almost dormant in 2014 and 2015 but efforts were made to revive it and some donations were sought and received in 2016 and 2017. The reserves at the end of 2020 stood at £18,772.

The strategy for fundraising has in the past included bids to other charities, promotion through fundraising events, and appeals to individual donors.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the trust is to raise money to pay for improvements to St Helen's Church, Abingdon. The improvements are intended both to make the building more suitable for the current forms of Christian worship and to provide access and flexibility in use for the wider community, using the revised plans currently being formulated by the church.

Wider use of the Church building has been promoted through a range of events, some also intended to raise funds and some identified primarily as local community social events.

Achievements and Performance

The main improvements already achieved are a new floor with under-floor heating, a central nave platform, renovation of the organ and bells, provision of a new entrance and toilets and a kitchen in the south porch.

Because of the work already done, the church is used for concerts and social events by several different organisations throughout the year. This was not possible before the work already financed by the Trust.

Still to be completed according to the original plans are an area equipped for children, new vestries, work on the baptistry area, and replacement electrical and lighting systems. The plans for this work have been under active progression since 2019.

Plans for Future Periods

Most of the original St Helen's 2001 renewal programme was achieved some years ago and we have had a few years when the charity has been virtually dormant. The church is currently consulting on the remaining parts of the plan and it seems likely that the next work to be attempted will be the renovation of the vestries, the chancel and the baptistry. But a considerable amount of fundraising must be done before the work may be started.

Approval of Trustees Report

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..... Date

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of the Trust for the Development of the Parish Church of St Helen Abingdon, Charity No. 1090001

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

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 report

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

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 Acthave 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.

Bruce Hunt, BA, FCCA, Honorary Independent Examiner
7 Knollys Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1XN

Date

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Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Income from donations & legacies	2	0	0	0	0
Investment income		80	0	80	148
Total income		80	0	80	148
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
St Helens reordering costs	3	0	0	0	2,064
Total expenditure		0	0	0	2,064
Net income (expenditure) before transfers		80	0	80	(1,916)
Gross transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		80	0	80	(1,916)
Balances brought forward		18,192	500	18,692	20,608
Funds carried forward 31 December 2020		18,272	500	18,772	18,692

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	4	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank		18,272	500	18,772	18,692
Total current assets		18,272	500	18,772	18,692
Total net assets		18,272	500	18,772	18,692
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		18,272		18,272	18,192
Restricted income funds			500	500	500
Funds		18,272	500	18,772	18,692

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

..... Date

Revd Dr E Charles Miller, Team Rector

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Principal accounting policies

(a) *Accounting convention*

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with best practice set out in the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(b) *Income*

Gifts and donations are recognised on receipt by the charity.

Income tax recoverable on gifts and donations is recognised when the income to which it relates is recognised.

Legacies are accounted for when the charity is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Funds raised by fundraising events are accounted for gross.

(c) *Expenditure*

Expenditure is accounted for as incurred.

Direct fundraising costs and associated administrative expenses are included as costs of generating funds.

Expenditure in furtherance of the objects of the Trust is included in charitable expenditure.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

In the year to 31 December 2020 the Trust received no donations

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations received, unrestricted	0	0
Total voluntary income – Donations and legacies	0	0

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

In the year to 31 December 2020 the Trust paid the architects fees for the proposed works on the church.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Architects fees	0	2,061
Order of Cost Estimate	0	0
Other	0	3
Total expenditure on charitable activities	0	2,064

4. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift aid and GASDS claimable	0	0
Total	0	0

5. Trustees and External Examiner Remuneration

No remuneration or reimbursed expenses were paid to the trustees or to the honorary independent examiner.

6. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in 2020.