# **Coventry Walsgrave Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Inland Revenue Tax Reference No. XN56713

Registered Charity No. 245949

# ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT: YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2011

RECEIPTS:				
(Voluntary Sources)				
Congregation Contributions	£	219673.90		
Tax Repayment	£	0.00		
Congregation Gift Aid	£	1396.00	£	221069.90
(Income from Assets)			~	221000.00
Interest from Investments	£	78.53	£	78.53
(Miscellaneous Receipts)			~	70.00
Received from Coventry French Congregation for shared property costs	£	600.00		
Received from Coventry Polish Congregation for shared property costs	£	1363.00		
Received from other local Congregations for shared equipment costs	£	835.71		
Received re Coach Fares & Car Park Tickets	£	759.00	£	3557.71
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Total Receipts:			£	224706.14
PAYMENTS:				
(Direct Charitable Expenditure)				
Donations to IBSA/Watchtower Society				
(Associated Registered Charities)	£	735.00		
Warwickshire No 1 Circuit Donations	£	168.00		
Regional Building Committee Donations	£	600.00	£	1503.00
(Other Expenditure)			~	1303.00
Kingdom Hall Operation and Maintenance	£	3788.32		
Expenses relating to New Kingdom Hall site	£	1166.66		
Insurance	£	285.00		
Circuit and Visiting Minister Expenses	£	477.19		
Paid re Coach Fares & Car Park Tickets	£	720.00		
			£	6437.17
Total Payments:			£	7940.17
Net receipts (expense) for the year	£	216765.97		
Bank and cash balances as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	£	34584.92		
Bank and cash balances as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011	_	251350.89		
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Signed ·	Date			

Secretary for the trustees of the Coventry Walsgrave Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIESAT 31ST MARCH 2011

CASH ASSETS  Bank and cash balances  Bank Current Account #1  Bank Current Account #2  Bank Current Account #3  Coventry Building Society Deposit Account  Cash not banked	£ £ £	116786.89 3152.39 131411.61 0 0.00				
Total : Agrees with 31 <sup>st</sup> March balance on annual accounts	£	251350.89				
OTHER CASH ASSET  Refund of Tax due on 2009/2010 Gift Aids  Refund of Tax due on 2010/2011 Gift Aids	£	306.50 349.00				
LIABILITIES  Due for immediate payment  Future and contingent	£	0.00 0.00				
OTHER ASSETS Long term investments Place of Worship (footnote A) Furniture & Contents of Place of Worship (footnote B)	£	0.00 150000.00 17000.00				
Footnotes A: Registered Place of Worship 19 Sommerville Road, Coventry, CV2 3GY. Shown at historic cost. Date of Acquisition 1965. Condition of property Freehold. B: Contents of Place of Worship Value shown at cost and insured value.						
Signed:	Date :					

Secretary for the trustees of the Coventry Walsgrave Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

- 1. COVENTRY WALSGRAVE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
- 2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2011

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

- 3. Registered Charity No. 245949
- 4. The registered address of the congregation is Kingdom Hall, 19 Sommerville Road, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 5GY
- 5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

  Chairman: David Scott Carpenter Secretary: John Glenn
  Other trustees: Geoffrey Eccles, Michael Chemytsh and James Ahearne
- 6. The Kingdom Hall in Sommerville Road, Coventry, is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution.

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

### **Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit**

8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship.' For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area. These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons, and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

### Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

- 9. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society and to other duly constituted congregations to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
- 10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation were the receipts totalling £193,000.00 for the congregation building fund donated by the Leamington Spa Congregation. Noteworthy expenses were donations totalling £735 to the Society, donations totalling £168 to the Warwickshire No 1 Circuit and donations totalling £600 to Regional Building Committee 2B.
- 11. The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 46 months working expenditure.

- 12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There is a separate Kingdom Hall building fund, the balance of which at 31 March 2011 was £231,024.22. The build is expected to commence in the latter half of 2011.
- 13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on ? 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:	
Chairman	Secretary