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## **Trustees' Annual Report - Year ending 31 March 2021**

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### **LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity Registration: 1050242

Principal Address: Connect Church, Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall. PL27 7DS.

### **GOVERNING INSTRUMENT**

Connect Church Cornwall operates under the Model constitution with Trust Deed for local Assemblies of God, adopted in March 2006, and is in fellowship with the Assemblies of God church for Great Britain.

The church is administered by a Church Council comprising:

Pastor: Mr. D. Cox (Chair).  
Mr. M Burnell  
Mr. S.P. Jenkins  
Mrs S.M.A. Watts (Resigned 02/12/20)  
Mr. R Thomas  
Mrs C.A Whitting  
Miss Sasha Hawke (Appointed 29/03/21)

All members of the council are appointed for the duration of their pastoral relationship or for a minimum of three years. Trustees are appointed by the church council from members of the charity.

### **AIMS AND ORGANISATION**

When Drew Cox (DC) was appointed Pastor at Wadebridge Christian Centre in September 2019, the leadership team asked DC to pray into the next season for the church and mark out a vision and road map for the future.

A new vision and values has been established and adopted up by the Church. Strategically for Wadebridge Christian Centre to move into this next season and enable the vision to move forward, the leadership team felt that it is necessary to change the name of the church/charity.

During an extra ordinary meeting of the trustees on 04/02/21 Wadebridge Christian Centre was

renamed Connect Church Cornwall. Over this last year the church has steadily been rebranding the organisation, this is now nearly complete.

Our Purpose: Connecting with Jesus, Connecting with each other and Connecting with our Community.

Our Values are:

- Courageous Faith
- Transforming Hope
- Extravagant Love

This last year has been a challenging year for us as a church due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and this report is therefore very different to the normal activities of the charity. The Church closed in line with government lockdowns and applied appropriate health and safety measures required with government guidelines. Once lock downs were lifted and in person services allowed again, we sought to open up and return to church-based activities in a safe way.

The impact of the last 12 months has meant as an organisation we have had to pivot multiple times e.g. implementing new budgets, furloughing staff, putting all our church services/ programmes online. The year has been one of constant change, these constant changes have been challenging for a small organisation like ours. Being a people-based organisation many elements in which we actively served and engaged with our local community were all closed due to the pandemic.

The church acts as a social resource to the surrounding local communities. We recognise the community benefit of allowing our building to be used as a venue for local services that are in line with our Christian ethos.

The church building comprises a state-of-the-art suite of meeting rooms of various sizes available for community use. The church administers the letting of the building and gives discounts to suitable charity organisations for the public benefit. The building has been widely used and is a popular place to hold various events for a variety of organisations that meet the church's ethos statement. The lettings were massively hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, the building remained closed to groups during government lockdowns and in line within COVID guidelines. We have slowly been able to open up to these groups again as restrictions eased. This was made possible by securing several grants with the aim of relaunching the facility.

One of our values is Extravagant Love, one of the ways this is displayed is through the generous giving of the members of the church. During the pandemic we were able to continue to support the mission's organizations and partners we work with locally and around the world.

Many of our church-based activities went online from our Sunday morning service, children's and youth provision, to Bible studies, prayer meetings and small groups. New technology was purchased to enable this to happen. New systems, structures and methods for doing and being church had to be embraced at the flick of a switch. We served our local community digitally but

also impacted a larger area with people engaging with our online services from across Cornwall and beyond.

The pandemic allowed for new creativity in the way we celebrated events like Christmas and Easter e.g. we ran a town wide Advent Trail which saw over 20 shops and buildings across the town dress their windows as part of the Christmas story. Each window had a QR code in, once scanned this would take you to Youtube, where a community leader then read that part of the Christmas story.

Pastor Drew Cox organized and chaired the towns local response team to the pandemic - 'Wadebridge HOPE Initiative.' This included Wadebridge Cornwall Councilors, Mayor, Foodbank, Concern Wadebridge, Education, Churches and other voluntary sector groups. This saw communication and coordination amongst core agencies during the pandemic to help support the most needy and vulnerable in the town. This group continues to meet on a regular basis.

On the 19th of August we hosted Wadebridge's first Drive In Church service at the Royal Cornwall Show Ground. The event was a great success seeing over 100 cars turn up on the Sunday morning, the service included contributions from our Cornwall Councilors, Mayor and Head Teacher of our primary school. It was great to honor some of community hero's during the service. The service was covered on BBC Spotlight and BBC Radio Cornwall, the service has since had 4400 views on Facebook.

The church continues to implement it's new purpose and values in the ever changing pandemic landscape.

## **PRINCIPAL FUNDING**

The Trustees have resolved to establish a reserve to provide for future activities, including future building projects. We aim to provide a reserve of three months working capital. The trustees do not have wide powers of investment.

Most of the church's income is derived from the giving of the church members via the offerings taken at our meetings. Income tax refunds are claimed via the Gift Aid scheme. All income is applied to the purpose of the trust as laid down in its articles and instruments, model and deed.

The trustees regularly review risks which could have an impact on the charity, applying mitigating actions where necessary.



Mr. D Cox      21/01/2022  
Pastor  
For and on behalf of Church Council





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Connect Church Cornwall

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1050242

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

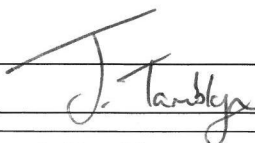
**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

21/1/2022

**Name:**

Joseph Tamblyn

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant

<b>Address:</b>	Trudgeon Halling Chartered Accountants, The Platt, Wadebridge,
	Cornwall PL27 7AE

<b>Section B</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Connect Church Cornwall

Nearest Angles  
1050242

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st April 2020


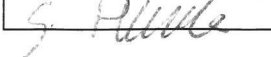
To

Period end date  
31st March 2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Offering	76,699		-	76,699	93,652
Gift Aid	14,728	-	-	14,728	20,115
Lettings	1,776	-	-	1,776	12,593
Other Income	6,042	12,994		19,036	500
Bank Interest	43			43	82
Missional Fundraising		13,368		13,368	12,388
Retirement Gift Donations				-	2,430
Big Lunch				-	830
Other		200		200	200
Lottery COVID	7,415	2,750		10,165	
Hope		400		400	
COVID - Hardship Fund		4,469	-	4,469	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>106,704</b>	<b>34,180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140,885</b>	<b>142,790</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>106,704</b>	<b>34,180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140,885</b>	<b>142,790</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries & Interim Allowance	59,492	-	-	59,492	67,724
Church activities	10,101	-	-	10,101	34,474
Missional Giving	15,074	-	-	15,074	20,849
Funds Held On Behalf Of Seedbed				-	4,300
Retirement Gift Donation				-	3,000
Mission Fundraising		26,448		26,448	1,798
School Work				-	802
Big Lunch				-	498
Other		200		200	200
Premises	17,773			17,773	
Administration	2,214			2,214	
Non-AV Equipment & Software	2,944			2,944	
Insurance	1,187			1,187	
Affiliations	2,767	-	-	2,767	-
COVID - Hardship Fund		2,830		2,830	
Hope		400		400	
Lottery - Covid		2,750		2,750	
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>111,554</b>	<b>32,628</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,181</b>	<b>133,645</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>111,554</b>	<b>32,628</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,181</b>	<b>133,645</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(4,849)</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,296)</b>	<b>9,145</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>(2,679)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>73,847</b>	<b>18,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,503</b>	<b>83,358</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>71,677</b>	<b>17,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,207</b>	<b>92,503</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Current Account	9,354	-	-
	Kingdom Bank	55,661	-	-
	Lloyds Mission Account	2,218	75	-
	Lloyds Exchange Account	218	12,994	-
	Reliance Bank Current Account No.1	4,226	4,461	-
	Reliance Bank Current Account No.2	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	1	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>71,677</b>	<b>17,530</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		DREW COX	14/01/22	
		S. HUME	14/1/22	