



Annual Report 2022 Financial Year

Introduction

The following report reflects the range of activities and financial position of Calvary Pentecostal Church for the year 2022, as the newly appointed church leadership team have taken up their responsibilities and take the vision of the Fellowship forward.

Aim and Purposes

Calvary Pentecostal Church is an independent church situated in Upper Parkstone area of Poole and is a registered charity affiliated to the Assemblies of God UK, an association of over 600 member churches and which aims to: 'Give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the gospel and to provide a church where they can grow in ministry for the glory of God'

Objectives and Activities

The Church emphasises praise and worship and the teaching of the Bible, and encourages participation in both by young and old alike. Services are held on a regular basis and visitors are welcome to join us and to stay afterwards for fellowship or to discuss any questions or issues they may have. The young people also have their own meetings twice a month on a Sunday evening where they are encouraged to share and discuss topics and challenges of relevance to them.

Our Core Values and Vision

It is our overarching vision is to see and experience a spiritual revival in our local area and in our country as a whole. By spiritual revival, we mean a work of the Holy Spirit which has the twofold effect of reviving God's people and bringing people to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Whilst we cannot bring this about on our own, we believe we can play a part in preparing the way. Accordingly, we place great importance on the teaching of the Bible as the word of God and implementing its truth in our individual lives, and our relationship with others.

Fundamental to this is the emphasis we place on praise and worship, as is reflected in all our meetings. To this end; it has been our normal practice to provide pastoral care, prayer and Bible Study meetings both on Sunday and during the week both in the Church on 'Zoom' and in house groups held in people's homes.

COVID-19

Throughout the past year the Fellowship have moved past the restrictions imposed by the COVID regulations and benefitted from the resumption Sunday morning services in person. In

addition we have realised the value of providing access via Zoom for those unable to attend services in person and have continued to provide this means of access for midweek evening meetings. This provision is under constant review as people become more confident in meeting together. The Church website www.cpcparkstone.org.uk also provides information, sermons an events diary and links to organisation which the church supports. In addition the Church provide a satellite service to the Poole Food Bank, once a week throughout the year, providing food parcels, support and advice to members of the local community in specific need.

Youth Groups

Youth group has continued to meet alternate Sunday evenings at Church. Over the course of the past year we have seen several members leave due to age and a couple who have left for other reasons so we now have a core of 4 regular young people and 2 others who have come at different times. Interestingly 4 of the 6 do not attend our church so it is good to be reaching into the community.

Over 2022 we have had some interesting discussions on topics such as abortion, euthanasia, drugs and alcohol. The young people were encouraged to share their views, listen to others and to see what the Bible says. We have helped with RE homework and revision, listened to talks and testimonies and had lots of fun games.

Most of you were at the youth Christmas service and it was so good to hear the Youth band signing songs that mean a lot to them and also to hear the talks they had selected, written and tested out on each other and their friends. Hopefully there will be more opportunities for the band over the coming year.

We had planned a trip away to stay with another church youth group. Unfortunately this has had to be postponed for now due to date clashes but we are hoping to perhaps rearrange at sometime in the year.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support and prayer for the young people over the past year. Moving into this year we have 2 young people sitting their GCSE's and 2 who have year 12 exams. We will be praying for all of the young people this year as they get a year older that God will guide them into their future careers/what subjects to choose/whether to go to university or get a job, how to stay strong as a young Christian as they grow older and how to share God with friends and family.

Sunday School

The Sunday School has run on a weekly basis throughout 2022, apart from school holidays. We have been working through a Scripture Union curriculum that takes us through the whole Bible; we break into that to follow the Church calendar themes of Easter and Christmas.

At Easter all the children received the "Real Easter Egg" which includes the Easter story along with a chocolate egg. In the summer Ali & Lisa hosted the Sunday School party for the children and their families at their house. For the Romania Shoebox appeal the children managed to collect & fill 3 boxes !

Teachers consist of Ali, Lisa, Cindy and Ruth, who joined later in the year – this is now on pause since the birth of her new baby. Isla has also now joined as a helper and Jill will help on a monthly basis from January this year. Staff numbers are driven by the fact that, for safeguarding purposes, we need at least 2 staff attending, irrespective of the number of children.

Teachers & lessons have to be flexible as we have mixed ages and abilities, and attendance can vary. The children who attend are blessed and are such a blessing! We continue to pray for new families in order that the Sunday School may grow, and additional helpers may come forward in order to ease the commitment on teachers in order for them to remain more frequently in the main service for the preaching of the Word.

Safeguarding

All our team of youth workers have undertaken training in child protection and have all been DBS checked. The church has adopted and implemented the 'Safe and Secure' safeguarding standards published by the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS).

Calvary Pentecostal Church is a member of the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) and our safeguarding policy is designed, in line with the CCPAS 'Safe and Secure' standards to help the Church provide a safe environment for children to be able to develop physically, intellectually and spiritually, and to safeguard all members of the church community, of all ages. In so doing it is the responsibility of everyone to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

'Safe and Secure' has been adopted by the Church Council and forms the safeguarding policy of the Church. A copy of which is held in the church and is available upon request. It is also used as part of the training for Children's workers and every Children's worker will be issued with a copy. A shortened version is displayed on the Church notice board.

Open Doors

During 2022 Open Doors has continued to support Christians suffering persecution worldwide. Funding has continued strongly despite the challenges of COVID inflation and the cost of living crisis for which Open Doors thank God and their supporters; as a church we can continue to be confident that our support for Open Doors is a wise and good use of the money we give to mission.

This year the founder of Open Doors – Brother Andrew - passed away. He was inspirational in his faith and determination to support the Body of Christ in places many feared to go. At a recent speakers weekend a colleague of his remembered his exhortation for him to be a "man of the Book" which reflects the foundations on which Open Doors was built

Every January Open Doors release their World Watch List of the top 50 countries where persecution is greatest around the world. 2022 was notable for the fact that Afghanistan replaced North Korea as #1 on the list following the Taliban return to power, the continued rise of China in the World Watch List and the continued rise of Hindu fundamentalism in India.

Foodbank

The Foodbank in the church operates as one of 3 "satellites" of the main Foodbank in Poole run by FaithWorks Wessex. These satellites exist to provide local provision for attendees thus avoiding the need to travel to Poole. Those attending the church Foodbank are therefore local people with real needs.

This year we have operated a weekly rota with Ali present each week with 2 other volunteers. From Jan 2023, Arthur will take the role of being present each week allowing Ali to fulfil work commitments. Celia is now able to volunteer again meaning that those volunteering are: Arthur, Barry A, Ali, Lisa, Cal, John, Lou, Ken, Enid, Allan, Celia, Barry, Marguerite. Our thanks to all whose volunteering makes this possible. Ali and Lisa will continue to manage the Foodbank.

The worsening cost of living crisis has ensured that we now have attendees every week, culminating in 7 attendees at our last session before Christmas, the most we have ever seen.

The Poole Foodbank averages around 30/day and will report an approx. 100% increase in volume this year indicating the need is great. The Foodbank operation is one way we can fulfil the work of the Church as reflected in the words of Paul in Galatians 2:10 that ...we should remember the poor.

Mission and Evangelism

In this year financial support was provided, from our missionary account and freewill offerings, to the following organisations:

- Open Doors UK (£2400) on a monthly basis (£200);
- Shoe Box Appeal (£75)
- Ukraine Appeal (£2000)
- Special Purposes (£400)

A total of £4,875.00 going to external organisations, whilst maintaining a sum of £600 for Special Purposes. In addition the Church actively supported the Shoe Box Appeal by providing Christmas gift boxes for families in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

Financial review

The Church Council has introduced a new Finance and Reserves Policy to ensure that the income it receives must be spend within a reasonable timeframe and that trustees should be able to justify holding income as reserves in order to comply with Charity Law and ensure that monies are used in accordance with the charitable purposes of the church. The overarching principle is that everything it has comes from God and that the Leadership Team, as responsible stewards, are to ensure that the funds are used in the way God intends.

Total receipts were £55,126.87, which includes interest on the deposit account:

- Offerings throughout the year show a slight increase on the previous year, and an overall reduction in Gift Aid Tax Refunds, which included GASDS refunds on small donations. Tax Refunds amounted to £8,210.93; and Fre
- Planned giving and freewill offerings has been maintained throughout the year showing a slight an increase to £43,068.15 with gifts of £2,050.00, showing an overall decrease on last year;
- Heating work to zone the church building £8,172.00;
- Deposit account interest has increased this year to £43.76 due to interest rate changes. The deposit account now stands at £42,734.00 an increase on last year due to the transfer of £11,654.00 from the Current Account;
- AoG Affiliation Fee of £1654.00 paid for the year 2021 in July 2022;
- Leaving a closing balance in our current account of £10,614.94.

The church will make an annual membership contribution of 3% of its non-designated revenue to the Assembly of God UK, calculated on the previous year's revenue. This amount is set aside in the deposit account for payment to the AoG in July 2022 and will be a payment of £1600.00 for the year 2022 but will be shown as a payment in the 2023 accounts.

Assets and Liabilities

The church is a registered charity supported solely by direct contributions of members and tax recovered under the Gift Aid Scheme. The church has no outstanding liabilities.

Land and Buildings:

- The Church building itself is used solely for the purposes of the charity;
- The building is a permanent endowment;
- The building is vested in the name of Calvary Pentecostal Church.

The church is solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of its buildings and this year spent £8,172.00 on essential heating work, necessary to split the church heating into zones in order to more effectively target heating to where and when needed rather than heating the entire building. This initiative will create cost savings on our utilities bills in the future.

Structure and Governance

The Church Council comprises the following trustees:

- V L Williams
- R Elms (*Church Treasurer and Chair of the Church Council retiring at the end of 2022*)
- D Williams
- A McGregor
- J Vatcher

There is currently only one salaried employee Mrs. V L Williams who is also a trustee. Her remuneration relates solely to her Ministerial role in the Church.

The Church Council met formally four times during the year. Minutes are taken and approved for accuracy at each meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R F Elms', is positioned above the printed name of the Chairman of Trustees.

R F Elms CPC Chairman of Trustees

CALVARY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH*FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022***INCOME****EXPENDITURE****CHURCH ACCOUNT**

OFFERINGS	£43,068.15	SALARIES	£13,635.00
GIFT AID TAX REFUNDS	£8210.93	BENEVOLENT GIFTS	£1000.00
GIFTS	£3,500.00	CATERING	£1,006.43
YOUTH WORK	£100.00	CLEANING	£999.00
MISCELLANEOUS	£1,654.00	ELECTRICITY	£360.95
		GAS	£522.13
		HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS	£1,365.00
		INSURANCE/A.O.G/ACCOUNTS INSPECTION	£3,392.05
		MAINTENANCE & FURNISHING	£155.25
		MINISTRY	£1,840.00
		POSTAGE & STATIONERY	£74.59
		SUNDAY SCHOOL	£104.99
		TELEPHONE	£945.11
		TRANSFERS TO SP & MISSION ACCOUNT	£4,200.00
		TRANSFERS TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£11,654.00
		WATER	£137.00
		YOUTH WORK	£110.00
		HEATING WORK	£8,172.00
		MISCELLANEOUS	£1,337.47
 TOTAL INCOME	 £55,083.08	 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	 £51,010.97
OPENING BALANCE	£6,542.83	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£10,614.94
TOTAL	<u>£61,625.91</u>	TOTAL	<u>£61,625.91</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BANK BALANCES		CHURCH ACCOUNT	£63,392.70
CASH IN HAND	£0.00		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£10,614.94		
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£52,777.76		
TOTAL	<u>£63,392.70</u>	TOTAL	<u>£63,392.70</u>

SPECIAL PURPOSES & MISSION ACCOUNT

INCOME

TITHE ON CHURCH OFFERING	£4,200.00
REGULAR GIVING	£920.00
SPECIAL PURPOSES	£1,000.00

TOTAL INCOME	£5,120.00
OPENING BALANCE	£7,465.95

TOTAL	<u>£12,585.95</u>
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EXPENDITURE

TRANSFERS TO OPEN DOORS	£2,400.00
UKRAINE APPEAL	£2,000.00
SHOE BOX APPEAL	£75.00
SPECIAL PURPOSES	£500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£4,975.00
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD (INC. SPECIAL PURPOSES)	£7,610.95 £500.00

TOTAL	<u>£12,585.95</u>
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R F Elms CPC Treasurer

Note:

As a small charity below the Charities Act's audit threshold the Church Council approved the appointment of Mrs. Trudy Sollazzo to conduct an Independent Examination of the church's finances, which was carried out and approved on the 28th January 2022 with the following report:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Calvary Pentecostal Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

105024

Set out on pages

(insert number to indicate the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

T. Sallazzo

Date:

29/01/23

Name:

TRUDY SALLAZZO

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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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