

Life Church (Bridgend)

England & Wales · Charity number 1050546

Details

Other names EMMANUEL-CHRISTCHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1995-11-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Life Church
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;(B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; AND(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: A Christian church providing religious services and providing public benefit to mothers and children, homeless, disabled and older people whilst supporting other charities involved in international care and mission activities. Public benefit is also delivered by the hire of the church premises to an International Church based in Bridgend and to Third Sector and Public Sector organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BRIDGEND
- Bridgend

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,364	£60,622	-	-
2023-12-31	£48,729	£58,817	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,794	£52,707	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,955	£29,421	-	-
2020-12-31	£29,414	£34,319	-	-

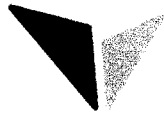
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christie Harper		2026-06-05
Manoah Tingle		2025-06-16
Mervyn Henry Trigg		2026-05-20
Paul James Warren		2022-07-28

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LIFE CHURCH BRIDGEND

Charity No: 1050546

Trustees Annual Report 2024

Period: 1st January to 31st December 2024

Aims and Purposes

Life Church is locally governed but partnered with the Assemblies of God (AOG) U.K. The church is located in the Morfa ward of Bridgend County Borough and is committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and practice. The church also seeks to be a resource to the local community – responding to identified community needs and enabling other groups to make use of our facilities. Additionally we work with other local churches and those further afield, in the pursuit of shared aims.

Objectives and Activities

Life Church seeks to encourage people in the community it serves, to identify their spiritual needs and to participate in formal services and informal activities. Faith is put into practice through worship, prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures, sacrament and service to groups and individuals with identified needs both in the church, communal living settings and the community.

The Charitable Aims of the church are for the benefit of the public and are set out in its governing document, the Model Deed for Local Assemblies of God Churches. These are:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of faith, in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world, as the leadership of the church may think fit
- to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to preserve and promote good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church leadership from time to time think fit; and,
- to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church leadership from time to time, may think appropriate.

Achievements and Performance

Our services. Open services are regularly held at the church premises on Morfa Street, Bridgend and all are welcome to attend. The usual schedule of services is as follows: the main service is held on Sunday Mornings, for worship and ministry of the Word. The service caters for young families through the provision of a creche for the under 4s and Life Kids Junior Church. The church broadcasts its Sunday ministry via YouTube to extend its reach and enable those church members unable to attend the service, to engage with the church's teaching. A prayer meeting is held weekly and small groups (Life Groups) are held on alternate weeks for informal bible discussion and prayer in church leaders' homes. Transport is made available so no individuals in the church are prevented from participating.

The church has continued to experience growth in the number of people attending during 2024, with an average of 42 people attending regularly.

Pastoral care. Personal pastoral support is provided to regular attendees of the church as requested. Home visits are made to those unable to attend church due to ill-health/frailty, so they remain a part of the church community. Our Community Anna Chaplaincy continued to operate within the local hospital and a local care home during this year. Its chaplain also provided chaplaincy support to the Town Mayor and staff team in the Town Community Council.

Use of the church building for public benefit. The minor hall is available for hire by local community groups and has been utilised in the past year by a Men's Mental Health Support Group for training days and the occasional children's party. 'Little Fishes', a parents and toddler group run by the church, operated from January – July in this year but sadly had to close due to changes in group leader / volunteer availability.

In this year an Easter and Summer Holiday Club was held for children in the community with an average of 15 children attending each session. The church again hosted a live-music Christmas event for the community, which was well-attended.

The International Evangelical Church have held their Sunday afternoon service in our church throughout 2024 also. The small congregation is largely made up of Polish citizens who live in the locality.

The Trustees recognise the great contribution made by volunteers from the congregation in support of church activities. The Trustees endorse the guidance of the Charity Commission, regarding the need for the church to bring public benefit through the practical expression of our faith within the local community and beyond. This is reflected in the activities of the church as stated above, and the use of the charity's property by other groups.

Safeguarding. The church maintains an up-to-date policy for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk of abuse and subscribes to Thirty-One: Eight for advisory & DBS check support.

Building maintenance. The church received a grant in 2024 from the Welsh Church Act Fund for a new sound mixing desk as the one being utilised was on loan from another church. The main church hall was rearranged towards the end of 2024, to facilitate an increase in seating availability. This necessitated the re-siting of AV equipment. It is the intention to progress in early 2025, the redecoration of the main and minor halls. The church has maintained annual fire safety system and boiler servicing and has a contract in place with Rentokil to prevent any rodent infestation.

Church leadership. The Leadership Team has benefitted from the appointment of a retired Pastor for a two-year period. Other members of the team remain unchanged. The Minister's participation in AOG UK's minister accreditation programme was deferred to May 2025.

Financial support to missions. The church continues in its sponsorship of a 11-year-old boy in Tanzania, with members also supporting on an individual basis, seven other children. These children are supported via Compassion UK. The church also makes a monthly monetary contribution to the work of World Christian Ministries, another UK-based Christian charity working with women and girls on a global basis and a missionary couple serving in Asia, via AOG USA.

Financial review. The total income of the church from all sources **increased** in 2024 by £25,635.14 (from £48,728.74 in 2023 to £74,363.88 in 2024). The expenditure of the church **increased** by £1804.63 (from £58,817.45 in 2023 to £60,622.08 in 2024). There was a **surplus** for the year of £13,741.80 leaving the balance of funds carried forward to 2025 as being £49,675.93.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Model Deed for Local AOG Churches and the church's constitution serve to steer the running of the charity within the context of the spiritual life of the church. The Church Council of Trustees is chaired by Anne Thomas. Its membership is made up of four other Trustees - Paul Warren, Richard Cross, Jennifer Ward and Jill Hearse.

The Trustees are responsible for the general oversight and management of the church premises and financial matters. The church's Minister Paul Warren is responsible for promoting the spiritual life of the church and developing its activities within the objectives of the charity. He has pastoral oversight of the church. Administrative support is provided to the Trustee group by Jayne Cross. She also acts as the Church's Treasurer. The Trustee group meet on a quarterly basis with further meetings scheduled if, and when required.

Administrative Information

Correspondence details are as follows:

Life Church (Bridgend), Morfa Street, Bridgend CF31 1HA

The members of the Council of Trustees who have served for the **whole** period covered by this report are:

Anne Thomas (Chair)

Paul Warren

Richard Cross

Jennifer Ward


The member(s) of the Council of Trustees subtracted during 2024 were:

Mavis Martin (resignation March 2024)

The member(s) of the Council of Trustees added during 2024 were:

Jill Hearse (appointed June 2024)

Approved by the Council of Trustees on 4.02.25 and signed on their behalf by Anne Thomas.

Signed: 

Dated: 30-3-25

**LIFE CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2024
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

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INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec		Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
GENERAL OFFERINGS	£23,364.18	£18,789.84	SALARIES	£28,477.36	£23,283.39
GIFT AID DONATIONS	£21,723.00	£15,081.00	HMRC & NEST	£6,645.84	£6,560.02
SMALL DONATIONS SCHEME	£3,008.00	£3,614.87	EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	£607.12	£629.36
TAX RETURNS (HMRC)	£5,832.47	£4,622.74	TRAINING & CONFERENCES	£236.70	£1,696.33
DESIGNATED FUNDS	£4,305.00	£2,235.00	MINISTRY RESOURCES	£76.99	£0.00
OUTREACH: Life Lounge	£0.00	£0.00	MINISTRY GIFTS	£825.00	£1,315.00
OUTREACH: Events	£115.00	£0.00	PASTORAL CARE EXPENSES	£1,759.28	£1,032.27
OUTREACH: Little Fishes	£209.89	£608.25	UTILITIES: GAS	£3,128.11	
REIMBURSEMENTS / MISC. GIFTS	£12,225.41	£943.00	UTILITIES: ELECTRICITY	£1,653.45	£3,515.84
BANK INTEREST	£745.93	£429.04	UTILITIES: WATER	£271.56	
HIRE OF PREMISES	£640.00	£600.00	FEES & LICENCES	£2,413.25	£2,268.28
BUILDING MAINTENANCE GRANTS	£1,399.00	£0.00	BANK CHARGES	£134.96	£139.84
BUILDING MAINTENANCE GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	AoG PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	£1,395.00	£1,677.20
GLOBAL MISSIONS	£796.00	£1,555.00	INSURANCES	£893.88	£798.31
ANNA CHAPLAINCY	£0.00	£250.00	MAINTAINANCE - GRANT	£0.00	£0.00
			MAINTAINANCE NON-GRANT	£2,074.98	£4,576.05
			HOSPITALITY/CATERING SUPPLIES	£1,273.85	£1,182.94
			PHOTOCOPIER	£1,231.89	£1,262.51
			STATIONERY/EQUIPMENT	£2,233.63	£1,865.24
			BROADBAND/TEL	£474.48	£110.94
			SAFEGUARDING - 31:8	£196.60	£260.59
			OUTREACH: Life Lounge	£89.56	£0.00
			OUTREACH: Events	£1,118.17	£0.00
			OUTREACH: Little Fishes	£63.64	£675.87
			ANNA CHAPLAINCY	£323.98	£505.68
			GLOBAL MISSIONS	£2,834.00	£4,176.84
			DESIGNATED EXPENDITURE	£50.00	£215.00
			CASH FLOAT	£138.80	£0.00
			DONATIONS EXPENDITURE	£0.00	£50.00
			FACILITIES TEAM FLOAT	£0.00	£1,019.95
TOTAL:	£74,363.88	£48,728.74	TOTAL	£60,622.08	£58,817.45
		£25,635.14			£1,804.63

INCOME	£74,363.88
EXPENDITURE	£60,622.08
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£13,741.80

BALANCE C/F FROM 2023	£35,934.13
ADD SURPLUS FOR YEAR	£13,741.80
BALANCE C/F TO 2024	£49,675.93

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£10,999.96
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£13,143.11
KINGDOM BANK	£25,532.86
CASH IN HAND	£0.00
TOTAL:	£49,675.93

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Life Church Bridgend

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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7th May 2025

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Trustees Annual Report 2023

Period: 1st January to 31st December 2023.

Aims and Purposes

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Achievements and Performance

Our Services

Open services are regularly held at the church premises on Morfa Street, Bridgend and all are welcome to attend. The usual schedule of services is as follows: the main service is held on Sunday Mornings, for worship and ministry of the Word. The service caters for young families through the provision of a crèche for the under 4s and Life Kids Junior Church.

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Pastoral Care

Personal pastoral support is provided to regular attendees of the church as requested. Home visits are made to those unable to attend church due to ill-health/frailty, so they remain a part of the church community. Our Community Anna Chaplaincy continues to operate within the local hospital and a local care home. The Chaplain also provided support as the personal Chaplain to the Town Mayor until the end of his official term in office (May 2023). The Chaplain continues to provide ongoing support to the Town Councilors and staff at the Town Hall.

Use of the church building for public benefit

The minor hall is available for hire by local community groups and has been utilised in the past year by a Men's Mental Health Support Group (Lads & Dads) and the occasional children's birthday party. The 'Little Fishes' outreach attended by parents and their toddlers, continues to grow with up to 20 parents in attendance. It is held weekly during school term-times. There is no charge for attendance (donation only) and refreshments are provided.

This year also saw the very successful running of a week's Summer Club for local children. This was followed by an equally successful live music Christmas event with the Church Christmas lights being turned on by a local Councillor. The week leading up to Christmas saw the church open each evening for light festive refreshments and activities for the local community to access.

A small church of International Christians who live in Bridgend also use the building on a Sunday afternoon for their weekly service. These services are held bi-lingually (English/Polish).

The Trustees recognise the great contribution made by volunteers from the congregation in support of church activities. The Trustees endorse the guidance of the Charity Commission regarding the need for the church to bring public benefit through the practical expression of our faith within the local community and beyond. This is reflected in the various activities of the church as stated above, and the use of the charity's property by other community groups.

Safeguarding

The church maintains an up-to-date policy for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk of abuse and subscribes to Thirty-One: Eight for advisory and DBS check support.

Building maintenance

The profile of the Church was greatly enhanced by the erection of an illuminated church sign to the front of the building during this year.

Church leadership

Church leadership remains unchanged. The Minister is due to commence formal ministerial accreditation training via Assemblies of God UK, in 2024.

Financial support to missions

The church continues in its sponsorship of a 9-year old boy in Tanzania, with members also supporting on an individual basis, seven other children. These children are supported via Compassion UK. The church makes a monthly monetary contribution to the work of World of Worth, another UK-based Christian

charity working with women and girls on a global basis and also to a missionary couple serving in Asia, via Assemblies of God USA.

Financial review

The total income of the church from all sources decreased in 2023 from £56793.75 in 2022 to £48728.74. Expenditure increased from £52707.22 in 2022 to £58,817.45 in 2023. Although these changes resulted in a shortfall of £10088.71 for this financial year, the total funds available to the church at the end of 2023, were £35934.13.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Model Deed for Local Assemblies of God Churches and the church's constitution serve to steer the running of the charity within the context of the spiritual life of the church. The Church Council of Trustees is made up of five others; - Anne Thomas (Chair), Richard Cross, Mavis Martin, Jennifer Ward and Paul Warren.

The Trustees are responsible for the general oversight and management of the church premises and financial matters. The church's minister Paul Warren is responsible for promoting the spiritual life of the church and developing its activities within the objectives of the charity. He has pastoral oversight of the church. The Trustee group is assisted by the Church Administrator, Mrs. Janet Harris and Treasurer Mrs. Jayne Cross.

It is to be noted that the Chairperson changed in 2023 with Richard Cross resigning in October 2023 and Anne Thomas taking on the position, role and responsibilities from that date. The Council of Trustees meet quarterly with further meetings called if, and when required.

Administrative Information Correspondence details are as follows:
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The members of the Council of Trustees who have served for the whole period covered by this report are:

Mr. Richard Cross
Pastor Paul Warren

Mrs. Mavis Martin
Mrs. Jennifer Ward
Mrs. Anne Thomas (Chair)

Approved by the Council of Trustees on1.3.24..... and signed on
their behalf by Mrs. Anne Thomas (Chair)

Signed:.....*A Thomas*.....

LIFE CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2023
End of Year Statement (January - December)

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INCOME	2023	2022	EXPENDITURE	2023	2022
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec		Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
GIFT AID	£15,081.00	£12,930.00	SALARIES	£23,283.39	£12,960.62
GENERAL OFFERINGS	£18,789.84	£19,474.96	HMRC & NEST	£6,560.02	£3,838.78
SMALL DONATIONS SCHEME	£3,614.87	£2,654.50	MINISTER'S EXPENSES	£0.00	£1,095.60
			EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	629.36	£0.00
HMRC TAX RETURNS	£4,622.74	£3,806.58	TRAINING & CONFERENCES	£1,696.33	£543.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	£2,235.00	£940.00	GAS,ELECTRICITY,WATER	£3,515.84	£2,521.04
MISC. DONATION & GIFTS	£943.00	£5,150.00	MAINTAINANCE - GRANT	£0.00	£10,000.00
BANK INTEREST	£429.04	£56.71	MAINTAINANCE NON-GRANT	£4,576.05	£2,686.58
HIRE OF PREMISES	£600.00	£251.00	DOMESTIC SUPPLIES / CATERING & HOSPITALITY	£1,182.94	£1,291.01
BUILDING MAINT. GRANTS - MARCH	£0.00	£10,000.00	DONATIONS EXPENDITURE	£50.00	£1,025.00
BUILDING MAINT. GIFTS	£0.00	£50.00	FEES & LICENCES	£2,268.28	£1,390.00
FLOWER FUND	£0.00	£40.00			
MISSIONS	£1,555.00	£890.00	BANK CHARGES	£139.84	£177.08
CHAPLAINCY	£250.00	£0.00	PHOTOCOPIER	£1,262.51	£1,241.71
PARENTS & TOTS	£0.00	£550.00	STATIONERY/ MINISTRY RESOURCES	£1,865.24	£2,808.34
LITTLE FISHES	608.25	£0.00			
			BROADBAND/TEL	£110.94	£707.38
			INSURANCES	£798.31	£761.58
			FACILITIES TEAM FLOAT	£1,019.95	£1,500.40
			AoG PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	£1,677.20	£1,138.92
			SAFEGUARDING - 31:8	£260.59	£334.99
			MISSIONS: ANNA CHAPLAINCY	£505.68	£834.70
			MISSIONS: HOME & GLOBAL	£4,176.84	£1,701.00
			DESIGNATED EXPENDITURE	£215.00	£300.00
			PASTORAL CARE EXPENSES	£1,032.27	£1,388.25
			PARENTS & TOTS	£0.00	£601.24
			LITTLE FISHES	£675.87	£0.00
			MINISTRY GIFTS	£1,315.00	£1,860.00
TOTAL:	£48,728.74	£56,793.75	TOTAL	£58,817.45	£52,707.22
		-£8,065.01			£6,110.23

INCOME	£48,728.74
EXPENDITURE	£58,817.45
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-£10,088.71

BALANCE C/F FROM 2022	£46,022.84
ADD SURPLUS FOR YEAR	-£10,088.71
BALANCE C/F TO 2023	£35,934.13

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£2,284.09
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£5,133.12
KINGDOM BANK	£28,376.92
CASH IN HAND	£140.00
TOTAL:	£35,934.13

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Trustees Annual Report 2022

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A prayer meeting is held on Sunday evenings and bible study groups meet mid-week on alternate weeks. A parents and toddler group meet on a Friday morning. This is open to the public and has been well-attended since its inception (January 2023). The church has experienced growth in the number of people attending during 2022, by approximately 20%.

Pastoral care. Personal pastoral support is provided to regular attendees of the church as requested. Home visits are made to those unable to attend church due to ill-health/frailty, so they remain a part of the church community. Our Community Anna Chaplaincy continues to operate within the local hospital and a local care home. Its chaplain also currently provides chaplaincy support to the Town Mayor.

Use of the church building for public benefit. The minor hall is available for hire by local community groups and has been utilised in the past year by a housing charity for staff training and the local primary school for small group-based cookery lessons. A small church of International Christians who live in Bridgend also use the building on a Sunday afternoon for their weekly service. These services are held bi-lingually (English/Polish).

A Parents and Toddler group has recently been started by Life Church. This is held weekly during school term-times. There is no charge for attendance (donation only) and refreshments are provided.

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Safeguarding. The church maintains an up-to-date policy for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk of abuse and subscribes to Thirty-One: Eight for advisory & DBS check support.

Building maintenance. A programme of work was completed during 2022 which involved the replacement of the central heating system and replacement of paths to the front and sides of the church building. This work was supported by a grant of £10,000 allocated by the Welsh Church Act Fund.

Church leadership. The recruitment of a new minister commenced in November 2021. Eight applications were received, and a thorough recruitment process was employed which involved submission of a curriculum vitae and completion of a written questionnaire for stage one of the selection process. Shortlisted candidates were then invited for a personal interview, informal group discussions with a wider group of the congregation and Sunday service ministry. An appointment was made, and the new minister took up post on May 1st 2022. The new ministerial post is a salaried position, with the salary reviewable on an annual basis. The Trustees were pleased to confirm in July, the successful completion of the Minister's probationary period and it is anticipated that the Minister will commence formal ministerial accreditation training with Assemblies of God in May 2023.

In preparation for the church becoming an employer, a suite of H.R. policies was prepared and agreed by the Trustees and a payroll system put in place.

Financial support to missions. The church continues in its sponsorship of a 9-year-old boy in Tanzania, with members also supporting on an individual basis, seven other children. These children are supported via Compassion UK. The church also makes a monthly monetary contribution to the work of World of Worth, another UK-based Christian charity working with women and girls on a global basis.

Financial review. The total income of the church from all sources **increased** in 2022 by £17,839.05 (from £38,954.70 in 2021 to £56,793.75 in 2022). The expenditure of the church **increased** by £23,285.97 (from £29,421.25 in 2021 to £52,707.22 in 2022). There was a **surplus** for the year of £4,086.53 leaving the balance of funds carried forward to 2023 as being £46,022.84. It should be noted increased income / expenditure for this period includes grant allocated monies and the appointment of a salaried Minister.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Model Deed for Local Assemblies of God Churches and the church's constitution serve to steer the running of the charity within the context of the spiritual life of the church. The Church Council of Trustees is chaired by Mr. Richard Cross. Its membership is made up of five other Trustees: Geoff Gray, Mavis Martin, Jennifer Ward, Paul Warren and Anne Thomas. In April 2022 Vernon King resigned from the Council of Trustees and in August 2022, Keri Say resigned. Paul Warren was appointed as a Trustee in July 2022 and Anne Thomas in October.

The Trustees are responsible for the general oversight and management of the church premises and financial matters. The Church's Minister Paul Warren is responsible for promoting the spiritual life of the church and developing its activities within the objectives of the charity. He has pastoral oversight of the church. The Trustee group is assisted by the Church Administrator, Mrs. Jayne Cross. She also acts as the Church Treasurer since Norma Gray's retirement in September 2022. The Council of Trustees met eight times during the year.

Administrative Information

Correspondence details are as follows: Life Church (Bridgend), Morfa Street, Bridgend CF31 1HA

The members of the Council of Trustees who have served for the whole period covered by this report are:

Mr. Richard Cross (Chair)

Mr. Geoffrey Gray

Mrs. Mavis Martin

Mrs. Jennifer Ward

The members of the Council of Trustees subtracted during the year were:

Mr. Vernon King from April 2022

Mr. Keri Say from August 2022

The members of the Council of Trustees added during the year were:

Mr. Paul Warren from July 2022

Mrs. Anne Thomas from October 2022

Approved by the Council of Trustees on 10th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by Mr.

Richard Cross, (Chair).

Signed:  _____

Dated: 10/3/23 .

**LIFE CHURCH (BRIDGEND)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

PBC

INCOME	2022	2021	EXPENDITURE	2022	2021
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec		Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
GIFT AID	£12,930.00	£9,370.00	SALARIES	£12,960.62	£0.00
GENERAL OFFERINGS	£19,474.96	£16,221.72	HMRC & NEST	£3,838.78	£0.00
SMALL DONATIONS SCHEME	£2,654.50	£3,858.95	MINISTER'S EXPENSES	£1,095.60	£745.00
HMRC TAX RETURNS	£3,806.58	£1,694.69	TRAINING & CONFERENCES	£543.00	£0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	£940.00	£2,542.83	GAS,ELECTRICITY,WATER	£2,521.04	£2,486.78
MISC. DONATION & GIFTS	£5,150.00	£750.01	MAINTAINANCE - GRANT	£10,000.00	£0.00
BANK INTEREST	£56.71	£0.00	MAINTAINANCE NON-GRANT	£2,686.58	£13,827.16
HIRE OF PREMISES	£251.00	£100.00	DOMESTIC SUPPLIES / CATERING	£1,291.01	£565.00
BUILDING MAINT. GRANTS	£10,000.00	£0.00			
BUILDING MAINT. GIFTS	£50.00	£1,660.00	FEES & LICENCES	£1,390.00	£1,577.66
FLOWER FUND	£40.00	£110.00	BANK CHARGES	£177.08	
MISSIONS	£890.00	£990.00	PHOTOCOPIER	£1,241.71	£1,601.61
CHAPLAINCY	£0.00	£0.00	STATIONERY/ MINISTRY RESOUF	£2,808.34	£848.82
PARENTS & TOTS	£550.00	£0.00			
MENS' BREAKFAST	£0.00	£70.50	BROADBAND/TEL	£707.38	£672.08
LEGACIES	£0.00	£1,586.00	INSURANCES	£761.58	£725.79
			FACILITIES TEAM FLOAT	£1,500.40	£1,501.32
			AoG PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	£1,138.92	£923.21
			SAFEGUARDING - 31:8	£334.99	£185.80
			MISSIONS: ANNA CHAPLAINCY	£834.70	£0.00
			MISSIONS: HOME & GLOBAL	£1,701.00	£1,026.00
			DESIGNATED EXPENDITURE	£300.00	£300.00
			PASTORAL CARE EXPENSES	£1,388.25	£1,373.27
			DONATIONS EXPENDITURE	£1,025.00	£100.00
			PARENTS & TOTS	£601.24	£0.00
			MINISTRY GIFTS	£1,860.00	£784.26
			THE REST	£0.00	£80.99
			MISC.	£0.00	£96.50
TOTAL:	£56,793.75	£38,954.70	TOTAL	£52,707.22	£29,421.25

INCOME	£56,793.75
EXPENDITURE	£52,707.22
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£4,086.53

BALANCE C/F FROM 2021	£41,936.31
ADD SURPLUS FOR YEAR	£4,086.53
BALANCE C/F TO 2023	£46,022.84

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£9,941.84
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£8,015.71
KINGDOM BANK	£28,065.29
CASH IN HAND	£0.00
TOTAL:	£46,022.84

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Emmanuel Christchurch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



J E Payne ACA

Graham Paul Limited
Court House
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24th April 2023

Life Church (Bridgend)

England & Wales - Charity number 1050546

Accounts

**"Emmanuel" Christchurch,
Morfa Street, Bridgend CF31 1HA**

Charity Number: 1050546

Trustees Annual Report 2021

Period: 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

Aims and Purposes:

"Emmanuel" Christchurch is a congregation of Christian people seeking to bring the Good News concerning Jesus Christ to the community of Bridgend. The church is locally governed within the Fellowship of Assemblies of God churches in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It emphasizes the provision of activities relevant to identified needs in its social environment and the holding of regular open services for the benefit of its members and any other people interested in attending. The church seeks to cooperate with other churches in its locality and further afield in the pursuit of shared aims.

Objectives and Activities:

"Emmanuel" Christchurch works to encourage people in the community it serves to identify their spiritual needs and to join together in the church building for formal services and informal activities. Faith is put into practice through worship, prayer, the preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures, sacrament and service to groups and individuals with identified needs both in the church, communal living settings and the community.

The Charitable Aims of the church are for the benefit of the public and are set out in its governing document, the Model Deed for local Assemblies of God churches. These are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to preserve and promote good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think appropriate.

In practice, it seeks to ensure that it is "A church where you are a stranger only once".

Achievements and Performance:

Our Services: Open services are regularly held at the church premises on Morfa street, Bridgend and all are welcome to attend. The usual schedule of services is as follows: the main services are held on Sunday Mornings, for worship and presenting the Holy Scriptures as relevant for life and practice. On Sunday afternoons the International Evangelical Church in Bridgend, a fellowship working with Emmanuel and using our premises holds a service. A Bible discussion is held on Tuesday mornings. On Wednesday morning a meeting for Prayer is held which also includes a short discourse on the Holy Scriptures. The worship of the church benefits from the ministry of able musicians. Church services are thus made available to people living in Bridgend from other countries and cultures.

Impact of the Covid Pandemic. There was a significant impact on our services from the Covid Pandemic. We sought to creatively transform our presentation within the Fellowship and across social media platforms with a license to use music over the internet.

Live-streaming services. When it was not possible to hold services at the church the investment in Audio/Visio equipment to enable the church to live-stream services were extremely beneficial and allowed people at home to connect with the church when they needed to be socially isolated.

Church Directory. Within the requirements of General Data Protection regulations, a Church Directory was made available to the congregation. People were also encouraged to maintain contact with each other by Facebook and telephone. An extended **Prayer Chain** provided spiritual support to people in emergency situations.

Thought for the Day. During periods of lockdown contact was also maintained by volunteers who contributed "Thought for the Day" within a Private 'Facebook' Group. Over the first period of restricted services ministry was recorded and published on this platform and through 'YouTube'.

Learning 'Zoom'. Meetings on "Zoom" became familiar for keeping in touch with the regional and national bodies of the church.

Pastoral Care: Personal pastoral support was provided within Covid regulations when needed, and our Community Anna Chaplain volunteered in health-care settings. Services began to be normalized in September and the service schedule was adjusted to take account of the changed circumstances.

The church membership was not depleted by deaths from Coronavirus. However, within the time covered by this report one member died on account of another health condition.

New Service Schedule. As Covid regulations eased we were able to reinstate a range of services as follows. Tuesday Morning 11:00 – 12:30 Bible Study called "The Gym". On Wednesday Morning "The Rest" Coffee shop (rebranded from Coffee and Company), also serving a light lunch is available to people from the community and the church. It has so far failed to attract the full range of people that attended previously. The church minor hall benefits from modern fitted kitchen facilities and the service of four volunteers from the church. The atmosphere is informal, friendly, and supportive of those attending. The church kitchen carries a

certificate for health and hygiene practice as do several of the Volunteers. On Thursday mornings the church meets for prayer between 11:00 and 12 noon. The Sunday morning Service has gradually been restored to normal attendance with some increase in numbers attending. Aggregated attendance at our meetings and activities has varied greatly over the year according to the prevailing Pandemic Regulations.

Use of the church building by Charitable groups providing Public Benefit: The minor hall was used by the Bridgend Epilepsy group at no charge before Covid, but this group has not met over the period covered by this report. Meetings coordinated by the local authority for Foster Parents have also been discontinued. Towards the end of the year the local primary school was given use of the church premises to provide a soup lunch for people without a permanent address. This proved very successful project and the school, impressed with the facilities available at the church, has continued to make use of the church premises into the new year.

Bible Reading Fellowship: Anna Chaplaincy. On 9th May 2021 a new Ministry was inaugurated within the church with the appointment of our first Community Chaplain under the Anna Chaplaincy in the Bible Reading Fellowship. The commissioning of the Chaplain, Mrs. Mavis Martin, took place within our Sunday Morning Service. A Care Home in the area is benefiting greatly from the services of the Chaplain and has been strengthened by the use of two volunteers from the church who are now undertaking training as "Anna Friends". The chaplain has also undertaken extensive amounts of voluntary work within the National Health Service at Vaccination Centers. The Chaplaincy is the first of its kind in our church denomination.

Safeguarding. The church maintains an up-to-date policy for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk of abuse and subscribes to Thirty-One: Eight for advisory and DBS check support.

Building Maintenance. Quotations have been invited for the replacement of the central heating system, the paving of the frontage to the church building, the repainting of the Minor Hall roof and for the upgrading of the Audio/Visio equipment to further develop our internet presence and provide capacity for the live streaming of services. Applications made to grant-making bodies for financial support to undertake some of these works were successful – a grant of £10,000 allocated by the Welsh Church Acts Fund is directed towards part funding the replacement of the Central Heating boiler and resurfacing the paths to the front and sides of the building. The front Façade of the building has also been cleaned and a roof leak identified and repaired. The congregation have continued to be honorable in their giving over this difficult year again, with many having kept aside their weekly contribution until they were able to return to church.

Church Leadership: In the absence of a Minister at the church a serving elder, Vernon King, continued with the responsibility for the interim leadership of the church. From July 2020 Vernon was given Ministerial Status with Assemblies of God. At the commencement of the year further meetings were held with a Senior Minister from Mid Wales to guide the development of a Leadership Team. A proposed structure was circulated within the

church, but the Coronavirus disruption prevented this plan to restructure and transition our leadership arrangements being taken forward. Towards the end of this year, as the Pandemic seemed to be receding, advertisements were placed for the replacement of the Pastor with a full, time paid minister. Interviews will take place in the new year (2022) if the Lord wills.

Financial support to Missions. Although church activities have been disrupted on account of the Coronavirus Pandemic the desire to support disadvantaged groups and individuals has persisted. The church has also extended its support to the health, education and wellbeing of an 8-year-old boy in Tanzania to include another 6 children. Additionally £300 was donated to provide toys for needy children overseas at Christmas under Operation Christmas Child. Additionally, we became aware of the financial needs of an Evangelical Minister in India, who was scheduled to visit the church during the lockdown in March 2020. A group was formed in the church who committed to giving support of £10 monthly for ten months from July 2020. The ten volunteers asked for became twenty but were still known as “TenofUs”. This group has continued to provide support throughout 2021. We also contribute support to a street evangelist in support of his street ministry in Bridgend.

The Trustees recognise the faithfulness of those attending consistently throughout the year, when they have been permitted, and the great contribution made by volunteers from the congregation in support of activities. The Trustees endorse the guidance of the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in recognizing the need for the church to bring public benefit through the practical expression of our faith within the local community and beyond. This is reflected in the activities of the church as stated above and the use made of the charity property to support our objectives.

Mitigation of identified risks are reflected in the church's buildings and public liability insurance and the Risk Register. The Assemblies of God Property Trust continue to serve as our Custodian Trustees. The Church has a Church Copyright Licence (CCL) and Music Reproduction Licence (MRL) and is licensed for the showing of films through Church Copyright License International

Financial Review:

The total income of the church from all sources **increased** in 2021 by £9,540 (from £29,414 in 2020 to £38,954 in 2021). The expenditure of the church, also **decreased** by £4,998 (from £34,319 in 2020 to £29,421 in 2021). In 2021 the roof to the Minor Hall was painted, the central heating boiler was replaced, the front façade of the building cleaned, and a roof leak repaired. It is therefore creditable to the church congregation that the income of the church held up so well.

There was a **surplus** over the year of **£9,533** leaving the balance of funds carried forward to 2022 as being £41,936 (£32,402 in 2020 c/f to 2021). It should be noted that this favorable financial situation reflects the vacancy for a salaried Minister.

The church council has provided for the management of restricted giving and designated funds in its accounts.

Structure, Governance and Management:

The Model Deed for local Assemblies of God churches and the church constitution serve to steer the running of the charity within the context of the spiritual life of the church. The Church Council of Trustees is chaired by Mr. Richard Cross. Its membership is made up of five other Trustees: Geoff Gray who is also Vice-Chair; Vernon King and Mavis Martin, Keri Say, and Jennifer Ward. In July 2021 Mr. Malcolm Stafford resigned from the Council of Trustees on grounds of ill-health.

The Church Council is responsible for the general oversight and management of the church premises and financial matters. The church Pastor and interim leader, Vernon King, is responsible promoting the spiritual life of the church and developing its activities within the objectives of the charity. He is also responsible for the pastoral oversight of the church and the wellbeing of those attending assisted by a deaconate. The Church Council of Trustees receives financial information and coordinates any applications being made to grant-making bodies. The Church Council has been assisted by the Church Administrator, Mrs. Jayne Cross, and by the Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Gray. The Church Council has been unable to meet monthly during 2021 mainly on account of the indisposition of some members and of course on account of restrictions imposed on account of the Pandemic. The Council of Trustees met nine times during the year.

Administrative Information:

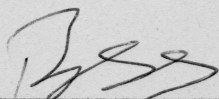
"Emmanuel" Christchurch is situated close to the town center of Bridgend. The correspondence address is Mrs. Jayne Cross, 5 Esgair-y-Maes, Broadlands, Bridgend CF31 5BL

The Members of the Council of Trustees who have served for the whole period covered by this report are:

Mr. Richard Cross, Chair
Mr. Geoffrey Gray,
Mr. Vernon King,
Mrs. Mavis Martin,
Mr. Keri Say,
Mrs. Jennifer Ward.

The Member of the Council of Trustees subtracted during the year was:
Mr. Malcolm Stafford from 26th July 2021

Approved by the Church Council on 7th February 2022 and signed on their behalf by Mr. Richard Cross, Chair of the Church Council.



Richard Cross (Chair)

Dated: 4.2.22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Emmanuel Christchurch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 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').

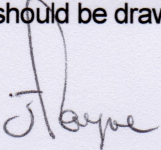
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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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31st July 2022

Life Church (Bridgend)

England & Wales - Charity number 1050546

Accounts

**"Emmanuel" Christchurch,
Morfa Street, Bridgend CF31 1HA**

Charity Number: 1050546

Trustees Annual Report 2020

Period: 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Aim and Purposes:

"Emmanuel" Christchurch is a congregation of Christian people seeking to bring the Good News concerning Jesus Christ to the community of Bridgend. The church is locally governed within the Fellowship of Assemblies of God churches in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It emphasizes the provision of activities relevant to identified needs in its social environment and the holding of regular open services for the benefit of its members and any other people interested in attending. The church seeks to cooperate with other churches in its locality and further afield in the pursuit of shared aims.

Objectives and Activities:

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The Objects of the church are for the benefit of the public and are set out in its governing document, the Model Deed for local Assemblies of God churches. These are:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to preserve and promote good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counseling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think appropriate.

In practice, it seeks to ensure that it is "A church where you are a stranger only once".

Achievements and Performance:

Open services are regularly held at the church premises on Morfa street, Bridgend and all are welcome to attend. The main services are held on Sunday Mornings and occasionally on Sunday Evenings, for worship and presenting the Holy Scriptures as relevant for life and practice. A Bible discussion is held on Tuesday evenings. On Wednesday morning a meeting for Prayer is held which also includes a short discourse on the Holy Scriptures. The worship of the church benefits from the ministry of able musicians. The church premises are made available, without charge, to Bridgend International Church for their use on Sunday afternoons. Church services are thus made available to people living in Bridgend from other countries and cultures.

On Tuesday mornings "Coffee and Company" is available in the church minor hall which benefits from fitted kitchen facilities and the service of volunteers from the church. This is attended by between 10 and 19 people weekly many of whom are socially deprived or disabled. The atmosphere is informal, friendly, and supportive of those attending. The church kitchen carries a certificate for health and hygiene practice as do several of the Volunteers. A monthly day for Prayer is attended by up to 11 people and a regular Men's Fellowship Breakfast is attended by an average of 10 men. Aggregated attendance at our meetings and activities averages 103 weekly.

The minor hall is used by the Bridgend Epilepsy group at no charge on a Thursday morning monthly. It is also hired monthly by the Local Authority for meetings of their foster parents.

The church maintains an up-to-date policy for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk of abuse and subscribes to Thirty-One: Eight for advisory and DBS check support.

The above pattern of services and additional use of the building was maintained **until March 17th** after which it was necessary to close all activities on account of Welsh Assembly Government decisions for the control of the Coronavirus pandemic. At the same time all use of facilities by people hiring the premises was also discontinued. This situation continued until June when it was permitted for use to be made of church buildings for personal prayer. The building was open to the community and the church congregation Monday to Friday. **This period of restricted worship lasted for 19 weeks.**

Services were reinstated early in August and these continued until a **Firebreak** was announced by the Welsh Assembly Government to start on **23rd October with churches required to close until 8th November (3 Sundays)**. Subsequently from 20th December services were again discontinued due to the local prevalence of Coronavirus infections which also affected the Pastor and his family. The post - Christmas level 4 restrictions did not require churches to close, but "Emmanuel" remained closed into 2021. **(2 Sundays in 2020). Throughout 2020 services within the church were restricted or suspended for a total of 24 weeks.**

Over the period when the church was unable to meet arrangements were made to

encourage people to maintain contact with each other by Facebook and telephone. A church directory was made available within General Data Protection Regulations. An extended Prayer Chain provided spiritual support to people in emergency situations. Contact was also maintained by volunteers who contributed "Thought for the Day" within a Private 'Facebook' Group. Over the first period of restricted services ministry was recorded and published on this platform and through 'YouTube'. 'Zoom' meetings became familiar for keeping in touch with the regional and national bodies of the church. Personal pastoral support was provided when needed, and a Community Chaplain volunteered in Healthcare settings.

The church membership was not depleted by deaths from Coronavirus. However, within the time covered by this report two members died on account of other conditions.

Work to refurbish the kitchen was completed to a high specification in October 2020. Quotations have been invited for the replacement of the central heating system, the paving of the frontage to the church building, the repainting of the Minor Hall roof and for the upgrading of the Audio/Visio equipment to further develop our internet presence and provide capacity for the live streaming of services. Applications have been made to grant-making bodies for financial support to undertake some of these works. The congregation have been honorable in their giving over this difficult year, with many having kept aside their weekly contribution until they were able to return to church.

In the absence of a Minister at the church a serving elder, Vernon King, continued with the responsibility for the interim leadership of the church. From July 2020 Vernon was given Full Ministerial Status with Assemblies of God. At the commencement of the year further meetings were held with a Senior Minister from Mid Wales to guide the development of a Leadership Team. A proposed structure was circulated within the church, but the Coronavirus disruption prevented this plan to restructure and transition our leadership arrangements being taken forward.

Although church activities have been disrupted on account of the Coronavirus Pandemic the desire to support disadvantaged groups and individuals has persisted. We again engaged with "Operation Christmas Child" and prepared 32 boxes for transit to needy children around the world. The church has also initiated support to the health, education and wellbeing of an 8-year-old boy in Tanzania through the "Compassion" organisation. Additionally, we became aware of the financial needs of an Evangelical Minister in India, who was scheduled to visit the church during the lockdown. A group was formed in the church who committed to giving support of £10 monthly for ten months from July 2020. The ten volunteers asked for became twenty but were still known as "TenofUs". We also contribute support to a street evangelist in support of his street ministry in Bridgend.

On December 23rd 2019, the "Father's Arms" opened and continued to provide 'care served with soup and a roll' on Monday afternoons, for people without a home. We have generously given comforts to them and also to others materially challenged or in crisis.

The Trustees recognize the faithfulness of those attending consistently throughout the year, when they have been permitted, and the great contribution made by volunteers from the congregation in support of activities. The Trustees endorse the guidance of the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in recognizing the need for the church to bring public benefit through the practical expression of our faith within the local community and beyond. This is reflected in the activities of the church as stated above and the use made of the charity property to support our objectives.

Financial assistance was provided through the church to:

- Assemblies of God World Ministries.
- A Ministry bringing Christian teaching to the streets of Bridgend.
- An evangelical Minister in India.
- An 8-year-old boy in Tanzania.

Mitigation of identified risks are reflected in the church's buildings and public liability insurance. The Assemblies of God Property Trust continue to serve as our Custodian Trustees. The Church has a Church Copyright Licence (CCL) and Music Reproduction Licence (MRL) and is licensed for the showing of films through Church Copyright License International

Financial Review:

The total income of the church from all sources reduced in 2020 by £11,510 (from £40,924 in 2019 to £29,414 in 2020). The expenditure of the church however, also decreased by £6,374 (from £40,693 in 2019 to £34,319 in 2020). In 2019 the toilets were refurbished and in 2020 the kitchen was refurbished. The more significant factor in the reduced income was the closure of the church for 24 weeks on account of the Coronavirus pandemic. It is therefore creditable to the church congregation that the income of the church held up so well.

There was a **deficit** over the year of **£4,904** leaving the balance of funds carried forward to 2021 as being £32,402 (£37,307 in 2019). It should be noted that this favorable financial situation reflects the vacancy for a salaried Minister

The church council has provided for the management of restricted giving and designated funds in its accounts.

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the spiritual life of the church and developing its activities within the objectives of the charity. He is also responsible for the pastoral oversight of the church and the wellbeing of those attending assisted by a deaconate. The Church Council of Trustees receives financial information and coordinates any applications being made to grant-making bodies. The Church Council has been assisted by the Church Administrator, Mrs. Jayne Cross, and by the Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Gray. The Church Council has been unable to meet monthly during 2020 mainly on account of the indisposition of some members and of course on account of restrictions imposed on account of the Pandemic. The Council of Trustees met five times during the year.

Administrative Information:

"Emmanuel" Christchurch is situated close to the town centre of Bridgend. The correspondence address is Mrs. Jayne Cross, 5 Esgair-y-Maes, Broadlands, Bridgend CF31 5BL

The Members of the Council of Trustees who have served for the whole period covered by this report are:

Mr. Geoffrey Gray, Chair
Mr. Vernon King,
Mr. Richard Cross
Mr. Malcolm Stafford

The Members of the Council of Trustees added during the year are:

Mrs. Mavis Martin, from 13th November 2020
Mr. Keri Say, from 13th November 2020
Mrs. Jennifer Ward, from 13th November 2020

Approved by the Church Council on 1st March 2021 and signed on their behalf by Mr. Geoffrey Gray, Chair of the Church Council.

G. S. Gray
Geoffrey S. Gray

Dated: 18/5/21

EMMANUEL CHRISTCHURCH ACCOUNTS 2020

End of Year Statement January 1st to December 31st 2020

INCOME

	2020	2019
GIFT AID OFFERINGS	£6,265.00	£8,205.00
GENERAL OFFERINGS	£17,026.78	£17,554.34
DONATION	£735.00	£2,685.04
DESIGNATED MONIES: General	£470.00	£504.40
BUILDING FUND: Grants	£0.00	£0.00
BUILDING FUND: Gifts	£25.00	£1,125.00
PHOTOCOPIER INCOME	£0.00	£0.00
ROOM HIRE	£40.00	£416.96
CHILDRENS WORK	£0.00	£0.00
PARENTS&TODDLERS	£0.00	£0.00
TEA & TOAST	£0.00	£30.00
CRAFT	£0.00	£0.00
TAX RETURNS ON GIFT AID	£1,561.00	£2,857.75
FLOWER FUND	£85.00	£310.00
INTEREST	£16.79	£7.03
MISCELLANEOUS	£236.66	£156.00
MISSIONS	£1,307.91	£2,005.65
SMALL DONATIONS - GASDS	£1,645.15	£4,947.40
Churches Together (Restricted Fund)	0.00	120
TOTAL	£29,414.29	£40,924.57
INCOME	£29,414.29	£40,924.57
EXPENDITURE	£34,319.07	£40,693.35
DEBIT at end of Year	-£4,904.78	£231.22
CURRENT ACCOUNT	4162.56	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	165.99	
PROPERTY TRUST	28024.31	
CASH IN HAND	50.00	
TOTAL	£32,402.86	

EXPENDITURE

	2020	2019
SALARIES	£0.00	£0.00
TAX + NI	£0.00	£0.00
MILEAGE & EXPENSES	£674.25	£1,429.00
MINISTRY	£248.52	£2,040.00
MISSIONS	£1,766.15	£2,472.46
DESIGNATED MONIES	£1,054.53	£1,071.50
PHOTOCOPIER/STATIONARY	£864.89	£1,035.21
EQUIPMENT	£6,544.27	£1,003.37
CONTRIBUTIONS A o G	£400.00	£400.00
MORTGAGE	£0.00	£0.00
FEES/AUDITOR	£2,109.87	£1,359.17
CATERING	£498.84	£951.52
FLOWERS	£26.87	£225.50
LOVE GIFTS	£796.69	£2,765.87
TELEPHONE	£637.53	£492.00
GAS,ELECTRICITY,WATER	£2,804.49	£2,009.71
MAINTAINANCE	£14,735.48	£19,671.16
BUILDING FUND	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£625.39	£699.46
CCPAS	£136.80	£128.40
MISCELLANEOUS	£71.50	£604.40
CHILDRENS WORK	£0.00	£127.70
PARENTS & TODDLERS	£0.00	£0.00
TRAINING		£300.00
TEA & TOAST	£0.00	£0.00
PETTY CASH	£0.00	£0.00
DONATION	£0.00	£1,206.25
	£323.00	£0.00
ADVERTISING	£0.00	£226.58
LICENCES	£0.00	£354.09
Churches Together (Restricted)	0.00	£120.00
TOTAL	£34,319.07	£40,693.35
BALANCE B/F 2019	£37,307.64	
Less DEBIT BALANCE	-£4,904.78	
BALANCE C/F	£32,402.86	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Emmanuel-Christchurch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on page 1

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').

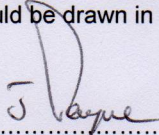
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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J E PAYNE ACA

GRAHAM PAUL CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
COURT HOUSE
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Date 8th May 2021