

**"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 9<sup>th</sup> 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:**

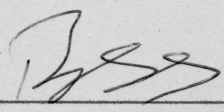
"Emmanuel" Christchurch is situated close to the town center of Bridgend. The correspondence address is Mrs. Jayne Cross, 5 Esgair-y-Maes, Broadlands, Bridgend CF31 5BL

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 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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

  
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Richard Cross (Chair)

Dated: 4.2.22

**EMMANUEL CHRISTCHURCH ACCOUNTS 2021**  
**End of Year Statement (January - December 2021)**

INCOME	2021	2020	EXPENDITURE	2021	2020
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec		Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec
GIFT AID	£9,370.00	£6,265.00	SALARIES	£0.00	£0.00
SMALL DNATIONS SCHEME	£3,858.95	£1,645.15	TAX + NI	£0.00	£0.00
OFFERINGS	£16,221.72	£17,026.78	MINISTERS EXPENSES	£745.00	£674.25
DESIGNATED MONIES	£2,542.83	£470.00	MINISTRY	£784.26	£248.52
DONATION & GIFTS	£730.00	£735.00	VOLUNTEERS EXPENSES	£554.40	£0.00
TAX RETURNS	£1,694.69	£1,561.00	DEACON'S TOP UP	£1,501.32	£0.00
INTEREST	£0.00	£16.79	MISSIONS	£1,026.00	£1,766.15
PHOTOCOPIER INCOME	£0.00	£0.00	PARENTS & TODDLERS	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF PREMISES	£100.00	£40.00	LOVE GIFTS	£818.87	£796.69
MISSIONS	£990.00	£1,307.91	FEES & AUDITOR	£1,577.66	£2,109.87
FLOWER FUND	£110.00	£85.00	CONTRIBUTIONS	£923.21	£400.00
GRANTS	£0.00	£0.00	GAS,ELECTRICITY,WATER	£2,486.78	£2,804.49
BUILDING FUND	£1,660.00	£25.00	TELEPHONE & BROADBAND	£672.08	£637.53
THE REST	£0.00	£0.00	FLOWERS	£50.00	£26.87
MENS BREAKFAST	£70.50	£0.00	ADVERTISING/COMMUNICATION	£58.80	£0.00
LEGACY	£1,586.00	£0.00	CATERING & HOSITALITY	£515.00	£498.84
REFUNDS & REBATES	£0.00	£0.00	BUI:DING MAINTAINANCE	£13,827.16	£14,735.48
MISCELLANEOUS	£20.01	£236.66	INSURANCE	£725.79	£625.39
			EQUIPMENT	£790.02	£6,544.27
			PHOTOCOPIER/STATIONARY	£1,601.61	£864.89
			MISCELLANEOUS	£96.50	£71.50
			DESIGNATED MONIES	£300.00	£1,054.53
			PCCA / Thirt-one Eight	£185.80	£136.80
			DONATIONS	£100.00	£323.00
			THE REST	£80.99	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,954.70</b>	<b>£29,414.29</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£29,421.25</b>	<b>£34,319.07</b>
INCOME	£38,954.70		BALANCE B/F	£32,402.86	
EXPENDITURE	£29,421.25		ADD SURPLUS	£9,533.45	
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£9,533.45		BALANCE C/F	£41,936.31	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£13,696.01				
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£165.99				
PROPERTY TRUST	£28,024.31				
CASH IN HAND	£50.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£41,936.31</b>				

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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').

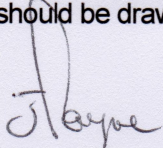
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **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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31<sup>st</sup> July 2022