

**The Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Trustees of
The Gate Church Prudhoe, Northumberland
For the year ended 31st March 2022**

Pastors

Egbert and Margaret Boonstra

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
Hexham, Northumberland

Solicitors

Geldards LLP
Derby

Independent Examiner

Mike Willis
ACMA

Web Site: www.thegatechurch.org.uk

The Gate Church is a Registered Charity No. 1052138

Aim & Purpose

The Gate Church, Prudhoe, is registered with the Charity Commission and affiliated with the Assemblies of God Churches in the U.K. The Assemblies of God is a Fellowship of Christian leaders and over 500 churches of various sizes operating autonomously, but sharing fellowship, training opportunities and resources.

The Gate Church continues to seek wholeheartedly to work alongside other local churches and community service providers to enhance the quality of life for as many people as possible. The charity recognises the generous financial support and giving of its members in reaching its objectives to:

- Advance Christian faith
- Relieve sickness and financial hardship
- Advance education in the UK and around the world.

Objectives and Activities

The Gate Church is multicultural and multigenerational, committed to see sustainable ministries emerging to serve current and future generations, where all are given opportunity to thrive and learn to relate responsibly with others; to explore avenues of gifting and be released to their God-given assignment. The church is made up of many people, each doing their share to bring life, love, laughter and hard work to get the many jobs that need doing done. We are grateful for the commitment shown during the past year and going forward it is our continued aim to bring hope and purpose for living to the communities of the Tyne Valley and beyond.

Achievements & Performance

In April 2021 Covid restrictions had eased sufficiently for us to resume holding services in the church building. Whilst we were meeting, we continued to observe safe practise by holding two Sunday services (9.30am and 11am).

- Resumed Children's and Youth Church Sept 2021
- AoG Regional and National Training/Conference Days attended by members
- Newsletters sent out weekly by email or hand delivered
- "Open the Book" restarted going into schools monthly from Sept 2021
- Baptism service held in July 2021
- There were extensive repairs and renovations to the building, including pointing, roof repairs, new chairs, and new kitchen boiler
- Undertook a bible training course "Unwrapping spiritual gifts"
- Foodbank contributions have continued
- Continued financial and prayer support for our missionaries in Spain, Mozambique and Pakistan.
- Regular trustees' meeting to enable business continuity

Looking Ahead

Given the easing of restrictions, we have amended our future plans to operate safely, and to continue our community outreach.

- Funds permitting recruitment of a Children/Youth Worker
- Increasing work in local schools
- Establishing new discipleship groups
- Promote FindGod.learnn.com
- Encouraging musicians within the church to lead worship.

Financial Review

Financially, the church has a great deal to be thankful to God for during the past financial year. Overall income was slightly down on the previous year, and there was essential and planned capital and repairs expenditure, which were largely funded through reserves.

- Total income has decreased by 3% to £59,590 (£61,663 2020/21). However, we received our small gift aid donations after the year end, which would have meant that the income would have been similar to the 2020/21.
- Total Gift Aid increased by 5.7% to £10,423.
- Total Expenditure increased significantly from £50,406 to £69,095, of which half was funded through reserves. This was planned expenditure to carry out essential repairs on the church building, including pointing, roof and kitchen repairs. This accounted for £10k of this. Salaries were increased as planned and agreed by the trustees by £3k. Other increases included support for ministries, missionaries and appeals.
- Total Funds reduced by 45% from £21,382 to £11,878, to fund the necessary works carried out over the year.
- Capital assets increased by £5.5k accounted for by £3k on the new boiler and £2.5k for the new chairs. There is no depreciation charged to the accounts, as they are prepared on the receipts and payments method.
- On the balance sheet total net assets have increased from £113k to £120k.

Trustees

Trustees who served during the period are as follows:

Egbert Boonstra (Chair)
Lucy Hall (Deputy Chair)
Margaret Boonstra
Ruth Bowler

Trainee Trustees

Derek Forster

Annabel Wesley

Structure, Governance and Management

The church is governed overall by a Board of Trustees, chosen from the membership and agreed by the serving Trustees. In addition, a Management Team deal with day-to-day issues.

Administrative Information

The following are the Church Officers and their areas of responsibility

Joint Pastors	Egbert & Margaret Boonstra
Church Treasurer	Shirley Hill
Church Secretary	Chris Blackburn
Financial Administration	Egbert Boonstra, Shirley Hill, Ruth
Bowler	
Gift Aid Financial Officer	Margaret Boonstra
Safeguarding Coordinator	Margaret Boonstra
Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator	Lucy Hall
Health & Safety/Risk Management	Simon Hobson
Media/Data Protection Lead	Ruth Bowler
First Aiders	Lucy Hall, Judith Gray

Training

Trustees and church officers receive appropriate training periodically throughout the year.

Volunteers

In addition to the named officers above, there is a dedicated team of church members who assist behind the scenes to ensure that the building is clean, well maintained and hospitable to all who use its facilities.

Financial Statements & Independent Examiners Report

What follows are the Financial Statements and Independent Examiners report.

THE GATE CHURCH Receipts & Payments Account Year 2021-2022					
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Total
Receipts			2021/2022		2020/21
TITHES/OFFERINGS	15,170.88		15,170.88		15,726.38
GIFT AIDED	27,593.00		27,593.00		33,102.50
GIFT AID TAX	10,423.75		10,423.75		9,860.87
GIFTS	3500.00		3,500.00		1,250.00
APPEALS	0.00	2,627.40	2,627.40		380.76
Hall Hire	250.00		250.00		0.00
MISC RECEIPTS	25.00		25.00		1,340.94
Interest Received	0.34		0.34		1.45
Total Receipts	56,962.97	2,627.40	59,590.37		61,662.90
Payments					
MINISTRY					
SALARIES	29,116.16		29,116.16		25,958.38
EMPLOYER PENSION	248.67		248.67		202.20
EMPLOYER NI	0.00		0.00		0.00
MINISTRY GIFTS	1,885.50		1,885.50		1,655.00

AOG UK	1,680.00		1,680.00		1,280.00
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	4,790.00		4,790.00		3,920.00
APPEALS/GIFTS	0.00	2900.00	2,900.00		936.29
OUTREACH	439.42		439.42		717.50
Total Ministry Payments	41,059.75	2,900.00	41,059.75		34,669.37
ESTABLISHMENT COSTS					
INSURANCE	886.36		886.36		836.47
REPAIRS	1,689.53	1,264.87	3,227.00		4,412.00
BUILDING WORK	7,257.92		7,257.92		1,190.90
CAPITAL/BOILER	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00
Total Establishment Costs	12,833.81	1,264.87	14,371.28		6,439.37
ADMIN					
GAS	759.93		759.93		700.97
ELECTRIC	915.00		915.00		1,269.42
WATER	1,092.00		1,092.00		743.80
TELEPHONE	755.96		755.96		678.26
MISC ADMIN	3,236.24		3,236.24		2,979.48
COPYRIGHT	405.00		405.00		291.34
Total Administration	7,164.13	-	7,164.13		6,663.27
MISC COSTS					
MISC ITEMS	2,033.36		2,033.36		2,150.24
CHAIRS/CAPITAL	2,518.99		2,518.99		0.00
CHILDREN'S WORK	663.39		663.39		90.19

YOUTH WORK	0.00		0.00		0.00
MUSIC	1,284.13		1,284.13		393.88
Total Miscellaneous Costs	6,499.87	-	6,499.87		2,634.31
Total Payments	64,930.16	4,164.87	69,095.03		50,406.32
Transfer Between Funds	-		-		
Net Receipts /- Payments	(7,967.19)	(1,537.47)	(9,504.66)		11,256.58
Balance B/F 1st April 2021	19,845.42	1,537.47	21,382.89		10,126.31
Balance C/f	11,878.23	-	11,878.23		21,382.89

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2022			2021/22		2020/21
Fixed Assets					
- Buildings	100,000.00		100,000.00		100,000.00
- Plant & Equipment	8,333.99		8,333.99		2,815.00
Total Fixed Assets	108,333.99	-	108,333.99		102,815.00
Current Assets					
Bank Current Account	8,897.33		8,897.33		8,222.59
Bank Savings Account	2,980.90		2,980.90		1,903.72
Total Current Assets	11,878.23	-	11,878.23		10,126.31
Liabilities			-		-

Total Net Assets	120,212.22	-	120,212.22		112,941.31

Signed by Trustee:

Date

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I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st March 2022

Responsibilities of the Trustees

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- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act and to ensure that the (church) charity has in place sufficiently robust financial procedures as is required by the Assemblies of God fellowship of churches of which the (church) charity is a member.
- state whether particular matters have become evident and to which the attention of the PCC should be drawn.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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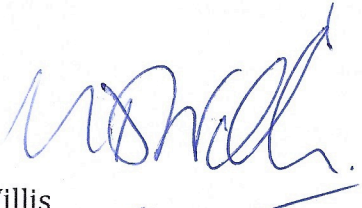
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