



Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 January 2021

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**Emmanuel Christian Centre
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2021**

Reference and administration details

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Charity Number 1052196

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation

Emmanuel Christian Centre (the Church) has been registered with the Charity Commission since 23rd January 1996. The charity is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Churches in Communities International, governed by a constitution and trust deed last updated in 2012. It is administered and managed by a board of trustees known as the Church Council. Members of the Church Council give their time freely and receive no remuneration for managing the charity.

Organisational Structure

The Church Council meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction, policy and day-to-day running of the charity. Every issue considered by the Church Council is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. For the sake of public confidence, whenever a member of the Church Council has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting, they are required to declare their interest and then be absent from that part of the meeting.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

The senior minister nominates an individual to be a trustee and the Church Council sanctions the appointment. This ensures that any new Trustee is a respected member of the Christian faith who understand the foundational tenets and can effectively promote our objects.

Induction & Training of Trustees

Induction and training of a new trustee is conducted under the guidance of the existing Church Council. A new trustee is given a copy of the Constitution and Trust Deed, copies of adopted policies and procedures and a guide booklet to the rules and operation of the Church Council. They are given access to other Charity Commission publications and are made aware of their responsibilities, accountability, scope and limits in the role.

Risk Management

The Church Council has assessed the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces and they have systems in place to protect the charity. Regular reports are produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen any risks. Insurance cover is in place, finances are kept under review, policies are regularly updated, and appropriate background checks are taken for those working with children or vulnerable adults.

Mrs Terry Piper is the safeguarding coordinator who works with Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) to protect children and vulnerable adults using or attending Emmanuel Christian Centre's services.

Overview of Aims and Objectives

The purposes listed as Emmanuel Christian Centre's charitable objects are the primary goals for the charity and the various internal departments are assigned to achieve these. From the founding of Emmanuel in 1986 the original vision statement of the Church is still actively pursued and each member of the Church is encouraged to demonstrate our latest core values.

Emmanuel Christian Centre is accredited by Churches in Communities International, recognised in the Free Churches Group, and it is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Teaching input and advice has also been provided by Servants of the Lord Ministries who do not have a day-to-day controlling influence. Emmanuel Christian Centre promotes and supports these organisations that also help to fulfil the vision.

The founding vision statement of the church is '*to enable the saints at Emmanuel Christian Centre to hear and obey the voice of God, personally and individually, and for each person to be equipped and encouraged to move out in their personal ministry*'.

Charitable Objects

The main objects of the charity continue to be as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement (of faith) 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 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
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council form time to time may think fit.

During the year ended 31 January 2021, after consultation and review with the various Church departments, the Trustees believe that the charity is meeting all its objectives.

[The following overview reports on activities up to 31 January 2021 during some COVID-19 restrictions and challenges which resulted in a reduced service and some operational changes]

Achievements and performance

Review of the Year

During the year the Church has continued to promote and fulfil the objects within Emmanuel Christian Centre and in outreach to the wider community. The charitable objects have been fulfilled through various activities and in particular the following departments:

1. Vibe Youth and Schools Work

The Vibe department is geared towards advancing the Christian faith to those of school and college age. Vibe held mid-week groups and occasional Sunday morning sessions at Emmanuel Christian Centre. Abbey Smith is assisted by Charlie Thompson to lead the Vibe services which are now ad-hoc but still supporting school-aged members pastorally. Lisa Smith is an accredited community chaplain for students and young adults, working inter-denominationally with young people throughout the area. The schools work is mainly conducted under the auspices of the Be Me Project which is a separate charity.

2. All-Stars Junior Church

All-Stars is the children's church at Emmanuel Christian which runs on Sunday mornings. During the year All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. All-Stars used scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be respectful, caring and good citizens within their community. This has an impact on benefiting society as a whole.

3. Emmanuel Toddler Group

Emmanuel Toddlers was suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions for this financial year. Previously, Toddlers has served young families in the community by providing a warm and stimulating environment for parents, toddlers and babies to interact and build supportive relationships.

As an objective this related to the relief of sickness and financial hardship, and to the promotion of good health by the provision of a service with counselling and support. The Toddler Group, when, operational, uses the minor hall of the Emmanuel Christian Centre building. Mel Tressider has stepped down from leading this group.

4. Missions Department

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from the Emmanuel Christian Centre charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department, led by Mr Paul Sedgwick, reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance. Paul Sedgwick regularly communicated with the missionaries and beneficiaries throughout the year.

5. Carelink

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

The community meals service has been running for over 7 years and, as anticipated, there was an increase in the number of people served. At Christmas Carelink normally holds a free community Christmas dinner at the Centre but during the Covid-19 pandemic opted to deliver meals to clients homes. The department is led by Lynne Matthews who oversees a team of volunteers who assist with the driving and the preparation of meals.

6. House-groups

Emmanuel Christian Centre concurrently runs 4 house-groups throughout the year. The aim of the groups is to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members and to prepare members for work in the community. The groups now have different formats and no two are the same, as you might expect with people gifted in differing but still as valuable talents. The groups thus met our objectives of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members.

This year, group leaders are David & Lisa Smith, Colin & Sue Thornhill, Stuart & Elizabeth Matthews and Paul & Karen Sedgwick. During the Covid-19 pandemic meetings were online.

7. Worship and Music Group

As a Christian organisation our Music Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training. George Brett led the Music Group in 2020.

8. Training Department

One of the initiatives this department has been involved with is a correspondence course based on the book 'My Sheep Hear My Voice' by J.C. Hedgecock. This forms the first step in any future training for candidates wishing to train for ministry with Servants of the Lord Ministries and to some extent Emmanuel Christian Centre. Sue Thornhill assists with the marking and correspondence in this. Over 50 people from all over the world have completed the course and have been issued with a certificate.

Rev Adrian Tamblyn-Watts works with Darren Roy to run the Emmanuel School of Leadership and Ministry which is a competence-based approach to training similar to vocational studies. In 2020, when possible, the school was run as an extension made up of 2 groups; the Development Group (midweek) led by Darren and the Theology Extension (Saturdays) led by Adrian.

A signed copy of the following accounts is available at Emmanuel Christian Centre

Emmanuel Christian Centre
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 January 2021

Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Emmanuel Christian Centre
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 January 2021
Set Out On Pages 2 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (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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31 March 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 January 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021 £	2020 £
Income						
Generated funds:						
Offerings and gifts		110,383		669	111,052	92,934
Generated income		2,825			2,825	8,720
Interest		126			126	150
Grants received				750	750	9,000
Charitable activities:						
Re:Vista income		4,000			4,000	3,379
Carelink meals		1,800		21,577	23,377	24,922
Total Income		<u>119,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,996</u>	<u>142,130</u>	<u>139,105</u>
Expenditure						
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Grants - Missionary/Charitable Giving		2,365		-	2,365	3,420
Re: Vista expenses		-		-	-	1,403
Wages and Social Security Costs		46,617		-	46,617	41,612
Training		527		-	527	278
Utilities		5,219		-	5,219	5,147
Insurances		1,883		-	1,883	1,754
Repairs and maintenance		34,376	-	-	34,376	10,181
Office equipment		3,354		-	3,354	817
Telephone stationery and postage		1,328		-	1,328	1,221
Speakers fees		1,253		-	1,253	3,470
Gifts		2,069			2,069	1,806
Travel and subsistence		851		-	851	6,608
Ministry materials		699		75	774	1,869
CareLink support		-		27,881	27,881	19,767
Refreshments		12		99	111	505
Fellowship catering		47		-	47	1,437
Legal and professional fees		960			960	820
Miscellaneous expenses		5,582		1,030	6,611	4,200
Depreciation	2		5,880		5,880	5,937
Total Direct Expenditure		<u>107,140</u>	<u>5,880</u>	<u>29,085</u>	<u>142,105</u>	<u>112,252</u>
Management and Administration		9,147	309		9,456	6,197
Total Expenditure		<u>116,287</u>	<u>6,190</u>	<u>29,085</u>	<u>151,562</u>	<u>118,449</u>
Net Surplus for the year		2,847	(6,190)	(6,089)	(9,431)	20,656
Funds at the start of the Year		97,879	93,243	31,789	222,911	202,254
Funds at the end of the Year		<u>100,726</u>	<u>87,053</u>	<u>25,700</u>	<u>213,479</u>	<u>222,910</u>

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Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2021

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Depreciating Assets	2	150,178	156,367
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,440	6,080
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		38,681	60,284
		<u>63,422</u>	<u>66,663</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>63,302</u>	<u>66,543</u>
		£ <u>213,479</u>	£ <u>222,911</u>
Represented By:			
Capital Account			
Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	100,726	97,879
	Unrestricted designated funds	87,053	93,243
	Restricted funds	25,700	31,789
		<u>£ <u>213,479</u></u>	<u>£ <u>222,911</u></u>
		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 31 March 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

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