

EMMAUS CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1059742

Details

Other names	EMMAUS CHURCH TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1996-12-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Churchside Gorse Cover Road Severn Beach Bristol BS35 4NP
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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINES SET OUT THE THE FIRST SCHEDULE HERETO AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE SAID COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER INCLUDING (BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION) THE PREACHING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL AND THE TEACHING OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND PRINCIPLES AND THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LLITERATURE.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bristol City
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£41,930	£45,173	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,639	£49,515	-	-
2022-12-31	£36,428	£33,430	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,988	£25,084	-	-
2020-12-31	£33,983	£24,197	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAMIAN PAUL SELBY		2015-04-30
Dr William Edward Beales Phd MA BSc		2025-11-13
Jacqueline Conradie-Faul		2021-05-10
MARK WILLIAM CHATTAWAY		
SAMUEL JOHN MILLER		

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**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees Report for 2024

This report provides a summary of the activities of the church during 2024, the accounts for year ending 31st December 2024 and plans for 2025.

Approved at a Trustees meeting on 1st May 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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- Samuel John Miller – Church Leader
- Mark William Chattaway – Church member
- Jacqueline Conradie-Faul
- Luke Samuel Addison

The church was led by a Leadership Team

- John-Mark Molyneux – employee - 2½ days a week
- John Miller
- Celia Beales
- Abigail Selby
- Paul Selby

A person may be appointed to the Trusteeship by a Resolution passed by the Leadership Team and a memorandum of such Resolution signed by the chairperson of the meeting and attested by two persons present.

The primary object (as specified in the `Deed of Trust`) is:

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Expenditure for 2024 was

Year	2023	2024	Increase/Decrease
Expenditure	£49,515	£45,173	-£4,342
Gifts to other Christian work	£8,142	£6,161	-£1,981
Gifts to lay preachers	£2,640	£2,200	-£440

During the year there was a deficit of £3,243 which reduced reserves to £75,044 at the year end.

Address for correspondence:

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Banks: Santander, Brindle Road, Bootle, Merseyside. L30 4GB

and Kingdom Bank Ltd, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way,
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APPENDIX

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH IN 2024

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Sunday Morning all-age worship (usually 30-40 Adults, 2 under 18's):

Sunday Morning Services were the main church activity including worship, prayer, interviews, Christian teaching and preaching with a separate group for children during part of the service, with Holy Communion once a month with up to 40 people attending. A number of lay Christian preachers from other local churches and representatives from Emmaus' chosen charities were invited to share the responsibility of teaching and preaching supplemented with speakers from the congregation.

We kept in touch with people who were unable to attend a Service with a monthly news/prayer letter.

Leaders' meetings

- The Leadership Team met fortnightly on Monday evenings on 'Google Meet'

Mid-week Groups

- Praise & Prayer, meeting monthly for support and prayer, meeting at ECC and with twice Aust Evangelical Church, Aust in January and April
- Monthly screening of episodes of the film 'The Chosen'
- The Worship/Music Group met regularly for practices
- Home groups met throughout the year in homes or at ECC

Church socials:

- 'Yorkie' (Men's) Group met throughout the year (Games Evenings, Skittles, Tenpin bowling, outings to various Museums and for Barbeques)
- Church Meals together after the Sunday service
- A Ladies Coffee Morning met once a month throughout the year and for a Christmas Craft Afternoon
- November: Quiz Night raising funds for Tearfund
- December: Christmas meals for the 'Yorkie' Men's Group and a Church mixed Group

Publicity:

- A monthly 'Reflection with diary' was distributed to church members and friends by email or by hand
- A6 cards advertising Groups and Special Events
- A Christmas Card with details of the church was distributed to every house in Severn Beach
- The Church has a website www.emmauschurchcentre.org, an email address emmauschurch1993@gmail.com, a Facebook page 'emmaus.church.50' and a several WhatsApp Groups

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Some of the highlights of 2024:

Prayer

- January: Vision Breakfast and Prayer
- February: Lent – 12 hours of Prayer on Ash Wednesday

Easter

- March: Visit by one class of pupils from Severn Beach Primary School to ECC for an immersive experience of the Easter Story
- March: Easter Day Service on the Sea Wall and afterwards Breakfast and Service at ECC

Harvest

- September: 'Harvest Thanksgiving' with donations for the local Foodbank and shared lunch

Christmas

- Carol Singing at the local Tea Cottage
- Christmas Eve Service at ECC

Other Services

- Funeral: Thanksgiving service for church member Edgar Ringham at ECC

Annual General Meeting

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 19th June at ECC

Social Events/Reaching the Community

- January to December: ConfiDance and Chill Out Youth Groups for Yrs 6-10 and The Beach Club for children Yrs 3-6
- January to December: Pebbles Toddler Group run by volunteer parents
- March: The Youth Groups Easter Performance and Easter Event for Families of Beach Club and Youth Groups
- May: Pentecost Service followed by Shared Lunch and Barbeque with students from Bristol International Students Centre
- June: All aged Family Service and Church Picnic
- July: Summer Party & Barbecue for families of Beach Club and Youth Groups
- July: Open Mic Evening & Barbecue
- October: 'Marshmalloween' Event for young families (Alternative event for Halloween evening)
- December: Christmas Party for families of The Beach Club and Youth Groups

Muller's Partnership

- The church kept in touch with Muller's (Bristol) and John Mark Molyneux attended some of the network events at Woodlands Church

Celebration Partnership

- Emmaus Church supported Regional Celebration Evenings at Woodlands Church, Bristol with regular financial contributions.

Sevenside Churches

- March: Emmaus Church hosted the World Day of Prayer (Sevenside area) at ECC
- June: Joined with local churches at the Sevenside Songs of Praise at St John's Church, Elberton
- Two Joint Praise and Prayer meetings with Aust Evangelical Church, Aust
- *Different leaders met with Rev Anjali Kanagaratnam (Anglican) and Rev Martin Slocombe (Methodist) who lead services at St Peter's Church, Pilning on two separate occasions*

Object 2: The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, also those who are elderly or infirm.

Foodbank collections continued based at the home of a member living in Severn Beach and were regularly delivered to the North West Bristol Avonmouth Hub. Harvest Thanksgiving food donations were also delivered to the Foodbank.

Bristol North West Foodbank Hub/Listening Cafe met once a week at ECC supported by the staff of the Avonmouth Hub.

Relief and help have been offered to members of our own congregation who are in need, both from church funds, and also through other members' personal care, compassion and prayer.

Charity/Person	2024
Tearfund – sending relief to where the need is greatest in the wider world (Ukraine)	£500
Rwanda Orphans Project – sponsorship of and Christmas gifts to two orphaned young people through SKI, Muller's	£480
Rwanda Orphans Project – Peter Andrews to support his work in Rwanda	£1,000
Open Doors UK – a charity supported persecuted Christians across the world	£580
In Hope, a charity supporting homeless people in Bristol	£1,100
India Mission, a charity supporting needy families	£650
Bristol North West Foodbank	£500
Designated Giving	£471

Object 3: The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles for persons of all ages.

Regular teaching in the Emmaus Church Centre for adults and children

Adults followed Bible based teaching as follows:

- Jan to Easter: John's Gospel
- Lent series on the book of Revelation
- April to May: Jonah
- May to June: Acts
- July to August: Bible Characters – Hannah, Mary Magdalene, Hagar, Timothy, Noah, Elisha, John Mark and Abigail.
- September: A series on the Holy Spirit
- October: Jeremiah
- November: Philippians
- December: Nativity Theme

Children:

- Any children under 11 were given their own session with snacks, bible story and activities in a side room for half an hour during the main service.

Local Schools:

- JM Molyneux led Christian assemblies weekly, alternating between Severn Beach and Pilning Primary Schools during term time.
- JM Molyneux visited Severn Beach Playgroup fortnightly during term time to lead singing/music time.
- In December and March, JM Molyneux visited every classroom in both Pilning and Severn Beach Schools to answer questions about the Nativity and Easter.

Sponsorship/Gifts

	Person/Organisation	2024
Regular Gift	Nationwide Christian Trust, publishers of Living Light daily bible reading notes	£800
Gifts	Visiting speakers and worship leaders	£2,200
Gift	Steve Loader, Chaplain to Seafarers at Port of Bristol	£300
Gift	Trevor Ranger, for his work in taking assemblies at primary schools	£580
Regular Gift	Celebration/The Mix (City Fellowship)	£240

Gifts of knitted hats and gloves were given to Steve Loader, Padre to Seafarers and given to seafarers at Port of Bristol.

Annual subscriptions/fees to:

- Evangelical Alliance
- Thirtyone:eight, an independent Christian Safeguarding Charity
- Christians Copyright Licensing International
- TV Licence
- Christian Vision for Men
- Church 123 Website
- YouTube Premier
- Google workspace
- Subscriptions for Google Meet
- BT phone and internet

2. CHURCH BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT IN 2024

The Church Centre building and grounds remain mostly in good order and were maintained by volunteers with the help of:

- A self employed person paid to clean the facilities for one and half hours each week
- A self employed gardener paid to cut the grass and hedges in the grounds once a fortnight throughout the summer
- Occasionally a self employed window cleaner paid to clean the outside windows

Other expenditure:

- Portable electrical appliances were last tested in 2023
- Fire Extinguisher were tested in 2024
- Five years electrical test was completed in 2022
- New curtains in the main hall were installed by Webber & Spencer
- Patio fencing was replaced by John-Mark and helpers
- Purchase and construction of a gas barbecue and storage unit

3. PLANS FOR 2025 (and beyond)

A: Individuals

- We will look to **strengthen and diversify the leadership team** to make future succession planning easier.
- We will prayerfully discern, support and encourage the use of **individual gifting** within the membership of the church so that we are all playing to our God given strengths.
- Appoint a **Community Outreach volunteer** to work closely with JM Molyneux in planning and delivery of community events.
- Arrange in-person meetings with Leadership and Ministry Team leaders to share and develop the vision of the church.
- Establish a process for **discipleship**.
- Continue with small **support groups** meeting in homes.
- Identify and appoint an **administrator** – volunteer or paid.

B: Church

- Encourage and resource the **vision** within the church.
- Build on the already ongoing **caring and sharing work** which has been a valuable characteristic of Emmaus Church's warmth and friendliness.
- Select the **teaching material** based on the needs of the church and its vision for the future.
- Focus on **discipleship** and building faith through home groups, prayer partners, mentoring and training.
- Develop young parent and family events.
- Maintain and review Emmaus' **Safeguarding Policy**, Procedures and Recruitment with guidance from Thirtyone:eight and take part in relevant training – all leaders took part in basic Safeguarding training in 2023.
- Continue with the Muller's Church Partnership and Celebration Partnership through Woodlands Church, Bristol.
- Network with other Severnside Churches.
- Comply with the General Data Protection Regulation May 2018 – update the Personal Data Register annually.
- Comply with Health and Safety/Fire Safety Regulations.
- Seek to update our social media sites; WhatsApp, Facebook and the website and provide regular blogs which reach people who use these forms of communication.
- Organise a Baptismal Service on 29th June 2025.

- Keep Food Safety and Hygiene Training up to date.
- Look into the possibility of sponsoring a Youth and Children's trainee with SWYM (South West Youth Ministries).

C: Community

- Develop contacts with the **local community** e.g. pre-school, and continue to develop the contact with the local schools, residential care home and village hall and festival committees.
- Develop contact with the emergency Temporary Housing at Ableton Court.
- Consider the "Prayer for Schools" initiative when a team can be identified.
- Consider running or supporting Parenting Courses.
- **Plan events** to which visitors and contacts can be invited, especially using the opportunities given by local and national events.
- Continue to **support missions** both home and abroad.
- Seek to improve the engagement of church friends and partners through prayer breakfasts, courses and online/in person training.

D: Building

- General repairs to the building.
- Tests for small electrical equipment and fire extinguishers.
- Replace the **outside Church Notice Board**.
- Pointing the patio entrance and perhaps the patio.
- Prepare plans for an extension to the building, enlarging the entrance hall and kitchen facilities.

4. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on public benefit in preparing this report and in the various activities of the church.

All three objects as outlined in this report seek to provide activities and actions which benefit the public through the pro-active involvement of members of the church in community activities, financial support for those whose ministry is to serve others ensuring that the ultimate beneficiaries are those whom they serve rather than themselves and significant mission activities in the local community for the size of the church. The church also supports financially those in other communities and countries whose work is designed to benefit local people in their areas of operation.

The church is also keen to work not only in social mission but also in evangelistic activities because the church leaders and trustees consider that the Christian message is crucial to people knowing wholeness and healing in their lives and the church is delighted to hear stories of changed lives over the years through the church's commitment to the Christian message.

Therefore, the Trustees consider that through direct involvement of its members and indirect involvement (through funding others) both in their local area and also further afield, the church is serving people to their benefit and for their support. It is the desire of the leaders and Trustees that the church grows in order that this work might increase.

TRUSTEE POLICIES

Investment Policy

It is agreed that the Trustees hold no more than necessary to meet normal expenditure levels in the current account, and that the remainder of the reserves are held in a deposit account, the performance of which is reviewed from time to time with the Church Treasurer.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees consider it prudent to hold up to a normal year's expenditure in reserve in a deposit account. This is to ensure there is adequate provision to fund any unexpected expenditure as the Church is almost wholly reliant on freewill gifts from Church members which can vary considerably from year to year.

The free reserves at the year-end were £74,907 (2023: £78,150).

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding is constantly being monitored, revised and updated. Carol Miller is the co-ordinator. Emmaus Church is registered with Thirtyone:eight, an independent Safeguarding charity, ref 2021 that offers advice, support and training. A system for police-checking Children and Youth Workers (DBS Certificates) is established.

Health and Safety Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities concerning risks to the Trust. The Church has a Health and Safety Policy which is applicable for Emmaus Church as a low risk, less than 5 employees Charity. The Church considers risk management important. Risks such as accidents in the car park and children leaving the grounds unaccompanied are assessed as part of the normal decision-making process to the Church.

Church Insurance

Emmaus Church is insured with the Congregational & General, using their standard 'Church Choice' Policy. Public liability has been confirmed as five million pounds.

Certificates

Portable electrical appliances are tested biannually.

Fire extinguishers and fire blanket are tested annually by a specialist firm.

The Kitchen is registered with South Gloucestershire Council as Food Premises and was inspected by a Food Safety Officer in 2013.

12 people obtained Food Hygiene and Safety Certificates, Level 1 or Level 2.

Related Party Transactions

Sam Marsh, Jacqueline Conrade-Faul, and Luke Addison were trustees of the charity during the year. It is standard practice for Emmaus Church visiting preachers to be remunerated £80 to cover expenses.

During the year:

- Luke Addison preached once (2023: 3 times),
- Sam Marsh preached once (2023: 2 times),
- Jacqueline Conrade-Faul preached twice (2023: none).

Rob Scott-Cook, who preached once in the previous year, stepped down as a trustee in May 2023.

This remuneration is allowed under the charity's constitution.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Emmaus Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Emmaus Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 1st May 2025

EMMAUS CHURCH

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2024

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Collections and general gifts	5,167	471	5,638	6,795
Gift Aid donations	23,367	-	23,367	27,233
Rent	1,007	-	1,007	1,050
Event income	1,385	-	1,385	1,136
Deposit account interest	1,930	-	1,930	1,287
Gift Aid refunds	6,808	-	6,808	5,555
Teaching and training	1,795	-	1,795	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	583
	41,459	471	41,930	43,639

PAYMENTS

Gifts to Christian work & missionary	5,690	471	6,161	8,142
Gifts to speakers	2,200	-	2,200	2,640
Staff costs	17,961	-	17,961	17,061
Outreach	1,182	-	1,182	1,904
Teaching and training	3,163	-	3,163	826
Repairs and renewals	1,903	-	1,903	5,570
Accountant and Independent Examiner	1,776	-	1,776	1,866
Utilities	2,799	-	2,799	2,546
Church cleaning & maintenance	2,618	-	2,618	2,671
Insurance	1,571	-	1,571	1,480
Membership/subs/licences	1,500	-	1,500	1,787
Stationery, publishing, printing & advertising	895	-	895	749
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	536
Musical materials & equipment	1,444	-	1,444	1,737
	44,702	471	45,173	49,515

Surplus of payments over receipts	(3,243)	-	(3,243)	(5,876)
Balance as at 1 January 2023	78,150	137	78,287	84,163
Balance as at 31 December 2024	74,907	137	75,044	78,287

Represented by:

Cash and bank balances	74,907	137	75,044	78,287
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Balances on Receipts and Payments Account Carried Forward		
Current Account	4,015	4,187
Deposit Account	22,397	26,366
12 Month Savings Bond	23,616	22,718
2 year loan account	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	16	16
	<u>75,044</u>	<u>78,287</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,044</u>	<u>78,287</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>1,254</u>	<u>1,170</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 1st May 2025.

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Gifts to other Christian work	£7,767	£8,142	+ £375
Gifts to lay preachers	£3,135	£2,640	- £495

During the year there was a deficit of £5,876 which reduced reserves to £78,287 at the year end.

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- The Leadership Team met fortnightly on Monday evenings on Zoom/Google Meet

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- Prayer and Praise, meeting monthly for support and prayer, meeting at ECC and with Aust Evangelical Church, Aust every three months
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- December: Christmas meals for the 'Yorkie' Men's Group and a Church mixed Group

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- A fortnightly/monthly 'Reflection with diary' was distributed to church members and friends by email or by hand

- A Christmas Card with details of the church was distributed to every house in Severn Beach
- The Church has a website www.emmauschurchcentre.org, an email address emmauschurch1993@gmail.com, a Facebook page 'emmaus.church.50' and a WhatsApp Group.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Some of the highlights of 2023:

Prayer

- February: Lent – 12 hours of Prayer on Ash Wednesday
- March: Good Friday Reflection

Special Services

- ⊖ June: Coronation Service followed by Shared Lunch and Barbecue with students from Bristol International Students Centre
- ⊖ September: 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Services took place on Gorse Cover green and at ECC followed by Shared Lunch
- ⊖ September: 'Harvest Thanksgiving' with donations for the local Foodbank

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- ⊖ March: Visit by Y4/5/6 pupils from Severn Beach Primary School to ECC for an immersive experience of the Easter Story
- April: Easter Day Service on the Sea Wall and afterwards at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom
- April: some members attended the Spring Harvest Conference at Minehead

Christmas

- Carol Singing at the local Tea Cottage
- Christmas Eve Service at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom

Other Services

- Funeral: of church member Ernest Castle at Canford Crematorium, Bristol

Annual General Meeting

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 7th June at ECC and on Zoom

Social Events/Reaching the Community

- January to December: ConfiDance and Chill Out Youth Groups for Y6-10
- January to April: Weekly 'Warm Space' Lunch time Group

- February: Pancake Fun Hour event for young families
- ⊖ March: The Youth Groups Easter Performance
- April to July: Pebbles Toddler Group run by Leader of Severn Beach Preschool
- June: Coronation Community Event on Bank Holiday Monday
- July: Severnside Festival at Severn Beach Village Hall and Playing Fields
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- October: 'Marshmalloween' Event for young families
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- ⊖ December: Dance Group, Chill Out Group and Beach Club Christmas Celebration

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A weekly Bristol North West Foodbank outlet commenced at ECC in December supported by the staff of the Avonmouth Hub.

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India Mission, a charity supporting needy families	£600
Bristol North West Foodbank	£380
Designated Giving	£1,932

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Regular teaching in the Emmaus Church Centre for adults and children

Adults followed teaching series entitled:

- Jan to April: Sermon on the Mount
- April to July: A series on Hope
- August: Psalms
- Sept to October: Daniel
- November: Genesis
- December: Nativity (Luke)

Children:

- The children under 11 were given their own session with snacks, bible story and activities in a side room for half an hour during the main service.

Local Schools:

- A Leader led Christian assemblies once a fortnight at Severn Beach and Pilning Primary Schools
- The church gave Nativity books to every pupil at Severn Beach Primary School

Sponsorship/Gifts

	Person/Organisation	2023
Regular Gift	Nationwide Christian Trust, publishers of Living Light daily bible reading notes	£800
Gifts	Visiting speakers, worship leaders and speakers on Zoom	£2,640
Gift	Steve Loader, Chaplain to Seafarers at Port of Bristol	£500
Gift	Trevor Ranger, for his work in taking assemblies at primary schools	£500
Regular Gift	Celebration/The Mix (City Fellowship)	£240

Gifts of knitted hats and gloves were distributed by Steve Loader to Seafarers at Port of Bristol.

Annual subscriptions/fees to:

- Evangelical Alliance
- Thirtyone:eight, an independent Christian Safeguarding Charity
- Christians Copyright Licensing International
- TV Licence
- Christian Vision for Men
- Church 123 Website, YouTube Premier, Google workspace
- Subscriptions for Zoom/Google Meet
- BT phone and internet

2. CHURCH BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT IN 2023

The Church Centre building and grounds remain mostly in good order and were maintained by volunteers with the help of:

- A person paid to clean the facilities for one and half hours each week
- A gardener is paid cut the grass and hedges in the grounds once a fortnight throughout the summer
- Occasionally a window cleaner is paid to clean the outside windows

Other expenditure:

- Portable electrical appliances were last tested in 2023
- Fire Extinguisher were tested in 2023
- Five years electrical test was completed in 2022
- Kitchen plumbing repair – R.E.D Plumbing
- New hot water boiler installed by Aquastat
- New front doors installed by S Staden

3. PLANS FOR 2024 (and beyond)

A: Individuals

- We will look to **strengthen and diversify the leadership team** to make future succession planning easier.
- We will prayerfully discern, support and encourage the use of **individual gifting** within the membership of the church so that we are all playing to our God given strengths.
- Continue to develop **Home Group and Ministry Team Leaders**
- Establish a process for **discipleship**
- Continue with small **support groups** meeting in homes
- Identify and appoint an **administrator** – volunteer or paid

B: Church

- Encourage and resource the **vision** within the church
- We will build on the already ongoing **caring and sharing work** which has been a valuable characteristic of Emmaus Church's warmth and friendliness
- Facilitate an Alpha Course
- We will select the **teaching material** based on the needs of the church and its vision for the future. We will focus on discipleship and building faith through home groups, prayer partners, mentoring and training
- Develop young parent and family events
- Maintain and review Emmaus' **Safeguarding Policy**, Procedures and Recruitment with guidance from Thirtyone:eight and take part in relevant training – all leaders took part in basic Safeguarding training in 2023
- Continue with the Muller's Church Partnership and Celebration Partnership
- Network with Aust Evangelical Church and other Severnside Churches
- Comply with the General Data Protection Regulation May 2018 – update the Personal Data Register annually
- Comply with Health and Safety/Fire Safety Regulations
- Seek to update our social media sites; WhatsApp, Facebook, the website, provide regular blogs which reach people who use these forms of communication a lot and identify a person with appropriate skills to manage these sites
- Organise a Leader's Day Away
- Organise a Baptismal Service when required
- Training – Food Safety and Hygiene Courses Level 1 & 2

C: Community

- Develop contacts with the **local community** e.g. pre-school, and continue to develop the contact with the local schools, residential care home and village hall and festival committees
- Develop contact with the emergency Temporary Housing at Ableton Lane.
- Consider initiatives such as “Open the Book” school assembly resources and “Prayer for Schools” when a team can be identified
- Consider running a Parenting Course
- Plan events to which visitors and contacts can be invited, especially using the opportunities given by local and national events (e.g. Olympic Games)
- Continue to **support missions** both home and abroad
- Seek to improve the engagement of church friends and partners through prayer breakfasts, courses and online/in person training

D: Building

- General repairs to the building
- Tests for small electrical equipment and fire extinguishers
- Repair or renew **patio fencing**
- Attention to the **outside Church Notice Board**

4. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on public benefit in preparing this report and in the various activities of the church.

All three objects as outlined in this report seek to provide activities and actions which benefit the public through the pro-active involvement of members of the church in community activities, financial support for those whose ministry is to serve others ensuring that the ultimate beneficiaries are those whom they serve rather than themselves and significant mission activities in the local community for the size of the church. The church also supports financially those in other communities and countries whose work is designed to benefit local people in their areas of operation.

The church is also keen to work not only in social mission but also in evangelistic activities because the church leaders and trustees consider that the Christian message is crucial to people knowing wholeness and healing in their lives and the church is delighted to hear stories of changed lives over the years through the church's commitment to the Christian message.

Therefore, the Trustees consider that through direct involvement of its members and indirect involvement (through funding others) both in their local area and also further afield, the church is serving people to their benefit and for their support. It is the desire of the leaders and Trustees that the church grows in order that this work might increase.

TRUSTEE POLICIES

Investment Policy

It is agreed that the Trustees hold no more than necessary to meet normal expenditure levels in the current account, and that the remainder of the reserves are held in a deposit account, the performance of which is reviewed from time to time with the Church Treasurer.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees consider it prudent to hold up to a normal year's expenditure in reserve in a deposit account. This is to ensure there is adequate provision to fund any unexpected expenditure as the Church is almost wholly reliant on freewill gifts from Church members which can vary considerably from year to year.

The Trustees also hold an additional reserve as it is their desire to appoint an employee if a suitable candidate were available to progress the work of the church. The free reserves at the year-end were £78,150

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding is constantly being monitored, revised and updated. Carol Miller is the co-ordinator. Emmaus Church is registered with the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS ref: 2021). A system for police-checking Children and Youth Workers (DBS Certificates) is established.

Health and Safety Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities concerning risks to the Trust. The Church has a Health and Safety Policy which is applicable for Emmaus Church as a low risk, less than 5 employees Charity. The Church considers risk management important. Risks such as accidents in the car park and children leaving the grounds unaccompanied are assessed as part of the normal decision-making process to the Church.

Church Insurance

Emmaus Church is insured with the Congregational & General, using their standard 'Church Choice' Policy. Public liability has been confirmed as five million pounds.

Certificates

Portable electrical appliances are tested annually.

Fire extinguishers and fire blanket are tested annually by a specialist firm.

The Kitchen is registered with South Gloucestershire Council as Food Premises and was inspected by a Food Safety Officer in 2013.

Related Party Transactions

Robert Scott Cook, Sam Marsh and Luke Addison were Trustees of the charity in the year. It is normal practice for Emmaus Church visiting preachers to be remunerated £80 to cover expenses. During the year, Luke Addison preached three times, Robert Scott Cook preached once and Sam Marsh preached twice. This remuneration is allowed under the constitution of the charity.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Emmaus Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Emmaus Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2023..

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 2nd May 2024

EMMAUS CHURCH

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Collections and general gifts	4,853	1,942	6,795	5,108
Gift Aid donations	27,233	-	27,233	22,221
Rent	1,050	-	1,050	750
Event income	1,136	-	1,136	470
Deposit account interest	1,287	-	1,287	811
Gift Aid refunds	5,555	-	5,555	5,844
Outreach	-	-	-	34
Teaching and training	-	-	-	1,190
Miscellaneous Income	583	-	583	-
	41,697	1,942	43,639	36,428

PAYMENTS

Gifts to Christian work & missionary	6,210	1,932	8,142	7,767
Gifts to speakers	2,640	-	2,640	3,135
Gifts to musicians	-	-	-	40
Staff costs	17,061	-	17,061	3,989
Outreach	1,904	-	1,904	1,154
Teaching and training	826	-	826	2,992
Repairs and renewals	5,570	-	5,570	3,280
Accountant and Independent Examiner	1,866	-	1,866	900
Utilities	2,546	-	2,546	2,084
Church cleaning & maintenance	2,671	-	2,671	3,508
Insurance	1,480	-	1,480	1,290
Membership/subs/licences	1,787	-	1,787	1,530
Stationery, publishing, printing & advertising	749	-	749	967
Miscellaneous expenses	536	-	536	59
Musical materials & equipment	1,737	-	1,737	735
	47,583	1,932	49,515	33,430

Surplus of payments over receipts	(5,886)	10	(5,876)	2,998
Balance as at 1 January 2022	84,036	127	84,163	81,165
Balance as at 31 December 2023	78,150	137	78,287	84,163

Represented by:

Cash and bank balances	78,150	137	78,287	84,163
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EMMAUS CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash Balances on Receipts and Payments		
Account Carried Forward		
Current Account	4,187	8,349
Deposit Account	26,366	28,427
12 Month Savings Bond	22,718	22,371
2 year loan account	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	16	16
	<u>78,287</u>	<u>84,163</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>78,287</u>	<u>84,163</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,080</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 2nd May 2023.

S J Miller

EMMAUS CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1059742

Accounts

EMMAUS CHURCH

Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, Bristol

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Trustees Report for 2022

This report provides a summary of the activities of the church during 2022, the accounts for year ending 31st December 2022 and plans for 2023.

Approved at a Trustees meeting on 4th May 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

_____ S J Miller

Summary of Emmaus Church during 2022

Emmaus Church is an independent body, registered as a charity (No 1059742) on 12th Dec. 1996. Emmaus Church Centre (ECC) is registered as a place of worship No. 79101 and for marriages No. 42123. The Western Counties & South Wales Evangelisation Trust governs the building and grounds. ECC where most of the activities of the charity are carried out, is situated in Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, BS35 4NP.

The Church was overseen by eight trustees:

- Samuel Isaac Peter Marsh – Chairman
- Robert Lawrence Scott-Cook - Chairman
- Samuel John Miller – Senior Elder
- Mark William Chattaway – Elder
- Damian Paul Selby – Trustee
- Joy Nurcombe – Trustee
- Jacqueline Conradie-Faul – Trustee
- Luke Samuel Addison – Trustee
- Mary-Anne Willmott – Trustee – Resigned during 2022

The church was led by a Leadership Support Team:

- Samuel John Miller – Leader
Supported by
- Celia Beales
- Keith Emmerson
- Abigail Selby
- Paul Selby - from June 2022
- Bridget Chattaway
- Anuran Wickramasinghe
- John Mark Molyneux – from October 2022

The Leadership Support Team recognised the need for a paid part time staff member to support the work undertaken by the team.

The Church advertised for a Church Leader and/or Community/Family Worker
John Mark Molyneux was appointed and employed as a Pastoral Assistant on 11th October at an Extraordinary Trustee Meeting.

Address for correspondence:

Mr S. John Miller, Churchside, Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, Bristol BS35 4NP.

The primary object (as specified in the `Deed of Trust`) is:

“The advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God and other charitable purposes”

One or more persons who are known to be part of the body of the Church led each of the separate prime activities of the charity. The majority of activities were being supported voluntarily (with the exception of J M Molyneux' involvement) with time and money given by church members. A treasurer administers the finances. For details of other objects and related activities, see the Appendix.

During 2022, the church continued to comply with remaining covid19 restrictions.

It continued to support Christian work at home and abroad. See Appendix for more details.

The pattern of services is as follows

- Weekly at the church building and on Zoom
- Monthly Praise and Prayer Group on Zoom and from March at the building
- Fortnightly home groups in homes and at the building
- Small support groups met at the building, in homes and on Zoom

The church was funded by voluntary gifts the amount of which varies from year to year and a small amount of rental income.

	2021	2022	Increase/Decrease
Income	£35,988	£36,428	+ £440

The church encouraged those who pay tax and are committed to Emmaus Church to sign a gift aid mandate as it is a valuable source of revenue and we operate the Small Gift Aid Donation.

	2021	2022	Increase/Decrease
Gift Aid Refund	£4,863	£5,844	+ £981

The church holds Santander current and deposit accounts and a Kingdom Bank savings bond. Kingdom Bank supports the work of churches and charities in keeping with Emmaus Church's vision.

We renewed our loan stock account with Green Pastures for a further 2 years, a charity that provides accommodation for the homeless. We received interest of £750 in 2022.

Rent Income from other groups

A local social group called 'Stitches' met at ECC during 2022.

A Baby Hub run by Sirona Care and Health met monthly at ECC.

The local Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan met at ECC for their meetings and hired ECC for an open evening.

Expenditure for 2022 was £33,430.

Year	2021	2022	Increase/Decrease
Expenditure	£25,084	£33,430	+ £8,346
Gifts to other Christian work	£9,204	£7,767	- £1,437
Gifts to lay preachers	£2,320	£3,135	+ £815

We are pleased to report that the church remains in a healthy financial situation and did not use any reserved funds.

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- A four week Lent Course in March and April based on Pete Grieg's book 'How to Pray?'
- Monthly screening of episodes of the film 'The Chosen'
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- A Ladies Coffee Morning met once a month throughout the year
- July: End of Term treat for the Youth Groups at Hollywood Bowl, Cribbs Causeway
- July: a barbeque was hosted at Salthouse Farm for the last time and was attended by church members, family and friends. The Church acknowledged with thanks the many church events held at the Farm over many years
- October: "Marshmallow-eeen" event for families at ECC

- November: Quiz Night raising funds for Tearfund
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- December: Nativity Fun Hour for families at ECC

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Prayer

- May: Leaders and Trustees met for discussion and prayer
- October: Prayer Breakfast for members, trustees and friends of the church

Special Services

- ⊖ June: A Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service followed by a Barbeque in the church grounds
- ⊖ June: A baptismal Service was held for 3 adults followed by a lunch at ECC
- ⊖ September: 'Harvest Thanksgiving' with donations for the local Foodbank

Easter

- ⊖ April: The Youth Dance Group Easter Show at Salthouse Farm Barn
- April: Easter Day Service on the Sea Wall and afterwards at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom
- April: some members attended the Spring Harvest Conference at Minehead

Christmas

- Christmas Eve Service at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom

Other Services:

Wedding - none

Funeral - none

Annual General Meeting

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th June at ECC and on Zoom

Church Weekend Away at Hill House Christian Centre

- September: Church members and Trustees spent a weekend together looking at the theme of 'The Goodness of God' and time for socialising

Social Events/Reaching the Community

January to December

- ⊖ A Youth Dance Group for School Years 6 – 8 (Ages 10 to 13) met once week from September for up to 8 girls. A helper studying Dance and Theatre at WISE is doing her placement with leader Amy who runs her own business ConfIDANCE. A Chill-Out group for boys began in January with table games. Both groups joined together for snacks and fun games at the end of the session
- ⊖ April: The Dance Group performed at The Stages event at the Trinity Academy
- ⊖ February: a fund raising event for Western Air Ambulance Service at ECC
- ⊖ March: Severn Beach School Reception Class visited ECC
- ⊖ April: Visit to the Bristol North West Foodbank at St Andrew's Church Avonmouth
- ⊖ May: Hosted a visit by Bristol International Students to the village and at Salthouse Farm for lunch
- July: Severn Beach Centenary Festival – manning a table raising funds for the Village Hall and promoting the activities of the church for the community
- November: An invitation only toddler group (Pebbles) met from November to December as a trial run by a staff member of Severn Beach Preschool
- Youth Dance Group Christmas Show at ECC

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In Hope, a charity supporting homeless people in Bristol	£550
India Mission, a charity supporting needy families	£550
Creative Solutions, a charity run by Peter Kay working in Kenya	£1,000
Mission without Borders, for it's work in Ukraine	£1,000
Ukraine Aid supporting churches in Ukraine	£500

Object 3: The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles for persons of all ages.

Regular teaching in the Emmaus Church Centre for adults and children

Adults followed teaching series entitled:

- Jan to April: A Chosen Life, A Worshipful Life, A Prayerful Life
- April to July: A Disciples Life, A Spirit-filled Life, A Compassionate Life
- August to Dec: Mission, The Life of Old Testament character David

Children:

- The children under 11 were given their own session with snacks, bible story and activities in a side room for half an hour during the main service, initially once a fortnight and then from September every week.

Sponsorship/Gifts

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The free reserves at the year-end were £36,792.

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding is constantly being monitored, revised and updated. Carol Miller is the co-ordinator. Emmaus Church is registered with the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS ref: 2021). A system for police-checking Children and Youth Workers (DBS Certificates) is established.

Health and Safety Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities concerning risks to the Trust. The Church has a Health and Safety Policy which is applicable for Emmaus Church as a low risk, less than 5 employees Charity. The Church considers risk management important. Risks such as accidents in the car park and children leaving the grounds unaccompanied are assessed as part of the normal decision-making process to the Church.

Church Insurance

Emmaus Church is insured with the Congregational & General, using their standard 'Church Choice' Policy. Public liability has been confirmed as five million pounds.

Certificates

Portable electrical appliances are tested annually.

Fire extinguishers and fire blanket are tested annually by a specialist firm.

The Kitchen is registered with South Gloucestershire Council as Food Premises and was inspected by a Food Safety Officer in 2013.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Emmaus Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Emmaus Church (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Joshua Kingston, BSc (Hons) ACA
Burton Sweet Limited
The Clock Tower
5 Farleigh Court
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Bristol BS48 1UR

Date: 4th May 2023

EMMAUS CHURCH

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2022

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Collections and general gifts	4,808	300	5,108	6,368
Gift Aid donations	22,221	-	22,221	23,374
Rent	750	-	750	385
Event income	470	-	470	170
Deposit account interest	811	-	811	828
Gift Aid refunds	5,844	-	5,844	4,863
Outreach	34	-	34	-
Teaching and training	1,190	-	1,190	-
	36,128	300	36,428	35,988

PAYMENTS

Gifts to Christian work & missionary	7,467	300	7,767	9,204
Gifts to speakers	3,135	-	3,135	2,320
Gifts to musicians	40	-	40	-
Staff costs	3,989	-	3,989	3,319
Outreach	1,154	-	1,154	902
Teaching and training	2,992	-	2,992	911
Repairs and renewals	3,280	-	3,280	(50)
Accountant and Independent Examiner	900	-	900	780
Utilities	2,084	-	2,084	1,244
Church cleaning & maintenance	3,508	-	3,508	2,455
Insurance	1,290	-	1,290	1,195
Membership/subs/licences	1,530	-	1,530	1,675
Stationery, publishing, printing & advertising	967	-	967	1,060
Miscellaneous expenses	59	-	59	69
Musical materials & equipment	735	-	735	-
	33,130	300	33,430	25,084

Surplus of payments over receipts	2,998	-	2,998	10,904
Balance as at 1 January 2022	81,038	127	81,165	70,261
Balance as at 31 December 2022	84,036	127	84,163	81,165

Represented by:

Cash and bank balances	84,036	127	84,163	81,165
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EMMAUS CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash Balances on Receipts and Payments Account Carried Forward		
Current Account	8,349	16,162
Deposit Account	28,427	17,661
12 Month Savings Bond	22,371	22,326
2 year loan account	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	16	16
	<u>84,163</u>	<u>81,165</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>84,163</u>	<u>81,165</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>1,080</u>	<u>900</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 4th May 2023.

S J Miller

EMMAUS CHURCH

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Accounts

EMMAUS CHURCH

Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, Bristol

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Trustees Report for 2021

This report provides a summary of the activities of the church during 2021, the accounts for year ending 31st December 2021 and plans for 2022
The activities of the Church were impacted by the ongoing Covid19 Pandemic Restrictions

Approved at a Trustees meeting on 5th May 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by

_____ S J Miller

Summary of Emmaus Church during 2021

Emmaus Church is an independent body, registered as a charity (No 1059742) on 12th Dec. 1996. Emmaus Church Centre (ECC) is registered as a place of worship No. 79101 and for marriages No. 42123. The Western Counties & South Wales Evangelisation Trust governs the building and grounds. Emmaus CC, where most of the activities of the charity are carried out, is situated in Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, near Bristol BS35 4NP

The Church was overseen by nine trustees:

- Samuel Isaac Peter Marsh – Chairman
- Robert Lawrence Scott-Cook - Chairman
- Samuel John Miller – Senior Elder
- Mark William Chattaway – Elder
- Damian Paul Selby – Trustee

The following were added as Trustees at a Leaders Meeting on 10th May 2021

- Mary-Anne Willmott – Trustee
- Joy Nurcombe – Trustee
- Jacqueline Conradie-Faul – Trustee
- Luke Sammuel Addison - Trustee

The church was led by a Leadership Support Team:

- Samuel John Miller – Leader
- Supported by
- Mary-Anne Willmott until the end of August 2021
- Celia Beales
- Keith Emmerson
- Abigail Selby
- Bridget Chattaway
- Anuran Wickramasinghe

The Leadership Support Team was challenged to bring younger members to the Team.

The Church regular activities designed to maintain involvement with the community were severely disrupted by the Coronavirus19 Pandemic.

The Church employed Mary-Anne Willmott as a self employed Church Development Worker (8 hours per week) until she resigned at the end of August as she was accepted in a full-time post at Castle Secondary School, Thornbury.

The Church is advertising for a Church Leader and/or Community/Family Worker

Address for correspondence:

Mr S. John Miller, Salthouse Farm, Shaft Road, Severn Beach, Bristol, BS35 4NH

The primary object (as specified in the `Deed of Trust`) is:

“the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God and other charitable purposes”

One or more persons who are known to be part of the body of the Church led each of the separate prime activities of the charity. The majority of activities were being supported voluntarily with time and money given by church members. The church welcomed a variety of Christian speakers from other churches to preach. A treasurer administers the finances. For details of other objects and related activities, see the Appendix.

During 2021, the church continued to comply with covid19 restrictions. The church building was closed from January to March. During the rest of the year, services were conducted at the building with Zoom internet facilities for the vulnerable. All seating was arranged according to social distancing rules.

It continued to support Christian work at home and abroad. See Appendix for more details.

The pattern of services that developed after March 2021

- Weekly: January to March on Zoom
- March to December at the church building and on Zoom
- Fortnightly Praise and Prayer Group on Zoom and from March at the building
- From September, fortnightly home groups in homes and at the building
- Small support groups met at the building and on Zoom

The church was funded by voluntary gifts the amount of which varies from year to year and a small amount of rental income. Total income in 2021 was £35,988. This was slightly up on 2020

	2020	2021	Increase/Decrease
Income	£33,983	£35,988	+ £2,005

The church encouraged those who pay tax and are committed to Emmaus Church to sign a gift aid mandate as it is a valuable source of revenue and we operate the Small Gift Aid Donation. Gift Aid Donations refund received in 2021 was £4862.76 for donations made in 2020)

	2020	2021	Increase/Decrease
Gift Aid Refund	£5500	£4863	- £637

The church holds Santander current and deposit accounts and a Kingdom Bank savings bond. Kingdom Bank supports the work of churches and charities in keeping with Emmaus Church's vision.

We renewed our loan account with Green Pastures for a further 2 years, a charity that provides accommodation for the homeless. We received significant interest in 2021.

Rent Income from other groups

A local social group called 'Stitches' did not meet at ECC during 2021.

A Baby Hub run by Sirona Care and Health began to meet from June as restrictions were lifted. It was a few months before this facility became established.

The church hall and car park was hired by an ITV crew filming in Severn Beach for a rest area and by the local Committee of the Neighbourhood Plan for their meetings.

Expenditure for 2021 was £25,084, up on 2020. Even though many activities were cancelled due to the covid19 pandemic, national lockdowns and restrictions we were able to give more to Christian work, charities and mission.

Year	2020	2021	Increase/Decrease
Expenditure	£24,197	£25,084	+ £887
Gifts to other Christian work	£6,309	£9,204	+ £2,895
Gifts to lay preachers	£1,450	£2,320	+ £870

The church's gifts to other Christian work, those in need and missions increased in 2021 to £9,204 which is almost 37% of total expenditure or income.

The church continues to give gifts to lay preachers and the total amount was £2,320. This was back to pre-pandemic amount and includes a £250 gift for the use of the Alpha Course videos.

We are pleased to report that the church remains in a healthy financial situation and did not use any reserved funds.

Banks: Santander, Brindle Road, Bootle, Merseyside. L30 4GB

and Kingdom Bank Ltd, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham. NG11 6JS

Independent Examiner: Joshua Kingston, BSc (Hons) ACA
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APPENDIX

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH IN 2021

Object 1: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the first schedule hereto, and the worship of God... the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrines and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people and the printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Sunday Morning all-age worship (usually 30-40 Adults, 2-8 under 18's):

Sunday Mornings took place on Zoom only January – March, thereafter at the Church Centre and on Zoom – eventually BT installed a telephone line and internet connection to facilitate the use of online technology from the building

Worship of God, Christian teaching and preaching (no separate groups for children) using Zoom, worship song videos (purchased extra licences to use digital resources) with Holy Communion once a month. A number of lay preachers were invited to share the responsibility of teaching and preaching on Zoom along with some speakers from the congregation. The church followed the Bible Course produced by the Bible Society throughout the year with a break during the summer months when the focus was the Miracles of Jesus. The church's Worship Leader was able to lead worship when services were held outside or at the church building. The Zoom Sunday Morning Services have proved successful in the circumstances with up to 40 people joining in, including some church friends from outside the area.

We kept in touch with people who were unable to join a Zoom Service with a weekly/fortnightly news/prayer letter.

A few families join in the Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom. Activity Bags with a snack were given out once a month to families who attended Breakfast Club until July. A family and grandchildren began attending in the church building from September.

Sunday Evening Services:

- No Sunday evening services took place

Leaders' meetings

- The Leadership Support Team met regularly fortnightly on Monday evenings on Zoom

Mid-week Groups

- Prayer and Praise twice monthly on Zoom for encouragement, support and prayer, meeting at ECC from March
- The Unanswered Prayer Course (5 weeks during Lent) produced by 24/7 Prayer as a means of discipleship and development in the area of prayer on Zoom
- Special monthly Bible Studies on specific topics took place during the Spring and early summer (Open Doors UK, Climate Change & The Beatitudes)
- The Worship/Music Group were not able to meet for practices
- Alpha Course ran from April to July for six guests on Zoom
- Home groups began meeting again in September

Church socials:

- January: Bingo on Zoom
- February: Family Fortunes on Zoom
- April: Blankety Blank on Zoom
- September: Yorkie (Men's) Group began meeting again – Barbeque and games at the Farm, Walk in a Nature Reserve and a Talk concerning the Christian Police Association.
- November: Ladies Group Afternoon Tea
- December: Christmas meal for the Men's Group and for a Church Group

Publicity:

- A weekly 'Reflection with diary' was distributed to church members and friends by email or by hand until August when it was produced fortnightly
- An Easter Card with mini chocolates and church details was distributed to every house in Severn Beach
- A Christmas Card with church details was distributed to every house in Severn Beach
- The Church has a website www.emmauschurchcentre.org, an email address emmauschurch1993@gmail.com, and a Facebook page 'emmaus.church.50'.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Some of the highlights of 2021:

Prayer

- May: Leaders and Trustees met for discussion and prayer
- October: Prayer Breakfast focussing on the future of Emmaus Church

Special Services

- April: Easter Service at ECC and on Zoom
- July: Open air Service and Picnic in the church grounds
- September: 'Harvest Thanksgiving' with donations for the local Foodbank
- December: Farewell Service and Church Lunch for the Cheeseman Family

Easter

- April: Maundy Thursday Service on Zoom
- April: Easter Day Service at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom
- April: some members attended the on-line Spring Harvest Conference

Christmas

- Christmas Eve Service at Emmaus Church Centre and on Zoom

Other Services:

Wedding

- April – Janet Kendall and David Thorne – guests restricted in numbers

Funeral

- August: Funeral and Wake for Pam Hoare, long time member of ECC

AGM

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th May at ECC and on Zoom

Social Events/Reaching the Community

January to December

- ⊖ A Youth Dance Group for School Years 6 – 8 (Ages 10 to 13) met once week from September for up to 8 girls. A helper studying Dance and Theatre at WISE is doing her placement with leader Amy who runs her own business ConfIDANCE.
- June: Litter Pick around Severn Beach
- July: Afternoon Event and Entertainment for older people
- September: Severn Beach Festival – manning a table raising funds for the Village Hall
- September, October and November: Yorkie (Men's) Group events
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- Youth Dance Group Christmas Show at Salthouse Farm Barn

Muller's Partnership

- The church kept in touch with Muller's (Bristol) but we did not attend any of the network events this year.

Celebration Partnership

- Emmaus Church supported Regional Celebration Evenings at Woodlands Church, Bristol with regular financial contributions.

Sevenside Churches

- June: Emmaus Church joined in the World Day of Prayer (Sevenside area) at Aust Evangelical Church.

Object 2: The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, also those who are elderly or infirm.

Foodbank collections continued based at Salthouse Farm supplemented with donations from St Peter's Church, Pilning and were delivered to the North West Bristol **Avonmouth Hub** regularly. Harvest Thanksgiving food donations were given to the Foodbank.

Relief and help have been offered to members of our own congregation who are in need, both from church funds, and also through other members' personal care, compassion and prayer.

- Relief to the Third World (to where the need is greatest) through Tearfund was £1,250.
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- Gift to Peter Andrews to support his work with the Orphans Project in Rwanda was £1,500
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- Two Christmas Hampers were given to Severn Beach Primary School for two needy families and another delivered personally
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- Gift to Peter Kay for his charity 'Creative Solutions' working in Kenya of £250.
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Object 3: The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles for persons of all ages.

Regular teaching in the Emmaus Church Centre for adults and children

Adults followed teaching series entitled:

- 'The Bible Course' published by the Bible Society from January to November
- Miracles of Jesus: July and August

Children:

- Children returned to the church building in September and were given individual activities keeping the sharing of equipment to a minimum

Sponsorship/Gifts

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- Continue a **conversation** with church members about improving the Building facilities once the succession of the leadership has been resolved, for example – **improvements** to the entrance foyer and extension of the Church building for office/storage space for children's groups/youth group
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Date: 5th May 2022

EMMAUS CHURCH

Receipts & Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2021

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	35,089	899	35,988	33,983

PAYMENTS

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Gifts to speakers	2,320	-	2,320	1,450
Staff costs	3,319	-	3,319	6,074
Outreach	902	-	902	1,592
Teaching and training	911	-	911	1,174
Repairs and renewals	(50)	-	(50)	937
Accountant and Independent Examiner	780	-	780	528
Utilities	1,244	-	1,244	1,287
Church cleaning & maintenance	2,455	-	2,455	1,546
Insurance	1,195	-	1,195	1,128
Membership/subs/licences	1,675	-	1,675	1,610
Stationery, publishing, printing & advertising	1,060	-	1,060	280
Miscellaneous expenses	69	-	69	-
Musical materials & equipment	-	-	-	282
	24,312	772	25,084	24,197
Surplus of payments over receipts	10,777	127	10,904	9,786
Balance as at 1 January 2021	70,261	-	70,261	60,475
Balance as at 31 December 2021	81,038	127	81,165	70,261
Represented by:				
Cash and bank balances	81,038	127	81,165	70,261

EMMAUS CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash Balances on Receipts and Payments Account Carried Forward		
Current Account	16,162	6,086
Deposit Account	17,661	16,911
12 Month Savings Bond	22,326	22,248
2 year loan account	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	16	16
	<u>81,165</u>	<u>70,261</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>81,165</u>	<u>70,261</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>900</u>	<u>780</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 5th May 2022

S J Miller

EMMAUS CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1059742

Accounts

EMMAUS CHURCH

Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, Bristol

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Trustees Report for 2020

This report provides a summary of the activities of the church during 2020, the accounts for year ending 31st December 2020 and plans for 2021
The activities of the Church were severely restricted by the Covid19 Pandemic

Approved at a Trustees meeting on 6th May 2021

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

_____ S J Miller

Summary of Emmaus Church during 2020

Emmaus Church is an independent body, registered as a charity (No 1059742) on 12th Dec. 1996. Emmaus Church Centre (ECC) is registered as a place of worship No. 79101 and for marriages No. 42123. The Western Counties & South Wales Evangelisation Trust governs the building and grounds. Emmaus CC, where most of the activities of the charity are carried out, is situated in Gorse Cover Road, Severn Beach, near Bristol BS35 4NP

The Church was overseen by five trustees:

- Robert Lawrence Scott-Cook - Chairman
- Samuel Isaac Peter Marsh – Vice Chairman
- Samuel John Miller – Senior Elder
- Mark William Chattaway – Elder
- Damian Paul Selby - Trustee

The church was led by a Leadership Support Team:

- Samuel John Miller – Leader
- Supported by
- Mary-Anne Willmott
 - Celia Beales
 - Keith Emmerson
 - Damian Selby
 - Mark Chattaway
- With regular guest Anuran Wickramasinghe

The Leadership Support Team was challenged to bring younger members to the Team. During 2020, Abigail Selby and Bridget Chattaway were invited to attend leaders meetings as guests.

The Church continued with its regular activities designed to maintain involvement with the community until mid March. From April to December activities were severely disrupted by the Coronavirus19 Pandemic.

The Church employed Mary-Anne Willmott as a self employed Church Development Worker (8 hours per week – reduced from April due to covid19 restrictions) to introduce fresh initiatives and due to retirements and others moving away, she has filled various key roles. Mary-Anne began a part-time theological training course at the Bristol Baptists College via Zoom.

Address for correspondence:

Mr S. John Miller, Salthouse Farm, Shaft Road, Severn Beach, Bristol, BS35 4NH

The primary object (as specified in the `Deed of Trust`) is:

“the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God and other charitable purposes”

One or more persons who are known to be part of the body of the Church led each of the separate prime activities of the charity. The majority of activities were being supported voluntarily with time and money given by church members. The church welcomed a variety of Christian speakers from other churches to preach. A treasurer administers the finances. For details of other objects and related activities, see the Appendix.

During 2020 the church continued with regular services and activities for various age groups until the first national lockdown due to covid19. It continued to support Christian work at home and abroad. See Appendix for more details.

Normal pattern of services pre covid19

- Weekly: Sunday 10.30 a.m. Family Service, with Communion once a month.
- Once a month: Sunday at 7.00pm Faith House Residential Home.
- This was supplemented by weekly mid-week evening Home Groups and monthly praise and prayer evenings

The pattern of services that developed after March 2020

- Weekly: Sunday 10am on Zoom, October to December at the church building and on Zoom
- Fortnightly Praise and Prayer Group on Zoom
- Small support groups met at the building and on Zoom

The church was funded by voluntary gifts the amount of which varies from year to year and a small amount of rental income. Total income in 2020 was £33,983. This was slightly down on 2019 but was an incredible amount as the church building was closed for much of 2020.

The church encouraged those who pay tax and are committed to Emmaus Church to sign a gift aid mandate as it is a valuable source of revenue and we operate the Small Gift Aid Donation. Gift Aid Donations refund received in 2020 was £5,500 for donations made in 2019)

The church holds Santander current and deposit accounts and a Kingdom Bank savings bond. Kingdom Bank supports the work of churches and charities in keeping with Emmaus Church's vision.

We closed the Kingdom Bank Deposit account and opened a 2 year loan account with Green Pastures, a charity that provides accommodation for the homeless from November 2019. We received significant interest in 2020.

A local social group called 'Stitches' met at ECC once a month for which they paid rent in January and February only.

A Baby Hub run by Sirona Care and Health continued meeting once a month at ECC for which they paid rent in January and February only. This facility was proving very popular to the local community.

Expenditure for 2020 was £24,197, down by £6,000 on 2019 as many activities were cancelled due to the covid19 pandemic and national lockdowns.

The church's gifts to other Christian work, those in need and missions remained constant at a similar amount to 2019 at £6,309 which is around 26% of total expenditure.

The church continues to give gifts to lay preachers and the total amount was £1,450. This was £1,000 reduction on previous years as the church engaged less speakers, had shorter talks on Zoom, and less travelling expenses.

We are pleased to report that the church remains in a healthy financial situation and did not use any reserved funds.

Banks: Santander, Brindle Road, Bootle, Merseyside. L30 4GB

and Kingdom Bank Ltd, Ruddington Fields Business Park, Mere Way,
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APPENDIX

1. ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH IN 2019

Object 1: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines set out in the first schedule hereto, and the worship of God... the preaching and proclamation of the Christian Gospel and the teaching of Christian doctrines and principles and the pastoral care of Christian people and the printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Sunday Morning all-age worship (usually 30-40 Adults, 2-12 under 18's):

Until March 2020

Worship of God, Christian teaching and preaching, with separate groups for children, using a variety of methods including music, and multi-media presentations, with Holy Communion once a month. A number of lay preachers are invited to share the preaching responsibility along with some speakers from the congregation. On occasions the Music/Worship Team was supported by worship groups from other local churches. Most services are recorded on to CDs for the benefit of those unable to attend.

The overall number of people attending regularly remains similar to last year, and we had occasional visitors.

The Sunday Breakfast Club service for families met at Emmaus CC once a fortnight at the same time as the Sunday Morning Service. Emmaus Church organises a group for children on the other alternate Sunday mornings called 'KidSpace'.

Sunday Morning Worship

From April 2020

Worship of God, Christian teaching and preaching (no separate groups for children) using Zoom, worship song videos (purchased extra licences to use digital resources) with Holy Communion once a month. A number of lay preachers were invited to share the responsibility of teaching and preaching on Zoom along with some speakers from the congregation. Services are no longer recorded. The church's Worship Leader was able the lead worship when services were held outside or at the church building. The Zoom Sunday Morning Services have proved successful in the circumstances with up to 40 people joining in, including some church friends from outside the area.

We kept in touch with people who were unable to join a Zoom Service with a weekly news/prayer letter.

A few families join in the Sunday Morning Worship on Zoom. Activity Bags with a snack were given out once a month to families who attended Breakfast Club and Activity Books given for Christmas. Bags were organised and given to the teenagers of the church as a way of keeping them connected.

A few teenagers joined in Zoom services through dramatic readings and video drama skits. A young persons Bible study group met in September with the aim to run this once a month but covid19 restrictions prevented any further meetings.

Sunday Evening Services:

- One informal service took place at Faith House Care Home for the elderly. This service was discontinued due to the pandemic.

Leaders' meetings

- The Leadership Support Team met regularly on Monday evenings and from March/April met on Zoom once a week.

Weekly Mid-week Groups: from January to March

- Four evening home groups (approximately 6-10 adults per group) met for Bible study, prayer, worship and socials, three in Severn Beach and one home group in Pilning.
- Generally, the Worship/Music Group met weekly for practices when available.

Mid-week Groups from April to December

- Prayer and Praise twice monthly on Zoom for encouragement, support and prayer
- The Prayer Course (8 weeks) produced by 24/7 Prayer, during summer on Zoom as a means of discipleship and development in the area of prayer
- The Worship/Music Group were not able to meet for practices

Church socials:

- January: Film Night and Ladies Evening
- February: Film Night, Men's Skittles Evening and Quiz Night
- June: Quiz Night on Zoom
- July: Bingo Night on Zoom
- November: Tearfund Quiz Night on Zoom

Publicity:

- A 'What's On' information sheet was distributed to church members and friends once a month until March 2020
- From April a weekly 'Reflection with diary' was distributed to church members and friends by email or by hand.
- A Christmas Card with pen and church details was distributed to every house in Severn Beach
- The Church has a website www.emmauschurchcentre.org, an email address emmauschurch1993@gmail.com, and a Facebook page 'emmaus.church.50'.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Some of the highlights of 2020:

Prayer

- March: Prayer Breakfast focussing on the future of Emmaus Church

Special Services

- ⊖ April: Easter Service on Zoom
- May: Service with VE Day theme on Zoom
- August: Concert and socially distanced Picnic in the church grounds
- ⊖ September: 'Harvest Thanksgiving' (and 27th Anniversary) with socially distanced Picnic in church grounds
- ⊖ October: Concert and Picnic in the church building, socially distanced seating
- ⊖ Half term Trail for families with socially distanced covid19 restrictions
- December: Nativity Service led by the young people at Emmaus Church and on Zoom.

Easter

- April: Easter Day Service on Zoom
- April: some members attended the on-line Spring Harvest Conference

Christmas

- Christmas Eve Service at Emmaus Church and on Zoom

Other Services – Funerals

- ⊖ January: A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dot Sadler followed by refreshments at Emmaus Church
- ⊖ March: Alan Reeves – led a service at Westerleigh Crematorium
- ⊖ June: Jean Georgeson – led a service at Westerleigh Crematorium
- ⊖ June: Ruth Morgan – led a graveside service at Canford Cemetery
- ⊖ July: Margaret Tennant – led a Laying of Ashes service at Shirehampton Cemetery
- ⊖ November: Tony Briddon – led a service at Westerleigh Crematorium
- ⊖ December: Colin Wide – led a service at Westerleigh Crematorium

AGM

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on Wednesday 24th June on Zoom

Social Events/Reaching the Community

January to March

- A Youth Group for School Years 7 to 9 (Ages 10 to 13) continued meeting twice a month throughout the year for up to 16 young people. The evening includes games, activities, snacks, tuck shop and a Faith Slot when we share the Christian Faith.
- 'Pebbles' Toddler Group meet weekly during school term time – very successful with up to 30 parents and toddlers attending
- A Monthly Film Night supported by older people was held at Emmaus CC
- ⊖ Yorkie Group (men's group) outings and events took place led by Tony Briddon

From April to December all regular social activities ceased due to covid19 restrictions

- October: 'A Treasure Hunt Trail' with social distancing took place during half term for young families

Muller's Partnership

- The church kept in touch with Muller's (Bristol) but we did not attend any of the network events this year.

Celebration Partnership

- Emmaus Church supported Regional Celebration Evenings at Woodlands Church, Bristol with regular financial contributions.

Sevenside Churches

- ⊖ March: Emmaus Church hosted the World Day of Prayer (Sevenside area) at Emmaus Church Centre

Object 2: The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, also those who are elderly or infirm.

At the beginning of the year Emmaus Church, along with St Peter's Church, Pilning and All Saints Church, Compton Greenfield made weekly donations of food to the **Bristol NW Foodbank** and delivered them to the outlet at St Andrew's Church in Avonmouth.

After a break during the first lockdown Foodbank collections continued based at Salthouse Farm and were delivered to the **Avonmouth Hub** fortnightly. Harvest Thanksgiving food donations were given to the Foodbank along with a financial gift.

Relief and help have been offered to members of our own congregation who are in need, both from church funds, and also through other members' personal care, compassion and prayer.

- Relief to the Third World (to where the need is greatest) through Tearfund.
May gift of £500 and November £120 raised by the Quiz Event
- Sponsorship of and Christmas gifts to two orphaned children in Rwanda (through SKI, Muller's).
- Gift to Peter Andrews to support his work with the Orphans Project in Rwanda.
- Gift to Open Doors, a charity supporting persecuted Christians across the world. (September £1000)
- Gift to Children's Society of £100
- Two Christmas Hampers were given to Severn Beach Primary School for two needy families
- December: Gift to 'In Hope' (formerly Crisis Centre Ministries) of £155.00
- Gift to Bristol City Church Fund, Muller's for Foodbanks of £500.00

Object 3: The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles for persons of all ages.

Regular teaching in the Emmaus Church Centre for adults and children

Adults followed teaching series entitled:

- 'Prayer'
- 'The Bible Course' published by the Bible Society January to March and October to November
- 'Bible Characters' April to July
- 'Events in Exodus' August to September

Children:

- The Emmaus Children's group (KidSpace) followed the Scripture Union Light Teaching Series until March when all children's groups ceased
- The Breakfast Club follow their own series based around the DVD series entitled 'Friends & Heroes' until March when all family groups ceased

Two people led an assembly at Severn Beach Primary School before the covid19 restrictions.

Sponsorship/Gifts

Emmaus Church sponsored an After-School Dance Club until March (1 term) led by Amy Boucher, a street dance instructor ('ConfIDance')

During January, a gift to the leaders of Breakfast Club to support their work with families (up to mid March)

Regular gift to Nationwide Christian Trust, publishers of Living Light daily bible reading notes

A gift was given towards the cost of the Church Development Worker's training in theology at Bristol Baptist College

Gifts to visiting speakers and worship leaders, and speakers on Zoom

Regular gift to 'Changing Tunes', to support their work with offenders and ex-offenders to reduce re-offending through music

Gifts of knitted hats for Seafarers, distributed by Steve Loader, Padre based at the Seafarers Mission at Portbury/Avonmouth docks

One off gift to Trevor Ranger for their work in taking assemblies in schools

Regular gifts to support the Celebration and the Mix (City Fellowship)

Annual subscriptions/fees to:

- Evangelical Alliance.
- ThirtyOneEight (formerly CCPAS) a Christian Safeguarding Charity
- Christians Copyright Licensing International.
- TV Licence.
- Christian Vision for Men.
- Blueberry Twist (host of Website)
- Subscription for Zoom Meetings

2. CHURCH BUILDINGS, GROUNDS and EQUIPMENT in 2020

The Church Centre building and grounds remain mostly in good order and were maintained by volunteers with the help of:

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- A person paid to help cut the grass and hedges in the grounds once a fortnight continued through out the summer

Portable electrical appliances and fire extinguishers were not tested in 2020 due to covid19 restrictions

Subscription to API for servicing the audio/visual equipment

Broadband equipment from BT to facilitate the use of Zoom Meetings App

Laptop, DVD player and camera purchased to facilitate the use of Zoom meetings

3. PLANS FOR 2021 (and beyond)

A: Individuals

- We will look to **strengthen and diversify the leadership team** so that it will be less reliant on any one leader and make future succession planning easier.
- We will prayerfully discern, support and encourage the use of **individual gifting** within the membership of the church so that we are all playing to our God given strengths.
- Continue to develop Home Group and Key Ministry Team Leaders
- Establish a process for **discipleship**
- Support the Church Development worker
- Continue with small support groups meeting at the church building or on Zoom
- Identify and appoint an **administrator** – volunteer or paid

B: Church

- Encourage and resource the **vision** within the church
- We will build on the already ongoing **caring and sharing work** which has been a valuable characteristic of Emmaus Church's warmth and friendliness.
- Facilitate an Alpha Course, The Unanswered Prayer Course and continue The Bible Course produced by The Bible Society
- We will select the **teaching material** based on the needs of the church and its vision for the future. We will focus on discipling and building faith through home groups, prayer partners, mentoring and training.
- We will appoint a **prayer ministry team**.
- Re-launch the Sunday Breakfast Club for young families
- Re-launch the Pebbles Parent/Toddler and Youth Group when leaders can be identified
- Re-launch the Men's 'Yorkie' Group and Ladies Group when leaders are identified
- Develop young parent and family events when covid19 restrictions allow
- Maintain and review Emmaus' Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Recruitment with guidance from ThirtyEightOne
- Continue with the Muller's Church Partnership and Celebration Partnership.
- Continue networking with Thornbury Baptist Church.
- Comply with the General Data Protection Regulation May 2018
- Comply with Health and Safety and Covid19 Risk Assessments.
- Seek to **update our social media sites**; Facebook, the website, provide regular blogs which reach people who use these forms of communication a lot and identify a person with appropriate skills to manage these sites.
- Organise a Church Day Out or Weekend Away
- Organise a Baptismal Service

C: Community

- Develop contacts with the local community e.g. pre-school, pensioner's club and continue to develop the contact with the local school, residential care home and village hall and Festival committee when covid19 restrictions allow
- Develop contact with the emergency Temporary Housing at Ableton Lane.
- Consider initiatives such as "Open the Book" school assembly resources and "Prayer for Schools" when a team can be identified.
- Re-launch 'Holiday at Home' for those who do not/cannot go away on holiday when covid19 restrictions allow
- Consider running a Parenting Course and First Aid Course when covid19 restrictions allow

- Plan events to which visitors and contacts can be invited, especially using the opportunities given by National events, when covid19 restrictions allow
- Continue to support missions both home and abroad.
- We will seek to improve the **engagement of church friends and partners** through prayer breakfasts, courses and online training.

D: Building

- Continue a **conversation** with church members about improving the Building facilities once the succession of the leadership has been resolved, for example – **improvements** to the entrance foyer and extension of the Church building for office/storage space for children's groups/youth group
- Update the kitchen facilities
- Minor repairs to the building
- Tests for small electrical equipment and fire extinguishers

4. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on public benefit in preparing this report and in the various activities of the church.

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Therefore, the Trustees consider that through direct involvement of its members and indirect involvement (through funding others) both in their local area and also further afield, the church is serving people to their benefit and for their support. It is the desire of the leaders and Trustees that the church grows in order that this work might increase.

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- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 6th May 2021

SJ Miller

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PAYMENTS

Gifts to Christian work & missionary	5,480	829	6,309	6,227
Gifts to speakers	1,450	-	1,450	2,475
Gifts to musicians	-	-	-	175
Staff costs	6,074	-	6,074	8,194
Outreach	1,592	-	1,592	1,773
Teaching and training	1,174	-	1,174	828
Repairs and renewals	937	-	937	1,099
Accountant and Independent Examiner	528	-	528	498
Utilities	1,287	-	1,287	2,084
Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 6th May 2021	1,546	-	1,546	3,025
Insurance	1,128	-	1,128	1,065
Membership/subs/licences	1,610	-	1,610	1,295
Stationery, publishing, printing & advertising	280	-	280	67
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	49
Musical materials & equipment	282	-	282	1,449
	23,368	829	24,197	30,303
Surplus of payments over receipts	9,786	-	9,786	6,341
Balance as at 1 January 2020	60,475	-	60,475	54,134
Balance as at 31 December 2020	70,261	-	70,261	60,475
Represented by:				
Cash and bank balances	70,261	-	70,261	60,475

EMMAUS CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Balances on Receipts and Payments Account Carried Forward		
Current Account	6,086	5,297
Deposit Account	16,911	8,101
12 Month Savings Bond	22,248	22,061
2 year loan account	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	16	16
	<u>70,261</u>	<u>60,475</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>70,261</u>	<u>60,475</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Independent Examiners' fee	<u>780</u>	<u>528</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 6th May 2021

S J Miller