

SHREWSBURY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION for the year 2020

Regular Activities

We continued with our meetings for Public Worship twice each Sunday at Mereside Community Centre at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until 22nd March 2020 when the first Covid-19 lockdown was introduced. Visitors were present at several of these services, some from outside the county and a typical morning congregation would have 30-35 people in the congregation. From 22nd March 2020 services were completely suspended until 26th July 2020 when Covid-19 restriction were relaxed.

Services since 26th July have taken place in a restricted format – only one service each Sunday morning, numbers limited to 30 people, masks to be worn, singing has been suspended, and all relevant Covid-19 compliant measures were introduced and enforced. This format has continued uninterrupted since 26th July 2020.

Following the Covid-19 lockdown our midweek meetings (usually on a Wednesday evening) for Prayer and Bible study were replaced by Zoom meetings over the internet.

Other meetings for Prayer, Bible Study and Christian fellowship have been suspended since 22nd March 2020.

Our usual quarterly church meetings for church business were also suspended and replaced by a report from the Pastor of the church.

Young people's activities and evangelistic work have also been suspended although a leaflet drop to the local housing estate did take place before Christmas 2020.

Finances

The Treasurer manages the finances. Funds are donated voluntarily by members, regular attendees and visitors. These funds were used for paying the minister's salary and expenses, expenses for visiting preachers, rental of the meeting place and the support of several missionary societies.

There were no serious incidents to report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Signature _____

Date__16th February 2021

Dr Keron Fletcher
Chairman of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Shrewsbury Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Evangelical Church for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Trust 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 the 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 matter 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.

Ronald J Bourike ACIB (retired)

9th February 2021