

LIFEWELL CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Michael Ellens Simon Moores Christopher Screen Brian Farr Ruth James
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1072721 Registered on 2/12/98
Governing Document:	Constitution last amended 22/9/13
Address for correspondence:	Lifewell Church Pentremalwed Road Morrison Swansea SA6 7BP
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road CARDIFF CF14 2TF
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LIFEWELL CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

At Lifewell church we are committed to serving God and our community, to make a difference through experiencing & sharing the love of God.

This is made possible through the

- Grace and Power of God.
- Team at Lifewell church.
- Support of members and friends.
- Various organisations and networks.
- Lifewell Church Governing documents, Specifically God's Word (The Bible), Constitution and policies.

Lifewell Church is led by the Church Council which consists of the Senior Minister (Pastor) & Church Officers/Trustees, who direct, oversee and manage the ministries, property, funds and activities at Lifewell Church ensuring that what we do is done within Biblical and Legal guidelines and good practice.

Lifewell Church Is part of the Assemblies of God network of churches and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Objectives

Our chief objective is to be the church that God wants us to be and that our world needs us to be, which is described in our constitution as follows

1 - To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement (AOG statement of faith) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church council from time to time may think fit.

2 - To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church council from time to time may think fit.

3 - To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the church council from time to time may think fit.

Achievements and Activities

For almost 100 years Lifewell Church (Previously known as Pentremalwed Church), has consistently sought to serve God and the local community, through Church services, children's and youth events, toddlers' group and charity fundraisers all to

serve our community and to help people connect with God as the people and community that God created us to be.

As far as church events and activities, 2020 started normally, little did we know how the year would unfold.

As lockdown hit, we sought to continue the work, switching things online, seeking to support people through the pandemic.

We quickly adapted and got online with our Sunday Service including God's Word, communion and a children's puppet video.

We increased the use of our website and YouTube to make information and content available that would support, encourage, comfort, and strengthen people through this time. And we utilised Zoom to continue to enable a sense of community.

While warnings came through to prepare for reduced donations, we decided from the start that we wanted to maintain our giving to the organisations that we support and the people of Lifewell supported us in that, with many switching to giving online and because of their giving, our donations remained at the levels prior to covid such that we were able to continue our support to others.

As we started 2020 our vision verse was Luke 4:18-19 NIV

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And we have known and sought to share the favour of God through a difficult time.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions our toddler group had to stop, and due to the effects of lockdown on our aging team, we are currently unable to reopen.

As a church...

We took the opportunity through the lockdown to run the Bible Course which was enjoyed by all who took part and it sparked conversations and birthed our Tuesday night Lifegroup, which includes Prayer Praise & Bible Study.

Since the lockdown began, we have run a weekly Youth games and Bible talk on Zoom to take the place of our weekly youth club/service.

And we have held a number of online special events including our Halloween alternative light party and online Christmas concert & Party. And our children and Young people have been amazing.

When we were able to meet, we did so, with two start backs during the year in-between lockdowns. While all appreciated the opportunity to meet after long times of being limited to online, however, with masks, no singing and no teas, coffees and chats, it wasn't what we were used to but we made the best of the situation.

Mid way through the lockdowns, we were inspired by a term coined 'A Pregnant Pause'. Yes, certain things were on pause, but we are believing for great things ahead – there

are things we need to get in order while holding onto an expectation of greater things to come, so we are looking forward to what God has in store. He is speaking and shaping things for the next chapter.

So we say A big thank you to all who have journeyed with us, supporting and giving throughout the year.

Performance & Goals

Our overarching goal is 'TO BE A PLACE OF REFRESHING WHERE ALL CAN **EXPERIENCE, ENJOY & SHARE The LIFE & LOVE found in JESUS!!! For JESUS SAID** "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life". John 4:14 [NIV]

We want to be a growing family of passionate disciples of Christ and a real and relevant expression of God's church who love God, love life, love others and live worship. Reaching the lost one person at a time, through teaching and learning, prayer, worship, fellowship, service, and outreach. As individuals, as small groups, as a congregation (Church).

Building the future in the here and now. To see People:-

>Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose & Make a Difference.

- >Transformed by the love of God
- >Grow in Relationship with God & Others
- >Discipled to follow Jesus into Action

This has been impacted by the limitations of lockdowns and physical distancing; however, we have sought to make the best of a difficult situation, finding ways to do what we can in the present, and pray and prepare for the future.

Financial Review

All funds and property received and administered by Lifewell Church are entrusted to us by God, through the faithful financial support of Lifewell members and friends. Responsibility for the stewardship and use of funds and property rests with the team of trustees. Who oversee and manage Lifewell Church finances through the following practices:-

- finance policies in place
- monthly reports
- quarterly reviews and
- annual independent examination of accounts

Risk Management

We recognise that working in an ever-changing climate of society, there are risks. Situations may arise that could threaten and even halt our future ability to function as a church/charity and therefore affect our ability to meet the needs of beneficiaries. From a point of view of both our Christian responsibility and in compliance with Charity Law, it is important that we understand, limit and manage the

risks that we could encounter as we undertake various activities including discipleship, mission and evangelism.

The Trustees are responsible for identifying, assessing, and managing the risks that Lifewell Church could face, in all areas including, finance, Governance, operation and reputation. The Trustees annually allocate time to identify, record & review the risks that we could encounter and separately when new ventures, activities or opportunities are being considered and/or as risks arise or are identified.

The Trustees work in this area has developed a Risk Management policy & Assessment along with other policies and documents as deemed beneficial to mitigate identified risks with regards to (for example) :-

- the charity's objectives, mission and strategy
- the nature and scale of the charity's activities
- external factors that might affect the charity such as legislation and regulation
- the charity's reputation with its major funders and supporters
- governance
- law and regulation compliance risk including new legislation and requirements

Paul Burnell was appointed as our Independent Examiner for this year's accounts.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Screen', with a horizontal line underneath.

Name: Christopher Screen

Date: 18th October 2021

Position: Pastor and Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LIFEWELL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:

C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmnt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date: 18th October 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
RECEIPTS				
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	26,331	364	26,695
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	-	-	-
Interest received		188	-	188
Total Receipts		26,519	364	26,883
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities	5	25,057	354	25,411
Governance costs		-	-	-
Total payments		25,057	354	25,411
Net Receipts/(Payments)		1,462	10	1,472
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st January 2020		25,876	-	25,876
Fund balances at 31 st December 2020		27,338	10	27,348

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. Fixed Assets

Insurance
Value 2020
£

The value of assets owned are:

Buildings	827,025
Equipment	<u>31,910</u>
	858,935

2. Bank & Cash Balances

2020
£

Cash at bank and in hand	<u>27,348</u>
	27,348

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

2020
£

<i>Assets</i>	
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	2,173

<i>Liabilities</i>	
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	150

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 18th October 2021 by Christopher Screen

Signature:



The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Gift Aid Donations	11,555	-	11,555
Other donations	10,463	364	10,827
Gift Aid reclaimed	4,313	-	4,313
	<u>26,331</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>26,695</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events

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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Grant received	-	-	-
Other sundry receipts	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs			
Salaries & staff expenses	16,909	-	16,909
Speaker expenses	200	-	200
Mission giving	1,736	354	2,090
Ministry expenses	203	-	203
	<u>19,048</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>19,402</u>

b. Support and Administration

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Premises expenses	2,719	-	2,719
Hospitality & subscriptions	1,629	-	1,629
Insurance	744	-	744
Admin	917	-	917
	<u>6,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,009</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one full-time employed members of staff, Chris Screen, who is paid in his capacity as the Pastor of the church and he is also a Trustee. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.