



DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Registered Charity No. 1077832

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES REPORT

During 2021 the trustees were:

Nigel Jones (chair of trustees & elder), Roger Cresswell, Stephen Walker (died July 2021), Phillip Bounds (deacon & treasurer)

The officers of the church were:

Andrew Knox (Pastor & elder), Stephen Titterton (Assistant pastor & elder), Nigel Jones (elder)

Paul Crowe (Church secretary & deacon), Michael Campbell (chair of deacons), Roland Hill, Malcolm Hall, Phillip Bounds (Treasurer & deacon), Ema Chillingworth (Assistant Treasurer)

The pastor and elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church and the deacons the fabric and practical work of the church.

Both secretary and treasurer stood down at the end of the year with the Assistant Treasurer taking the treasurer role and a new secretary to be appointed.

Church priorities

In fulfilling our objectives, the leadership set the priorities for 2021 as:

- To be a church people that love our Lord Jesus Christ and grow in Him through worship, prayer and Bible exposition
- To be a church people that welcomes all and seeks to share our faith through practical demonstration of God's love
- To develop our work amongst children, teens and beyond
- To seek to support others in the UK and around the world, who equally share our Christian values and purpose

The church membership on 31st December was 45.

Church Ministries

The Covid pandemic, with government restrictions and guidance, greatly affected the church during the year. During periods of lockdown messages were recorded and distributed to those who were not able to join the message put onto the church YouTube channel. Breaking of Bread (Communion) for believers was possible using zoom each Sunday.

As soon as restrictions permitted, the church reopened for Sunday morning worship with Covid safety measures put in place, including maintaining space, hand sanitising, wearing of face masks and with no socialising indoors. This continued throughout post lockdown rules. A monthly communion service was trialled on a Wednesday evening with attendees bringing their own bread and "wine" and then moved to a Sunday evening twice a month.

In the autumn other meetings restarted with the Tuesday ladies fellowship, Wednesday Bible study and fellowship time, Mother and Toddlers, debt and welfare café (in association with Derby City Mission) all on a Thursday.

The church continued to use the Zoom platform for prayer times, and young people's sessions.

Other events

The harvest service was able to be held in October, with a superb display of produce which was donated again to Caring for Life and Derby City Mission, to help with their food relief.

Carols in the car park was able to be held in December and was well attended. On the Sunday before Christmas, we held a family carol service in the morning and carols by candlelight in the evening.

Times of meetings have changed from pre-Covid and will remain under review.

Outreach and Mission

The church positively encourages the congregation to speak and share their faith taking every opportunity given. As well as the opportunities in the various meetings and events, the church provide copies of the Good News paper, as well as other gospel tracts, to act as an aid in opening conversations. The Good News paper is also delivered to around 300 local homes each month by 5 volunteers. As newspapers were still allowed during lockdown, this outreach continued throughout the year with additional safety measures.

The list of missions and individuals the leadership set as those the church supported through 2020 were:

Slavic Gospel Association, Derby City Mission, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Kevin Still (New Tribes Mission), Railway Mission, Jem & Sue Hudson (Foundation Matters/Pine Lake Camp), Clive & Cath Barker (Serving in Mission, Pakistan), Barnabas Fund, Caring for Life, Open Air Mission, Good News Fellowship (Prison Ministry), Africa Inland Mission (trainee pastors & evangelists), The Christian Institute, Wycliffe Bible Translators and SASRA.

The church maintained its active membership of the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) and benefitted from their regular advice on following the government rules and guidance.

Public Benefit

As well as the weekly café and welfare event where homeless and those in physical, mental, emotional, financial and spiritual need are helped, the church were also active in the following areas:

- Personal counselling, and where necessary, support for individuals in desperate need
- Financial support for Mission Aviation Fellowship, Caring for Life, Slavic Gospel Association, SIM International and Barnabas Fund in their relief work around the world.
- Prison visitation and support of Christian literature being sent to prison chaplains
- Donation of the harvest gifts to Derby City Mission and Caring for Life

Safeguarding

Working through “Thirtyone:eight” (previously Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) the church ensured all workers with children and vulnerable adults, were DBS checked and provided attendance at on-line training courses for 2 individuals). The lead coordinator changed during the year.

Data Protection

The church maintained a data protection policy and the church secretary, as data protection coordinator ensured best practice was maintained.

Communication

The church web site, www.davenportroadchurch.org.uk provides a wealth of information about the church, it’s activities, audio messages and church diary, and as previously stated, provided weekly communication and prayer requests from, and to, the congregation. A news sheet was used with those who do not have internet access during lockdown.

Church Business meetings

The elders met as frequently as needed, usually each month or sooner.

The deacons met 4 times in the year mostly by zoom and with one in-person meeting.

There were 2 church members meetings held in March for the AGM by zoom and November in-person at church.

Church Finance and Fabric (see also the finance report)

The church encouraged continued giving during the closure of the building and asked for funds to be through the banking system if possible and if not a cheque. Small amounts of cash were received once the church reopened. It was very encouraging that giving for the year was more than budgeted and resulted in a surplus for the year of over £15,897 when we had budgeted for a deficit.

The major work on the premises was the electrical installation. Following a comprehensive test and report on the whole installation, a significant amount of remedial work was undertaken by an approved, electrical contractor to bring the premises up to date. This included new distribution boards, some new circuits and removal of old or unused circuits. This was completed in December and certified.

Minor projects and repairs were undertaken during 2021 including some decoration and new carpets.

The church insurance with Congregational (through Kingdom Bank Ltd) was reviewed and maintained under a long-term commitment.

The church benefitted from the disposal of Lea Chapel, Derbyshire, by their trustees who wished the residue of their funds to help the continuation of Christian gospel outreach in Derbyshire.

2022 Priorities

These will be much as 2021 with some delayed initiatives

The trustees will be looking to add two new people during 2022.

The practical and fabric work planned includes, a kitchen refit, removal of the old hall platform and the building of a third access ramp from the emergency door.

Summary

The Trustees are grateful to God and all the congregation for help and contributions in so many ways during 2021 in a difficult year. The accounts, independently examined by Mr M Saunders FCA, have been accepted and show a surplus even though we budgeted a deficit. We are confident, that with God's help and the congregations support, we can continue to meet all aims for 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Duncan Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nigel Duncan Jones (Chair of Trustees)

DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DERBY

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Income	General Fund	MRF	Property Account	TOTAL	2020
Offerings	£75,785.75			£75,785.75	£69,327.48
Tax reclaim	£14,951.14			£14,951.14	£14,161.39
Gifts - Designated	£4,426.24			£4,426.24	£4,609.20
Interest	£262.39			£262.39	£363.35
Equity buy Back		£4,700.00		£4,700.00	£4,200.00
Other income	£19,249.61			£19,249.61	£4,120.07
	£114,675.13	£4,700.00	£0.00	£119,375.13	£96,781.49

Expenses					
Employment Costs	£53,848.53			£53,848.53	£53,896.00
Missionary (support & gifts)	£15,760.00			£15,760.00	£15,590.00
Utilities (electric, gas, phone, water)	£5,842.02			£5,842.02	£2,984.78
Speakers	£415.00			£415.00	£325.00
Copying, printing, post	£710.44			£710.44	£758.65
Youth	£243.91			£243.91	£135.24
Outreach	£798.62			£798.62	£819.30
Insurance	£2,495.63			£2,495.63	£2,355.50
Gifts - designated	£3,627.65			£3,627.65	£5,796.94
Fabric & Equipment	£13,187.68			£13,187.68	£1,493.44
Equity Buy-Back			£4,700.00	£4,700.00	£4,200.00
Miscellaneous	£1,848.29			£1,848.29	£2,846.68
	£98,777.77	£0.00	£4,700.00	£103,477.77	£91,201.53

Income - expenses	£15,897.36	£4,700.00	-£4,700.00	£15,897.36	£5,579.96
Opening balances	£67,392.61	£12,600.00	£67,400.00	£147,392.61	£141,812.65
End of year balances	£83,289.97	£17,300.00	£62,700.00	£163,289.97	£147,392.61

BALANCE SHEET

	2021	2020
Santander Current A/C	£2,999.82	£7,463.51
Santander Savings A/C	£66,568.07	£42,062.88
Kingdom Bank	£30,512.18	£30,254.98
Share of Property	£62,700.00	£67,400.00
Petty Cash	£509.90	£211.24
	£163,289.97	£147,392.61

Non-Monetary Assets

Church premises in Davenport Road purchased in 1972 at a cost of £12,278 and held by the Church Trustees as Custodian Trustees. The building is currently insured in the sum of £3,688,152 and the fixtures, fittings and equipment for £144,438

Hon. Examiner

Michael Saunders FCA

Date

11/3/2022

Treasurer

Phillip Bounds

Date

02/02/2022

Deputy Treasurer

Ema Chillingworth

Date

08/02/2022

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Charity Name: **DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Charity No. **1077832**

Accounts for year ending: **31st DECEMBER 2021**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity above ("the Trust") for the year stated above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As charity trustees of the Trust 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

The charities gross income did not exceed £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the independent examination being a qualified accountant and a FCA

I have completed my examination. This involved examination of bank statements, computer records, invoices, receipts, cheque and paying to bank stubs together with explanations. 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. The 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
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts as 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 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. The accounts are presented, as permitted by the Act, as simple receipts and payments accounts.

Signed.....

Date.....11/3/2022.....

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For examiners):

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