



DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Registered Charity No. 1077832

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

TRUSTEES REPORT

During 2022 the trustees were:

- Nigel Jones (chair of trustees & elder)
- Roger Cresswell
- Phillip Bounds

The trustees have agreed to approach Edward Neat and Ema Chillingworth with regard to becoming a trustees in 2023.

The officers of the church were:

- Andrew Knox (Pastor & elder)
- Stephen Titterton (Assistant pastor & elder)
- Nigel Jones (elder)
- Michael Campbell (chair of deacons)
- Malcolm Hall
- Ema Chillingworth (Treasurer & deacon)
- From March 2022 Jenny Wilson (Church Secretary) David Hulse and Linda Cornfield served as deacons.

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

Church priorities

In fulfilling our objectives, the leadership set the priorities for 2022 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 47 an increase in the year by two.

Church Ministries

Sunday morning worship services continued through the year, some of which were all age services and others where the children had their own groups including a creche and school age youngsters. Once a month communion was included as part of the service. Numbers attending had not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Services were generally recorded – audio and video with audio copies made available to any of the house bound and the video uploaded to the church website.

An evening communion service twice each month was held and followed by life groups with a time of sharing. Life groups were discontinued in December having fulfilled their objectives, as they were similar in nature to the Homegroups which had by now restarted.

Covid safeguarding followed government guidance so progressively changed through the year, with the opportunity for unrestricted attendance, face protection, social distancing etc being a matter of personal choice. Hand sanitisation was provided at all entrances.

The Tuesday ladies fellowship continued throughout 2022 with the evening Women Together group being held once a month. Wednesday evenings were either a church family meeting at the church, which included looking back, looking forward and a testimony, or home groups held in 4 locations in the city. The Parent/Toddlers group, debt and welfare café (in association with Derby City Mission) all were held on a Thursday. Derby City Mission reviewed their debt advice service in the autumn and decided not to hold a session at the church, but the cafe ministry continued with some attenders staying on for a Bible Study.

The church continued to use the Zoom platform for prayer times.

Other events

Happy events in the year were 3 weddings in March, April and May. There were a number of funerals and thanksgiving services for those who went to be with the Lord.

A number of folk in the church enjoy walking and a DPRamblers group, open to all, met several times for strolls, walks and a family time in a park. There was good fellowship.

The pastors organised a 3 day / 2 night camp in August on a site near Ashbourne which was attended by a good number; some others also came as day visitors. It was a time of encouragement through bible ministry, as well as recreational activities together.

2022 saw the 50th anniversary of the Railway Mission church moving to the old Methodist church when Davenport Road Evangelical Church Trust was established. The 50th celebration was combined with the annual harvest weekend in October. A harvest supper was held on the Friday evening and a celebratory tea, with many past members and friends, was held on the Sunday afternoon. There was 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 a worthwhile outreach to the local community. On the Sunday before Christmas, we held a family carol service in the morning and carols by candlelight in the evening. Numbers at the Christmas meetings were not as high as previous years.

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 375 local homes each month by 8 volunteers, a ministry that has grown through 2022. The building of over 400 new homes on an old Rolls Royce factory site has given a new opportunity for outreach. The first few homes were occupied in late November and a "welcome" pack including a letter, details of services and meetings, a New Testament plus a copy of the Good News paper, were delivered and homes visited. The church was grateful to receive a grant from FIEC towards the cost of this ministry.

The list of missions and individuals the leadership set as those the church supported through 2022 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), 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 including disaster responses and humanitarian relief in Ukraine
- 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 individuals). The lead coordinator is Mrs Pat Hulse.

Data Protection

The church maintained a data protection policy and the church secretary, as data protection coordinator ensured best practice was maintained and that all details currently held were up to date and accurate.

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 bi-monthly news sheet was reintroduced during the year.

Church Business meetings

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

The deacons met 4 times in the year.

Four Church members' meetings were held in February, April (the AGM), July and September.

Church Finance and Fabric (see also the finance report)

The church was grateful to God and the congregation for continued giving. The 2022 budget planned a deficit for the year of £12,700, met from reserves, largely to continue to employ the assistant pastor. The deficit at the end of the year was £897 much better than the budget for which we thank God and His people.

There was a need to carry out work on the water supply to the church because of a leak. The supply pipework from the meter into the building and then to each area, was replaced.

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

2023 Priorities

These will be much as 2022 –

- 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 reach out to our immediate area especially to the new homes being built
- To seek to support others in the UK and around the world, who equally share our Christian values and purpose

The trustees will be looking to appoint two new trustees during 2023.

The practical and fabric work planned includes general maintenance and decoration.

Rising energy costs have been, and will continue to be, a challenge and efficiency measures have been taken to reduce costs.

Summary

The Trustees are grateful to God and all the congregation for help and contributions in so many ways during 2022. The accounts, independently examined by Mr M Saunders FCA, have been accepted and show a small deficit, met from reserves. We are confident, that with God's help and the congregations support, we can continue to meet all aims for 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Nigel Duncan Jones (Chair of Trustees)

DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DERBY
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

Income	General Fund	Outreach	MRF	Property Account	TOTAL	2021
Offerings	£77,351.10				£77,351.10	£75,785.75
Tax reclaim	£18,182.47				£18,182.47	£14,951.14
Gifts - Designated	£5,498.66				£5,498.66	£4,426.24
Interest	£259.41				£259.41	£262.39
Equity buy Back			£4,800.00		£4,800.00	£4,700.00
Other income	£701.01	£700.00			£1,401.01	£19,249.61
	£101,992.65	£700.00	£4,800.00	£0.00	£107,492.65	£119,375.13

Expenses	General Fund	Outreach	MRF	Property Account	TOTAL	2021
Employment Costs	£57,026.83				£57,026.83	£53,848.53
Missionary (support & gifts)	£17,130.00				£17,130.00	£15,760.00
Utilities (electric, gas, phone, water)	£6,047.07				£6,047.07	£5,842.02
Speakers	£245.00				£245.00	£415.00
Copying, printing, post	£344.11				£344.11	£710.44
Youth	£232.99				£232.99	£243.91
Outreach	£1,217.96	£200.89			£1,418.85	£798.62
Insurance	£2,644.12				£2,644.12	£2,495.63
Gifts - designated	£6,834.48				£6,834.48	£3,627.65
Fabric & Equipment	£7,529.84				£7,529.84	£13,187.68
Equity Buy-Back				£4,800.00	£4,800.00	£4,700.00
Miscellaneous	£4,136.53				£4,136.53	£1,848.29
	£103,388.93	£200.89	£0.00	£4,800.00	£108,389.82	£103,477.77

Income - expenses	-£1,396.28	£499.11	£4,800.00	-£4,800.00	-£897.17	£15,897.36
Opening balances	£83,289.97	£0.00	£17,300.00	£62,700.00	£163,289.97	£147,392.61
End of year balances	£81,893.69	£499.11	£22,100.00	£57,900.00	£162,392.80	£163,289.97

BALANCE SHEET

	2022	2021
Santander Current A/C	£2,060.28	£2,999.82
Santander Savings A/C	£71,644.41	£66,568.07
Kingdom Bank	£30,695.25	£30,512.18
Share of Property	£57,900.00	£62,700.00
Petty Cash	£92.86	£509.90
	£162,392.80	£163,289.97

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 £4,130,731 and the fixtures, fittings and equipment for £163,371

Treasurer

E Chillingworth

Date



3/3/2023

Hon. Examiner

Michael Saunders FCA

Date



3/3/2023

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Charity Name: DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH TRUST

Charity No. 1077832

Accounts for year ending: 31st DECEMBER 2022

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 3 March 2023

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Disclosure

Only to be completed if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).