

# **Taverham Evangelical Church (TEC)**

**Charity No: 1087197**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020**

### **Governing Document**

The Charity has a Constitution dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2001 as amended 11 May 2009.

### **Objects of the Charity**

The main object of the Charity is the advancement of Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of Assemblies of God in Great Britain as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Statement).

### **Specific Investment Powers**

Money requiring investment shall be invested by the Church Council in any of the investments for the time being authorised for the investment of Trust Funds and in accordance with such wider powers if any as may be lawfully adopted by the Church Council. The Church Council shall be responsible for the selection and transportation of investments and for obtaining advice.

### **Names of Trustees**

The following acted as Trustees during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020: Vic Ready, Anna King and Andrew Ward.

### **Charity's Organisational Structure**

The membership is open to all whom: by grace have exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to worship and serve God in the context of the Statement. The management of the Church is vested in the Church Council.

### **Activities and Achievements**

Due to Covid-19 regulations and restrictions many of our activities have had to go online. This, like every other church, has limited some of our activities but allowed us to branch out into others. The following is a summary of TEC's activities and achievements during the year:

- Church services

Our 'live' church services had to be transferred to online. This effectively kept the church family together as well as serving our community. Each week every constituent part of our service was recorded and sent out on Sunday via email. This was no small undertaking, involving a great deal of organisation. Surprisingly, as the service could be viewed at any time, there were many more people watching than would normally attend a church service. Fortnightly, a thirty-minute Zoom coffee meeting was held at 10.30 am on a Sunday for the church; this was very well attended. This meeting was followed by a Zoom Communion service which was a pivotal time for worship and unity for all of us.

- Life groups

Our life groups all went onto Zoom. The demand for this meant that we had to incorporate one more group. As this meant, especially in the winter months, that people did not have to leave their homes, more people attended than before. For all groups, the ease and availability of Zoom was a real blessing.

- Prayer meetings

Of course, our prayer meetings also had to go online via Zoom; however, this meant on average there was a considerable increase in the numbers of people attending each meeting.

- Puddles, Messy Church & Kids' Church

Our children's ministry has always been a very important element in our church life.

Continuing this ministry during the pandemic initially proved to be a challenge. However, we decided to incorporate resources for children and young people into our Sunday email and hold Messy Church and Kids' Church regularly online via Zoom. This was another outstanding success in making sure that each week there was something for all ages. For Messy Church, activity packs were sent out to those participating in the Zoom meetings and to additional families even though they didn't join online. This was certainly a success according to both the parents and the children.

- Alpha

We have usually facilitated two Alpha courses each year. We wondered if this was possible to do via Zoom? However, with the help and support of Holy Trinity Church in London, our Alpha courses went online via Zoom. Once more the uptake and the results were surprising and somewhat less labour intensive to run. With our next Alpha course being planned right now, we are considering if Zoom is perhaps the best way of reaching more people. The advantage is that we can attract people from anywhere in the county or indeed the country.

- Filling the Gap

Many families in our community were struggling to feed their children over the school holidays, especially those who were provided with free school

meals during term time. To help them over this difficult time, the ministry of 'Filling the Gap', was born. Each and every family who had a need were provided with food parcels. This was not means tested in any way, it was simply given to those who requested our help.

- Supporting care homes

We have four care homes in our community and three of them asked for our support. The major problem initially was that staff needed specifically designed and made washbags to put their PPE in after each shift. This we managed to do with the help and support of the local community as well as church members. Something in the region of two hundred pillowcases were made into washbags by a team of machinists. The local community amazed us by donating pillowcases of a very high standard for this purpose. Another problem was the lack of toiletries for residents in the care homes. Again, a community request was put out with the same incredible and heart-warming response. Even plants were donated to one home for their sensory garden. The gratitude and thanks we received from the managers of these homes was a reward in itself. One unusual ministry that materialised was born out of a need in one home for support for Christians in the home who no longer had regular services. We organised one of our helpers, with the help of her son, to sing and pray for all of them in the grounds of the home. They of course could watch and listen from inside the home. This was a real blessing to many of them as well as to Rachel, our 'family worker', who was responsible for doing it.

- The Chat

As so many people during lockdown, especially those who had to self-isolate due to health issues, were feeling lonely and to some extent ignored, 'The Chat' was born. This was a weekly Zoom event where mostly ladies, it has to be said, came together simply for fellowship and, as the name suggests, a chat. This would often last for two hours or more and again proved to be a valuable provision for the lonely and the chatty.

- Pastoral support

Both general and, to some extent, mental health problems increased even with church members over this last year. Our Church Council, which by the way also met monthly via Zoom, decided to allocate each person in the church to a person or persons to keep an eye on them. Although this is largely the responsibility of the ordained ministry, the challenge to ensure all members were not being ignored was achieved. The proof of the success of this was that we have managed, unlike some other churches, to keep our membership together.

- Missionary support

We support various missionaries through the giving of the church. The supported charities range from local and national to one charity in the Philippines and another in the Congo. Covid-19 issues in the two latter countries meant that our support was now more crucial than ever before. This was also true of the local charities that we supported; they no longer

had a regular income. It is encouraging to note that now, as things ease a little, they have, with the support of ourselves and others, survived the Pandemic.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Charity has maintained adequate reserves to meet all commitments. The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20 July 2021 and signed on their behalf.

Rev. Vic Ready

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**REGISTERED CHARITY : 1087197**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2020 Youth £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Offerings - Gift Aided		27,714	-	27,714	45,269
Offerings - Non Gift Aided		12,327	559	12,886	14,834
Gift Aid		7,142	-	7,142	12,249
Other Giving - Gift Aided		450	-	450	200
Other Giving - Non Gift Aided		535	-	535	699
Interest		18	-	18	43
Insurance claim - keyboard		-	-	-	1,620
Tea Room takings		-	-	-	69
		<u>48,186</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>48,745</u>	<u>74,983</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Accountancy		360	-	360	360
Advertising		448	-	448	376
Assemblies of God		2,329	-	2,329	2,342
Design & Printing		929	179	1,108	1,741
Donations		1,622	-	1,622	613
Equipment		61	-	61	2,906
Events & Outreach		562	355	917	2,754
Gifts		2,457	-	2,457	2,718
Hire of Village Halls		1,295	579	1,874	7,290
Hospitality		62	-	62	287
Mission		6,840	-	6,840	6,840
Mission		1,191	-	1,191	1,105
Other costs		135	-	135	11
Postage & stationery		202	77	279	1,168
Refreshments & catering		214	275	489	1,220
Resources		9,400	-	9,400	8,900
Salaries & social security		179	43	222	418
Subscriptions		731	-	731	161
Telephone & Internet		-	156	156	-
Training		182	-	182	285
Travel expenses		-	-	-	-
		<u>29,199</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>30,863</u>	<u>41,495</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>		18,987	(1,105)	17,882	33,488
FUNDS BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	1	82,016	410	82,426	48,938
FUNDS TRANSFERRED		(875)	875	-	-
FUNDS BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u>100,128</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>100,308</u>	<u>82,426</u>





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

TAVERHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH (TEC)

On accounts for the year  
ended

31.12.2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1087197

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to  
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of  
applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have  
come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that  
disclosed below~~\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

11.3.21

Name:

DAVID ANTHONY POOLEY

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

ACIB

(if any):

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## Section B

## Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.