

Church in the Barn
Charity no. 1103157
Trustees Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The Church has had a successful year with increased attendance up to 70 in the morning and 40 at night with up to another 20 online since the Coronavirus pandemic began in March.

As well as two Sunday services at 10.30am and 6.30pm both in person and on Zoom and Facebook, the church provides a range of other events including a Sunday School, Creche, various House Groups which meet at individual homes in different villages surrounding Penrith and enable our members to spend time in fellowship together studying the bible and sharing testimonies. We also run Soul Disciple for secondary school age children and the Friday night football at Penrith Leisure Centre.

The charities income from regular tithes, offerings and gift aid thereon increased from £40k to £50k as a result of increased attendance and regular titheing and donations from our members. Our operating costs have increased from £34k to £39k due to increased pastor's salary costs and the costs of insuring and the new building. We are therefore comfortably covering our running costs from our regular tithes and offerings received.

We were able to start using the new church building in July 2020 when churches were able to reopen in person following the first lockdown and we greatly appreciate this fantastic new facility. The building is not finished but is usable. We received donations towards the building of £24k during the year and grants from external organisations of £26k. The amount spent on the new church building up to the balance sheet date was £328k.

We would like to thank our supporters both from within our congregation and from the external organisations that have donated towards our new building.

Thanks to all our congregation for their continued support.

Martin Hall
Treasurer & Trustee
30th June 2020

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Reg. Charity No. 1103157
Year ended 31 August 2020

	31.08.20		31.08.19	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Tithes & offerings	39,733		34,323	
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid donations	10,626		6,034	
Bank interest	8		24	
		50,367		40,382
Expenses				
Payments to visiting speakers	1,820		2,535	
Pastor's wages	22,699		19,300	
Pastor's expenses	3,367		3,172	
Rent	2,418		3,160	
Donations	2,400		2,200	
Insurance	1,897		710	
Musical / PA equipment	1,658		269	
Football field rent	469		-	
Payroll costs	468		438	
Advertising	449		401	
Copyright licence	372		215	
Zoom	367		-	
Soul Disciple meals	290		380	
CRB checks	141		225	
Internet	153		-	
Resources & teaching materials	110		665	
Electricity	63		-	
Christmas party	65		273	
Refreshments			252	
		39,207		34,195
Surplus before building donations		11,160		6,186
Building fund donations		24,390		43,680
Building fund grants		26,300		
Total surplus for year		61,850		49,866
Balance Sheet				
	31.08.20		31.08.19	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Building costs	327,819		246,414	
Fixtures and fittings	1,100		1,100	
		328,919		247,514
Current assets				
Debtors	-		6,034	
Cash at bank	593		15,077	
		593		21,111
Current liabilities				
Creditors		(895)		(1,859)
Long term liabilities				
Loans		(54,415)		(54,415)
Net assets		274,202		212,351
Donations				
Kays Farm Fellowship		500		500
Malcolm Macpherson		700		600
Porsche Dobinson - Uganda		600		600
Simiw Project - Ghana		500		500
New Life Ministry Trust - Yan Hadley		100		
		2,400		2,200

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Church in the Barn (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the 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

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 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.

Signed: M Brown

Name: Matthew Brown

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): MAAT

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Date: 30/6/2021