

**Bessacarr Evangelical Church**

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**Report of the Board for the period ended 31st March 2021**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and the financial statements for the Church for the period ended 31st March 2021.

**Constitution**

Bessacarr Evangelical Church was incorporated as a Limited Company on 8th November 2007 (Company No: - 6421374) and registered as a Charity on 31st December 2007 (No:-1122138).

**Registered Office**

The registered office of Bessacarr Evangelical Church is Bessacarr Lane, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 7PT.

**Advisors**

The principal professional advisors to the Church are:

Solicitors: Anthony Collins Solicitors, Birmingham.

Independent Examlners: Smith Craven, Chartered Accountants, Doncaster.

Bankers: National Westminster, 23-25 Market Place, Bawtry, Doncaster.

**Objects**

The Company's Object is the advancement anywhere in the world of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

**Governance**

The Church's governing documents are its statement of Faith and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Bessacarr Evangelical Church.

Under charity law, the Elders and Ministers of the church are Trustees and are elected by the church membership. The elders continue to serve in this capacity until they resign by virtue of age or illness.

The Company members are the Trustees, the elected deacons of the church and one co-opted church member.

Deacons serve for three years and are then eligible for re-election.

The Board meets monthly chaired by the Senior Pastor and the company members meet annually and this meeting is chaired by the Church Secretary.

**Staff and volunteers**

The company employs five staff and the Trustees make gifts available to individuals engaged in work in the UK and abroad who are involved in advancing the Christian Faith.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain a general fund equivalent to at least 6 months of anticipated general expenditure. At 31st March 2021, the general funds stood at £219,740 (excluding fixed assets). This represents approximately 12 months of anticipated general expenditure.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees examine the major risks facing the charity on a regular basis.

As Trustees of Bessacarr Evangelical Church and Grace Church in Doncaster we give thanks to God for another blessed year.

Please find below the reports from Pastor Jonathan Edmonds (BEC) and Pastor Alastair Gooderham (Grace Church).

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**Report of the Board for the period ended 31st March 2021 - continued**

The Covid-19 pandemic and government guidance and restrictions has had a significant impact on the activities of the church in the last year. From March 2020 to September 2020 all church activities were online with pre-recorded Sunday services, midweek messages and small groups on Zoom. From October 2020 the Sunday service has been taking place at Hall Cross Lower school with the exception of November when this was not possible due to lockdown. Due to covid restrictions capacity at services has been limited and a booking system has been used. The services have been live-streamed to enable those unable to attend to still feel part of the service. The Bible teaching in this last year has included series in Matthew, Ezra, Hebrews, Psalms, Jonah, Prayer and Mission.

As restrictions have eased through 2021 the church has cautiously begun to reintroduce normal aspects of church life in a safe way. From April 2021 the Axis (teenage bible study group) has started meeting on Sunday afternoons in the church building. In May 2021 we were able to restart a children's group on Sunday mornings. Prior to this all children's activities had been online. From July 2021 we were able to resume singing in person and it was a great blessing to celebrate communion again after nearly 18 months.

As of August 2021 the church has not restarted the evening service but has instead been holding a prayer meeting on Zoom each week. This has allowed more people to attend the prayer meeting than would have previously. In addition to this we have had regular Zoom prayer meetings with mission partners. This has created a greater sense of connection with those we support and has been an unexpected but welcome consequence of lockdown.

The church has continued to seek to connect with the community and the Open the Book team has continued to foster links with local primary schools through video assemblies. Whilst the church was not able to organise many of our normal Christmas events the use of video and online services allowed the church family to share the Christmas message with friends and family who might not ordinarily come to church.

The staff, Elders and Deacons remain unchanged from the previous year and the stability of leadership has been a considerable blessing to the church through these testing times. The church continues to take its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and is in the process of expanding the team so that the Safeguarding Lead will be supported by two deputies. The church's financial position continues to be healthy due to the generosity of the congregation with more people now giving by regular standing order.

As the church emerges from lockdown there are a number of decisions that will need to be made about different ministries that previously took place in the church. In all things we continue to look to God for guidance and seek to honour him in all we do.

**Report of the Board for the period ended 31st March 2021 - continued**

**Grace Church - Report of the Board 2021**

We continue to meet in The Zone which is part of Hayfield Lane Primary School both on Sunday and at various times during the week, as well as having an office in part of the building.

On Sunday mornings we have worked through, Genesis 23-34, Lamentations, a topical series called RESET on following Jesus, Matthew 13-16 and Psalm 57-62. Numbers have fluctuated this year, and have been hard to track with various lockdowns and reticence on the part of some, to come back and gather in person. 3 people applied for and were welcomed into membership. Another couple who joined us over lockdown have also asked about membership. Other people have joined us, though another family has relocated to Shropshire. We have had families all in together rather than running Sunday School, and this may continue for some time with a lack of Sunday School teachers.

Little Fishes (Parent and Toddlers) was stopped when lockdown hit and remained mothballed until we were allowed to reopen again in April. We ran 2 small groups of 15 adults maximum in a pared down form. This continued through the whole summer term and was really appreciated by mums and the toddlers.

Coffee time, our Lightparty and Christmas in person services were all not possible. However we produced an online Christmas Eve service on our YouTube channel and encouraged people to gather their neighbours in the road and sing together. For Easter we created an escape room style activity on our YouTube channel as the families had to help Barabbas escape from prison. A few families joined in with this activity.

Gospel group has been run on Zoom throughout the pandemic as has our Yorkie men's study. These will all switch back to in person gatherings this coming Autumn God willing.

The leadership is currently Al Gooderham as sole elder, and 1 deacon. We are in desperate need of more leaders to share the burden but as of yet God is teaching us patience and trust in his plans and timings.

Financially things have been stable, with a small deficit that has fluctuated according to attendance, with BEC's generous donation. Though we have reserves to cover this.

Our opportunities at school have been limited due to COVID, we provided recorded material for both Hayfield Lane and The Hayfield School for some of their Christmas activities. We hope these opportunities will open up this coming Autumn.

As well as our online services on YouTube channel and Zoom prayer meetings (3 times a week) we have live-streamed our gathered Sunday morning services. We pray God would grow his church this coming year as we begin to rebuild relationships both within the church and in the community post pandemic.

**Report of the Board for the period ended 31st March 2021 - continued**

**Board Members**

Board members throughout the period were:

Alastair Gooderham	Pastor
Mark Harewood	Pastor
Jonathan Edmonds	Pastor
Henry Arnett	
Christopher Axelby	Secretary
Simon Mair	
Peter Tan	
Lee Potts	

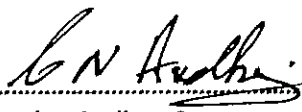
In addition to the above trustees the Company members are:

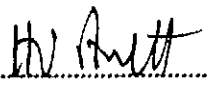
Howard Wickham	Treasurer
Timothy Lawrence	
Charles Mitchell	
Alex Martin	
Ian Clifford	
Matthew Fawkes	
David Fawkes	
Katherine Wright	
Raymond Leggett	

**Trustee responsibility**

Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and are up dated on changes in charity law through relevant publications by The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches of which the Company is a member.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20 October 2021, and has been signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Christopher Axelby – Secretary

  
.....  
Henry Arnett - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees of Bessacarr Evangelical Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 6 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) ) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 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 statement**

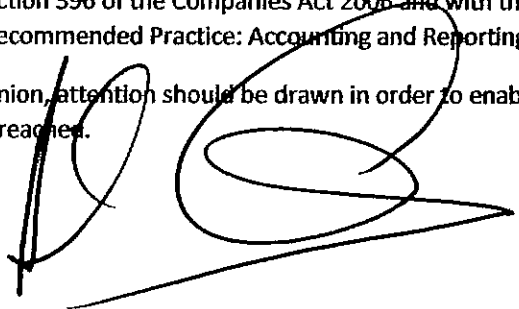
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking of 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records have been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - accounts are prepared which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Cribb, FCA  
Smith Craven  
Chartered Accountants  
Sidings House  
Sidings Court  
Lakeside  
Doncaster DN4 5NU



Date: 20 October 2021

**Bessacarr Evangelical Church - Company Number 6421374**

**Statement of Financial Activities - Year to 31 March 2021**

		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		General	General
		Fund	Fund
		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Gift Aid Offerings		151,149	142,496
General Offerings		28,147	42,953
Missionary Offerings		11,139	190
Income Tax Refunds		41,160	36,043
Interest Received		38	190
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b><u>231,633</u></b>	<b><u>221,872</u></b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Maintenance of Ministry	3	138,325	133,923
Maintenance of Property	5	6,276	9,154
Youth Work and Other Events	6	1,360	3,447
Donations	7	41,205	37,059
Administration	8	15,462	18,998
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b><u>202,628</u></b>	<b><u>202,581</u></b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>29,005</b>	<b>19,291</b>
<b>Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>		<b><u>29,005</u></b>	<b><u>19,291</u></b>
Balance at 1 April 2020	16	341,190	321,899
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>		<b><u>370,195</u></b>	<b><u>341,190</u></b>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net outgoing resources for the above financial period.

All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.



**Bessacarr Evangelical Church - Company Number 6421374**

**Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021**

	Note	£	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets	9		150,465	147,216
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Investment Account:				
National Westminster Bank	10	94,364		94,326
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	11	10,299		10,238
Cash at Bank		116,411		90,590
		<u>221,074</u>		<u>195,154</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES (due within one year)</b>				
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	12	<u>1,344</u>		<u>1,180</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			219,730	193,974
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<u>370,195</u>	<u>341,190</u>
Represented By:				
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
Unrestricted - General Fund	13		<u>370,195</u>	<u>341,190</u>

For the period ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

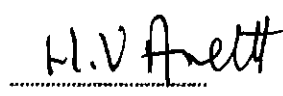
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387; and
- ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by

  
Christopher Axworthy

  
Henry Arnett

The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

**Notes To The Accounts - Year To 31 March 2021**

**1. Statutory Information**

Bessacarr Evangelical Church is an independent evangelical church. It is a private company limited by guarantee and without a share capital, registered in England and Wales. The registered office is at Bessacarr Evangelical Church, Bessacarr Lane Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 7PT.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**(a) Basis of preparation of the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) (effective 1 Jan 2015), Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

**(b) Voluntary income** is received by way of gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

**(c) Restricted and Unrestricted Funds**

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

**(d) Tangible fixed assets.** Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Furniture & Equipment	25% on cost
Freehold Property	not depreciated

**3. Maintenance of Ministry**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Staff Costs:</b>		
Salaries	136,638	132,441
Pension	4,687	4,482
Less Employment Allowance (National Insurance)	(3,000)	(3,000)
	<u>138,325</u>	<u>133,923</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2020-5)  
There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

**4. Directors' Interest**

Three directors are also employees and were remunerated under powers in the governing documents.

	Employment Remuneration	Pension Contributions
	£	£
A Gooderham	30,372	295
J Edmonds	29,148	916
M Harewood	29,148	916

M Harewood was reimbursed £300 for direct computer expenses.

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	2021	2020
<b>5. Maintenance of Property</b>	£	£
Insurance	2,680	2,560
Utilities	2,154	2,844
Building Maintenance & Equipment	1,442	3,750
	<u>6,276</u>	<u>9,154</u>
 <b>6. Youth Work and other Events</b>	 £	 £
Youth Work	385	1,525
Outreach and other Activities	975	1,922
	<u>1,360</u>	<u>3,447</u>
 <b>7. Donations</b>	 £	 £
Missions, Missionaries and Home Workers	40,105	33,525
Speakers Expenses	1,100	3,534
	<u>41,205</u>	<u>37,059</u>
 <b>8. Administration</b>	 £	 £
Printing, Stationery, Literature and Books	1,688	3,093
Copyright Licences	751	748
Memberships and Registrations	3,078	2,847
Conference Fees	-	598
School Hire	5,563	8,875
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,044	966
Bank Charges	464	635
Website and IT costs	1,533	459
Sundries	877	777
Depreciation	464	-
	<u>15,462</u>	<u>18,998</u>

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**Notes To The Accounts - Year To 31 March 2021**

9. Tangible Assets	Note	Freehold Property	Furniture and Equipment	TOTAL
		£	£	£
<b>COST:</b>				
Balance at 1 April 2020	14	147,216	40,743	187,959
Additions		-	3,713	3,713
		<u>147,216</u>	<u>44,456</u>	<u>191,672</u>
Less Disposals		-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021		<u>147,216</u>	<u>44,456</u>	<u>191,672</u>
 <b>DEPRECIATION:</b>				
Balance at 1 April 2020	14	-	40,743	40,743
Add Charge for the year		-	464	464
		<u>-</u>	<u>41,207</u>	<u>41,207</u>
Less Disposals		-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021		<u>-</u>	<u>41,207</u>	<u>41,207</u>
 Net Book Value at 31 March 2021		<u>147,216</u>	<u>3,249</u>	<u>150,465</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2020		<u>147,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,216</u>
10. Investment Asset			2021 £	2020 £
National Westminster Bank			<u>94,364</u>	<u>94,326</u>
11. Debtors and Prepayments			2021 £	2020 £
Income Tax Refund			10,299	10,238
			<u>10,299</u>	<u>10,238</u>

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	2021	2020
12. Creditors and Accruals	£	£
Sundry Creditors	1,344	1,180
	<u>1,344</u>	<u>1,180</u>

**13. Analysis of Net Assets**

The Net Assets are all held within the Unrestricted General Fund.

**14. Company Limited By Guarantee**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.  
The liability of each member in the event of a winding up is £1.

**15. Tax Status**

The church is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

**16. Transfer Agreement**

A legally binding agreement between the charity (the transferee) and the trustees of a charitable unincorporated association (the transferors) was entered into, whereby on the "effective date" being the close of business on 31 March 2008, all the property assets and rights held on behalf of the unincorporated association by the transferors were duly transferred to the charity. The agreement provided for this to include the liabilities, but to be otherwise free from all liens, charges, encumbrances, equities and claims of any kind whatsoever.

