

LISVANE BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEES' REPORT 2020—21

We have had to meet for the most part on *Zoom* for our Sunday Celebrations during this period except for a short time when Covid Guidance enabled us to meet in person, albeit socially distanced, at our customary venue: The Memorial Hall, Heol y Delyn, Lisvane, CF14 0SQ. Building of the Manse extension to accommodate an office and meeting place is now nearly complete.

The church website address is www.lisvanebaptist.org; the Facebook page www.lisvanebaptistfacebook.com and the office e-mail: val@lisvanebaptist.com

STAFFING

We have two staff: Chris Williams, our full-time minister and Nia James, our part-time Children's Worker.

As always the church has been blessed with committed volunteers desiring to serve the LORD and our thanks go to each one of them.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding - we have a Safeguarding team of three who ensure DBS checks for Church Workers and Leaders are kept up to date; that Safeguarding policies are updated and that safeguarding training is constantly provided to the required standard. We plan to show a video of Level 1 training to all members in the near future.

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Home Groups - these have been key in keeping us all connected during Covid, with five home groups meeting weekly on Zoom. We consider home groups vital as a safe place for our church family to be and belong as together we seek to become a family of disciples, taking Jesus into the community and beyond.

Children's Work

Whilst our children's weekly activities, such as the mother and toddler group and the after-school club for primary children have not been able to continue during the lengthy lockdown period, our Children's Worker has kept in touch with children via:

- Pre-recorded videos on the Church website with a variety of themes/bible stories for the children with links from *You Tube* reinforcing the story with a song for the children to listen to or sing and dance along to.
- Several challenges for the children with prizes awarded to those who completed them.
- Goodie bags distributed personally by the Children's Worker on a termly basis, with gifts such as pens, crayons, books, bubbles, chocolate, toys etc.
- Times over Zoom when children were able to listen, discuss and share bible stories.
- Opportunities to put videos together where the children have contributed by asking/answering questions, giving special messages to Mums and Dads; with some acting, especially for the Nativity!

Youth

In addition to occasional outdoor meetings when possible, our young people have mostly met on Zoom during Lockdown.

Time to Talk

In addition to garden meetings when weather permitted in the summer months, we have kept in regular touch by telephone with those living alone.

Christmas Giving

- Via *Operation Christmas Child*, many gift-filled shoeboxes were sent to children in need in the world.
- Via the Family Intervention & Support Team in Cardiff, Christmas gifts were provided for local children in need.

Charitable Overseas Contributions

- Christian work in other parts of the world we have supported this year include the Nsobe School in Zambia

Church Membership

Membership during the year remained steady as did home group attendances; Sunday morning attendances varied a little, often due to the technological challenges for some of meeting via Zoom

Trustees: Roz Barnes; Steve Coombs; Val Dobie; Dai James; Chris Parsons; Lesley Scarratt.

Charity Registration Number: 1126878

Finance Report 2020-21

Summary

The income for the financial year 2020-21 was £100,532, a decrease of 21%, compared to the previous year.

Expenditure was £83,158, a decrease of 29%

The surplus for the year was £17,374.

Appended to this report are the Income & Expenditure report and the Balance Sheet

Income

This has been a year of unprecedented challenges for all of us.

The main sources of income are the monthly standing orders, the gift aid claimed back from HMRC and the rental income from the second manse.

The monthly covenants decreased by 15% this year

A few members have left the fellowship and some others are contributing less due to change of circumstances

The rental income is down by 32%, compared to the previous year.

We had rental income from both manses for April to August in the previous year as opposed to rental income from only the second manse for the same period this year

Expenditure

The total expenditure decreased by 29 % when compared to last year.

The pastor's costs increased by 38% as we had a pastor for the full year, compared to six months in the previous year. This was offset by the reduction of cost in other ministries. The community worker left in April 2020.

The spend on the manse's increased by 17% due to refurbishment costs on the main manse.

Hall hire reduced by 90% as we were not able to meet in the Memorial Hall due to lockdown. Our Weekly Sunday services were moved to online zoom services

There was a reduction in all other categories of expenditure, due to the lockdown and the limited activities carried out by the church

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet reflects the Church assets as at 31st March 2021.

The value of the two manses is shown the same as the previous year at £705,000.

The additions, have been shown at cost and reflect the spend on the church office extension as at 31st March 2021.

Once the church office is completed, the trustees would obtain an independent valuation of the property .

The investments now total £173,810, compared to £204,228 last year

The reduction is due to part of the deposit held with the BU being utilised for the new church office.

The only key liability that we have on the account is the pension deficit that currently stands at £24,200

Income and Expenditure April 2020 - March 2021

	Actuals 2020/21	Actuals 2019/20	Inc/Dec		Actuals 2020/21	Actuals 2019/20	Inc/Dec
INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
OFFERINGS				PASTOR			
Monthly Covenants	68,867	69,770	-1%	Stipend	25,343	14,583	
Charity Covenants		2,000	-100%	Pension	3,301	1,858	
				Baptist ministers pension fund	3,475	4,532	
Plate offerings		3,622	-100%	Employer NI		188	
Donations/Legacies				Travel	95	630	
Gift Aid/Tax Refunds	17,454	25,764	-32%	Conferences	550	514	
Total	86,321	101,156	-15%	Resources	258	192	
UNRESTRICTED INCOME				Entertainment	424	299	
Interest (Deposit Accounts)	1,839	2,395	-23%	Moving costs		755	
Association Ministry	0	0		Telephone	359	899	
Manse Rent	11,200	16,800	-33%	Miscellaneous		40	
Total	13,039	19,195	-32%	Pastor Total	33,805	24,490	-38%
DESIGNATED INCOME				OTHER MINISTRIES			
Refunds		1,300		Assistant Pastor		4,362	
Conferences	0	0		Childrens worker	13,178	13,607	
Church Events		2,218		Community Worker	7,136	16,832	
Mission	1,000	1,545		Employer NI		148	
Miscellaneous	172	2,038		Pension	1,016	1,884	
Total	1,172	7,101	-83%	Expenses			
Total Receipts				Training Costs			
	100,532	127,452	-21%	Other Staff Costs	21,330	36,833	42%
				MANSES			
				Council Tax	1,321	618	
				Maintenance/Refurbishment M1	4,055	1,392	
				Maintenance/Refurbishment M2	779	736	
				Insurance	624	628	
				Commission for finding a tenant	929		
				Consultancy/ Architect fees for church office		3,228	
				Manse Total	7,708	6,602	-17%
				HALL HIRE			
				Memorial Hall	935	11,498	
				Old School		1,150	
				Scout Hut		140	
				Public Indemnity	329	328	
				Total Hall Hire	1,264	13,116	90%
				CHILDREN & YOUTH			
				Resources	812		
				Creche			
				Holiday Clubs		28	
				Fun Factory	96	600	
				Conferences			
				Treasure Seekers/Explore/Creche	80	178	
				Outreach			
				Spree/Weekends		1,599	
				Youth	28	992	
				Miscellaneous			
				Total for Youth and Children	1,016	3,397	70%
				MISSION			
				Home Mission/BMS	8,400	13,041	
				Mission Projects		485	
				MLW	100	1,500	
				Teacheraid	900	1,494	
				Rainbow of Hope	1,200	1,200	
				Interns		240	
				Local Mission	2,500	1,200	
				Miscellaneous		280	
				Mission Total	13,100	19,440	33%

				WORSHIP			
				Resources/Licences	1,103	1,231	
				Speakers	490	1,504	
				Conferences			
				Communion		121	
				Refreshments		475	
				Leader's Meetings			
				Worship Total	1,593	3,331	52%
				EVANGELISM			
				Café Church		759	
				Pebbles		499	
				Alpha			
				Ouitreach	89	325	
				Marketing			
				Discipleship Total	89	1,583	
				PASTORAL			
				Flowers / Cards	48	219	
				Member gifts	1,447	5,866	
				Miscellaneous			
				Pastoral Total	1,495	6,085	75%
				SUPPORT SERVICES			
				Bank Charges	95	191	
				Subscriptions	795	903	
				Stationery/Photocopying		648	
				Technology & Website	636	103	
				Financial Audit	89	39	
				Miscellaneous	143	419	
				Support Services Total	1,758	2,303	24%
TOTAL INCOME	100,532	127,452	-21%				
Gain/Loss	17,374	10,272	69%	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	83,158	117,180	29%

Balance Sheet

	31st March 2021			31st March 2020	
	£	£		£	£
Fixed Assets					
- 32 Plas-y-Delyn	425,000			425,000	
Additions	44,815				
- 2 Heol-y-Delyn	280,000	749,815		280,000	705,000
Current Assets					
Debtors		1,100			
Investments	0			0	
Bank & Cash	35,156	35,156		34,273	34,273
Total Current Assets		36,256			
Current Liabilities		0			0
Net current Assets		36,256			34,273
Net Assets		786,071			739,273
Charitable Funds					
Restricted		749,815			705,000
Unrestricted		36,256			34,273
		786,071			739,273

NOTES

Equipment depreciation 100% per year

I can confirm that I have audited all the statements and transactions relating to the Lisvane Baptist Church 2020 Church accounts.

From the information provided there are no issues and all the financial transactions are correctly recorded on the financial statements.

The only point I should make is that you have correctly at this stage added all the costs associated with the manse extension are added into the fixed assets. Whereas at this time this is acceptable I would recommend that once the extension is complete you request an independent valuation to determine whether the value of the extended property is more or less than the original valuation plus all the associated building costs.

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