

Fenlands Church

**Annual Report and
Statement of Accounts**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Fenlands Church
Registered charity number	1136625
Charity's principal address	The Church Centre Main Road Tydd Gote Wisbech Cambs. PE13 5QD
Charity Email address	fenlandschurch@gmail.com
Charity Website	www.fenlandschurch.co.uk

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Name	Office
Mrs G C Wilson	Chairperson
Mrs K Maunder	Treasurer
Ms K Sparks	Secretary
Ms T Beach	
Mr P Summon	
Mrs H Summon	

The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals.

The Spiritual Leadership in consultation with the existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

Names and addresses of advisers

Primary Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc 3 North Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JR
Solicitors	Bowers 15 South Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JQ
Independent Examiner	P J Medcalf FCCA (Chartered Certified Accountant) 322 Smeeth Road Marshland St James Wisbech Cambs. PE14 8EP.

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Structure, governance and management

The day-to-day running of the charity is in the hands of the elders. The Trustees are responsible for managing the finance and the buildings. They meet three times a year and, additionally as required, normally with the elders.

Description of the charity's trusts

Governing document

Trust Deed dated 6 June 2010

The charity's responsibilities for the Tydd Gote site and its benefits on the sale are contained in a document dated 1st December 2010.

Trustee's selection method

New trustees are appointed by the 'Spiritual Leadership of the Church'.

The current Spiritual Leadership comprises Mr. David Chapman, Mr. Jeff Bellamy, and Mr. Douglas Chapman.

Additional governance issues

There are no specific policies and procedures for inducting and training trustees but new trustees would be appointed who have suitable skills.

Relationship with any related parties

The Church is linked to Rural Ministries and Churches Together in East Elloe.

Trustees' consideration of major risks

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with any Statement of Beliefs and Doctrines prepared by the spiritual leadership of the church, in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. **To** relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit; and
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity acknowledges its requirements to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Fenlands Church meets each Sunday morning for worship and teaching in its Church Centre and usually on other occasions each week as well. The Church hall is used most weeks for activities for pre-school children and their carers and for local community groups and occasional activities and clubs for school age children and young people are held. Other meetings are arranged at other locations, particularly in members' homes. These activities are run by different church members who, apart from the pastor and his wife, are unpaid volunteers, some of whom claim out of pocket expenses for outgoings incurred. Fenlands Church has seen a constant number of regular attendees during the year.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity enjoys the use of its own buildings which are based on a large site in the rural village of Tydd Gote, in the heart of the Fens. During this accounting year necessary work on the Manse building has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Volunteers have continued to maintain most of the garden areas throughout the year.

Since the end of March, when the first lockdown began, we have been holding our Sunday worship service on Zoom, together with Fenlands Family Church who normally meet in Thorney. We have still been able to worship to the sounds of our combined team of talented and dedicated musicians. During the week we have met via Zoom for prayer & Bible study, taking six months to cover the book of Revelation. Obviously, we have been unable to meet in homes but there have been doorstep visits, walks and during the summer, garden visits to maintain contact with each other. The women have come together on Zoom most Saturday mornings for prayer and encouragement from the Bible and the youth have met fortnightly.

Our community outreach has been curtailed this year as our building has remained closed. During December we did host a Zoom Ladies night where we enjoyed some festive fun. Sadly, the open-air Carol service that we planned for just before Christmas was cancelled due to sickness, the weather, and the fact that some of us were locked down again.

At the beginning of March 'Churches Together in East Elloe' organized a Day for Healing. A team from Crowhurst Healing Centre in East Sussex led us in a series of seminars interspersed by lunch and tea on the Saturday and a worship and ministry meeting on the Sunday evening.

We have continued to support our chosen overseas mission projects on a regular basis as well as responding to requests for support in specific projects. The need this year has been increased because of the pandemic. Our contacts in Malawi needed buckets and soap for washing as well as food & building supplies, while in DRC someone working with displaced street children was given financial support. We also make every effort to be mindful of the needs of our own locality, supporting the local food bank and the local branch of CAP as well as other individual needs as they come to our notice.

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Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfill its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavor not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The trustees are happy with the current level of reserves but will review these if they fall below £10,000.

Details of funds materially in deficit None.

The charity's principal sources of funds

The principle source of funds is member's monthly donations and offerings given by the church attendees. We still have the balance of legacies given some years ago to Tydd Gote Chapel of which Fenlands Church is the successor. Gift Aid is also a significant source.

Investment Policy

The trust deed gives the trustees wide investment powers. In practice current or deposit accounts are used as it is not the intention to build large financial reserves. The Trustees are not aware of any major risk which is not covered by appropriate insurance.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

Kathleen Maunder

Gillian Wilson

Full Names

KATHLEEN MAUNDER

GILLIAN WILSON

Position

TREASURER

CHAIRPERSON

Date

3-10-2021

3.10.2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Fenlands Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

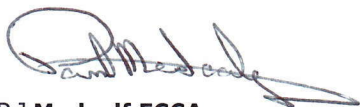
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 explanations from the trustees concerning 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 1 September 2021

FENLANDS CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts	4a	42,369	-	42,369	40,533
Operating Activities to Further Charity's Objects	4b	6,379	-	6,379	6,148
Investment Income Receipts	4c	5	-	5	10
Other Receipts	4d	200	-	200	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		48,953	-	48,953	46,691
PAYMENTS					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5a	43,631	-	43,631	50,615
Investment Management Costs	5b	76	-	76	-
Governance Costs	5c	394	-	394	584
TOTAL PAYMENTS		44,101	-	44,101	51,199
NET -PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS for the year		4,852	-	4,852	(4,508)
Cash Funds Last Year End		15,957	-	15,957	20,465
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		20,809		20,809	15,957

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form a part of the financial statements

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
ASSETS				
Cash funds				
Bank Accounts - Tydd	2,885	-	2,885	2,088
Bank Accounts - Thorney	1,293	-	1,293	510
Deposit Accounts - Tydd	15,505	-	15,505	10,649
Deposit Accounts - Thorney	105	-	105	1,055
Petty Cash - Tydd	42	-	42	22
Petty Cash - Thorney	250	-	250	250
Total cash funds	20,080		20,080	14,574
Other Assets				
Debtor	-	-	-	-
Recoverable Gift Aid - Tydd	690	-	690	1,086
Recoverable Gift Aid - Thorney	39	-	39	297
	729		729	1,383
TOTAL ASSETS	20,809		20,809	15,957
REPRESENTED BY:				
General Fund - Tydd	19,122	-	19,122	13,846
General Fund - Thorney	1,687	-	1,687	2,111
TOTAL FUNDS	20,809		20,809	15,957
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:				
(Valued at cost, or if gifted at the value to the charity on receipt)				
Main church building				
Computer equipment	870	-	870	870
Musical Items	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Other equipment	6,910	-	6,910	6,910
Fixtures & Fittings	4,600	-	4,600	4,600
Projectors	1,590	-	1,590	1,590
Audio Visual Items	5,280	-	5,280	5,280
Coffee shop/Office/Kitchen				
Equipment	10,630	-	10,630	10,630
Carpets	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	33,880		33,880	33,880
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fee	240	-	240	240
	240		240	240

(Chairman) *Gavin*
 (Treasurer) *Kathy Mawdsley*

Approved by the trustees on:

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commission.

2 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity held no restricted funds during this financial year.

3 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

4 RECEIPTS

	Tydd	Unrestricted Funds Thorney £	2020 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds
a Donations, legacies and other similar receipts					
Charitable Activities	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,664
Bequests and Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aided Donations	7,350	2,119	-	9,469	4,480
Thorney Contribution	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Gift Aid Donations	20,462	8,788	-	29,250	31,989
Sunday Offerings	-	-	-	-	-
	31,462	10,907	-	42,369	40,533
b Operating activities to further charity's objects					
Letting Income	20	-	-	20	185
Manse Rent	6,359	-	-	6,359	5,963
	6,379	-	-	6,379	6,148
c Investment income receipts					
Bank Interest	5	-	-	5	10
d Other Receipts					
Sundry Receipts	200	-	-	200	-
	200	-	-	200	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,046	10,907	-	48,953	46,691

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5 PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds Tydd £	Thorney £	2020 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds
a Cost of Charitable Activities					
Catering Costs	650	-	-	650	1,450
Children's Work	-	-	-	-	72
Cleaning Materials	14	-	-	14	-
Direct Event Costs	-	655	-	655	2,209
Equipment Purchases	-	48	-	48	285
Gifts: Missionaries	6,260	1,400	-	7,660	5,250
Organizations	1,427	1,107	-	2,534	2,600
Individuals	63	500	-	563	7,496
Thorney Contribution to Tydd	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
General Travel Expenses	-	10	-	10	126
Insurance	1,668	-	-	1,668	1,582
Licenses	415	152	-	567	549
Literature Purchases	-	-	-	-	27
Maintenance/Repairs	275	-	-	275	1,516
Postage	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Improvement	-	-	-	-	148
Printing/Photocopying	-	-	-	-	333
Salaries and Wages	17,734	5,500	-	23,234	19,398
Sundry Payments	39	76	-	115	485
Telephone/Broadband	471	-	-	471	450
Utilities	2,647	-	-	2,647	3,897
Visiting Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	-	150
Website	120	-	-	120	192
	31,783	11,848		43,631	50,615
b Investment Management Costs					
Bank Charges	68	8	-	76	-
	68	8		76	-
c Governance Costs					
Professional Fees	240	-	-	240	240
Child Protection Fees	154	-	-	154	344
	394	-		394	584
TOTAL PAYMENTS	32,245	11,856	-	44,101	51,199
NET OF RECEIPTS/-PAYMENTS	5,276	(424)	-	4,852	(4,508)
Cash Funds Last Year End	13,846	2,111	-	15,957	20,465
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	19,122	1,687	-	20,809	15,957