

**Fenlands Church**

**Annual Report and  
Statement of Accounts**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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# FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## Reference and administration details

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

## **Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>
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**

<b>Primary Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 3 North Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JR
<b>Solicitors</b>	Bowers 15 South Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JQ
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	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 we have been able to undertake necessary work on the main church building as well as some of the work on the Manse building which had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Volunteers have cleared and developed much of the garden areas during the year.

At the beginning of the year, we were still holding our Sunday Worship services on Zoom, together with the members of Fenlands Family Church who normally meet in Thorney. We were encouraged at that time to have a couple who had recently moved into the village, join in our online services. With the gradual easing of restrictions, we began to meet in small prayer groups and eventually, at the end of July we were able to have our first Sunday service together in the church hall. We were further encouraged by an influx of new people once we had opened our doors again. Prayer groups are still meeting weekly with some Bible studies taking place through Zoom. The Youth group is now meeting weekly, and the numbers are steadily increasing. They also have their own session during the Sunday service. On Monday mornings we meet at the church centre to do various jobs such as garden clearance, decorating, repairs, and reorganizing. We have had our first ladies' breakfast together and plan to continue this each month. During the summer months we held a monthly Garden Fellowship. Our musicians continue to serve us well as the team grows.

Fenlands Family Church have been able to resume their meetings in the school in Thorney and they have seen new people join them. They have also restarted their successful Play'n'Chat group and are seeing up to twenty-five babies & toddlers each week. Sadly, for several reasons their Christmas dinner had to be cancelled.

We are looking forward to increasing our community outreach during the coming year. The repairs to the church building were completed in time for us to be able to use it for our Christmas services. We also had a ladies Christmas dinner and carol 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. Our contacts in Malawi needed help to complete a church building and to buy maize seed. 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.

# FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## 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

*GC Wilson*

Full Names *GILLIAN CHRISTINE WILSON*

Position *CHAIRPERSON*

Date *7/8/2022*

*Kathy Maunder*

*KATHLEEN SHARON MAUNDER  
TREASURER*

*7-8-2022*



# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Fenlands Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 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.



Date: 23-8-22

**P J Medcalf FCCA**  
**Chartered Certified Accountant**  
**322 Smeeth Road**  
**Marshland St James**  
**Wisbech**  
**Cambs.**  
**PE14 8EP**

**FENLANDS CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts	4a	41,429	-	41,429	42,369
Operating Activities to Further Charity's Objects	4b	6,000	-	6,000	6,379
Investment Income Receipts	4c	1	-	1	5
Other Receipts	4d	-	-	-	200
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>47,430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,430</b>	<b>48,953</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5a	50,770	-	50,770	43,631
Investment Management Costs	5b	68	-	68	76
Governance Costs	5c	381	-	381	394
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>51,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,219</b>	<b>44,101</b>
<b>NET -PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS for the year</b>		<b>(3,789)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,789)</b>	<b>4,852</b>
<b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>		<b>20,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,809</b>	<b>15,957</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>		<b>17,020</b>		<b>17,020</b>	<b>20,809</b>

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



# FENLANDS CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank Accounts - Tydd	2,498	-	2,498	2,885
Bank Accounts - Thorney	830	-	830	1,293
Deposit Accounts - Tydd	11,309	-	11,309	15,505
Deposit Accounts - Thorney	-	-	-	105
Petty Cash - Tydd	28	-	28	42
Petty Cash - Thorney	250	-	250	250
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,915</b>		<b>14,915</b>	<b>20,080</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Debtor	-	-	-	-
Recoverable Gift Aid - Tydd	1,974	-	1,974	690
Recoverable Gift Aid - Thorney	131	-	131	39
	<b>2,105</b>		<b>2,105</b>	<b>729</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>17,020</b>		<b>17,020</b>	<b>20,809</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>				
General Fund - Tydd	15,811	-	15,811	19,122
General Fund - Thorney	1,209	-	1,209	1,687
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>17,020</b>		<b>17,020</b>	<b>20,809</b>
<b>Assets retained for the Charity's own use:</b> (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
	<b>33,880</b>		<b>33,880</b>	<b>33,880</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Independent Examiners Fee	240	-	240	240
	<b>240</b>		<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>

( Chairman )

*G. Wilson*

( Treasurer )

*Kathy Mauder*

Approved by the trustees on:

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# FENLANDS CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 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 £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds
<b>a Donations, legacies and other similar receipts</b>					
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	1,250
Bequests and Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aided Donations	4,930	1,386	-	6,316	9,469
Thorney Contribution	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,400
Gift Aid Donations	24,882	8,231	-	33,113	29,250
Sunday Offerings	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>31,812</b>	<b>9,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,429</b>	<b>42,369</b>
<b>b Operating activities to further charity's objects</b>					
Letting Income	-	-	-	-	20
Manse Rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,359
	<b>6,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,379</b>
<b>c Investment income receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	1	-	-	1	5
<b>d Other Receipts</b>					
Sundry Receipts	-	-	-	-	200
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>37,813</b>	<b>9,617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,430</b>	<b>48,953</b>

**FENLANDS CHURCH  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**5 PAYMENTS**

**a Cost of Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted Funds Tydd £	Thorney £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds
Catering Costs	450	-	-	450	650
Children's Work	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning Materials	-	-	-	-	14
Direct Event Costs	415	49	-	464	655
Equipment Purchases	502	40	-	542	48
Gifts: Missionaries	6,805	1,158	-	7,963	7,660
Organizations	1,266	1,106	-	2,372	2,534
Individuals	1,612	400	-	2,012	563
Thorney Contribution to Tydd	-	2,000	-	2,000	2,400
General Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	10
Insurance	1,710	-	-	1,710	1,668
Licenses	487	355	-	842	567
Literature Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance/Repairs	1,196	-	-	1,196	275
Postage	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Improvement	3,581	-	-	3,581	-
Printing/Photocopying	48	-	-	48	-
Salaries and Wages	18,400	4,900	-	23,300	23,234
Sundry Payments	132	87	-	219	115
Telephone/Broadband	469	-	-	469	471
Utilities	3,482	-	-	3,482	2,647
Visiting Ministry Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Website	120	-	-	120	120
	<b>40,675</b>	<b>10,095</b>		<b>50,770</b>	<b>43,631</b>

**b Investment Management Costs**

Bank Charges	68	-	-	68	76
	<b>68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>76</b>

**c Governance Costs**

Professional Fees	240	-	-	240	240
Child Protection Fees	141	-	-	141	154
	<b>381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>394</b>

**TOTAL PAYMENTS**

<b>41,124</b>	<b>10,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,219</b>	<b>44,101</b>
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**NET OF RECEIPTS/-PAYMENTS**

<b>(3,311)</b>	<b>(478)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,789)</b>	<b>4,852</b>
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**Cash Funds Last Year End**

<b>19,122</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,809</b>	<b>15,957</b>
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**CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END**

<b>15,811</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,020</b>	<b>20,809</b>
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