

**Fenlands Church**

**Annual Report and  
Statement of Accounts**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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# FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## Reference and administration details

|                                    |                                                                              |
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| <b>Charity name</b>                | Fenlands Church                                                              |
| <b>Registered charity number</b>   | 1136625                                                                      |
| <b>Charity's principal address</b> | The Church Centre<br>Main Road<br>Tydd Gote<br>Wisbech<br>Cambs.<br>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**

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



# **FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

## **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 some electrical work in the main church building and Welbrook Hall. Volunteers have continued to clear, develop, and maintain the surrounding garden areas throughout the year.

We are now holding our Sunday Worship services in the main church building and have been encouraged by new people coming to join us. We have a team of talented musicians from different backgrounds who come together in various combinations to facilitate our worship. Prayer Groups meet weekly, one at the church centre and the others in various homes in nearby villages.

We held an Alpha Course from April to July which drew in some new people.

On Monday mornings we meet at the church centre to do various jobs such as garden clearance, decorating, repairs, and reorganizing.

We have a monthly Ladies breakfast at the home of one of our members.

The expanding Youth group meets weekly on a Thursday evening and during the Sunday service. They also meet on Zoom for bible study as well as other outings that are arranged from time to time. They enjoyed two sleepovers at the church centre during February and October half-terms and a short camp in August in the garden of one of the youth team.

As part of our community outreach, we opened 'The Basket of Hope' tearooms in Welbrook Hall at the end of April. The Hall is decorated in vintage style and opens every Wednesday at lunchtime, serving light lunches, scones, and cake. In October, the menu was changed to provide a cooked lunch and dessert to help people with the rising cost of living. There is no fixed charge, people give what they can. There is a core of regular customers and others who visit from time to time.

There has been a good attendance at the bi-monthly Ladies night where we have enjoyed a craft session, a cooking demonstration, a barbeque, two talks from charitable organisations and a Christmas dinner and Carol Service.

Fenlands Family Church continues to meet in The Duke of Bedford School on a Sunday morning. The Play'n'Chat group meets on a Wednesday in Bedford Hall with an average attendance of ten to twelve carers and twenty-five babies/toddlers. They enjoyed a Christmas lunch in December, serving about seventy meals. On 31<sup>st</sup> October, the church held a 'Light' event serving hotdogs and distributing gospel literature.

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. We have been able to help our contacts in Malawi and Congo. 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

*Kathy Maunder*

Full Names *KATHLEEN SHARON MAUNDER*

Position *TREASURER*

Date *24-9-2023*

*Gillian*

*GILLIAN CHRISTINE WILSON*

*CHAIRPERSON*

*24/9/2023*



# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Fenlands Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 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.

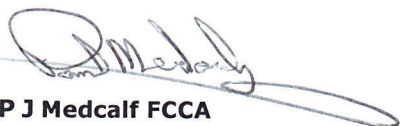
## Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.



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

**Date:** 14 July 2023

# FENLANDS CHURCH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

|                                                   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                                   |       |                            |                                  |                     |                             |
| Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts    | 4a    | 74,519                     | -                                | 74,519              | 41,429                      |
| Operating Activities to Further Charity's Objects | 4b    | 7,000                      | -                                | 7,000               | 6,000                       |
| Investment Income Receipts                        | 4c    | 30                         | -                                | 30                  | 1                           |
| Other Receipts                                    | 4d    | 1257                       | -                                | 1257                | -                           |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                             |       | <b>82,806</b>              | <b>-</b>                         | <b>82,806</b>       | <b>47,430</b>               |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                                   |       |                            |                                  |                     |                             |
| Costs of Charitable Activities                    | 5a    | 56,637                     | -                                | 56,637              | 50,770                      |
| Investment Management Costs                       | 5b    | 52                         | -                                | 52                  | 68                          |
| Governance Costs                                  | 5c    | 431                        | -                                | 431                 | 381                         |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                             |       | <b>57,120</b>              | <b>-</b>                         | <b>57,120</b>       | <b>51,219</b>               |
| <b>NET -PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS for the year</b>        |       | <b>25,686</b>              | <b>-</b>                         | <b>25,686</b>       | <b>(3,789)</b>              |
| <b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>                   |       | <b>17,020</b>              | <b>-</b>                         | <b>17,020</b>       | <b>20,809</b>               |
| <b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>                   |       | <b>42,706</b>              |                                  | <b>42,706</b>       | <b>17,020</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 2022

|                                                                       | Unrestricted Funds | 2022 Restricted Funds | Total Funds   | 2021 Total Funds |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
|                                                                       | £                  | £                     | £             | £                |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                         |                    |                       |               |                  |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                                                     |                    |                       |               |                  |
| Bank Accounts - Tydd                                                  | 1,160              | -                     | 1,160         | 2,498            |
| Bank Accounts - Thorney                                               | 2,591              | -                     | 2,591         | 830              |
| Deposit Accounts - Tydd                                               | 36,027             | -                     | 36,027        | 11,309           |
| Deposit Accounts - Thorney                                            | -                  | -                     | -             | -                |
| Petty Cash - Tydd                                                     | 28                 | -                     | 28            | 28               |
| Petty Cash - Thorney                                                  | 250                | -                     | 250           | 250              |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>                                               | <b>40,056</b>      |                       | <b>40,056</b> | <b>14,915</b>    |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                                                   |                    |                       |               |                  |
| Debtor                                                                | -                  | -                     | -             | -                |
| Recoverable Gift Aid - Tydd                                           | 1,290              | -                     | 1,290         | 1,974            |
| Recoverable Gift Aid - Thorney                                        | 1,360              | -                     | 1,360         | 131              |
|                                                                       | <b>2,650</b>       |                       | <b>2,650</b>  | <b>2,105</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                   | <b>42,706</b>      |                       | <b>42,706</b> | <b>17,020</b>    |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>                                                |                    |                       |               |                  |
| General Fund - Tydd                                                   | 29,005             | -                     | 29,005        | 15,811           |
| General Fund - Thorney                                                | 13,701             | -                     | 13,701        | 1,209            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                                    | <b>42,706</b>      |                       | <b>42,706</b> | <b>17,020</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                                                    | 1,492              | -                     | 1,492         | 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                                                             | 11,060             | -                     | 11,060        | 10,630           |
| Carpets                                                               | 1,000              | -                     | 1,000         | 1,000            |
|                                                                       | <b>34,932</b>      |                       | <b>34,932</b> | <b>33,880</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                    |                    |                       |               |                  |
| Independent Examiners Fee                                             | 240                | -                     | 240           | 240              |
|                                                                       | <b>240</b>         |                       | <b>240</b>    | <b>240</b>       |

( Chairman )

( Treasurer )

*[Signature]*  
*Kathy Maunder*

Approved by the trustees on:

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

# FENLANDS CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 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<br>Thorney<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>Funds |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>a Donations, legacies and other similar receipts</b>    |               |                                    |                                  |                     |                        |
| Charitable Activities                                      | -             | -                                  | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Bequests and Legacies                                      | -             | -                                  | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Non Gift Aided Donations                                   | 5,778         | 910                                | -                                | 6,688               | 6,316                  |
| Thorney Contribution                                       | -             | -                                  | -                                | -                   | 2,000                  |
| Gift Aid Donations                                         | 27,952        | 39,479                             | -                                | 67,431              | 33,113                 |
| Sunday Offerings                                           | 400           | -                                  | -                                | 400                 | -                      |
|                                                            | <b>34,130</b> | <b>40,389</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>74,519</b>       | <b>41,429</b>          |
| <b>b Operating activities to further charity's objects</b> |               |                                    |                                  |                     |                        |
| Letting Income                                             | -             | -                                  | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Manse Rent                                                 | 7,000         | -                                  | -                                | 7,000               | 6,000                  |
|                                                            |               |                                    |                                  |                     |                        |
| <b>c Investment income receipts</b>                        |               |                                    |                                  |                     |                        |
| Bank Interest                                              | 29            | 1                                  | -                                | 30                  | 1                      |
| <b>d Other Receipts</b>                                    |               |                                    |                                  |                     |                        |
| Sundry Receipts                                            | 132           | 1,125                              | -                                | 1,257               | -                      |
|                                                            | <b>132</b>    | <b>1,125</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         | <b>1,257</b>        | <b>-</b>               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                      | <b>41,291</b> | <b>41,515</b>                      | <b>-</b>                         | <b>82,806</b>       | <b>47,430</b>          |

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 5 PAYMENTS

##### a Cost of Charitable Activities

|                              | Unrestricted Funds<br>Tydd<br>£ | Thorney<br>£ | 2022<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ | 2021<br>Total<br>Funds |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Catering Costs               | 2,038                           | -            | -                                | 2,038               | 450                    |
| Children's Work              | 319                             | -            | -                                | 319                 | -                      |
| Cleaning Materials           | -                               | -            | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Direct Event Costs           | 668                             | 2,221        | -                                | 2,889               | 464                    |
| Equipment Purchases          | -                               | -            | -                                | -                   | 542                    |
| Gifts: Missionaries          | 5,600                           | 1,100        | -                                | 6,700               | 7,963                  |
| Organizations                | 2,036                           | 1,156        | -                                | 3,192               | 2,372                  |
| Individuals                  | 650                             | 200          | -                                | 850                 | 2,012                  |
| Thorney Contribution to Tydd | -                               | -            | -                                | -                   | 2,000                  |
| General Travel Expenses      | 451                             | 100          | -                                | 551                 | -                      |
| Insurance                    | 1,742                           | -            | -                                | 1,742               | 1,710                  |
| Licenses                     | 1,124                           | 241          | -                                | 1,365               | 842                    |
| Literature Purchases         | 104                             | -            | -                                | 104                 | -                      |
| Maintenance/Repairs          | 2,625                           | -            | -                                | 2,625               | 1,196                  |
| Postage                      | -                               | -            | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Premises Improvement         | 1,022                           | -            | -                                | 1,022               | 3,581                  |
| Printing/Photocopying        | 154                             | -            | -                                | 154                 | 48                     |
| Salaries and Wages           | 21,399                          | 4,000        | -                                | 25,399              | 23,300                 |
| Sundry Payments              | 158                             | 87           | -                                | 245                 | 219                    |
| Telephone/Broadband          | 454                             | -            | -                                | 454                 | 469                    |
| Utilities                    | 6,868                           | -            | -                                | 6,868               | 3,482                  |
| Visiting Ministry Expenses   | -                               | -            | -                                | -                   | -                      |
| Website                      | 120                             | -            | -                                | 120                 | 120                    |
|                              | <b>47,532</b>                   | <b>9,105</b> |                                  | <b>56,637</b>       | <b>50,770</b>          |

##### b Investment Management Costs

|              |           |          |          |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank Charges | 52        | -        | -        | 52        | 68        |
|              | <b>52</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>68</b> |

##### c Governance Costs

|                       |            |          |          |            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| Professional Fees     | 240        | -        | -        | 240        | 240        |
| Child Protection Fees | 191        | -        | -        | 191        | 141        |
|                       | <b>431</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>431</b> | <b>381</b> |

|                                  |                |               |          |               |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>            | <b>48,015</b>  | <b>9,105</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>57,120</b> | <b>51,219</b>  |
| <b>NET OF RECEIPTS/-PAYMENTS</b> | <b>(6,724)</b> | <b>32,410</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>25,686</b> | <b>(3,789)</b> |
| <b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>  | <b>15,811</b>  | <b>1,209</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>17,020</b> | <b>20,809</b>  |
| <b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>  | <b>9,087</b>   | <b>33,619</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>42,706</b> | <b>17,020</b>  |