



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Feb	2021		31	Jan	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Scott	Treasurer		Members at AGM
2	Amanda Miller			Members at AGM
3	June Frisbee			Members at AGM
4	Ron Paternoster			Members at AGM
5	George Wafula			Members at AGM
6	Catherine Jarvis			Members at AGM
7	Suzanne Gillingham			Members at AGM
8	Rev David Sebley			N/A
9	Rev Rachel Prior		In post July 2021	N/A
10	Rev Roman Kukiewicz			N/A
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	By trust with Annual Nominations of Trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By election at Annual AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All policy & procedures are decided by the members at the AGM, usually held in April

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Provide Ecumenical worship to the local area. Provide support and spiritual needs of the community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our worship is open to everyone.

The building is utilised during the week by local organisations who provide support or facilities to the local and wider community.

The building is also used as a nursery who run 8 session a week.

We have been working closely with the local community helping those in need.

We also operate as a foodbank distribution point one day a week, which is in connection with the Braintree Area Foodbank and governed by the Trussell Trust.

The church also has various outreach projects, like men's breakfast, ladies oasis, Snacknory, who let the dads out, youth group and an after school club.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The church is run and survives due to the exceptional volunteers we have, although they have depleted over the last couple of years, those who do volunteer do so with enthusiasm and gusto.

We have one paid youth worker and the ministry team who are paid by their denominations.

**Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year**

Please see the attached Annual Report.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has suffered a loss this financial year (2021-2022) due to the pandemic, loss of building income and lower offerings. But we have already taken progressive steps to increase our giving and reduce our expenditure to curb the losses going forward.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lisa Margaret Scott

David Sebley

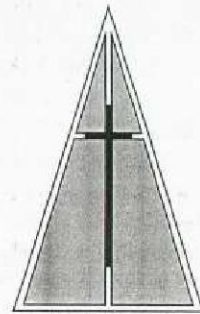
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Minister

Date

11 September 2022



THE CHURCH IN
GREAT NOTLEY

AGM REPORTS

**1ST MAY
2022**

MINISTER'S REPORT

Another year has flown by and we are at the time when we give thanks to God for all that has been happening in the life of The Church in Great Notley in the past twelve months, and also look ahead to the next year.

We want firstly to say a big thank you to all of you for your support and encouragement this last year. Everyone who is involved in the life of this church is important. It does not matter about your age [whether you think you are too young or too old], your church background or how long you have been coming to worship in this church. Each and every one of us has a part to play in the life of this Christian family.

It has been wonderful to welcome Rachel, Sam, and Maggie to our church, and we have already been enjoying having the three of them involved in the church family. Our prayers are with them as they welcome a new arrival to their own family and as Rachel takes some much-needed maternity leave!

A few years ago, there was a song in the charts with lyrics that said, 'What have you done today to make you feel proud?' Might that be what God says to us at the end of this year at The Church in Great Notley, in fact those words could be asked of us at the end of every day!

I [David] have been thinking a lot recently about our responsibility as Christians to live lives that are 100% dependent upon God. Do we really live like that? Or do we tend to think that we're doing God a favour when we pray, read the Bible, speak out for God in the office or at home, or when we come to worship? The truth is that God tells us to do these things not because *He* needs them from us but because they enhance our lives as His people.

Reflecting on the story of the widow of Zarephath from 1 Kings Chapter

17, this poor woman was asked to give her last meal to the prophet of God and in doing so she was told that God would restock the flour and oil every day so that she would have food. Now please just put yourself in her shoes for a moment. She had never met this prophet Elijah before, she may not even have been a worshipper of God, but she gave everything she had. There was no way for her to know that she could trust what Elijah was saying to her, but she committed herself to being totally dependent on God.

In fact, when you read about the great heroes of faith in the Bible, they all had a point in their life when they had to be utterly devoted to God's plans for their life. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Gideon, Ruth, Esther, John the Baptist, Paul, Timothy, and of course Jesus had to be completely committed to God.

What about us as a church family – how might God be challenging us to be entirely devoted and dependent on Him as we head into a new year? Over the past few months, we have been considering how to grow the church here in Great Notley and the Bible is full of inspirational stories of people who learned to live completely dependent on God. That is true also for church families – the more committed we are to listening to God's plans and to seeking His guidance the greater the adventure will be.

There is so much going on in Great Notley Church throughout the week, far too much to mention individually. However, whatever you are involved in we want to say a huge 'Thank you' for all that you do in the life of this Church family. We pray that we will all play our part as we move forward into the next twelve months.

With our love and as always, our appreciation for your support.

David, Rachel and Roman

CATERING

I have nothing much to report as things have been relatively quiet of late.

We still hold our twice weekly coffee mornings, attended mainly by the walking group, but numbers have dwindled with the group since the pandemic. Tea and biscuits are of course served after all Sunday services and will continue. We are so short of helpers that it becomes difficult when there are holidays etc.

Perhaps we could have a tea to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in June if there is sufficient interest!

I would like to thank my ladies, namely Betty, Judith, Sandra T and Gina for their support.

Sandra Higby

CIGN RELAUNCHED CAFÉ & CHAT

Following a couple of tentative but successful free trial sessions in August 21, we have been running our Café & Chat on the first Thursday of each month since Sept 21. We carried over £68.88 funds from the now defunct Friendship Club, from which we then spent £9 on cards and postage, leaving £59.88 held in the Church bank a/c. To this we can add £37.24 cash, accrued from our sessions since Sept 21, making a total fund of £97.12. Regrettably, we did have to cancel some sessions due to local COVID infection increases.

We have kept guest numbers to 12, to help maintain social distancing and have been fortunate to have the choice of meeting either in the Vestibule or the Small Hall, depending on how cold it is inside and out. We feel able to increase that number now, subject to COVID stats each time, so please give us a try (but let us know you're coming!).

We also introduced altered timing for the winter months to start and finish earlier and to include a light lunch of soup and bread, followed as always by the fabulous cakes generously baked and always donated by our volunteers and friends each session. We have been able to maintain the session cost at £1 per person, with the soup sessions being

subsidised by excess funds accrued in non-soup, warmer weather sessions.

Options to play board games and do a craft each session have been put on hold for the time being as most folk are more than happy to chat, eat and quiz! We are especially looking forward to our Jubilee Cream Tea Party on 2 June, which will make use of funds accrued.

We were delighted to join with many in our congregation to craft, donate, prepare and wrap shoeboxes for Link to Hope's Christmas shoebox mission in 2021. Your super hard work, and generous donations totalling £142.30, enabled us to fill and pay the £3 per box transport cost for 24 shoeboxes to our neighbours in Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Our collecting for Christmas boxes 2022 has *already* begun in earnest, in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

We have parked the idea of running a second session each month as our wonderful volunteers are already over stretched. However, we would like to revisit this in the months ahead, bearing in mind the likely growing needs of our congregation and community as the acute cost of living increases hit home. Maybe a lunch club or similar.....

Finally, none of this would be possible without the support of Church Council, our ministers and the dedication of our amazing volunteers – Carol, Cecily, Jan, Mary, Paul F & Sandra T. And Maggie who had to step back due to so many commitments and new Church visitor Gina, who has now settled at Black Notley. We are so grateful to you all.

Jacquie Fanchette & Wendy Potter

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current bank balance as of 31 March 2022.

NatWest Current account	£ 3,655.90
NatWest Deposit account	£ 7,490.15
NatWest 35-day notice account	Closed
Methodist Chapel Aid Account (reserve)	£20,074.82
Methodist Chapel Aid Account (Main)	£17,000.00

Income

We received a grant from Essex Community Foundation of £8,500.00 towards the Youth workers' salary. This will currently cover all salary costs until approximately Nov 2022.

Unfortunately, our average monthly offerings are still averaging £890.00 which is a drop on last year. Our pre Covid offerings averaged £1,800 but we have lost some valuable members of the congregation in the last few years.

Hiring's have remained steady at approximately £15,674. The Catering Team continues to provide valuable income to the church with approximately £585 during the financial year 2021/2022, which is wonderful considering the restrictions imposed on them for a significant period of the financial year.

Expenditure

Thankfully we have not needed any significant works in the church this year. We did invest in a PAT testing kit at £256 which will save us money in the long term as we can do our own PAT testing. We can also hire out the kit should another church or group need to use it.

We supported 3 charities in 2021 totalling £481.00, with 2 retiring donations and a collection for the Church community Christmas card.

Notes

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As your accounts reflect a deficit of more than £20,000 over that 2 year period I am aware that you are concerned. Hopefully there will be more interest in Hall Hire, but many people are still not ready to return to celebrating events just yet.

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I can only compliment you in your effort to continue with your dedication in your work within CiGN.

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Notes from treasurer

This still leaves us with an overall deficit of £7,374.89 for the financial year, although, we as a church are working at increasing our giving and reducing our expenditure. This is not just down to Church Council, but The Responsibility is Ours as a church community.

We will have a new Independent Examiner going forward as Isobel has decided to retire from doing the accounts. I personally would like my thanks to Isobel Reid noted in this report.

Lisa Scott

The Church in Great Notley

Receipts & Payments Account 1st February 2022 to 31st January 2022

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous Year
Collections	£ 10,887.26		£ 10,887.26	£ 11,914.54
Gift Aid	£ 3,370.55		£ 3,370.55	£ 4,784.45
Hire of Hall	£ 15,474.55		£ 15,474.55	£ 8,401.74
Catering	£ 585.77		£ 585.77	£ 451.72
Hand Raising (Donations)	£ 148.35		£ 148.35	£ 951.80
Money Church	£ 568.24		£ 568.24	
Donations & Requests	£ 495.20		£ 495.20	£ 5,600.00
Grants Received		£ 8,955.00	£ 8,955.00	£ 11,204.00
Interest Received	£ 93.25		£ 93.25	£ 241.82
Youth & School Work	£ 28.67		£ 28.67	
Membership				£ 110.00
Total Receipts	£ 31,453.90	£ 8,955.00	£ 40,408.90	£ 38,338.67
Payments				
Recreational Costs				
Christmas Dinner	£ 13,640.00		£ 13,640.00	£ 14,382.18
Methodist	£ 1,653.30		£ 1,653.30	£ 1,885.92
UAC	£ 5,248.00		£ 5,248.00	£ 6,712.00
Exploit	£ 71.25		£ 71.25	£ 40.00
Minister's Expenses	£ -		£ -	£ 675.02
Membership Expenses	£ 248.45		£ 248.45	£ 383.52
Copyrights & Licences	£ 671.54		£ 671.54	£ 992.82
Telephone Charges & WPI	£ 668.81		£ 668.81	£ 1,073.96
Council Tax (Not U Subsidy)	£ 152.84		£ 152.84	£ 543.37
Sea	£ 3,038.87		£ 3,038.87	£ 494.14
Electricity	£ 2,210.84		£ 2,210.84	£ 1,883.48
Water	£ 311.81		£ 311.81	£ 1,098.78
Insurance	£ 782.85		£ 782.85	£ 754.17
Property & Garden	£ 2,705.08	£ 515.00	£ 3,220.08	£ 4,811.47
Payroll		£ 7,481.29	£ 7,481.29	£ 7,500.94
Wine	£ 423.84		£ 423.84	£ 71.76
Postage & Stationery	£ 70.22		£ 70.22	£ 147.35
Donations	£ 390.08		£ 390.08	£ 23.00
Wine - off				£ 552.71
Parish SG	£ 313.81		£ 313.81	
Window Cleaning	£ 400.00		£ 400.00	£ 540.00
Cleaning	£ 8,170.79		£ 8,170.79	£ 5,498.70
Equipment Hire	£ 124.64		£ 124.64	£ 216.64
	£ 39,486.89	£ 8,310.10	£ 47,796.99	£ 46,893.53

-£ 7,378.09

CIGN FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

The Trussell Trust is in a partnership agreement with the Church in Great Notley to act as a Distribution Centre for Braintree Area Foodbank. Other centres within our group are Christ Church Braintree, St. Paul's Cressing Road, Halstead and Witham.

2021 was a year where we saw communities pulling together and helping each other in difficult times, with various 'pop-up' food distribution points, and people in need were able to access food more readily. Many of these temporary facilities have now closed, and we have noticed an increase in the number of people using the foodbank this year.

Figures for last year are 197 Adults and 217 Children, totalling 414 people given 3 meals per day for 3 days. This equates to 3,726 meals. On top of this we supply shampoo, deodorants, washing powder, nappies, fresh potatoes, tea, coffee, milk, baby food, chocolate Easter eggs and Christmas presents for children, along with so much more.

We realise that this year is going to be difficult for everyone, but we really need your support to get food to those who are desperately struggling. Food lists are regularly updated, and can be viewed on the Foodbank webpage.

We have a small team of volunteers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their unfailing support and dedication to this task. Thank you Carol, Linda, Lisa, Marion, Mike, Pam, Ron, Saras and Stephane. You are a great team to work with. And my thanks to all of you for your continuing support.

Maggie Ouwehand

PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDING

In writing this report, I would firstly give many thanks to my good friend Ron Paternoster, who throughout the year has been by my side in all that has been done in keeping this wonderful church in good repair.

All contractual servicing has been undertaken. That includes fire alarms, intruder alarms, fire extinguishers, the boiler and the folding screens (both ends).

Having purchased the test kit, we have now completed all PAT testing throughout the building and created a log of all that we have tested. Ron has re-covered our large notice boards in the vestibule area. We have had to place a shield alongside one outside wall light as it was preventing true imaging of our CCTV camera.

We have during the year had to unblock toilets, replace faulty locks on both children's toilet doors, repair a broken cupboard in the kitchen, de-scaled the hot water machine and a group of us gave the kitchen a deep clean and new UV tubes. Recently with help from both Ron and Paul Freeman we changed the lamp in the church projector.

I must say again, thanks to Ron, firstly for the wonderful offertory box and stand now in use each week, but also to both he and Marie for their continued dedication to our glorious gardens.
Thank you Lord for our building.

Mike Higby

MEMBERSHIP AND PASTORAL

It needs to be clarified that the numbers on our Membership and Pastoral lists have been amended to reflect the new General Data Protection Regulations. These state that we are unable to store personal information unless we have written permission from an individual. George and Amanda are in the process of making sure that we have permission from everyone who needs to sign the relevant form. This is quite a task and is a work in progress.

Membership

Membership currently stands at 48. In part this is due to the number of members who have sadly died in recent times. We were sad to hear of the death of Bert Lucas in April 2021. It also reflects the deletion of members with whom we no longer have any contact, as referred to

above. A further group of members have been sent Easter greetings together with a GDPR form explaining why this is necessary. All members should have now received a copy of the 2022 Membership Directory.

Mary-Beth Kogbe, Martha Kogbe and Bethan Jarvis have all been transferred from Junior Membership to full membership. We have also welcomed Emma Gibson who transferred her membership from Bishops Stortford.

All annual returns have been completed. The URC have this year moved to on-line reporting. This is not always an easy task as each denomination requires our data in a slightly different way.

We are looking at ways of encouraging more people to become church members, reviewing the way we recognise membership and the form of the membership service. This is all being addressed by the Membership Secretary and the ministers.

Pastoral

For reasons referred to before the number of people on our historical Pastoral Lists has been significantly reduced. It was not possible for us to clarify whether all those listed still wanted contact with the church and administratively impossible to get them all to sign consent forms. A Pastoral Visitors lunch was held on 3rd November to explain these significant changes and the future of the Church magazine was discussed. The production of any future newsletter, as a way of keeping in touch with as many people as possible, will be addressed in due course and is being considered by Church Council.

The future and way forward for the Pastoral Team was discussed at a meeting with the ministers on 21st December 2021. Having reduced numbers on the pastoral register a new list of people of concern was considered. As a starting point for the Team the ministers wrote to those who had not yet returned to church services. Covid continues to have an impact on attendance at services. Wendy and June continue to

keep lines of communication open with other members of the congregation and Home Communion is still available for anyone requiring this. We would like to increase the number of people on the Pastoral Team. Certain training would need to be undertaken and DBS checks would also be necessary.

Gifts were given to Pastoral Visitors at the Covenant Service on 9th January. Thanks were expressed by the recipients for the gifts and for being recognised and acknowledged for the contribution made to church life by delivering the church magazine over many years.

Congratulations were expressed to Mary-Beth Kogbe who is now at university studying engineering and physics and Jacqui King who has moved away and is a curate in the Parish of Southminster. Janet Allwright has also moved away and is now happily living in Worthing.

Copies of our Welcome leaflet are now available outside the building for anyone to take away. Follow up letters have been sent to new people who completed a Welcome Card and gave permission for us to keep in touch. It is hoped that this will encourage a sense of belonging and increase our regular congregation.

June Frisbee

Junior Church /Youth Church.

We began the year meeting on Zoom and having video lessons online. September we was able to return to our regular Sunday sessions of the 2nd 3rd and 4th Sundays. This came with new issues of not enough volunteers, however we managed to keep going. We had 7 new families attending our sessions regularly and a few others attending as and when. We have also been blessed to have a few new volunteers, which is great as we have managed to finally get a rota in place which is something we haven't been able to do since Covid hit. There has been a drop in the age of our children at Junior Church, so we have simplified our sessions slightly. Making sure the sessions are memorable and that the children have fun and learn that they are loved by God is the overall aim.

After School Club.

Our After School Club came to a natural end after the January term. Many children left due to other commitments and with covid causing many of our sessions to be cancelled we felt it was the right course of action. We would like to return in the future with something new and fresh that reaches out into this community, however it is still currently under review.

Youth Group

Unfortunately after Covid we struggled to meet regularly for our Youth sessions. Many of our teenagers are now preparing for and sitting their GCSE'S so we are having to put a hold on this group. We have however continued to support our young people by sending them boxes of encouragement to help them through their exams. Youth will definitely return in the near future.

Ladies Oasis

Our Monday evening ladies group 'Ladies Oasis' is still going strong with around 10 regular members. We are trying out new ideas and activities and we have recently had a Pimms and Waffle evening. We have had lots of interest from mums in our other community groups about the possibility of coming along too.

Snackanory.

This group continues to be a great success. It's a lovely group with playtime and music. After Covid we adapted it to 2 one hour sessions. 10-11am and 1-2 pm which seems to be working really well and takes the pressure off the morning session as it can be quite well attended. This is a free group which runs on our regular donations from our parents. In the summer we held our first Snackanory picnic which was very successful. Around 30 attending both play session and BYO picnic after.

Who Let Dads Out.

Our monthly dads toddler group remains consistent with numbers between 5 and 12. However, we are hopeful that this lovely group will begin to grow.

Community events

Our Community work has been busy over the last year. We have had a pumpkin trail and an Easter trail which are always very popular. 45 children taking part in the Pumpkin trail and 50 at Easter. Our All Hallows event was extremely well attended. We served over 95 hotdogs and Hot Chocolate to the families in our community. Our Autumn Funday was another success with around 50 children in attendance. We also held a Messy Christmas which was lots of fun.

The Church in Great Notley

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Receipts

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Catering	£ 585.77		£ 585.77	£ 453.72
Fund Raising (Donations)	£ 148.33		£ 148.33	£ 805.30
Messy Church	£ 368.34		£ 368.34	
Donations & Bequests	£ 496.20		£ 496.20	£ 2,600.00
Grants Received		£ 8,955.00	£ 8,955.00	£ 11,334.00
Interest Received	£ 93.25		£ 93.25	£ 243.82
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Friendship				£ 110.00
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Denominational Costs				
Chelmsford Diocese	£ 13,680.00		£ 13,680.00	£ 14,082.48
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Water	£ 311.81		£ 311.81	£ 1,068.28
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Payroll		£ 7,481.29	£ 7,481.29	£ 7,590.94
Misc	£ 415.64		£ 415.64	£ 73.78
Postage & Stationery	£ 70.22		£ 70.22	£ 147.35
Donations	£ 360.08		£ 360.08	£ 20.00
Write - off	-		-	£ 552.73
Pension SG		£ 313.81	£ 313.81	
Window Cleaning	£ 400.00		£ 400.00	£ 340.00
Cleaning	£ 8,170.79		£ 8,170.79	£ 5,498.36
Equipment Hire	£ 224.64		£ 224.64	£ 224.64
	£ 39,464.69	£ 8,310.10	£ 47,774.79	£ 48,883.53

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Treasurer

1/5/2022

Minister

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Applications for Grants were indeed made to BDC to help towards the loss of income but of course Covid – 19 Regulations did increase expenditure. It will probably take some time for your annual income to recover.

As your accounts reflect a deficit of more than £20,000 over that 2 year period I am aware that you are concerned. Hopefully there will be more interest in Hall Hire, but many people are still not ready to return to celebrating events just yet.

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Church in Great Notley

Analysis of Assets

Year ending 31st January 2022
Closing Balances

Previous Year 31st January 2021

Nat West Current Account	£ 3,486.22	£ 3,958.77
Nat West Deposit	£ 3,333.64	£ 9,833.05
Nat West 35 Day Account	£ -	£ 25,373.59
Methodist Deposit Account	£ 20,074.82	£ 20,000.00
Methodist	£ 22,000.00	
	£ 48,894.68	£ 59,165.41

Deficit this year

£ 10,270.73

Again this year the result even with keen accounting management shows that there is unfortunately a deficit as shown of -(£10270.73)
This would appear to as a direct result of Covid - 19.

However, as this is the second year of a deficit I have to advise that this is not sustainable and measures will need to be put in place to increase your income to enable the Church in Great Notley to continue to serve in God's Work for the benefit of the community in CiGN within the Parish of Black Notley.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Church Council of The Church in Great Notley

I am pleased to report on the Accounts of the Church in Great Notley as prepared and presented to me for Independent Inspection by Miss Lisa Scott, Treasurer, for the accounting period from

1st February 2021 to 31st January, 2022

In accordance with the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) an Audit is not required, but the requirement of an Independent Examination is needed in order to comply with the rules of the Charity Commission.

It has therefore been my responsibility to:

Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act: and

State whether any particular matter has come to my attention.

My examination has been carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commission. The procedure I am required to follow is not that of a full audit. The examination however, included a review of the Accounting Records. I am pleased to report I did not find anything unusual or irregular within the accounting records and procedures. My examination did show that a significant deficit has occurred due to loss of income for the second year running due to the Government Regulations concerning Covid-19.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I believe the accounting records are being kept in full accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act.

Signed:



Dated: 28th February 2022

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