

ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

England & Wales · Charity number 1145236

Details

Other names	ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE LTD, ILFRACOMBE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2011-12-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (OBJECTS) ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN ILFRACOMBE, DEVON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith; To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused. To provide community facilities for educational, recreational and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social and economic circumstances and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£168,878	£148,150	-	-
2023-10-31	£85,209	£94,671	-	-
2022-10-31	£70,518	£65,861	-	-
2021-10-31	£68,208	£45,739	-	-
2020-10-31	£70,902	£77,306	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pastor Craig Stuart Mason	Chair	2022-04-11
Anne Margaret Mason		2022-09-15
Miriam Lorna Myra BAKER		2020-09-17
PAUL PARSONS		2020-09-17
Rachel Holmes		2014-01-01
Thomas Bradley		2019-05-10

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Annual Report for the Charity Commission: for period 1.11.23 - 31.03.25
Encounter Church Ilfracombe 1145236

During the reporting period, the church continued to operate consistently in line with its charitable purposes, remaining active and available in service to the local community. The trustees have observed ongoing engagement and growth, including new individuals joining the church and continued spiritual development among existing members. The church has remained committed to its vision, expressed through the strapline Love, Equip & Release.

At the start of 2025, the church introduced changes to its teaching and discipleship approach, with the aim of improving accessibility and practical application. The intention was to ensure that teaching was delivered in a way that is easier to receive and apply in everyday life, supporting individuals in their personal faith journey and development.

The trustees confirm that the church's charitable objects remain unchanged and are as follows:

To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, both locally and in other countries.

The charity has continued to be overseen by the Trustee Leaders: Craig Mason, Anne Mason, Paul Hopkinson, Paul Parsons, Rachel Holmans, Tom Bradley, and Miriam Baker. Mark Kempson stepped down as a leader and trustee in February 2025.

Services and Activities Provided by Encounter Church

Sunday Church Services

Weekly Sunday services are held from 10:30am to 12:00 noon and are open to the public. These services provide an opportunity for individuals and families to gather for communal worship and to receive Bible-based, Spirit-led teaching. The services offer a welcoming and safe environment for anyone wishing to explore the Christian faith and learn more about Jesus.

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Jesus in Everything

Children's Ministry (Kids Church)

Kids Church operates during Sunday morning services and is overseen by Lis Harvey-Bryant, supported by a team of trained and DBS-checked volunteers. The programme provides a safe, age-appropriate environment for children to learn about the Christian faith through teaching, activities, and occasional outings. The ministry aims to support children in exploring faith in a way that is engaging, nurturing, and appropriate to their stage of development.

Youth Work

The church's youth work is overseen by Anne Mason, supported by trained and DBS-checked volunteers. Youth sessions take place on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings, except for the first Sunday of each month when young people remain in the main church service. Activities are age-specific and combine teaching, discussion, and relationship-building. Teaching broadly follows themes from the main Sunday services, adapted to ensure understanding and relevance for young people.

Community Outreach

Encounter Church is actively involved in community support through several initiatives:

Regen Link is a befriending service for individuals aged 65 and over, overseen by Rachel Holmans and supported by trained and DBS-checked volunteers. The service provides support through home visits (where requested by Health and Social Services) and group activities. Group sessions take place on Monday mornings for coffee and fellowship, and on Thursday afternoons for activities and social engagement.

The church also supports Belle's Place, a local charity in Ilfracombe that serves vulnerable adults. Encounter Church funds and provides a meal on the fourth Wednesday of each month, serving approximately 40–50 people. Meals are prepared by Sally Rendells and her team, with the cost fully covered by the church.

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Food Collection and Donations

The church regularly collects food donations from congregational members, which are delivered weekly to the local foodbank. This supports individuals and families experiencing food insecurity within the wider community.

Facilities and Property Management

Encounter Church's building is maintained by a team of skilled volunteers who carry out routine maintenance and minor repairs as required. Larger or specialist works are assessed, costed, and completed by appropriate external contractors. The trustees ensure the premises are maintained to a high standard, with ongoing improvements carried out annually. During this reporting period, external contractors addressed rendering work and minor damp issues. The condition and upkeep of the building have been positively noted by the charity's insurers.

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ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

Receipts and Payments account for the period 1.11.23 - 31.03.25

Charity No 1145236

RECEIPTS

General	
Gift Aid Tax Refunded	28,409.55
Gift Aided	71,335.76

General	20,902.21
General GASDS	9,760.65
Total General	130,408.17

Interest	639.45
Vella	1,392.50
Lifegroup books	30.00
TYWP	125.00
Mugs	49.79
Total Receipt Categories	132,644.91

Payment Categories

Advertising	1,207.38
Bank Charges	96.40
Books & Training	4,491.60
Children's work	2.00
Christmas Meal	457.00
Conference	2,641.50
Equipment, Furniture	3,129.08
Flowers & Fruit	35.00
Food	2,196.40
Gifts	3,035.39
Helen Cook	149.80
Insurance	4,888.12
Licences & Fees	1,117.61
Miscellaneous	3,478.77
Music Group	41.95
Office Supplies	335.08
Outreach	1,697.05
Pastoral	40.24
Repairs	5,337.79
Travel Expenses	1,746.55
TYWP expense	600.00
Visiting Speaker	500.00
Young People	2,500.69
Cleaning	
Materials	169.60
Wages	1,835.45
Waste collection	90.93
Window Cleaning	168.00
Total Cleaning	2,263.98

Individual Support	
Vella	1,392.50
Missions	
CMSwaziland	750.00
Ground Level	1,700.00
ICE	1,700.00
PFI-Israel	1,700.00
R PASSMORE	6,120.00
Regen Link	6,400.00
UCB	120.00
Total Missions	18,490.00
Payroll	
Salary, Inc Tax & NI	74,022.87
Pension	3,487.85
Total Payroll	77,510.72
Services	
Electricity	2,388.34
Internet Service	846.09
Gas	2,927.67
Telephone	1,338.82
Water Rates	1,166.38
Total Services	8,667.30
Total Expense Categories	148,149.90

(Deficit £15,504.99)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.3.25

Assets	
CAF Current	7,035.53
CAF savings	13,564.25
Cash	<u>128.30</u>
	<u>20,728.08</u>

We also own the building where we worship, namely 74 High Street, Ilfracombe EX34 9NQ and all the furniture, fixtures and fittings therein.

Signed

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

OF ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

I report on the accounts of Encounter Church Ilfracombe for the seventeen months ended **31st March 2025** as attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 that the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination, 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.



James W Evans

13th January 2026

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Accounts



Trustees Annual Report: for period 01/11/2022 - 31/10/2023

Encounter Church Ilfracombe 1145236

Overview:

During this period the church continued to be overseen by the Pastor Craig Mason & Trustee Leaders, Anne Mason, Rachel Holmes, Tom Bradley, Paul Parsons, Karly Jackson and Mark Kempson and Miriam Baker as trustee and treasurer.

Sunday services now resumed:

Sunday Church Services:

From 10.30am – 12md for anyone to join in a time of praise worshipping God together, bringing teaching from the bible and providing a safe place for people to come and seek the Lord.

Life Group [mid week services]

Some of these groups meet in people's homes, as well as the church

Kids Church:

Overseen by Lis Harvery-Bryant and a team of police checked volunteers... This covers their time together on a Sunday morning during the church service, and various outings and fun activities.

Youth work:

Overseen by Karly Jackson and police checked volunteers, who meet on a Wednesday evening and during Sunday morning service for age specific activities. She also engages with School and other youth activities as invited.

Community work:

Regen Link is a Befriending service for people 65 and over:

This is run by Rachel Holmes with a team of police check and trained volunteers and supports folk in their own homes [if requested by Health and Social Services] as wel

as in large groups. The groups meet on Mondays for Coffee and Thursday afternoons for Activities and fun.

Food Collection and Donations:

This is usually brought to church, collected and delivered each week to the foodbank.

Facilities:

We have a team of skilled volunteers who as required maintain and carry out minor repairs at Encounter Church.

Other more major works are costed and carried out by suitable contractors.

The building is kept to a high standard with maintenance and improvements carried out year on year, as noted by our Insurers.

Signature.....

Craig Mason (Pastor & Trustee)

Signature.....

Rachel Holmes (Trustee)

Signature.....

Paul Parsons (Leader & Trustee)

Date.....

ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE
Charity No 1145236
Accounts: Summary of Receipts and Payments
01/11/2022 - 31/10/2023

	Receipts		Payments
Income from tithes, gifts, covenant refund	85,208.85		
Bank Interest / Charges	316.49		61.50
Rent	50.00		
Gifts to other causes by Encounter people (Vella, TYWP)	1,555.00		983.30
Lifegroup books	72.99		
Building Improvement & repairs			910.72
Cleaning –Materials & wages			1,485.74
Conferences & training			3,353.80
Equipment			255.19
Food			1,498.29
Furniture			70.00
Gifts			4,456.29
Insurance			2,978.51
Licences & Fees			1,316.35
Miscellaneous			1,337.21
Missions & Outreach			15,470.00
Music Group			1,818.00
Office Supplies			83.04
Sound & Camera			3,043.13
Pastoral Care			47,579.38
Services – gas, electricity etc			5,757.80
Travel Expenses			1,295.70
YP & Children			916.72
Totals: Receipts	87,203.33	Payments	94,670.67
Opening Balance	43,700.41		
		Closing Balance	36,233.07
	130,903.74		130,903.74

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

OF ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

I report on the accounts of Encounter Church Ilfracombe for the year ended 31st October 2022 attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiners report

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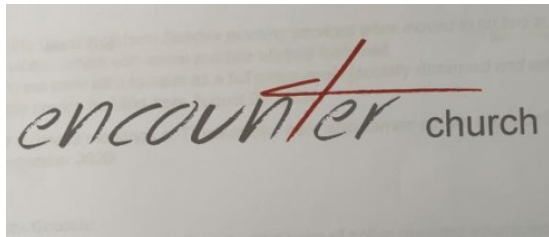
4th March 2024



ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

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Trustees Annual Report:
for period 01/11/2021 -
31/10/2022

Encounter Church Ilfracombe 1145236

Overview:

After the pandemic and restrictions being lifted it was the right time to recruit a Pastor, we advertised the pastoral position in Nov 21 and filled the position in April 22

During this period October 21 to April 22 the church continued to be overseen by the Trustee Leaders Tom Bradley, Rachel Holmes, Paul Parsons, Karly Jackson and Mark Kempson and Miriam Baker as trustee and treasurer. With the pastor Craig Mason added once started, Craig has taken over the day to day running of the charity making decisions and where we go as a church with the support of a leadership team and trustees, Craig also connects with other churches to build relationships across the town and region forming Unity

Sunday services:

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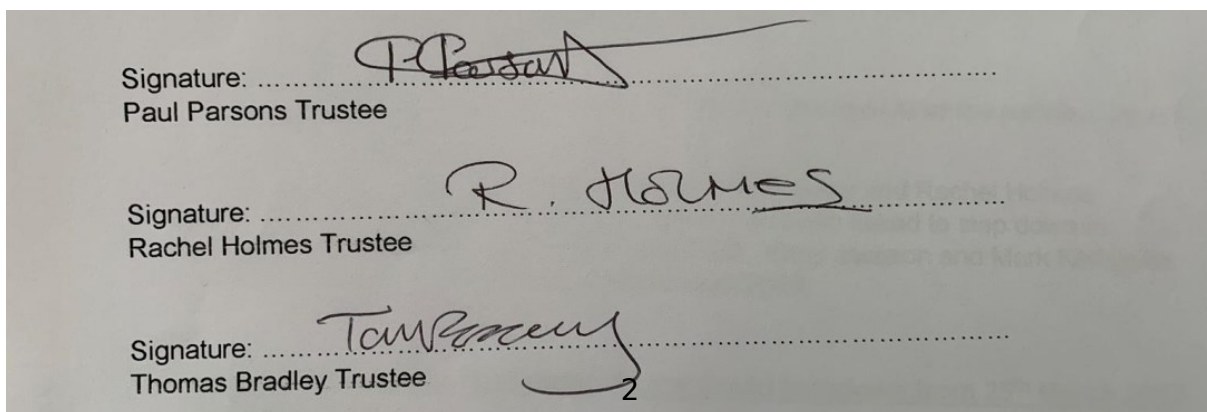
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1. In this current year we invested in a more modern digital sound desk.



ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31.10.22

Charity No 1145236

RECEIPTS

General	
Gift Aid Tax Refunded	9,984.73
Gift Aided	38,319.39
General	14,775.43
General GASDS	5,039.18
Total General	68,118.73

Delta	25.00
Helen Cook ICE	1,748.60
Interest	42.96
Regen Link	250.00
Rent	50.00
Sound System Gift	200.00
Vella	82.50

Total Receipt Categories 70,517.79

Payment Categories

Advertising	157.00
Audio/Camera Systems	2,187.38
Bank Charges	117.00
Books & Training	3,840.51
Conference	907.00
Equipment, Furniture	2,314.10
Flowers & Fruit	65.00
Food	663.66
Gifts	3,104.60
Insurance	2,642.55
Licences & Fees	704.25
Miscellaneous	1,195.95
Music Group	94.98
Office Supplies	66.99
Outreach	63.55
Repairs	1,392.62
Travel Expenses	295.32
Visiting Speakers	400.00
YP & Children	172.68
Cleaning	
Materials	93.96
Wages	1,130.89
Waste collection	82.24
Window Cleaning	108.00
Total Cleaning	1,415.09

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Individual Support	
Vella	82.50
Regen Link	250.00
Delta	25.00
Helen Cook	1,748.60

Missions	
CMSwaziland	600.00
Ground Level	850.00
ICE	1,200.00
PFI-Israel	1,145.00
R PASSMORE	2,160.00
Regen Link	4,200.00
UCB	80.00
Total Missions	10,235.00

Payroll	
Inc Tax & NI	3,311.81
Salary	23,556.41
Pension	938.56
Total Payroll	27,806.78

Services	
Electricity	702.38
Internet Service	625.66
Gas	1,193.18
Telephone	803.06
Water Rates	588.26
Total Services	3,912.54

Total Expense Categories 65,860.65

(Surplus £4,657.14)

	70,517.79		65,860.65
	39,043.27		
			43,700.41
	109,561.06		109,561.06

Charity No 1145236

ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.10.22

Assets	
CAF Current	25,754.59
CAF savings	17,706.05
Cash	<u>239.77</u>
	<u>43,700.41</u>

We also own the building where we worship, namely 74 High Street, Ilfracombe EX34 9NQ and all the furniture, fixtures and fittings therein.

Liability - Invoice from AFS £89.76
Asset - Bethel Sozo £732.65 owed to us.

Signed

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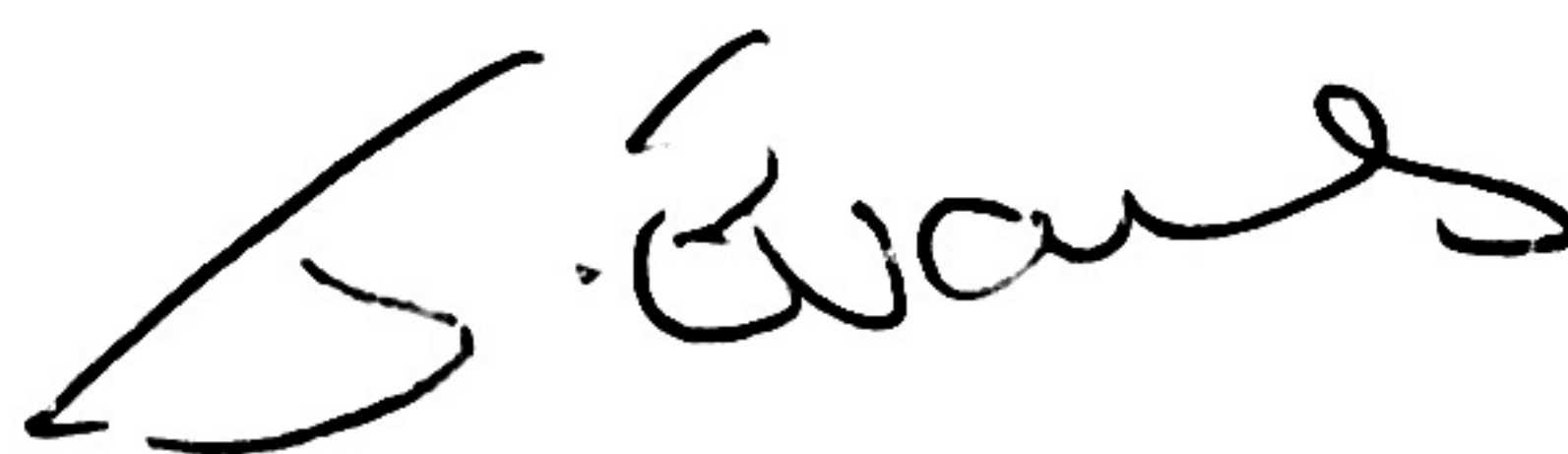
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17th January 2023



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James W Evans
17th August 2022



ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31.10.21

Charity No 1145236

RECEIPTS

Baby donations	160.00
General	
Gift Aid Tax Refunded	9,203.84
Gift Aided	38,557.70
General	17,909.60
General GASDS	1,332.69
Total General	67,003.83
Interest	1.63
Regen Link	700.00
Vella	342.50

Total Receipt Categories 68,207.96

Payment Categories

Advertising	22.00
Baby food vouchers	225.00
Bank Charges	111.90
Equipment, Furniture	448.95
Flowers & Fruit	91.25
Food	303.44
Food Ministry	397.45
Gifts	804.00
Insurance	2,487.28
Kitchen	84.61
Licences & Fees	3,167.91
Miscellaneous	1,398.58
Office Supplies	67.06
Outreach	44.99
Professional Fees	228.00
Repairs	4,511.32
Sound & video system	5,007.06
Training	666.50
YP & Children	212.75

Cleaning	
Materials	83.03
Wages	1,108.08
Waste collection	120.32
Window Cleaning	108.00
Total Cleaning	1,419.43

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Individual Support	
Vella	342.50
Regen Link	700.00
Missions	
CMSwaziland	600.00

Creation Fest	1,000.00
Delta	1,000.00
Ground Level	600.00
ICE	1,200.00
PFI-Israel	540.00
R PASSMORE	2,160.00
Regen Link	4,200.00
UCB	80.00
Total Missions	11,380.00

Payroll	
Salary	7,800.00
Pension	628.66
Total Payroll	8,428.66

Services	
Electricity	454.39
Internet Service	666.12
Gas	750.25
Telephone	743.47
Water Rates	573.83
Total Services	3,188.06

Total Expense Categories 45,738.70

(Surplus £22,469.26)

	68,207.96		45,738.70
			39,043.27
	84,781.97		84,781.97

Charity No 1145236

ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

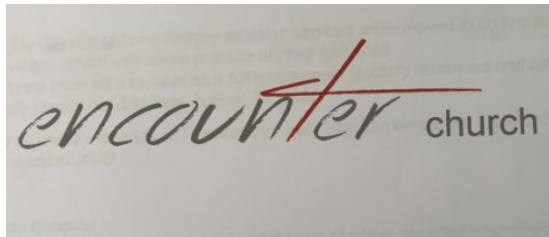
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.10.21

Assets	
CAF Current	20,818.01
CAF savings	17,675.49
Cash	<u>549.77</u>
	<u>39,043.27</u>

We also own the building where we worship, namely 74 High Street, Ilfracombe EX34 9NQ and all the furniture, fixtures and fittings therein.

Signed

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Trustees Annual Report:
for period 01/11/2020 -
31/10/2021

Encounter Church Ilfracombe 1145236

Overview:

Due to the pandemic and all the restrictions we felt it wasn't the right time to be recruiting a Pastor

During this period the church continued to be overseen by the Trustee Leaders Tom Bradley, Rachel Holmes, Paul Parsons, Karly Jackson and Mark Kempson and Miriam Baker as trustee and treasurer.

Sunday services now resumed:

Sunday Church Services:

From 10.30am - 12md for anyone to join in a time of praise worshipping God together. Following the government guidelines for appropriate and necessary protection. This was risk assessed and reviewed monthly.

Life Group [mid week services]

These groups usually meet in people's homes but in order to ensure minimum Covid risks these groups met in the church building to make use of safe areas and kept to smaller group numbers.

Kids Church:

Overseen by Lis Harvery-Bryant and a team of police checked volunteers... This covers their time together on a Sunday morning during the church service, and various outings and fun activities.

Youth work:

Overseen by Karly Jackson and police checked volunteers, who meet on a Wednesday evening and during Sunday morning service for age specific activities. She also engages with School and other youth activities as invited.

Community work:

Regen Link is a Befriending service for people 65 and over:

This is run by Rachel Holmes with a team of police check and trained volunteers and supports folk in their own homes [if requested by Health

and Social Services] as well

as in large groups. The groups meet on Mondays for Coffee and Thursday afternoons for Activities and fun.

Residential Home Support:

A team of Encounter folk visit several Residential homes each month [at their request] to spend time with the residents and provide a church type service and any prayer and ministry to meet Spiritual needs of the folks that live there.

Due to re- occurring Covid infections Residential Homes have asked that we do not visit until further notice.

Food Collection and Donations:

This is usually brought to church, collected and delivered each week to the foodbank.

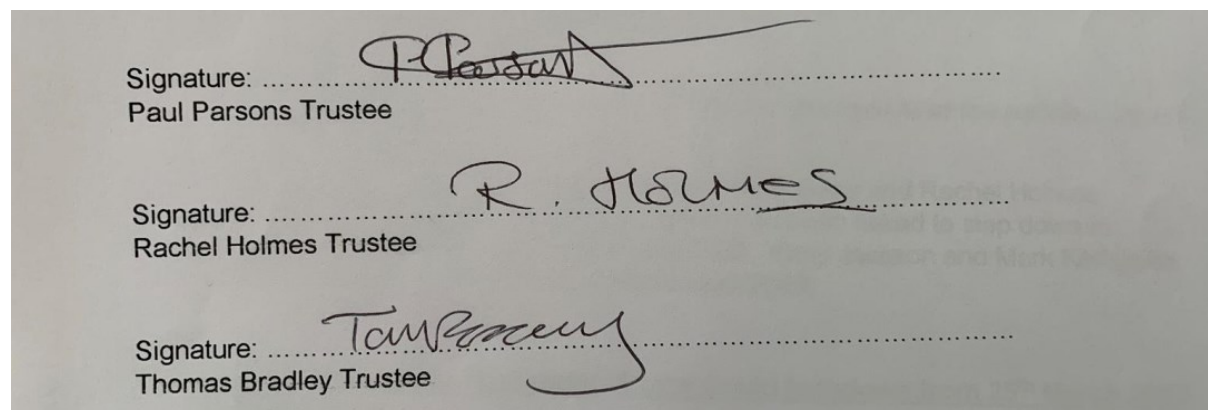
Facilities:

We have a team of skilled volunteers who as required maintain and carry out minor repairs at Encounter Church.

Other more major works are costed and carried out by suitable contractors.

The building is kept to a high standard with maintenance and improvements carried out year on year, as noted by our Insurers.

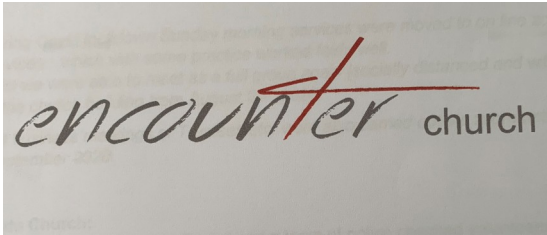
1. In this current year we invested in a more modern digital sound desk.



ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

England & Wales - Charity number 1145236

Accounts



Trustees Annual Report: for period 01/11/2019 - 31/10/2020

Encounter Church Ilfracombe 1145236

Overview:

As our previous Pastor had moved back to Yorkshire to take up a post there, in August 2019, we then advertised this role and following an interview process appointed Jonathan Skinner as Pastor in October 2019, with his wife Judith Skinner. However, following a difficult period and lock down in August 2020 Jonathan Skinner vacated his post and therefore both he and his wife Jude were removed as Trustees.

At an AGM on 1st December 2019: Following agreement of a proposal made to members by the Pastor at that time Jonathan Skinner; we began the application process in January 2020 to convert Encounter from a Charitable Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation [CIO] and received confirmation that this had been successful on 9th June 2020.

As such our Object[s] remain as:

Anything that advances the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public.....here or in other countries.

Overseen continuously by Trustee Leaders Tom Bradley and Rachel Holmes. Paul Parsons and Miriam Baker also trustees had been asked to step down in January 2020, but were reinstated in Aug 2020. Karly Jackson and Mark Kempson were also added to the Trustees in September 2020.

Services provided by Encounter & how Covid lockdown from 25th March 2020 impacted those:

Sunday Church Services:

From 10.30am – 12md for anyone to join in a time of praise worshipping God together.

*During Covid lockdown Sunday morning services were moved to on line zoom services...which with some practice worked fairly well.
We did not meet as a full group again in the church building until August 25th 2020,*

enabled by Risk Assessments which included social distancing, masks and specific cleaning schedules all put in place.

All business meetings of Trustees etc. were also carried out via zoom until September 2020.

Kids Church:

Overseen by Lis Harvery-Bryant and a team of police checked volunteers... This covers their time together on a Sunday morning during the church service, and various outings and fun activities.

During lock down for several months activities and games were organised via zoom, and Lis and her team also kept in touch by phone to support and encourage families, who were home-schooling etc..

Youth work:

Overseen by Karly Jackson and police checked volunteers, who meet on a Wednesday evening and alternate Sunday mornings for age specific activities.

During lockdown for this age group there was no issue with keeping in touch via zoom and other forms of social media contact [safely in line with our on line policy] as this is how they like to spend much of their time.

Community work:

Regen Link is a Befriending service for people 65 and over:

This is run by Rachel Holmes with a team of police check and trained volunteers and supports folk in their own homes [if requested by Health and Social Services] as well as in large groups. The groups meet on Mondays for Coffee and Thursday afternoons for Activities and fun.

During lockdown: We had to stop all home visits apart from 3 who were placed in a bubble as they had no other support or family nearby. The large groups were unable to meet. As limited numbers have access to on line facilities; Rachel Holmes and Karen Everson – carried out weekly phone checks and delivered groceries, medication and essential supplies to older and frail people’s doorsteps as required, throughout this time.

Residential Home Support:

A team of Encounter folk visit several Residential homes each month [at their request] to spend time with the residents and provide a church type service and any prayer and ministry to meet Spiritual needs of the folks that live there.

During lockdown – and to date these visits were stopped in order to protect the residents from the Covid virus.

Food Collection and Donations:

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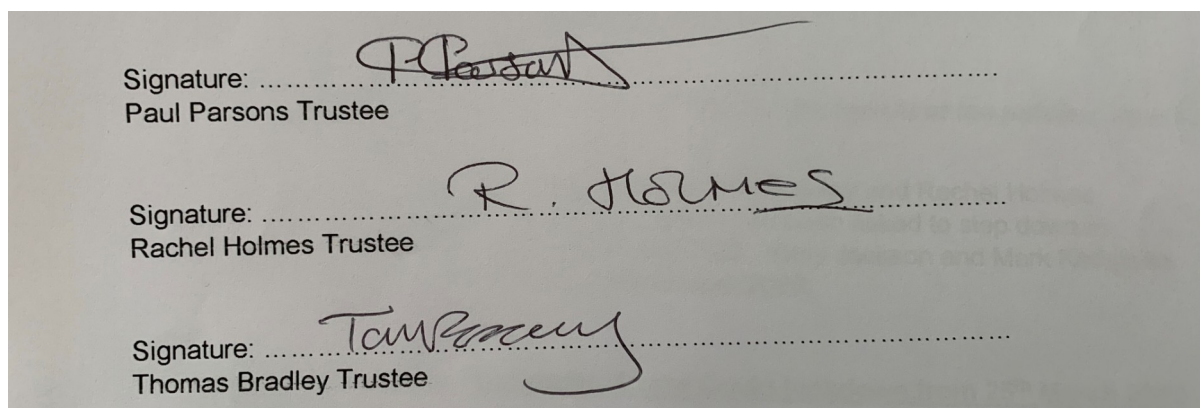
During lock down - folk were asked to leave their food donations in bags outside their front doors for one named person to collect and deliver to the Foodbank twice weekly – to offer extra on-going support for those in need.

Facilities:

We have a team of skilled volunteers who as required maintain and carry out minor repairs at Encounter Church.

Other more major works are costed and carried out by suitable contractors.

The building is kept to a high standard with maintenance and improvements carried out year on year, as noted by our Insurers. As in this current year following extensive professional ‘tanking and damp coursing’ to the outside easterly wall of the church building the kitchen was completely refurbished and equipped to a catering standard, this work was completed at the end of February 2020.



ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE
Charity No 1145236 Company No 7825862
Accounts: Summary of Receipts and Payments
01/11/2019 - 31/10/2020

	Receipts	Payments
Income from tithes, gifts, covenant refund	65,162.44	
Bank Interest / Charges	16.88	60.00
Kitchen Fund	1,140.00	5,866.77
Gifts to other causes by Encounter people (Vella, Beirut & Eswatini Boys, Regen, Youth Work)	3,696.05	3575.55
Covid 19 Fund	100.00	400.00
Loan	300.00	1,000.00
Building Improvement & repairs		140.86
Cleaning -Materials & wages		1,831.97
Conferences & training	350.00	1,004.99
Equipment		837.70
Food		181.54
Furniture		305.17
Gifts		1,346.50
Insurance		2,429.36
Licences & Fees		1,088.90
Miscellaneous	136.75	1,423.24
Missions		11,430.00
Office Supplies		149.37
Visiting Speaker		250.00
Pastoral Care		40,145.99
Professional Fees		720.00
Services - gas, electricity etc		2,898.71
Travel Expenses		20.00
YP & Children		199.80
Totals: Receipts	70,902.12	Payments 77,306.42
Opening Balance	22,978.31	
	93,880.43	Closing Balance 16,574.91
		93,880.43

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF ENCOUNTER CHURCH ILFRACOMBE

I report on the accounts of Encounter Church Ilfracombe for the year ended 31st October 2020 attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination, 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.

Brendan Cassidy ACMA CGMA
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Date: 21st January 2021

