

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022

Registered Address

62 Cromer Road
Sheringham
NR26 8RT

Charity Registration Number 1146572

Leadership Team

Rev I Savory (Minister)	T
Rev P Skivington (Youth Minister)	
Rev D Ward (Community Pastor)	
Mr I Charsley (Secretary)	T
Mr C Harrison	T

Management Team

Mr C Gould (Treasurer): resigned 23/09/21	T
Mr M Barr (Treasurer): elected 09/01/22	T
Mr I Kidger	T
Mr T Dawson	T
Mr A Ross: resigned 23/09/21	T
Mr A Frere-Smith: elected 09/01/22	T
Mrs R Gabriel: elected 09/01/22	T

T= Trustee

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
Baptist House
129 Broadway
Didcot
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OX11 8RT

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Sheringham Branch

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Timothy HIGNETT and Partners Ltd

Annual Report for 2021/22

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing document known as our Constitution (adopted 29 February 2012) which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of biblical Christian faith and also to advance education and other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the world.

Since September 2013, the Church occupies the new building at 62 Cromer Road which is held by Baptist Union Corporation Trusts entirely compatible with the above object.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Covenant Partners (Members) of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to normally have been publicly baptised by immersion on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Partners' Meetings take place during the year, one of which is the AGM.

In accordance with the Constitution, Covenant Partners elect Trustees who together with the Leadership Team are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the Charity.

All partners are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Objectives and Activities

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of a regular public service of Christian worship held each Sunday morning at 10.15am.

However, the period covered by this report includes the later stages of Corona Virus restrictions and the gradual emergence from these over the summer of 2021. We started holding normal Sunday services again on 25 July 2021. Risk Assessments were in place, which meant the need for mask wearing, social distancing and fresh air flow through the church building. These measures continued into the Autumn of 2021. We were at last able to meet together again, albeit on a limited basis, and although our numbers were down to less than a 100 at times it was so good to be together again.

During the early stages of COVID restrictions we introduced on-line services and found that many people not originally from Lighthouse joined these. Consequently, we decided to continue with an on-line presence, even after returning to 'normal' church meetings. We therefore introduced a 30 min evening "Bitesize" service, published on YouTube. This provided an opportunity to join us for those not wishing to return physically, but also provided a means to keep in contact with those further away who had joined us on-line during lockdown. Our first Bitesize was broadcast on 24 October 2021.

Our Neighbourhood Groups, which were set up at the beginning of Lockdown in 2020 to keep people informed and caring for each other, have continued. They have been revised to cater for new attendees as well as those no longer with us, and this continues to cover the majority of regular worshippers. It provides very quick contact for urgent prayer requests, and for passing on information.

We also have a Facebook page which provides a way of communicating to many people concerning activities at Lighthouse.

During the COVID restrictions our leaders, trustees and prayer meetings were all held on-line via Zoom.

The Church continually seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of our services and activities.

Following the relaxation of COVID restrictions we re-launched many of our groups and activities, plus introducing some new ones, and ending others. Many of these are community activities that benefit children and young people:

- Little Ones – a parent/toddler group
- School's Out – a club for children of primary school age
- Football - a number of teams for various age groups, playing in local leagues
- Discover – a youth discipleship programme

The annual Beach Life event for children and young people which takes place in August Bank Holiday week was run in 2021 as an on-line event on YouTube. This was a great success.

Other church activities include:

- Kaleidoscope – an informal fellowship meeting for older people
- Prayer and fellowship Groups
- Table Tennis Club - a number of teams playing in a local league.
- Men's Group – providing social events and support

The Church has a café for the use of the general public. This offers a relaxed meeting place for all ages, including a soft play area suitable for pre-school children.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service, and regular Safeguarding training is available for all workers.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

Under the leadership of Rev Ian Savory, now in his 7th year with us, the church has continued to grow and mature. The Coronavirus epidemic and associated restrictions on gathering together presented significant challenges, but also some unexpected opportunities. During this period the church reviewed its relationship with both church partners and the wider community. We explored new ways of engaging with people and developed our skills in producing on-line material. As we emerged from COVID restrictions we strengthened our focus on needs in the community and our response to those needs, leading to several new projects and activities over the next year.

The Leadership meet on a weekly basis to pray, plan and explore the future and all the Trustees meet at least bi-monthly to carry out their legal obligations and plan and discuss Church life. The Partners (Members) continue to be involved in all the activities within the church and building bridges with the community, especially through the Cafe and weekly groups that use our building.

The Church has a Partnership of over 110 and many regular worshippers. The Church regularly runs a course for prospective church Partners.

Attendance at Sunday worship services averages about 120. The midweek Little Ones group welcomes around 60 parents and toddlers. Our children/youth work continues with regular contact with 150 of high school age and 100 of primary age. Involvement in local schools has also continued and is valued by them.

Financial Review

This was without doubt a challenging period financially. The COVID restrictions meant we lost all our income from room hire to local groups. We also lost part of our income derived from weekly giving at church services. Sadly, we also lost some of our church members, with a consequent reduction in regular income at a time when new people were not able to join and contribute. However, the majority of giving to the Church is now done by bank standing order or direct debit, which helps to budget the finances. Although running expenses of the building are high, our income continued to enable us to keep abreast of it and fund the Staff needed. The Government's 'Furlough Scheme' provided invaluable help to subsidise wages for church staff.

We are grateful to be able to support a full time minister, a youth pastor and an Community Pastor who is also involved with the running of the local 'Sheringham Shed' and 'Priory Patch' projects. We also have part time administrators to deal with the use of the building and church matters.

The Church expresses its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations, and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

The outstanding loans on the building have reduced steadily, due to the generous giving of the worshippers and receipt of some legacies, which have enabled us to maintain the building in good repair. However, our financial forecasts led the Trustees and leaders to review our future ability to meet loan repayments. Consequently we took the decision to seek the Church Partners approval to sell the manse in order to pay off our building loans. This was agreed at a Special Church Meeting held on 26 January 2022, and the process to sell the manse was set in place.

The Trustees continue to review our financial situation and take the necessary steps to ensure that all that can be done is done.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

As at April 2022

CHARITY NUMBER: 1146572

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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23rd August 2022

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on 23rd August 2022

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INCOME					
Offerings:					
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	Standing orders	7,051.98		6,054.10	
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Rent			2,100.00		-
CJRS			10,684.95		30,017.27
Donations			750.00		-
Interest received			0.18		0.70
Online income			55.94		-
Hardship fund			90.00		2,146.00
Sundry income			-		160.00
			<u>175,598.52</u>		<u>187,336.36</u>
EXPENDITURE:					
Remuneration		138,674.77		139,968.98	
Housing expenses		9,643.77		9,349.90	
Administration and staff expenses		11,935.71		8,769.14	
Utilities		9,971.08		5,904.36	
Telephone and IT		6,312.10		5,905.09	
Maintenance		5,490.79		4,422.21	
Insurance		2,135.62		2,484.27	
Subscriptions and licences		1,431.90		2,372.35	
Catering and housekeeping		3,704.34		5,124.97	
Sundry expenses		560.71		446.58	
Hardship fund		240.05		1,086.95	
Mission		1,531.76		1,255.40	
Training		7,581.61		4,109.86	
Outreach		33.10		920.95	
Personal		2,055.88		2,276.49	
Depreciation - Fixtures and fittings		<u>7,170.85</u>		<u>7,241.14</u>	
			208,474.04		201,638.64
Excess of expenditure over income to General Fund			<u><u>(32,875.52)</u></u>		<u><u>(14,302.28)</u></u>

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
BUILDING FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Offerings/gifts	57,268.00		51,382.00	
Fund raising events	<u>4,820.26</u>		<u>-</u>	
	62,088.26		51,382.00	
Tax refunds	<u>6,223.25</u>		<u>4,523.13</u>	
		68,311.51		55,905.13
Interest received		0.31		2.81
		<u>68,311.82</u>		<u>55,907.94</u>
EXPENDITURE:				
Interest payable	<u>8660.28</u>		<u>9,604.05</u>	
		8,660.28		9,604.05
Excess of income over expenditure to Building Fund		<u><u>59,651.54</u></u>		<u><u>46,303.89</u></u>

GIVE AWAY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
BMS birthday scheme	150.00		90.00	
Easter offering	675.00		1,675.00	
Lockdown offering	-		490.00	
Operation hello	-		305.00	
Lebanon	-		2,401.00	
Sponsorship for B/F	50.00		-	
Visiting worship band	526.00		-	
Individual church partners	<u>50.00</u>		<u>34.00</u>	
		1,451.00		4,995.00
EXPENDITURE:				
Donations made	<u>1,451.00</u>		<u>4,995.00</u>	
		1,451.00		4,995.00
		<u><u>-</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CAFE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Café income	<u>12,136.11</u>	12,136.11	<u>1,521.33</u>	1,521.33
EXPENDITURE:				
Opening stock	1,215.00		2,315.00	
Stock and sundries	3,429.41		985.38	
Wages	9,091.39		-	
Closing stock	<u>(1,849.00)</u>	11,886.80	<u>(1,215.00)</u>	2,085.38
Excess of expenditure over income to General Fund	<u>249.31</u>		<u>(564.05)</u>	

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS - per schedule		1,956,840.29		1,957,051.14
CURRENT ASSETS				
Barclays current account	6,738.90		4,814.77	
Barclays saver account	820.43		7,514.25	
Baptist Union account	-		305.56	
Barclays building fund account	4,065.05		8,938.01	
Petty cash account	25.00		25.00	
Stock and work in progress	1,849.00		1,215.00	
Gift Aid debtor	9,406.75		-	
Prepayments	1,775.98		1,834.05	
	<u>24,681.11</u>		<u>24,646.64</u>	
Less:				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	6,606.37		7,327.40	
Baptist Union loans	249,696.09		293,176.77	
BBF	10,000.00		20,000.00	
Interest free loans	74,000.00		47,000.00	
	<u>(340,302.46)</u>		<u>(367,504.17)</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(315,621.35)		(342,857.53)
NET ASSETS		<u>1,641,218.94</u>		<u>1,614,193.61</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Balance b/fwd	569,402.83		584,269.16	
Excess of expenditure over income	(32,875.52)		(14,302.28)	
Café excess of expenditure over income	249.31		(564.05)	
	<u>536,776.62</u>		<u>569,402.83</u>	
BUILDING FUND				
Balance b/fwd	1,044,790.78		998,486.89	
Excess of income over expenditure	59,651.54		46,303.89	
	<u>1,104,442.32</u>		<u>1,044,790.78</u>	
	<u>1,641,218.94</u>		<u>1,614,193.61</u>	

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**FIXED ASSETS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	TOTAL	MANSE	CROMER ROAD	FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 31st March 2021	2,061,678.25	309,250.02	1,626,077.73	126,350.50
Additions	6,960.00	-	-	6,960.00
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>2,068,638.25</u>	<u>309,250.02</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>133,310.50</u>
Depreciation				
At 31st March 2021	104,627.11	-	-	104,627.11
Charge for the year	7,170.85	-	-	7,170.85
At 31st March 2022	<u>111,797.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,797.96</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31st March 2021	<u>1,957,051.14</u>	<u>309,250.02</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>21,723.39</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,956,840.29</u>	<u>309,250.02</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>21,512.54</u>

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At 31st March 2021	104,627.11	-	-	104,627.11
Charge for the year	7,170.85	-	-	7,170.85
At 31st March 2022	<u>111,797.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,797.96</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31st March 2021	<u>1,957,051.14</u>	<u>309,250.02</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>21,723.39</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,956,840.29</u>	<u>309,250.02</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>21,512.54</u>