

BURY ST EDMUNDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

Registered Charity Number

1161627 (date of registration May 12, 2015)

Address for Charity Correspondence

121 Westley Road
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP33 3SA

Charity Trustees

M D Jolley (Chairman)
K McGrane (Secretary)
G L Macintyre (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner

Sarah Place Accountants Ltd

Governing Document

The Charity is a trust constituted under a Trust Deed dated November 1, 2014 as amended by a deed dated April 19, 2015.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

A trustee who is a minister is permitted by the Trust Deed (as amended) to be a stipendiary.

Objects

The objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Westminster standards, to the glory of God and for the benefit of all mankind everywhere.

Activities

In planning activities the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. For the Charity to achieve its objects satisfying public benefit requirements, the trustees have determined that the Charity's principal activities necessitate gathering in person for the provision of charitable services.

The Charity relies extensively on volunteer support to provide and conduct the full range of its services and activities.

Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church ("BSEPC") is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and serve the living God, and to be instructed in the Christian faith.

Services of public worship are advertised and are open to all without charge. Recordings of sermons are regularly uploaded and freely available to all via the Internet, and Christian literature is displayed and available without charge.

BSEPC does not own property or real estate, and hired the Newbury Community Centre to conduct its public ministry.

Achievements and Performance

As noted above under 'Activities', BSEPC's principal activities necessitate gathering in person, but for a period from March to July 2020 certain gatherings were restricted by government regulations. During that period the elders met for worship each Lord's Day at the usual meeting place and streamed audio and video of the services via the internet.

Regular weekly Bible studies and prayer meetings were held, and the church engaged in a special week of prayer. The church maintained contact and interaction principally via electronic means when not gathered.

The Lord's Supper was frequently observed when the church was gathered, and over the course of the year two children and one adult were baptized.

Extensive pastoral visitation was undertaken, especially by the Rev. Matthew Jolley.

During the period that gatherings and being outdoors were highly restricted the church distributed foodstuffs door-to-door in the local community and checked on the vulnerable and elderly.

The three charity trustees are also elders of the church and attend regular meetings of the Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, of which this congregation is a member.

Having accepted a call from a sister congregation, the Rev. Benjamin Wontrop (who was an elder of BSEPC but not a charity trustee) was inducted into his new charge in Newcastle in October 2019.

Financial Review

Accounts have been prepared on a cash accounting basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, reporting receipts and payments with a statement of assets and liabilities.

Receipts of £54,495 for the year (previous year £63,479) comprised donations of £41,897 (grants £nil), investment income of £237, Gift Aid recovery of tax of £12,302, and other receipts £59.

As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the payments of £52,809 (previous year £61,299) relates to stipend and ministerial support.

The church made grants and diaconal distributions of £1,498 during the accounting year (previous year £2,000).

Receipts exceeded payments by £1,686, the surplus being added to reserves. This compares with a surplus of £2,180 for the previous year.

Reserves policy

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity the trustees consider the current level of reserves and their use (as necessary) to fund annual deficits satisfactory.

Signed by all Trustees

M D Jolley  Date: 9th June 2021

K McGrane  Date: June 9, 2021

G L Macintyre  Date: 9th June, 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Charity Name

Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church

Charity Number

1161627

For the Period From

01.09.19

to

31.08.20

Section A - Receipts and Payments

A1 - Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Offerings	1	20552	0	20552	35362
Gift Aided Income		21345	0	21345	22375
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	2	12302	0	12302	5608
Grants Received		0	0	0	0
Deposit Account Interest		237	0	237	134
Other		59	0	59	0
Sub - Total		54495	0	54495	63479
A2 - Asset and Investment Sales		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		54495	0	54495	63479

A3 - Payments	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Stipend (Inc. Employer's NI)	3	44020	0	44020	38667
Visiting Speaker Expenses		700	0	700	100
Travel Expenses		625	0	625	686
Children's and Youth Work		219	0	219	726
Catering and Kitchen Supplies		0	0	0	500
Publicity		465	0	465	794
Printing and Stationery		79	0	79	648
Books and Copyright Licences		0	0	0	480
Rent		3972	0	3972	15313
Miscellaneous Expenditure		1231	0	1231	1385
Grants & Diaconal Distributions	4	1250	248	1498	2000
Other		0	0	0	0
Sub - Total		52561	248	52809	61299
A4 - Asset and Investment Purchases		0	0	0	0
Total Payments		52561	248	52809	61299

Net Receipts and Payments		1934	(248)	1686	2180
A5 - Transfers Between Funds		0	0	0	0
A6 - Cash Funds Last Year End		144010	500	144510	142330
Cash Funds This Year End		145944	252	146196	144510

Section B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period

B1 - Cash Funds	Note
Bank Statement Balances	4
Plus Unpresented Receipts	
Less Unpresented Cheques	
Total Cash Funds	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
145944	252	146196
0	0	0
0	0	0
145944	252	146196

B2 - Other Monetary Assets	Note
Debtors	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
3223	0	3223
0	0	0
3223	0	3223

B3 - Investment Assets	Note
None	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
0	0	0
0	0	0

B4 - Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	Note
Piano and Equipment	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
2500	0	2500
0	0	0
2500	0	2500


B5 - Liabilities	Note
Creditors	
Other	
Total Other Monetary Assets	

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
1698	0	1698
0	0	0
1698	0	1698

Trustee
Signature

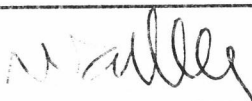
Trustee
Name

Date of
Approval



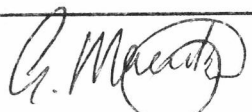
KEVIN MCGRANE

13/6/21



MATTHEW SOLLEY

13/06/21



GORDON MACINTYRE

13/06/21

Notes for the Accounting Period 01.09.19 to 31.08.20

- 1) Offerings included a total of £15,583 received from individual donors resident in the USA.
- 2) Gift Aid recovered from HMRC and banked in the year to 31.08.20 relates to donations received in the previous financial year, and in the year to 31.08.20.
- 3) During the accounting period the charity paid one trustee as an office holder, The Rev Matthew Jolley, who received a stipend in his capacity as full-time minister of the church.
- 4) During the accounting period the charity paid a grant to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, as well as making a Diaconal Distribution.
- 5) During the accounting period the charity conveyed aid of £251.96 from donors to recipients (both known to and approved by the trustees) as a mere agent, which is accordingly not shown in receipts or payments.

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of Bury St Edmunds Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church (Registered Charity Number 1161627) for the year ended 31st August 2020.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 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 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 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Name: Sarah Place ATT

Relevant professional qualification or body: ASSOCIATION OF TAXATION TECHNICIANS.

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Date: 15 June 2021