

Thanet Community Churches

(Formerly Community Church
Ramsgate)

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2022

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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Mr Craig Prentice The Corner 60 Whitehall Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6DF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - registered 04 September 2015
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1163414
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Paul Gammans Aaron Wish - appointed 14/09/20, stood down 24/05/22 Brian Lamberton Edward Mussett - appointed 13/06/22
Banker	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Objects of the charity

The objects of the church are to advance the Christian Religion, in particular by seeking to be a community that loves God, loves each other and loves Ramsgate, to advance education and relieve poverty and hardship.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

August 2021 – December 2021 (Terms 1 & 2)

In this season we continued and strengthened our various projects as we entered a 'post-Covid world'. Our CAP projects re-gained momentum and we recruited more volunteers from the church. The Family Wellbeing Journey increased participation and the Corner and Coffee House steadily increased to pre-Covid levels of engagement. The JAM project came to an end.

We saw some miraculous transformations of people's lives through the Fresh Start addictions and dependencies programme. A number of individuals have spent this last year significantly growing in their new life and fresh start.

We recruited to a vacant post for the topUP project however, our major funder (Orbit Housing Association) sadly had to cease funding by January 2022. This brought to an end a generous 4+ years partnership with significant funding for the project. The funder had a change in structure meaning projects of our type couldn't access such significant funds. However, Orbit and another Housing association Town & Country did fund us £5K each so the topUP project could continue from Jan 2022, but it was a much smaller project.

In this season we also settled into our new Sunday gathering rhythm for the church family. In July we had implemented our new Sunday gathering structure and rhythm, and formally launched 'Community Church Broadstairs' as our third small congregation. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays in a month, we had the 3 congregations gathering across Thanet in 3 locations. In the morning, CCR gathered at the Corner, and at the same time CCM gathered at the Margate Caves Community Rooms – though this changed to the larger 'Cliftonville Community Centre' in September. In the afternoon on these Sundays CCB gathered at the Baptist Church St. Peters building. On the 2nd Sunday of the month all three congregations gathered together for a 'Together Sunday'. From September we started using a central Thanet school as a venue. On the 4th Sundays of the month the church gathered in homes as 'Home Groups' across Thanet – for fellowship, local mission and prayer.

In this season on these 4th Sundays, some Home Groups ran outreach projects together. For example, one home group started 'Sunday Connections' a 'church service for older adults and those with dementia'. Likewise, another Home Group ran a monthly 'Messy Church' event – this ceased in February 2022, but the Sunday Connections service is growing each month.

Sadly, in November 2021, our Community Evangelist in Broadstairs left the church to pursue her own vision for church planting on the estate we were serving. Around half the small flock 'followed' her in establishing her new venture. This was a huge blow for us as a leadership team and also for people who were part of the CCB plant. In January we decided to bring the 12 or so remaining people in the young flock together with the Margate Sunday gathering – which has proved very fruitful. Though there has been some activity and growth continuing in Broadstairs, we intend to relaunch the CCB plant at some point in 2023.

Christmas was a wonderful time of celebration with large outdoor community events in Broadstairs and Ramsgate. Sadly, a 'wave of Covid' meant that we moved our Margate event from inside at Cliftonville Community Centre to join our outdoor events at the bandstand in Ramsgate.

January 2022 – April 2022 (Terms 3 & 4)

In this season, one of our Elders, started a day-a-week paid role for the church. This has significantly strengthened the pastoring of the Ramsgate flock and also our general communications to people inside and outside the church family. We draw on the strengths and skills of a number of folk in the church family to formalise a 'communications strategy and processes' that would help us continue to grow well.

In addition to the strengthening of the paid Elders, we began the process of assessing and appointing a 4th Elder, who would particularly serve the Broadstairs church plant.

A significant development in Margate has been 2 new programmes. We started a Parent & Toddler Group run by our volunteers which quickly became very full and successful at reaching local families. This has formed the basis of applying for funding from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – see below.

A second major development for the Margate mission was taking on a large allotment space in the Dane Valley area. The site was almost completely derelict and overgrown, but our Margate community evangelist and a number in the church developed a vision to use the space to engage with local people teaching them to grow their own food in the context of supportive community. This project has already proved to be an excellent way of deepening helping relationships with local vulnerable people.

At Easter we Baptised 5 new believers. 3 at the Margate Easter celebration service and 2 at the Ramsgate Easter Celebration service.

May 2022 – August 2022 (Terms 5 & 6)

In this season we began an experiment to extend our Coffee House opening hours to the evenings. We already had evening groups in the Corner using the hall but the Coffee House closed at 6pm. We recruited new staff and began offering coffee, cake and community to the hall users and wider community. It is fair to say that that experiment has proved unsuccessful – we did not get enough people making use of the Coffee House, so we brought this to an end in August.

We were successful in an application for a 3rd year of Kent County Council funding for our parenting project. The 'Parenting Together' project has been a successful partnership with Fegans (who are also based at the Corner). Under the new 'Parenting Together' heading, we started a new Parent and Toddler group at the Corner and 2 evening gatherings for local parents, as well as continuing a weekly support group and 1:2:1 support. The Parent & Toddler Group – names 'Stay and Play' has proved a great success.

A third very significant project development has been an extension of the Parenting Together project into Margate. Save the Children invited us to apply for funding from their 'Margate Early Learning Community' to develop programmes for families with children under 5. We were awarded funding in August to:

- Develop our allotment space to create a simple play area and classroom.
- Run 7 new Parent and Toddler groups – either at the allotment (Play & Grow), Cliftonville Community Centre (Stay & Play) or a local beach (Outdoor Play School) – in partnership with the Tide & Seek beach school.
- Support parents to access support – basic information, support and inspiration.
- Produce an online Vlog enabling parents to see what support/groups are available in Margate.
- Taking on a permanent office space at the Cliftonville Community Centre.

It is early days with this project but all our sessions are full of new local families.

This year has presented a number of challenges and disappointments, but we feel we have remained resilient and grown through them. We have also seen significant growth particularly with the life and mission of the Margate and Broadstairs church plants. We are so grateful for all the support we have received from funders and supporters that has enabled this.

Looking to the near future, we are excited about extending our presence at the Cliftonville Community Centre and we are in discussions are beginning a new pre-school there in partnership with Fegans. Likewise, we would like to relaunch the Community Church Broadstairs plant with their own Sunday gathering.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year overall income increased by £4,424 to £220,970 and expenditure increased by £30,375 to £238,714. Cash held by the charity decreased by £17,744, to £80,640, of which £39,862 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose. The trustees have designated £5,860 of the unrestricted funds for use by Mission Partners.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to at least three months' operating expenses which equates to approximately £45,000. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £34,002 and gift aid recovery due of £19,492 and were therefore compliant with the reserves policy.

Governance

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they occupy within the church.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Lamberton

Brian Lamberton - Trustees

Date: 16 June 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES
(FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thanet Community Churches (formerly Community Church Ramsgate) ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 on pages 6 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA, CA

For and on behalf of:
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date: 26 June 2023

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2022 £	2021 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £			
Receipts						
Donations		52,004	-	1,030	53,034	48,165
Grants		7,180	-	64,511	71,691	114,459
Gift aid receipts		8,106	-	1,275	9,381	-
Income from coffee shop		42,284	-	-	42,284	14,934
Building hire		43,032	-	-	43,032	26,833
Government Furlough Grants		-	-	-	-	11,228
Other		1,547	-	-	1,547	927
Total receipts		<u>154,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,816</u>	<u>220,970</u>	<u>216,545</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	174,761	-	58,013	232,774	204,219
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,920	-	1,020	5,940	4,120
Total payments		<u>179,681</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,033</u>	<u>238,714</u>	<u>208,339</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(25,528)	-	7,783	(17,744)	8,206
Transfers between funds		10,221	-	(10,221)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,307)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,438)</u>	<u>(17,744)</u>	<u>8,206</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		49,091	5,860	43,433	98,384	90,179
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>33,785</u>	<u>5,860</u>	<u>40,995</u>	<u>80,640</u>	<u>98,384</u>

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £			
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	33,655	5,860	40,995	80,510	98,254
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	-
Coffee shop float	110	-	-	110	110
Kiddies Corner Float	20	-	-	20	20
	<u>33,785</u>	<u>5,860</u>	<u>40,995</u>	<u>80,640</u>	<u>98,384</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	19,492	-	-	19,492	19,568
Other monetary assets	215	-	-	215	12,418
Other debtors	4,044	-	-	4,044	-
Stock	500	-	-	500	500
	<u>24,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,251</u>	<u>32,486</u>
C Liabilities					
Fee for 2020 Independent Examination	-	-	-	-	1,440
Fee for 2021 Independent Examination	1,470	-	-	1,470	1,470
Fee for 2022 Independent Examination	1,776	-	-	1,776	-
PAYE/NIC/Pension Payments due	272	-	-	272	-
	<u>3,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,518</u>	<u>2,910</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
				Insurance value £	
Building - 60 Whitehall Road				1,466,896	
Soft Play Equipment				40,000	
Equipment				40,907	
				<u>1,547,803</u>	

The building is leased to the charity at a peppercorn rate of £1 per annum. The lease is for 5 years and expires in 2026.

The 'Soft Play' equipment came with the building and does not belong to the Charity.

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by **Brian Lamberton**

date 16 June 2023

Brian Lamberton - Trustee

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

THANET COMMUNITY CHURCHES (FORMERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH RAMSGATE)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. Accounting standards are not (and cannot) be used in the preparation of receipts and payments accounts and so they do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £			
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	105,219	-	30,759	135,978	144,744
Training	-	-	-	-	3,176
Property costs (see note 2(a))	29,382	-	5,862	35,243	23,433
Equipment and resources	4,903	-	4,211	9,114	4,392
Coffee shop expenditure	14,596	-	-	14,596	6,102
Ministry activities	2,764	-	-	2,764	698
Insurance	3,647	-	50	3,697	4,200
Admin and support costs	7,821	-	17,131	24,952	15,638
Accounts preparation and examination	1,440	-	-	1,440	90
Other costs	4,989	-	-	4,989	1,746
	<u>174,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,013</u>	<u>232,774</u>	<u>204,219</u>

2 (a) Property costs comprise:

Rent	4,460	-	1,470	5,930	3,455
Maintenance	11,394	-	4,392	15,785	12,986
Utilities	13,528	-	-	13,528	6,992
	<u>29,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,862</u>	<u>35,243</u>	<u>23,433</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Christians Against Poverty [CAP]	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Other organisations under £1,000	1,538	-	-	1,538	1,120
Individuals	382	-	1,020	1,402	-
	<u>4,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>5,940</u>	<u>4,120</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity had 12 employees (2021: 12).

Nadine Lamberton who is related to Brian Lamberton, a trustee, was paid £9,773 plus a pension contribution of £106 in her role as a project worker on both the 1000 days and Parenting Together Ramsgate projects.

Heather Prentice was a trustee until 31 August 2021. The following payments were made to parties related to Heather Prentice in 2021:

Craig Prentice remuneration of £27,281 plus a pension contribution of £621; Emma Prentice remuneration of £21,509 plus a pension contribution of £458 in their roles as Team Leader and Top-up Project Manager respectively.

Aaron Prentice runs 'Beardy Baker' who were paid £2,418 for the supplying the charity with cakes for the coffee house.

Joy Jars were paid £225 for supplies of food items for the coffee house. Joy Jars is run by Pamela Fane who has moved out of the country and has passed the day-to-day running of the business to Adam Prentice.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Aug 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Aug 2022 £
Designated funds					
Mission Partners	5,860	-	-	-	5,860
	<u>5,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,860</u>
Restricted funds					
Church Planting	31,579	-	-	(2,915)	28,664
Top-UP project	(940)	29,308	(16,114)	-	12,254
The Corner (St Ben's)	3,608	1,083	(4,045)	-	646
Biblical Counselling	150	-	-	-	150
FCSS (JAM)	7,869	9,250	(10,031)	(7,089)	-
Town & Country	(248)	-	-	248	-
Their First 1000 days in Ramsgate	1,414	15,000	(15,074)	(465)	875
Parenting Together Margate	-	-	(6,766)	-	(6,766)
Parenting Together Ramsgate	-	10,938	(5,983)	-	4,955
Special Offering	-	1,238	(1,020)	-	218
	<u>43,433</u>	<u>66,816</u>	<u>(59,033)</u>	<u>(10,221)</u>	<u>40,995</u>
General funds	49,091	154,153	(179,681)	10,221	33,785
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,384</u>	<u>220,970</u>	<u>(238,714)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,640</u>

The Church planting fund is a fund that the church members tithe specifically to see and resource churches to be planted. The transfer was written into the funding bids for the Community Church Margate Evangelist role as this position was created to enable the effective planting of the Margate Church.

The Top-UP project is funded by Orbit Housing and seeks to relieve poverty for older adults. The project focuses on Orbit customers who are over 55, informing them of the benefits they are entitled to and empowering them to apply. This has been extended with further funding from Orbit (£5,000) and Town & Country (£5,000) to include a focus on their clients too.

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The Corner Fund relates to giving specifically for The Corner and its development.

The Biblical counselling fund has been set up for the benefit of those seeking counselling.

The FCSS Fund was funded by Orbit to deliver the Financial Capability Support Service. This was later renamed this JAM (Just About Managing). This project was to help Orbit residents understand and manage their money more effectively and finished in March 2022. The project ran during the height of the Covid Pandemic and it was agreed with the funder that the staff member (employed with the funding) and the management oversight of the project, as well as other budgeting cost could be incorporated into our 'Covid Response' for our service users. At the end of the project funds were transferred into the General Fund to cover these management, office and advertising costs.

The Town & Country Fund is funded by the housing association for the delivery of 'CAP Money' and 'TopUp' programmes.

Their first 1000 days in Ramsgate' is a small Kent County Council funded project, in partnership with Fegans, seeking to provide advice, information, support and inspiration to local parents with young children. It uses social media to engage with young local parents. It seeks to support parents who have experienced their own 'adverse' childhood experiences. The transfer to the General Fund covers the cost of hiring 'The Corner' and associated project management costs.

The Parenting Together – Margate Fund is for parenting projects in Margate. There has been a grant from Save the Children's Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund agreed for a September 2022 start. The fund is in deficit at the year-end due the need to prepare the allotment space ready for the start of the project prior to funding being received. Funds were received from Save the Children's 'Margate Early Learning Community – Innovation Fund' in September 2022. Funding was applied for in June/July 2022, and it was agreed in principle in late July. However the funding did not arrive until September 2022. The trustees made the decision to progress with spending some of the necessary capital spend elements of the project (creating an allotment and classroom) before the funding actually arrived in our account

The Parenting Together – Ramsgate Fund is for parenting projects in Ramsgate. This has been started with funding from KCC Early Help Grant of £10,938.21 for a project that started in April 2022 initially to be run until December 2022 but was subsequently extended until March 2023.

The Special Offering Fund is to help people in situations of hardship and/or crisis