

SEWARDSTONE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Charity number 1166206

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31/03/2021

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

Aims and purposes

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or world as the trustees from time to time may think fit.

Objectives and activities

Public worship.

Instruction in the Christian faith during weekly worship meetings and through week-time Bible Study.
Opportunity for private and public prayer and discussion, including sickness, financial hardship and other needs, locally and worldwide.

Provision of specific weekly activities:

Arts and Craft group

Parent and Toddler group

Bible Study Group

Note: All activities were suspended in accordance with government guidelines during Covid-19 pandemic.
Prayer and worship continued via phone and Zoom technology.
Bible study continued via Zoom technology.

Trustees have read and acknowledged the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and to our knowledge there has been no deviation from guidance recommendations.

Achievements and performance

Social provision for the community:

Parent and Toddler meetings (suspended according to government guidelines during Covid-19 pandemic).

Church socials (open to all and often including free meal) (suspended according to government guidelines during Covid-19 pandemic).

Fellowship during weekly worship services (suspended according to government guidelines during Covid-19 pandemic - contact and fellowship was maintained via phone/Zoom).

Improved mental, financial and physical well-being through prayer and counselling via phone (with financial support being offered where appropriate).

Provision of instruction and growth in the Christian faith through midweek Bible studies and Sunday services. (When permitted under Coronavirus regulations. Zoom sessions held where possible).

Provision of opportunity for community to meet for worship and fellowship every Sunday. (When permitted under Coronavirus regulations).

Regular donations of foodstuffs/supplies and finance to the local Food Bank to assist in alleviating need in the local community.

Provision of clothes/toys/reading materials alleviates child hardship worldwide (through Operation Christmas Child).

Provision of financial assistance to charities working overseas to spread the gospel and to alleviate poverty and hunger (through TearFund and other Christian charities).

The charity has continued to give financial assistance throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Practical assistance was offered (shopping, prescription collection, etc) for those shielding. Contact with the church fellowship was maintained via letter, email, Zoom calls and weekly phone calls.

Financial review

Reserves policy

A reserve of £3,000 is held to ensure that we can meet payment of regular running costs of the charity (e.g. electricity/gas/water) for one year without income.

Financial review

Trustees note that the charity was able to cover all expenses during the Covid-19 pandemic. Donations to the charity via standing orders continued and the financial position remains similar to the end of the last financial year.

The charity relies solely on voluntary donations. The charity does not hold fundraising events and does not receive grants from any source.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a CIO governed by a constitution.

Trustees are nominated and elected every three years. If a trustee steps down/is deceased mid-term, remaining trustees may appoint a temporary trustee until such time as voting can take place.

Church leaders meet regularly with other local church leaders to support each other and to arrange joint public worship and community outreach. (Suspended during pandemic. Replaced with phone calls.)

Reference and administration details

The charity is registered as Sewardstone Evangelical Church.

Our registered charity number is 1166206.

The registered address is:
145 Sewardstone Road
Chingford
London
E4 7PA

Trustees

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Wendy Mitchell	Administrator	
Margarete Bardsley	Treasurer	
John Fosker		

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Wendy Mitchell
Wendy Mitchell (Jun 4, 2021 18:16 GMT+1)

M. Bardsley
M. Bardsley (May 25, 2021 11:31 GMT+1)

Full name(s) Wendy Mitchell

Margarete Bardsley

Position Administrator

Treasurer

Date Jun 4, 2021

May 25, 2021

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A: Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sewardstone Evangelical Church

On accounts for the
year ended

31/03/2021

Charity number

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Darren Warren
Darren Warren (Jun 14, 2021 11:54 GMT+1)

Date:

Jun 14, 2021

Name:

Darren Warren

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Paxton Independent Examiners

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For Sewardstone Evangelical Church
Charity number 1166206
For period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	24,599	1,778	0	26,377	29,330
Charitable Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	0	0	0	0	975
Sub total	24,599	1,778	0	26,377	30,305
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Total receipts	24,599	1,778	0	26,377	30,305
A3 Payments					
Salaries Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities Costs	17,321	0	0	17,321	23,552
Governance Costs	480	0	0	480	958
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	17,801	0	0	17,801	24,510
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
Total payments	17,801	0	0	17,801	24,510
Excess of receipts over payments	6,799	1,778	0	8,576	5,796
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,656	17,475	0	38,131	32,336
Cash funds this year end	27,455	19,252	0	46,708	38,131

Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities at end of the period

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
B1 Cash funds	Details			
	CASH FUNDS	27,455	19,252	0
	Total cash funds	27,455	19,252	0
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
	None			
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None			
B4 Assets retained for charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None			
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print name


Date of approval



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Margarete Bardsley

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