

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH SIDMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1167687

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN SIDMOUTH AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING PUT INTO PRACTICE THE TEACHING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH

Activities: Regular worship services.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£47,396	£47,972	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,144	£49,839	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,995	£51,912	-	-
2021-12-31	£43,323	£24,388	-	-
2020-12-31	£101,311	£21,258	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Babu Pusuluri		2025-02-20
Besmir Gorrea		2022-02-23
Carole Clark Mrs		2024-02-22
Christine Beswick Ms		2024-02-22

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Chris Beswick
Carole Clark
Michael Spittel

Number 1167687

Bankers **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Bank)**
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings
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Independent Examiner Mr. Terry Hitchins

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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4 Financial Review

The overall difference between receipts and payments was - £4,576 compared with -£10,695 in 2023, this reduction in the deficit being mainly accounted for by an increase in freewill offerings offset by an increase in church maintenance costs Accumulated funds reduced from £100,090 at 31/12/23 to £95,514 at 31/12/24.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
£	£	£	£	£
General Fund Receipts				
Free-will offerings		34,011		27,968
Gift Aid refunds		5,932		6,935
Income from solar panels		762		1,066
Interest received		2,341		2,070
Sundry receipts		<u>350</u>		<u>1,105</u>
		43,396		39,144
Transfers from Gold Account		<u>4,000</u>		<u>528,989</u>
Total Receipts incl. Transfers		47,396		568,133
General Fund Payments				
Pastor's salary (incl. PAYE, pension & expenses)	29,157		30,226	
Pastor's rent re Exmouth property (substitute manse)	2,851		2,536	
Visiting preacher, FIEC donations & conference costs	1,881		1,575	
Church Maintenance	8,471		7,347	
Manse Costs-maintenance & Council Tax	1,284		1,433	
Communications, administration & sundries	1,613		2,682	
Missionary gifts	2,715		3,400	
Outreach	<u>0</u>		<u>640</u>	
Total Payments		47,972		49,839
Purchase of Manse				<u>520,993</u>
Total Payments incl. Purchase of Manse		47,972		570,832
Excess of payments over receipts		-576		-2,699
Transfer from Gold Account		<u>-4,000</u>		<u>-7,996</u>
Surplus /Deficit		-4,576		-10,695
Add				
Accumulated fund b/fwd.		100,090		631,778
Less				
Purchase of Manse				-520,993
Deficit for year		-4,576		-10,695
Accumulated fund at 31st December		<u>£95,514</u>		<u>£100,090</u>

Represented by:CAF Bank Current Account
CAF Bank Gold Account2,517
92,997
£95,5143,093
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£100,090**Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 & have verified them to be in accordance with the books, records & explanations provided to me by the acting treasurer. I also confirm that no matter has come to my attention which needs further clarification in the accounts.

Signed: Terry Hitchins 12/2/24

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4 Financial Review

The overall difference between receipts and expenses was - £10,965 compared with -£15,918 in 2022. Accumulated funds reduced from £631,778 at 31/12/22 to £100,090 at 31/12/23, a reduction of £531,688. This reduction is accounted for by the purchase of the manse (£520,993) together with the deficit of £10,695. Accumulated funds at 31st December 2023 amounted to £100,090.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
General Fund Receipts				
Free-will offerings		27,968		25,125
Gift Aid refunds		6,935		7,212
Income from solar panels		1,066		755
Interest received		2,070		2,515
Sundry receipts		<u>1,105</u>		<u>387</u>
Total Receipts		39,144		35,994
Transfers from Gold Account		<u>528,989</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Receipts incl. Transfers		568,133		35,994
General Fund Payments				
Pastor's salary (incl. PAYE, pension & expenses)	30,226		22,304	
Pastor's rent re Exmouth property (substitute manse)	2,536		10,725	
Visiting preacher, FIEC donations & conference costs	1,575		2,994	
Church Maintenance	7,347		8,348	
Manse Costs-maintenance & Council Tax	1,433		1,538	
Communications, administration & sundries	2,682		2,603	
Missionary gifts	3,400		3,400	
Outreach	<u>640</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total Payments		49,839		51,912
Purchase of Manse		<u>520,993</u>		
Total Payments incl. Purchase of Manse		570,832		
Excess of payments over receipts		- 2,699		
Transfer from Gold Account		<u>-7,996</u>		
Surplus /Deficit		-10,695		-15,917
Add				
Accumulated fund b/fwd.		631,778		705,195
Less deposit on new manse				-57,500
Purchase of Manse and transfers out		528,989		
Deficit for year		2,699		
Accumulated fund at 31st December		<u>£100,090</u>		<u>£631,778</u>

Represented by:

CAF Bank Current Account	3,093	5,792
CAF Bank Gold Account	<u>96,997</u>	<u>625,986</u>
	<u>£100,090</u>	<u>£631,778</u>

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5 Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £35,995, whilst £51,912 was spent on the church's Christian ministry, resulting in a deficit of £15,912. The decrease in receipts of £7,328 (17%) over the figure for 2021 can mainly be accounted for by the the reduction in free-will offerings and consequent reduction in gift aid; the increase in payments of £27,524 over 2021 arises from salary and rental* costs following the appointment of a new pastor. Nevertheless, it has been possible to contain the deficit of £15,912 within the Church's existing resources. £3,400 was given from the unrestricted funds to Christian Missions both in the UK and overseas. At 31st December the Accumulated Fund amounted to £631,778. (*Note: A new manse has now been purchased).

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st December 2022

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
General Fund Receipts				
Free-will offerings		25,125		30,715
Gift Aid refunds		7,212		9,136
Legacies received		0		2,856
Income from solar panels		755		599
Interest received		2,516		17
Sundry receipts		<u>387</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Receipts		35,995		43,323
General Fund Payments				
Pastor's salary (incl. PAYE, pension & expenses)	22,304		0	
Pastor's rent re Exmouth property (substitute manse)	10,725		0	
Visiting preacher, FIEC donations & conference costs	2,994		3,520	
Church Maintenance	8,348		7,048	
Manse Costs-maintenance & Council Tax	1,538		5,771	
Communications, administration & sundries	2,603		3,249	
Missionary gifts	<u>3,400</u>		<u>4,800</u>	
Total Payments		<u>51,912</u>		<u>24,388</u>
Deficit /Surplus		-15,917		18,935
Add				
Net proceeds from sale of previous manse		0		507,124
Accumulated fund b/fwd.		705,195		179,136
Less deposit on new manse		<u>-57,500</u>		<u>0</u>
Accumulated fund at 31st December		<u>£631,778</u>		<u>£705,195</u>
Represented by:				
CAF Bank Current Account		5,792		16,213
CAF Bank Gold Account		<u>625,986</u>		<u>688,982</u>
		<u>£631,778</u>		<u>£705,195</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed: Terry Hitchins 5/2/23

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Sue Cousens - January – May inclusive (Deacon)
Andy Michell - January - May inclusive (Deacon & Secretary)
Lee Emerson – May – December (Moderator)
David Jefferis - January to May inclusive (Deacon)
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4. Review of activities

4.1 Services of worship, prayer and the ministry of God's word were held on Sunday mornings in accordance with strict Government guidelines and two prayer meetings each month later in June when restrictions were lifted. As the Church continued without a pastor a moderator was appointed in January 2021. Visiting speakers continued to come and preach.

Midweek Meetings These were only started up when Covid restrictions were lifted.

- (a) Light Bites – 6 weeks of tea and activities on Wednesday afternoons in the Summer
- (b) Men's Club – weekly in the Autumn.
- (c) Mid-week Circle – programme for social interaction and activities in the Autumn.

4.2 Involvement of the congregation

Many members of the congregation are involved in the work of the Church; the Church would be unable to function without their aid. This has been especially so during the coronavirus pandemic with members assisting in the arrangements enabling the church

to meet whilst complying with the lockdown requirements.

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Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £43,323, a decrease of £57,988 (57%) over the figure for 2020; this can be entirely accounted for by the the substantial legacy received in 2020 and the loss in Manse rental income. £24,388 was spent on the Christian Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church with the surplus being allocated to reserves. £4,800 was given from the unrestricted funds to Christian Missions both in the UK and overseas. At 31st December the General Fund amounted to £18,935, the decrease over 2020 arising from the substantial legacy received in that year together with the loss of rental income on the Manse. During the year the Manse was sold resulting in net sale proceeds of £507,124; a replacement property is being purchased.

Receipts & payments account for the year to 31st December 2020

<u>General Fund receipts</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Offerings (including gift aided)	30,716	36,099
Gift aid tax refund	<u>9,135</u>	<u>6,157</u>
	39,851	42,256
		-
General Fund – Donations etc.	0	222
Legacies received	2,856	46,000
Rent income - Manse	0	11,881
Income from solar panels	599	824
Interest received	17	17
Receipts from other church activities	0	0
Special Collections	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>
Total receipts less refunds	43,323	101,310
<u>General Fund payments</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Pastor - salary & expenses	0	0
Preacher & F.I.E.C.	3,520	2,895
Church maintenance	7,299	4,978
Manse Expenditure	5,771	2,044
Administration & sundry costs	2,998	2,767
Missionary	4,800	5,200
Outreach	0	3,374
Total General Fund Payments	<u>24,388</u>	<u>21,258</u>
Surplus for year	18,935	80,052
Add net proceeds from sale of Manse	507,124	0
Accumulated fund b/fwd	178,512	98,460
Other funds	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>
Accumulated fund at 31st December 2021	<u>£705,195</u>	<u>£179,136</u>

Represented by:

CAF Current Account	16,213	9,295
CAF Gold Account	688,982	85,561
Manse Net Cost	<u>0</u>	<u>84,280</u>
	<u>705,195</u>	<u>179,136</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

In spite of the continuing problems of the Covid Pandemic during the year, I had no problems in completing my examination of the accounts for the year ended December 31st 2021. I have verified them to be in accordance to the books and records presented to me and the explanations given to me by the Treasurer. I also confirm that no matter has come to my attention which needs further clarification in the accounts.

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Bankers	Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Mr. David Zirker Brookfields, Venn Ottery Road, Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0BU

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

1 Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the church are:

- 1 The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Sidmouth and the surrounding neighbourhood,
- and
- 2 Such other charitable purposes as shall in the opinion of the members of the church in general meeting put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the basis of faith.

2 Public Benefit

The trustees consider that the objectives above fulfill the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

3 Structure, Governance and Management

The church is a registered charity. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) number 1167687 registered on **16 June 2016** and governed by its Constitution dated 21st March 2016

The trustees who served in 2019 were:-

Hilary Atkinson - January – December inclusive (Deacon)
Christine Beswick – January – December inclusive (Deacon & Honorary Treasurer)
Sue Cousens - January – December inclusive (Deacon)
Andy Michell - January - December inclusive (Deacon & Secretary from Sept.)
Chris Wilson - January – September inclusive (Elder & Church Secretary)
David Jefferis - January to December inclusive (Deacon)

Day to day governance of the church is in the hands of the Church Council (the Trustees). Major decisions are made by the members at Church Members Business Meetings held as required and normally not less than four times a year. However, as a result of the lockdown, there were no further members meetings following the A.G.M. which was held on 24th February. The Trustees continued to meet regularly, either externally or via Zoom.

4. Review of activities

4.1

From the beginning of January until the middle of March, services of worship, prayer and the Ministry of God's Word were held twice on Sundays; other church activities including the Men's Club, Ladies Fellowship, Prime Time (for the over 60's) and prayer and Bible study groups continued during this period. As a result of the lockdown, all meetings ceased from 16th March; during the lockdown members were provided with a weekly newsletter/Bible study delivered mainly via e mail. Sunday services resumed in a restricted form, and in accordance with Government guidelines, between 6th September and 1st November and again from 6th December until the end of the year. The majority of services were led by visiting speakers as the church was, and remains, without a pastor.

4.2 Involvement of the congregation

Many members of the congregation are involved in the work of the Church; the Church would be unable to function without their aid. This has been especially so during the coronavirus pandemic with members assisting in the arrangements enabling the church to meet whilst complying with the lockdown requirements.

4.3 Risk Assessment

Three main areas of risk have been identified, and the following mitigation procedures have been put in place:-

a) The trustees closely monitor and manage the finances to ensure that funds are available for ongoing support of its objectives.

b) DBS checks are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups as part of the charity's activities.

c) Appropriate insurance is in place to protect the charity.

d) A Covid risk assessment was carried out for the church to comply with Government guidelines and rules.

4.4 Charitable giving

4.4.1 The church supports a number of missionaries, Christian workers, Christian organisations and charities both financially and in prayer.

During 2020 these included the following, who were financially supported from church funds:

Robin Asgher at Cranford Baptist Church.
Clive Barker. A SIM Pakistan Field Director..
Barnabas Fund (special project)
Belgrade Bible School (Oak Hall in Serbia).
The Christian Institute
Rob Hooks with the London City Mission.
The Leprosy Mission.
Rich and Zoe in Indonesia

In addition

Helina Zerihun, a sponsored child in Ethiopia, is supported financially by a group of members through the Compassion organisation.

5 Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds amounted to £101,311, an increase of £29,567 (41%) over the figure for 2019, the decrease in offerings being more than offset by substantial legacies. £21,258 was spent on the Christian Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church with the surplus being allocated to reserves. £5,200 was given from the unrestricted funds to Christian Missions both in the UK and overseas. At 31st December the General Fund amounted to £80,053, the increase over 2019 arising from savings as a result of the pastoral vacancy, rent income, and legacies.

Receipts & payments account for the year to 31st December 2020

<u>General Fund receipts</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Offerings (including gift aided)	36,099	49,440
Gift aid tax refund	<u>6,157</u>	<u>9,008</u>
	42,256	58,448
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General Fund – Donations etc.	222	5,109
Legacies received	46,000	4,500
Rent income - Manse	11,881	2,194
Income from solar panels	824	794
Interest received	17	12
Receipts from other church activities	0	687
Special Collections	<u>110</u>	<u>0</u>
Total receipts less refunds	101,310	71,744
<u>General Fund payments</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Pastor - salary & expenses	0	19,909
Preacher & F.I.E.C.	2,895	2,545
Church maintenance	4,978	7,132
Manse Expenditure	2,044	4,387
Administration & sundry costs	2,767	3,525
Missionary	5,200	5,838
Outreach	3,374	397
Total General Fund Payments	<u>21,258</u>	<u>43,733</u>
Surplus for year	80,052	28,011
Accumulated fund b/fwd	98,460	70,449
Other funds	<u>624</u>	<u>624</u>
Accumulated fund at 31st December 2019	<u>£179,136</u>	<u>£99,084</u>

Represented by:

CAF Current Account	9,295	7,242
CAF Gold Account	85,561	7,562
Manse Net Cost	<u>84,280</u>	<u>84,820</u>
<u>179,136</u>	<u>179,136</u>	<u>99,084</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

In spite of the continuing problems of the Covid Pandemic during the year, I had no problems in completing my examination of the accounts for the year ended December 31st 2020. I have verified them to be in accordance to the books and records presented to me and the explanations given to me by the Treasurer. I also confirm that no matter has come to my attention which needs further clarification in the accounts.

David Zirker 16/2/2021