

Trustees' Annual Report
for the period
1ST JANUARY 2020 to 31ST DECEMBER 2020

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
SIDMOUTH

Registered Charity No. 1167687

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Address	Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TU
Trustees	Hilary Atkinson Christine Beswick Sue Cousens David Jefferis Andy Michell ChrisWilson
Charity Number	1167687
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