

Trustees' Annual Report
for the period
1ST JANUARY 2021 to 31ST DECEMBER 2021

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
SIDMOUTH

Registered Charity No. 1167687

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Address	Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TU
Trustees	Hilary Atkinson Catherine Michell Lee Emerson
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 2021

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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 2021 were:-

Hilary Atkinson - January – December inclusive (Deacon)
Christine Beswick – January – May inclusive (Deacon & Honorary Treasurer)
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)
Catherine Michell- May – December (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. The Annual General Meeting, at which the Secretary and Treasurer report on the work and finances of the church, is normally held towards the end of February. However, as a result of the Covid restrictions, in 2020 it was held on 5th May.

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.

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 2021 these included the following, who were financially supported from church funds:

Robin Asgher at Cranford Baptist Church.
Clive Barker. A SIM S.E. Asia Field Director..
The Christian Institute
Rob Hooks with the London City Mission.
Rich and Zoe – OMF International (UK)

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 £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
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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.

David Zirker 23/2/2022