

Trustees' Annual Report
for the period
1ST JANUARY 2022 to 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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 Besmir Gorrea John Jackson Bernard Kelly
Number	1167687
Bankers	Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Bank) 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Mr. Terry Hitchins

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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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,

- 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

a) 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 2022 were:-

Hilary Atkinson - January – December (Deacon)
Lee Emerson – January - February (Moderator)
Catherine Michell- January – December (Deacon)
Besmir Gorrea- February – December (Pastor)
John Jackson- October – December (Elder)
Bernard Kelly- October – December (Elder)

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.

4. Review of activities

4.1 Services of worship, prayer and the ministry of God's word were held on Sunday mornings together with midweek meetings for prayer and Bible Study.

4.2 Involvement of the the congregation

Many members of the congregation are involved in the work of the Church which would be unable to function without their aid.

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

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 £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 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		51,912		24,388
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

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 & 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 5/2/23