

**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**for the period**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 to 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SIDMOUTH**

Registered Charity No. 1167687

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

**Address** Manstone Lane,  
Sidmouth  
EX10 9TU

**Trustees** Besmir Gorrea  
John Jackson  
Bernard Kelly  
Chris Beswick  
Carole Clark  
Michael Spittel

**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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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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 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016

The trustees who served in 2024 were:-

Besmir Gorrea- January – December (Pastor)

John Jackson- January – July (Elder)

Bernard Kelly- January – February (Elder)

Chris Beswick- February – December (Deacon)

Carole Clark- February – December (Deacon)

Michael Spittel- February – 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.

### **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 2024 these include following:

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)

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	2024	2023
£	£	£
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>		
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>
	<b>43,396</b>	<b>39,144</b>
Transfers from Gold Account	<u>4,000</u>	<u>528,989</u>
<b>Total Receipts incl. Transfers</b>	<b>47,396</b>	<b>568,133</b>
<b>General Fund Payments</b>		
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>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>47,972</b>	<b>49,839</b>
Purchase of Manse		<u>520,993</u>
<b>Total Payments incl. Purchase of Manse</b>	<b>47,972</b>	<b>570,832</b>
Excess of payments over receipts	-576	-2,699
Transfer from Gold Account	<u>-4,000</u>	<u>-7,996</u>
<b>Surplus /Deficit</b>	<b>-4,576</b>	<b>-10,695</b>
<b>Add</b>		
Accumulated fund b/fwd.	100,090	631,778
Less		
Purchase of Manse		-520,993
Deficit for year	-4,576	-10,695
<b>Accumulated fund at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b><u>£95,514</u></b>	<b><u>£100,090</u></b>

**Represented by:**

CAF Bank Current Account

2,517

3,093

CAF Bank Gold Account

92,99796,997**£95,514****£100,090****Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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