

GOOD SHEPHERD

TABERNACLE

CHARITY Number

1168465

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY

2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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The Trustees present their Report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020.

The Trustees confirm that the Accounts comply with the requirements of the Charity's governing Documents, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"(SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Good Shepherd Tabernacle was registered as a UK Charity in 2015.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees consists of at least three and not more than nine individuals, all of whom must be members.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

The existing Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity.

Additionally, any new Trustees are invited and encouraged to attend training sessions to familiarize themselves with the Charity and the context in which it operates, including obligations of Trustees, and the operational framework for the Charity.

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES, AND FUTURE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES.

Good shepherd Network is a charity established to advance religious purpose among Christians and to further religious and other charitable work by providing a forum for Christians to fellowship and study the word of God together.

The charity is run by a board of trustees. The board make the day-to-day decisions for the charity. The charity has unpaid volunteers. They are an integral part of the charity and help with the organisation of events and administration.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

The principal funding source for the Charity is donations from the congregations at services held.

RISK MANAGEMENT

During the period, the Trustees have reviewed the general environment in which the Charity operates to identify any serious potential risks, and make arrangements to avoid such risks or mitigate their impact. Fire Risk Assessments, have been undertaken to the Church Auditorium and Office to improve evacuation of premises in the event of fire.

We continue to monitor the implementation of the Disaster Recovery Plan, and undertake checks, where appropriate, with the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) on all those working directly with children.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Trustees meet quarterly to review the finances and administration of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed for an unspecified period, any vacancies being filled by the selection and appointment of suitable persons by the Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's principal objectives are the propagation of the gospel, the advancement of the Christian Faith and the relief of poverty.

To demonstrate God's love and deliverance power through prayers and practical assistance to the needy in our community. Educate and empower all peoples of our community irrespective of denomination, belief, nationality, age and status. This is achieved through the provision of financial and material gifts and the organization of conferences for issues affecting the family, nation, business and careers.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Charity has continued to build on the primary objectives of impacting Kent and other parts of the United Kingdom. We at Good Shepherd believe very strongly in the power of serving the community. We believe serving is a way to treat people the way God wants to see them treated, and it's the very essence of God's personality. That's why it's so powerful. In the past year, we have served our local and wider community by:

1 - A FREE STORE

We collect new and gently used clothes from our church members and from donations from the community. Then, once a month, depending on our supply, we allow people to come in and select a set number of items. There's no charge for the items, but people can only get so many per person, we give out bags at the entrance and each person can only take what they can fit in the bag.

We make contact with local stores and ask if they have any donations. We realize that many factories end up with clothing that isn't good enough to sell, but is still perfectly good, it's just that the logo is crooked or the legs on the trousers are of different lengths and the factory isn't going to pay someone to re-hem them.

2 - We continue to support St James Place (A local residential home for people with learning disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions, mental health and other challenging and complex needs) as part of our mission work in Kent.

A good example of this would be that of Christmas 2019, we went to give gift baskets to the nurses and staffs at the care home. Naturally, everyone is eager to do something for the kids and their family, especially during the holidays, but no one ever does anything for the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Care home. I doubt they mind too much, since they want to see the kids happy, but when our team showed up and said they came to serve the staff,

it touched a lot of people because they never expected to be remembered and even doing something small for them really had a huge impact.

3 – FREE CARWASH

No donations accepted, just serving the community.

We did a sign saying no donations accepted, but people still tried to donate, but we just told them we only want to serve.

4 – OFFERING THE SKILLS OF OUR MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY

We have several teachers in our church so we set up tutoring once a week. We regularly set up a table in a local store once a month where people can get advice on dieting issues. Our university students called on local secondary schools and offer to come in during the their holidays so students can ask questions about the university application process.

5 – STAGE PLAYS, TALENT SHOWS, ETC. AT LOCAL NURSING HOMES

This was also a great way to engage our youth, by letting those who are interested be in the plays and have fun with the shows, while also reaching out and serving those in the nursing home.

6 . C A P M O N E Y C O U R S E

The Christians Against Poverty Money Course is a revolutionary money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based money management system that really works.

The CAP Money course is designed to help people gain a better knowledge of what they earn and what they spend, devise a manageable budget, get their accounts in order and learn to save, whatever their financial situation.

The course is led by members of the church who have been trained to help and advice for a range of financial situations and you need only share as much of the details of your finances with them as you wish. Whether you have serious debt problems to work through, or would just like to save a little extra for a holiday, the CAP Money system is an invaluable tool.

The Church regular has referrals of council tenants from The Dartford Borough Council for training.

7. FOODBANK COLLECTION CENTRE: We run a food bank collection centre where tinned food items are donated by members and delivered every Tuesday to the local Foodbank distribution centre

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

10TH-12TH APRIL 2020

The Charity invited everyone in the community to share with them in Holy Week for the annual Easter Retreat online.

Young and old, families and friends were welcomed and took part in a range of services, workshops and activities to celebrate this special time of the Christian year. It was an avenue that created time and space to explore their faith with like-minded individuals. The retreat provided the spiritual petrol for the year ahead

27TH MAY 2020

ONLINE YOUTH & CHILDREN'S RETREAT: The Charity organized a community Children's retreat, the aim was: To provide a non-judgmental, open place where children may have opportunities to wonder about and explore their faith through story, worship, music, drama and other creative ways that deepen our relationship with God.

To bring together a multi-age and inter-cultural community from across Dartford.

To provide a welcoming and safe environment for children to play, eat, and connect with each other and their leaders and have fun! For many of the children, this is their first experience of a "retreat" and it was an encouraging start for their church experiences!

To offer intentional opportunities for youth to grow in their leadership skills and abilities and empower them to make a difference in a child's life.

To support, inspire and energize adult leaders in their role in children's ministry.

20th-21st JUNE 2020

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: The day included cake stalls, tea and coffee tent, meat and veggie barbecues, 'the wall', 'splat the rat', space hopper races, bouncy castles, various exhibits, stands and stalls, musical interludes with live bands, and puppet shows to name but a few.

This was an open air day for the whole community and everything was free!

26TH JULY 2020

SEASIDE TRIP: We hired a coach inviting the local community for a day trip to the Brighton seaside, coach reservations was limited to "first come, first serve basis" We enjoyed a lovely, although not too sunny, day at the seaside! We learnt all about the lifeboats and coastguards who rescue people out at sea. We also got to make sandcastles, eat ice-creams, and go on a treasure hunt on the beach - it was great fun!

3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2019

ALTAR OF PRAISE: On the evening of Saturday 3RD August, several churches in Dartford area, gathered to celebrate a community gospel concert.

The event was organised by the Good Shepherd Tabernacle. Pastor Kelvin Ediale was especially passionate about his vision for the community, and so for several months he had engaged the various local churches in healthy discussions to encourage community cohesion.

In addition to the singing, the Good Shepherd welfare department team of five, provided free samples of local healthy snacks made from dips of tasty hummus, carrots, celery and cucumber sticks, with herb and coriander, as well as garlic

biscuits. The concert attendees were also treated to a selection of grapes, honey dew melon, water melons, and cantaloupe fruit bowls.

During the break the crowds of about 100 quickly scooped up the dishes and some came back for second helpings. There was lots of positive feedback. One lady was so impressed and commented, "I am a vegan and usually when I go to events like this I never partake of the food because it is always a meat dish. However, I can eat tonight as it is a plant-based diet. For this I thank you."

The church members also took the opportunity to give out 50 goodie bags, with literature such as *the gospel according to John*.

This which was the first gospel music event by the charity was a great success, we were excited to see that the Good Shepherd Tabernacle demonstrated our commitment to community involvement and engagement, in order to be relevant and demonstrate the love of Christ to the people of Dartford.

1st SEPTEMBER 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY: Our Back to School with God Sunday church service was a fantastic way to pray for and support our young people and school staff at the start of a new school year.

It is an excellent bridge between church and school, and an encouragement to Christian pupils and staff to consider the fact that God is not confined to church, but goes with them to school.

6th OCTOBER 2018

CULTURAL SUNDAY: As we are a multicultural Church , we have people from Africa, Glasgow ,England ,Pakistan ,Europe and from many other nations ,it gave us tremendous joy to have had a Cultural Sunday celebrating our nations and praying for them according to .1 Timothy 2 vs 1" First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." On this day people wore their nations attire to church and there was food from every nation that is within the Church ,singing in all languages and learning from each other .

1ST-3RD NOVEMBER 2019

CHARITY'S 4TH YEAR ANNIVESARY: This year at Good Shepherd has been one of both great challenges and even greater opportunities. Together we search for the most effective way to meet our mission goals of Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus's Name. During the anniversary weekend we had various speakers come to encourage us and challenge us to do more for the future in our community. It was a weekend of music, teachings, drama, dance and of course community service.

21ST DECEMBER 2019

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL: The Charity welcomed special guests, supporters and friends for its first Christmas Carol Service. The event celebrated the Christmas story. Under the theme of 'Neighborhood Watch, the event also explored the importance that good community connections play in growing well being and reducing isolation among the people.

Traditional readings telling the Christmas story and the birth of Christ were read. The evening featured a host of special performances: A Christmas favourite 'Little Dummer Boy' and a moving version of 'Silent Night' were sung by The Good shepherd Choir and the audience joined in with choice carols throughout the service.

25TH DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Good Shepherd Tabernacle opened its doors for a free Christmas dinner, offering a warm and welcoming place for anyone in need, including those who are homeless, lonely or vulnerable. We provided free food and hot drinks, as well as activities and entertainment for guests to enjoy.

The idea arose out of a desire to show the generosity of Jesus to those in society who least experience it, and to provide a safe and welcoming space at a time of the year when many traditional support services in the community are closed. The dinner was open to all, regardless of an individual's background, lifestyle choices or religious beliefs. The event was organised and run entirely by volunteers, and was funded by generous donations.

31ST DECEMBER 2019

NEW YEAR'S EVE CROSSOVER SERVICE: An evening of celebration and worship reflecting on 2016; praying and thanking God in advance for our transition into the New Year of 2017.

11TH & 12TH JANUARY 2020

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRAINING SEMINAR: This free training took place over a 2-day period. As part of the training, participants learnt of the many health and human service providers and community organizations in the Kent region. In addition, participants engaged in workshops and training on topics such as different styles of leadership, effective communication and marketing, professional writing, community organizing, conflict management, and other related topics. Coupled with the training, participant

created and implemented a community service project utilizing the skills and information received during the training that will either meet a community need or build upon an existing asset. We are committed to working towards making impactful contributions to our communities and neighborhood.

8thTH FEBRUARY 2020

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR: A one day conference that provided couples within our community with an opportunity to nurture and grow in their marital relationships. It offered a comfortable, get-away-from-it-all setting, allowing couples to communicate and experience a deeper appreciation for their marriage partnership.

30TH MARCH 2020

ONLINE WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE: *Themed "I am my sisters keeper" This conference highlighted to those in attendance that we live in a world of hurting women. And just as Jesus compassionately loved those who were suffering, so can we. "As Christian women, our hearts ache with a world that suffers and our love for God compels us to put our love into action."*

I Am My Sister's Keeper tenderly addressed issues like broken relationships and divorce; unforgiveness; loneliness; spouse abuse; and loss and grief. Through biblical stories and personal stories of some women present.

29TH MARCH 2019

MOTHERS DAY: *Our Community was invited to come and celebrate mothers day in the church. The service was a delightful celebration of the role of mothers in our lives. Special songs, poetry and drama presentation by the children and men group, a special gift for all the women in attendance, wonderful snacks between the services, and a special message titled "The role of mothers in the community".*

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves as shown in the accounts. The funds are sufficient to provide specialist

training and help in the community. Donations are paid at the discretion of the trustees.

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover management and administration costs. Restricted funds are funds that account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity Commission requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"(SORP 2005) issued in March 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice -

Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

K. Ediale

TRUSTEE

31/07/2016