

Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

A. Reference and Administration Details

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called **Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church**, registered charity number 1170625.

This report covers the period from 1-Aug-2020 to 31-Jul-2021.

The address of the Church is The Street, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 0EE.

The managing trustees of the charity are:

Mrs Sandra Stevens	Administrator
Mr Keith Munford	Elder & Treasurer
Mr Bill Self	Deacon
Pastor Ken Houghten	Pastor – retired January 2021
Mrs Maralyn Lamont	Trustee
Pastor Peter Law	Pastor – appointed February 2021

Pastor Ken Houghten retired in January and was succeeded by Pastor Peter Law. The other trustees served for the whole year.

The Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

The Church bankers are Barclays Bank PLC and Saffron Building Society. Professional advice has been received from WRS Limited (Insurance Broker), 31:8 (Child Protection) and FIEC.

B. Structure, governance and management

Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical church began in 1968 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association meeting in the building owned by the Datchet Evangelical Fellowship (later Rural Ministries). A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was set up in 2016 and the church transferred to this on 28 February 2017. At the same time the building was purchased by the church and links with Rural Ministries were severed.

The church is governed by the Church Constitution and the Church Handbook that were adopted by the members on 13 November 2016, and accepted by the Charity Commission on 8 December 2016 when the CIO was registered.

The Trustees are appointed by the church members. The Pastor and Elder are appointed indefinitely but it has been agreed to review the appointments of the elder in July 2024. The other three managing trustees were elected in July 2020 to serve for a three year term.

The trustees aim to meet monthly to transact the business of the Church in line with the decisions taken by the members of the Church at General Meetings which are held quarterly.

C. Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively in Kirby-le-Soken and the surrounding neighbourhood, and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church.

The Church meets every Sunday to worship God and proclaim His Word and on a Thursday for prayer and Bible study. A weekly mums and toddlers session is held during term time and a coffee morning is held weekly through most of the year. These meetings were suspended for part of the year due to the coronavirus pandemic, but some meetings continued online during lockdowns.

D. Achievements and performance

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities. Much of normal church life has been restricted by government guidance during the coronavirus pandemic but we have sought to be open as much as we could, while holding services online when the church was closed. The easing of restrictions on singing outside allowed a Christmas Eve carol service to take place in the car park, and a couple of Sunday afternoon services were held on the grass with singing allowed. Extra people have been attracted to the services through the year, as the church was open when many other churches in the area were not. Several in the community appreciated the benefit of the mums and toddler group being one of the first in the area to reopen.

At the start of 2020 Pastor Ken Houghten announced his intention to retire in 2021. The church formed a pastoral search committee who were able to recommend calling Peter Law to the pastorate at the business meeting in December. Ken retired in January to allow Peter to commence his full time ministry in February.

Missionaries and representatives of a number of organisations have visited during the period and the church has been pleased to help support them. Speakers from AsiaLink, TBS, Creation Ministries, AEM and Christian Institute have visited or conducted online meetings.

E. Financial review

The Church is supported entirely by voluntary contributions (mostly made by standing order), and is grateful to those who give of their time and money to support the work. The accounts cover the year from 1-Aug-2020 to 31-Jul-2021.

Expenditure increased from February with the employment of a full time pastor. Donations of £4,550 were received into the pastoral support fund at the start of the year in anticipation of this. Each month there has been a £750 transfer from the pastoral support fund to the general fund to fund Peter's stipend. The pastoral support fund has sufficient funds to continue support at this rate until 2025.

Over the year receipts were £45,696 (up 9% on last year) and expenditure was £40,507 (up 33% on last year but only 5% higher than two years ago – expenditure has been reduced by the pandemic). The end of year balance was £61,470 (up 9%), of which £34,520 was in the pastoral support fund.

Ten percent of offerings and credits are put into the missionary fund which sent gifts totalling £3850 to EMF, NTM and One Mission. In addition donations of £3,800 have been made to organisations and individuals involved in the work of the Gospel and relief in the UK and throughout the world.

The funds are held in a current account at Barclays and interest bearing building society accounts at Saffron Building Society. There are small cash funds used by the coffee morning and Mums & Toddler group.

A monthly stipend is paid to the Pastor. No other payments have been made to trustees during the year apart from reimbursement of expenditure.

F. Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above: and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature



Keith Munford (Treasurer)

Date

26/8/21

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church
for the period from 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	2020/21	2019/20
A1 RECEIPTS		
Offerings and Donations	£41,985.94	£38,143.29
Legacies		
Tax reclaimed	£3,222.29	£3,335.62
Interest	£488.59	£484.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£45,696.82	£41,963.18
A3 PAYMENTS		
Activities	£1,207.18	£1,270.32
Donations	£9,650.00	£6,120.65
Ministry	£24,125.44	£17,114.40
Building upkeep	£5,524.39	£5,947.58
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£40,507.01	£30,452.95
Receipts less payments	£5,189.81	£11,510.23
A5 Transfers between funds	£0.00	£0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	£56,280.29	£44,770.06
Cash Funds this year end	£61,470.10	£56,280.29

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2020/21	2019/2020
B1 Cash funds		
Cash held by Treasurer	£0.00	£0.00
Cash held in Coffee Morning float	£121.52	£55.90
Cash held in Mums & Toddler float	£13.96	£25.66
Barclays Current Account	£6,754.04	£9,106.74
Saffron Building Society Accounts	£54,580.58	£47,091.99
TOTAL	£61,470.10	£56,280.29
Representing balances on the following funds		
Church General Fund	£25,893.55	£21,644.11
Missionary Fund	£665.12	£689.49
Building Fund		
Pastoral Fund	£34,520.95	£33,610.13
Coffee morning fund	£376.52	£310.90
Mums & Toddler fund	£13.96	£25.66
TOTAL	£61,470.10	£56,280.29
B2 Other Monetary assets	None	None
B3 Investment Assets	None	None
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
shown at insurance value		
Church building and land	£638,724	£608,309
Chapel Contents	£32,910	£32,812
TOTAL	£671,634	£641,121
B5 Liabilities	None	None

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signed: 

Date: 26/8/21

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 28 October 2021

Name Leslie Clark
 Retired Treasurer
 Prettygate Baptist Church