

Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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-2022 to 31-Jul-2023.

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	Trustee
Mr Keith Munford	Elder
Mr Bill Self	Deacon – retired 3-June-2023
Mrs Maralyn Lamont	Trustee
Pastor Peter Law	Pastor
Mr Peter Millist	Elder
Mrs Christine Cooper	Trustee – appointed 3-June-2023

Bill Self retired and Christine Cooper was appointed in June. 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 is received from WRS Limited (Insurance Broker), Christian Safeguarding Service (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 Elders are appointed indefinitely but it has been agreed to review the appointments of the two elders in 2024. The other three managing trustees were elected in June 2023 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.

To further these objectives, the Church holds a number of regular meetings and activities. It meets every Sunday to worship God and proclaim His Word and on a Thursday for prayer and Bible study. Broadcasting the Sunday services online is now a regular feature and is used by people unable to

attend the meetings in person. In addition, a weekly mums and toddler group is held during term time and a coffee morning is held weekly through most of the year.

D. Achievements and performance

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities and this year there has been a noticeable growth in the congregations and a more diverse age range. The coffee mornings and mums and toddler group have been well supported through the year and several ladies have met together fortnightly for Bible study. Harvest, Songs of Praise and the Coronation have provided opportunities for special meetings and meals, which have been very well attended.

Further changes have been made to the building to improve the lighting and alter the platform to allow step free access to the rear hall which is of significant benefit to many.

Missionaries and representatives of several organisations have visited during the period and the church has been pleased to help support them. Speakers have come representing Zambesi Mission, AsiaLink and AEM.

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-2022 to 31-Jul-2023.

Over the year receipts were £72,897 (up 49% on last year) and expenditure was £55,510 (down 4%). The increase in giving has largely been into the building fund as we look to rebuilding the prefab sports hall. The end of year balance was £70,252 (up 33%).

The building fund stands at £25.7k which is nearly half the money needed to rebuild the sports hall. The Pastoral support fund, which has been closed to new income, stands at £26.3k. Over the year £7.3k has been transferred from the pastoral support fund to the general fund to help to pay the Pastor's stipend. This transfer is expected to continue over the next three years until the pastoral fund is exhausted, by which time we hope that the general income will have grown.

Ten percent of offerings and credits are put into the missionary fund which sent gifts totalling £4,500 to EMF, NTM and One Mission. In addition, donations of £3,600 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 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.

K. C. Munford

23/8/2023

Signature

Date

Keith Munford (Treasurer)

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Receipts and Payments Accounts
Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church
for the period from 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	2022/23	2021/22
A1 RECEIPTS		
Offerings and Donations	£65,772.10	£42,100.03
Legacies	£0.00	£2,000.00
Tax reclaimed	£6,902.86	£4,815.98
Interest	£222.53	£120.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£72,897.49	£49,036.08
A3 PAYMENTS		
Activities	£2,070.04	£1,994.65
Donations	£8,100.00	£11,350.00
Ministry	£33,667.01	£32,150.46
Building upkeep	£11,672.65	£12,146.49
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£55,509.70	£57,641.60
Receipts less payments	£17,387.79	-£8,605.52
A5 Transfers between funds	£0.00	£0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	£52,864.58	£61,470.10
Cash Funds this year end	£70,252.37	£52,864.58

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

	2022/23	2021/22
B1 Cash funds		
Cash held by Treasurer	£0.00	£105.00
Cash held in Coffee Morning float	£62.11	£173.20
Cash held in Mums & Toddler float	£25.37	£27.97
Barclays Current Accounts	£6,878.11	£4,504.16
Saffron Building Society Accounts	£63,286.78	£48,054.25
TOTAL	£70,252.37	£52,864.58
Representing balances on the following funds		
Church General Fund	£17,631.09	£22,718.77
Missionary Fund	£536.00	£321.62
Building Fund	£25,711.80	
Pastoral Fund	£26,286.00	£29,623.02
Coffee morning fund	£62.11	£173.20
Mums & Toddler fund	£25.37	£27.97
TOTAL	£70,252.37	£52,864.58
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	£754,959	£668,105
Chapel Contents	£38,980	£34,193
TOTAL	£793,939	£702,298
B5 Liabilities	None	None

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

K.C.Munford
 Signed: _____

23/8/2023
 Date: _____

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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 2023.

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.

L. Clark

25/10/2023

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name Leslie Clark
 Retired Treasurer
 Prettygate Baptist Church