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**THE CELLAR CHURCH
ELLESMERE**

**REPORT
OF THE
CHURCH
TRUSTEES**

**YEAR TO
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**THE CELLAR CHURCH
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees of the Cellar Church present their report and accounts for the period ended 31st December 2020

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16th July 2014.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was incorporated on 29th March 2017. The Trustees who served during the period are:-

Richard Ellis	Chairman
Christopher Garratt	
Jamie Paul Eccleston	
Christopher John Minton	

The Trustees consider that they, together with the Church pastor, comprise the Key personnel. The Trustees give their time freely and the monthly stipend of the Church Pastor is set by the Church Leaders and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting the stipend for the Church Pastor:-

- nature of role and responsibilities
- pastor and teaching experience
- the sector average for comparable positions (linked to Teachers' pay scale)
- trends in pay

The Church Elders, who, apart from the Church Pastor, are also the charity trustees, are responsible for the overall management and control of The Cellar Church Charity and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing most of their objectives is carried out by the Cellar Church Covenant Partners, who meet at least two times a year and , less formally, on a weekly basis. The Covenant Partners work under the oversight of the Church Elders.

The Church Elders and Church Pastor determine the general spiritual teaching, pastoral care requirements and Vision for the Church. The day to day running of the Church is delegated to the Church pastor and Church Elders supported by Covenant Partners and their team members. Covenant Partners means the body of believers in the locality of Ellesmere, Shropshire who have signed a current form of commitment being known as The Cellar Church.

The Church Pastor and Church Elders undertake the key leadership role overseeing biblical teaching, pastoral and administrative functions. The day to day running of The Cellar Church, including Junior Church, is undertaken within the Church Constitution approved by the Church Elders which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to Covenant Partners for prior approval.

The Church Elders are the charity trustees of The Cellar Church. Apart from the first charity Trustees, unless the Charity Trustees decide otherwise every Charity Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of Covenant Partners. In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Covenant Partners must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the Charity. Trustees require breadth and depth of experience to carry out their duties effectively and efficiently. The requirements of the Trustees should comprise the following

All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Church Statement of Faith
The spiritual government and leadership of the Covenant Partners for the purpose of which the charity has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership

Where possible, the skills and experience of the Trustees should comprise the following:-

- A Trustee with a financial/accounting background
- A Trustee with public service background, such as having education experience
- A Trustee with managerial or business experience

One Trustee may have one or more of the skills.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 (Cont)

Objectives and activities for the year

The objective of the Charity is, for public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

At the Cellar Church, our aim is to live out the Gospel message as the Bible directs us- that is to lead people to salvation through personal relationship with Jesus Christ and at the same time serve our community and those in need around us.

The Cellar Church advances Christianity in accordance with Biblical teachings which include clear and ethical guidelines recognised over a very long period of time (by way of example) the requirements of the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus Christ on a range of issues and often summarised in His commands to "love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself".

The Church's activities include weekly main worship services, men's and women's ministries, prayer ministries, life groups (worship prayer and study groups). In the past, the charity has held social evenings with the local community in way of quiz nights or community meals, which includes gospel messages and also youth nights where local young people can socialise and engage in different activities and seek guidance in the Christian faith.

Achievements and performance

The Cellar Church offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, our prayer meetings provide an intimate and reflective environment for worship whilst opportunities are provided to engage in more outgoing worship such as that provided by the regular morning and occasional evening service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are around 100 regular attenders, with approximately 60 of whom are Covenant Partners. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we publicly thank God for the gift of salvation, in dedication services we thank God for the gift of life and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person to God's keeping.

These activities are beneficial because they provide spiritual and religious worship for the local communities in Ellesmere Shropshire as well as supporting community outreach projects.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our key objectives for the year included:

- caring for our church family and local community throughout the global pandemic
- to continue to help build God's kingdom by making and growing disciples of Jesus
- to develop on online offering and ability to pre-record services, as well as in the future broadcast live Sunday services
- to continue to grow our Youth work through "The Foundry"
- to hold a number of outdoor events for the community, including a Carol service and nativity
- to enhance the number of Life Group leaders and Life Groups
- to provide local and global gospel mission opportunities, in partnership with Broadmoor Baptist Church, Mississippi
- to successfully grow our new 'community hub' in the centre of Ellesmere, "More Than a Sundae"
- to enhance and improve the teaching provision for Junior Church
- to continue to develop the pastoral care we provide for our congregation
- to increase attendance numbers at The Cellar Church
- to develop our links and joint working with local state junior and secondary schools
- to play our part in the life of our local community through our community outreach and gospel ministry activities

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Some of the highlights from 2020:

- Launched a new online youth bible study group called "Rooted"
- Supported the local community response to COVID through involvement in local action group meetings
- Providing blessings/love gifts to local businesses (free ice cream) as a thank you for their work during the pandemic
- Established a COVID financial welfare fund to assist church members in need
- Pastor maintained Chaplaincy role at Lakelands Academy school
- Supported assemblies in Newtown and Ellesmere Primary schools
- Held an Elders away day to develop the future church vision
- Hosted a visit from 'Tough talk' minister
- Commenced our first ever 'TCC Online services'
- Pastor guested five times on BBC Radio Shropshire 'Pause for thought'
- Held Day of Prayer for local communication, church needs and world
- Held our first drive through nativity and open air Carol service
- Created new 'take away' options and employed two shop workers in our 'community hub' and Ice Cream and Waffle House, called 'More Than a Sundae'. This is run as a not for profit shop and also provides greater opportunity to connect with the local community outside of a Sunday church service
- Moved all life groups to online
- Provided financial support to three overseas missions; 1) The Spanish Gospel Mission, 2) Our Neighbours ministry in Zimbabwe and 3) Messengers
- 280 followers on The Cellar Church Facebook page (from 240 last year)
- 804 followers to our new More Than a Sundae facebook page

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Financial Review

The financial statements for the period show total income of £85,874 and expenditure of £89,787 with a resulting deficit £3,913. End of year bank balances of £31,168

The principal source of income is from collections and donations from regular attenders to the Cellar Church, accounting for the majority of the Church's income. The Trustees are continuing their strategy of developing all net incoming resources to investing in the making and growing of disciples and for the purposes of making the gospel known in the local community of Ellesmere.

The Trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together with a monthly cash flow analysis as part of the effective stewardship of the Church. It is the Trustees aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (if possible) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £31,168 held on unrestricted funds, after designations, at the year end more than matched this target.

Owing to the launch of our new not for profit shop, More Than a Sundae, a separate bank account and set of financial records have been kept on a receipts and payments basis. Whilst the Cellar Church and More Than a Sundae accounts both, in aggregate, represent the total church income and expenditure, More Than a Sundae is considered a mission ministry and an extension of the charity

Approved by the Trustees on 18th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Ellis
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CELLAR CHURCH

I report on the financial statements of the Cellar Church for the period ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

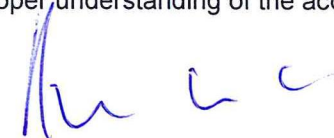
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated

16 October 2021



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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the period 31 December

	<u>2020</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>2019</u> £ <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Income resources from donors	85,874	101,628
Activities	-	-
Total receipts	<u>85,874</u>	<u>101,628</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Ministerial	48,950	45,718
Missionary	32,870	40,663
Premises	1,990	4,415
Activities	888	7,362
General	5,089	7,136
Total payments	<u>89,787</u>	<u>105,294</u>
<u>EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS</u>	<u>- 3,913</u>	<u>- 3,666</u>

SUMMARY OF FUNDS for the period 31 December

	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>£</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2019</u>	36,505	40,171
Excess of receipts over payments	- 3,913	- 3,666
Capital gain not realised	-	-
Transfer between funds	-	-
<u>BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</u>	<u>32,592</u>	<u>36,505</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31st December 2020

GENERAL FUND

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Tax efficient Offerings	48,829		44,143	
Income tax recovered	8,877		9,678	
Offerings	8,111		14,958	
MTAS takings	16,533		27,269	
Mission	935		4,016	
Other donations	2,589	85,874	1,564	101,628
<u>Activities</u>				
Total receipts		<u>85,874</u>		<u>101,628</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>Ministerial</u>				
Stipend (inc tax, NI, pension & expenses)	48,750		44,842	
Visiting preachers	200	48,950	876	45,718
<u>Missionary</u>				
CAP	-		1,429	
Spanish Gospel Mission	-		3,236	
The Messenger	-		600	
Our Neighbours	2,662		600	
Broadmoor			2,051	
Community	2,545		458	
Promotional Materials	-		881	
Operation Mobilisation	-		133	
Support Fund	500			
MTAS expenses	17,266		29,595	
MTAS wages	9,897	32,870	1,680	40,663
<u>Premises</u>				
Hire of Town Hall	1,520		3,827	
Ellesmere Rangers	-		50	
Insurance	350		369	
CCPAS	120	1,990	169	4,415
<u>Activities</u>				
Sunday School/Junior Church	22		175	
Youth (Foundry)	25		3,615	
Alpha	-		119	
Mens/Womens Ministry	841	888	3,453	7,362
<u>General</u>				
Stationary & publicity	89		387	
Ministry Team				
Music Group	1,453		762	
Tech team	616		3,027	
Legal & professional expenses	600		659	
On-line services	179			
Service refreshments	222		735	
Depreciation	1,930	5,089	1,566	7,136
Total payments		<u>89,787</u>		<u>105,294</u>
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS over RECEIPTS		<u>- 3,913</u>		<u>- 3,666</u>
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>36,505</u>		<u>40,171</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>£32,592</u></u>		<u><u>£36,505</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS
As at 31st December 2020

		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
		£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Tangible assets	Note 3	1,423		2,105
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Bank Current Account				
TSB Bank		29,365	32,365	
Natwest Bank		1,804	2,035	
Cash in hand		-		34,400
		<u>31,169</u>	<u>34,400</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>£32,592</u></u>		<u><u>£36,505</u></u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Richard Ellis Chairman



Jean Davies Treasurer



The Cellar Church
YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

The Cellar Church is a charitable incorporated organisation in England and Wales whose registered office is Ellesmere Town Hall, 1-3 Willow Street, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0AL

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 .

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows

Plant and machinery	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line

2 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Church. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Church are also unrestricted.

3 FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Plant & Machinery</u>	<u>Fixtures & Fittings</u>	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost at 31st December 2019	4,111	1,065	825	6,001
Additions	598		650	1,248
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2020	4,709	1,065	1,475	7,249
Depreciation at 31st Decmber 2019	2,817	532	547	3,896
Charge on disposal	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	1,177	266	487	1,930
Depreciation at 31st Decmber 2020	3,994	798	1,034	5,826
Net book value at 31st December 2020	715	267	441	1,423
Net book value at 31st December 2019	1,294	533	278	2,105

4 TRUSTEES

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration in the period

5 EMPLOYEES

There were three employees in the period.(2019 - 2)