

# **Mustard Seed Evangelical Church**

## **Trustees Report 1 April - 31 March 2022**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at the Members' meeting, there was a disagreement over closing down the CIO underpinning the Mustard Seed Church and half the membership, those who wanted to enforce this, decided to resign and left. The remaining membership agreed a way forward and to comply with the Church Constitution and Handbook, together with the requirements of the CIO, it was necessary to appoint Acting Elders, Acting Trustees and a leadership committee. The six people available and willing were voted in and assumed the responsibility of the church.

The scope of this report is up to **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** and, therefore, the new Trustees are not in a position to comment on the previous 12 months except to say that the church effectively closed at the end of August 2021 when the Pastor resigned.

None of the new Leadership committee were on the previous committee and therefore not privy to the decisions, actions or information covered by the period of this report.

There was no handover of information whatsoever but despite the various difficulties our Lord provided our every need.

The new Treasurer took over the role on the 24<sup>th</sup> March '22 and the accounts received from the previous Treasurer have been examined and approved by an independent accountant.

<b>NEW LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Graham Powell	Acting Elder/Acting Trustee
Roger Parkyn	Acting Elder/Acting Trustee
William Gregg	Acting Elder/Acting Trustee
Sylvia Powell	Treasurer
Geraldine Parkyn	Secretary
Jean Gregg	Deacon

### **For information, going forward from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:**

The Leadership committee met every week at the outset with the aim of re-opening the church on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The church was cleaned and prepared and the heating systems set to work.

Martin Bunkum, a retired Pastor, kindly offered to help by preaching for five weeks from our reopening at Easter, on Resurrection Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Lord blessed us, and the church reopened with a congregation of over 40! We were greatly encouraged by two young families joining the service and

have been coming regularly since then. Over the following weeks others arrived having felt 'encouraged' by the Holy Spirit when passing the church.

We had various speakers over the following months but were delighted when Martin agreed to become the church's new Pastor. The church held a welcome service for Martin and his wife, Sharon, on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and the church was full.

The music and video technicalities were overcome and helped by suggestions from Emmanuel Bodmin Church to use a software package 'iSingWorship', which has proved invaluable.

The hearing aid magnetic loop did not work with the transmission of the video/audio for worship. This has since been investigated and rectified.

The cross, banners and history boards of previous Pastors have all been replaced, having been removed by the previous Pastor.

The electrical installation tests have been carried out and were satisfactory along with portable appliance tests.

The fire extinguishers and equipment were certified (a new Co2 extinguisher was installed to replace one that was out of date).

Smoke detectors, Heat detector and CO detector (all linked) have been installed and are tested weekly.

Disabled toilet alarms along with emergency lighting are also checked weekly.

The church flat responsibility has continued and the gas certification and boiler maintained together with the electricity certification necessary.

A new 'Mustard Seed Evangelical Church' sign has been put on to the window above the entrance doors and on to the outside noticeboard.

The parlour is still being used by the Food Bank and they have now started using the lower hall of the church as a 'warm bank' called 'Warm and Toasty' Mon - Fri 10am to 4pm.

The lower church hall is also used Friday evenings by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Aside of the regular Sunday morning service, the church now holds an evening service once a month and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month hosts a prayer meeting.

There is still much to be done including the review of various policies and planning the way ahead for the church now that the initial problems are being overcome.

The Lord has blessed us so far and I am confident He will lead us in the coming weeks/months and years.

**THE MUSTARD SEED EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund - Building Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	£	£	£
Property Rental Income	6600	-	6600	4950
Income Tax Refunds	-	-	-	2193
Offerings & Covenants	2820	-	2820	6390
Donations	731	20	751	535
Missionary Gifts	-	-	-	100
Interest Received	16	-	16	45
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	10167	20	10187	14213
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Professional Charges	-	-	-	100
Repayment of Donations	600	-	600	-
Cheque Payment to Maurice Wright	1000	-	1000	-
Pastor Expenses & Salary	3659	-	3659	6106
Missionaries, Charities & Speakers	80	-	80	200
Repairs & Renewals	277	20	297	180
Sundries, Cleaning, Books & Music Licences	64	-	64	96
Water Rates	69	-	69	264
Insurance	945	-	945	931
Light & Heat	1555	-	1555	1254
Let Property Expenses	1000	-	1000	1697
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	9249	20	9269	10828
<b><u>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS</u></b>	918	-	918	3385
<b><u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u></b>	237382		237382	233997
<b><u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u></b>	238300	-	238300	237382

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund - Building Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS – Tangible</u></b>				
The Mustard Seed	68496		68496	68496
Let Property	117284		117284	117284
	185780		185780	185780
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>				
Stock	-		-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	53058		53058	51602
Loan	-		-	-
	53058		53058	51602
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Creditors	538		538	-
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	52520		52520	-
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	238300		238300	237382

**Financed by:**

Unrestricted Funds	238300	237382
Restricted Funds – Building Fund	-	-
	<u>238300</u>	<u>237382</u>

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees/Members of

**The Mustard Seed Evangelical Church**

On Accounts for the year ended

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### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- b) To follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3) The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination.


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**

**Name**

**Professional Qualification**

**Address**

	26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2022
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