EMMANUEL EPSOM

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

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The Trustees, who are also Elders of the church, present their report and accounts for the year ended 31December 2021.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Emmanuel Epsom

Charity number: 1174695

Charity's Principal Address: 205 Chessington Road
West Ewell
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Emmanuel Epsom was established as a charitable incorporated association on the 18th September 2017. The date of constitution was on 7th June 2017.

The church is an Independent Evangelical Church under the auspices of and in association with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

The church is established under a Constitution approved by the Charity Commission, which contains the main legal provisions governing the church, its purpose and Basis of Faith, its powers and the use of any property owned by the church.

The ongoing activities of the church are overseen by the church elders who comprise the following:

Christopher Birch
Nigel Stokes
Rev John Tindall
Andrew Wyatt
Daniel Sinclair
David Greenhill (Stepped down November 2021)
David Robertson

TRUSTEES

All the elders as described above are also trustees. In addition, James Napper, Sharon Conibeer, Stephen Hurdle and Andrew Drury are trustees.

The recruitment or appointment of any new trustees will be made by the existing trustees in conjunction and following consultation with the church elders. In November 2021, David Greenhill stepped down as Elder and Trustee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Emmanuel Epsom is an independent Christian church that was registered on the 17th September 2017 and became active as a charity from the 1st January 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

The objectives of Emmanuel Epsom are defined in the Purposes section of the Constitution - that is: -

(i) The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Surrey and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

(ii) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including, but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, the advancement of education, and the provisions of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

In pursuing these aims, the trustees sought to comply with and follow the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect how the church operated during the course of 2021.

Within the constraints of the law and the prevailing government guidelines during the year, the church was still able to carry out a programme of activities that are consistent with the aims and objectives of the charity, including the following:

- Running weekly online public church services, accessible to all via the church website using the Zoom platform.
- Weekly online smaller bible study meetings for those wishing to attend.
- Outside "Glow" trail event in October, allowing individual family groups to encounter the hope of the Christian faith in a fun and safe way.
- Outside carol service in the gardens of Epsom Beaumont Care Home.
- Continued pastoral support to those in need and who requested it.

In addition, the church was able to offer in person church meetings as government guidelines and laws allowed during the course of the year, with appropriate consideration for the ongoing risks associated with the pandemic.

A new endeavor was started in 2021 called Senior moments, a monthly session at Bourne Hall Library in Ewell, open to anyone but geared especially to those in retirement, with the offering of activities and friendship to anyone who wishes to join.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

During 2021 Emmanuel Epsom operated with a Board of Elders who met regularly (albeit in an online format) throughout the year to oversee the direction of the church in keeping with the objectives.

Emmanuel Epsom also operated with a Board of Trustees who met regularly to approve budgets, receive management accounts, implement Charity Commission recommended policies, determine significant policy and deal with employment matters and contractual issues. This included continued attention to the financial position of the church given the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic would potentially have on the church's funds.

Day-to-day activity of the church is managed by Nigel Stokes as the Lead Pastor supported by David Robertson within his role as Trainee Pastor. Both are employees of the charity.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE (CONT'D)

The majority of the work of Emmanuel Epsom is carried out by a willing body of volunteers who are engaged in every area of the ministry of the church, without whom most of the aims of Emmanuel Epsom could not be delivered as they are now.

No appropriate value can be attributed to this contribution, and so no amount is included within the financial statements of the charity.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources, and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General Observations

The church had total income of £110,906 (2020 - £117,859). Total expenditure was £113,072 (2020 £83,172). The church held £76,437 as at the end of the year, with the objective to reserve sufficient funds to cover three months of salaries and hall rental costs. The deficit of £2,166 for the year was the result of a fall in donations received together with additional salary costs.

Restricted Funds

There were restricted funds of £600 which were for the specific purpose of contribution towards a training fund, which was spent in the year.