

BRADLEY STOKE EVANGELICAL CHURCH (BSEC)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Registered Charity Number 1176613

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8BH

TRUSTEES

Peter Muir

Andy Newman

Paul Shaddick

Tim Sunderland (Chairman)

CONSTITUTION

The governing document is the Constitution which was approved by the Charity Commission on 10th January 2018. The internal practices of the church are set out in the Church Handbook. The church is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The Trustees are the persons appointed as Pastor or Elder in the church in accordance with the Church Handbook.

PURPOSES

The purposes of the church are (a) the advancement of the Christian faith, primarily but not exclusively in Bradley Stoke and the surrounding neighbourhood, and (b) such other charitable purposes which put into practice the Christian faith including the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, the advancement of education and the provision of facilities for the welfare of those in need.

ACTIVITIES

The church aims to introduce people to the love of God shown through Jesus Christ, to encourage those who already know God's love to keep trusting in that, and to demonstrate God's love in practical acts of kindness. To these ends we hold regular Sunday worship services and run midweek bible studies, a toddler group, youth groups, and outreach events; all these events are open to all. We also support charitable organisations which seek to advance the Christian faith and relieve need.

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

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Due to COVID restrictions, meetings in our church building have been strictly limited in frequency and in attendance, so many meetings have been held online. Our Sunday morning worship services were broadcast on YouTube. Meetings for young people were held on Zoom. Community Groups met weekly on Zoom for bible study, prayer and fellowship. We also ran an Alpha course on Zoom which allowed people to explore the Christian faith and ask questions in an open and informal environment.

In September the church celebrated Harvest and organised a special collection to support those around the world most badly affected by COVID. As a result we were able to send a total of £23k to support the Coronavirus Emergency Funds of Tearfund and Barnabas Fund (with a further £2k being sent directly by church members).

The church also supports financially two missionary families, one working in France and one working with students from Asia who are studying in the UK.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the general fund, expenditure fell to £98k (from £108k) reflecting the reduced activity due to COVID restrictions, while income rose to £101k (from £98k). As a result, there was a surplus of £3k this year (compared to a deficit of £10k last year).

We hold reserves to meet unforeseen contingencies. Our current policy is to hold unrestricted reserves of at least 6 months' general fund expenditure. At 31st March 2021 our reserves of £56k represented approximately 6 months' general fund expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Tim Sunderland

5th July 2021

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church CIO - Charity No. 1176613

Accounts for 12 Months Ending 31st March 2021

Balance Sheet

	Balance 31/03/21	Balance 31/03/20
MONETARY ASSETS		
Current Account	49,098	36,541
Tax Rebate Due	9,049	19,289
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	58,147	55,830
ALLOCATION OF ASSETS		
Manse Fund	1,838	1,125
Other Restricted Funds	0	2,463
Maintenance Fund (Unrestricted)	10,000	10,000
General Fund (Unrestricted)	46,309	42,242
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	58,147	55,830
	2,317	

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Secured Loan on Property (see Note)	85,572	85,572
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Note: The loan was to part-finance the purchase of a manse and is secured by a second charge on the property. The loan is not expected to be repaid until the property is sold and has therefore not been included in reserves.

Peter Shelley (Treasurer)



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Income & Expenditure Statement

INCOME	2020-21 Unrestricted	2020-21 Restricted	2020-21 Total	2019-20 Total
Donations	84,088	21,719	105,807	97,584
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	17,627	4,259	21,886	19,290
Interest etc	0	0	0	326
Use of Building	25	0	25	3,100
TOTAL INCOME	101,740	25,978	127,718	120,300
EXPENDITURE				
Pastor	65,439	0	65,439	66,186
Speakers Expenses	150	0	150	520
Mission Support	11,050	0	11,050	10,800
Utilities	3,977	0	3,977	4,410
Annual Fees	4,338	0	4,338	4,232
Maintenance	7,404	0	7,404	7,238
Supplies	798	0	798	3,327
Harvest Appeal	0	23,208	23,208	18,000
Tearfund	0	0	0	753
Evangelism	1,051	0	1,051	1,640
Youth	252	0	252	2,015
PA	2,365	0	2,365	1,239
Cleaning	900	0	900	2,600
Library	0	0	0	369
Manse	0	0	0	0
Church Weekend	0	3,885	3,885	300
Other	585	0	585	3,795
TOTAL EXPENSES	98,309	27,093	125,402	127,424
Surplus	3,431	-1,115	2,316	-7,124
Inter-Fund Transfer	635	-635	0	0
INCREASE IN FUNDS	4,066	-1,750	2,316	-7,124

Peter Shelley (Treasurer)



Independent Examiner's Report to the Elders/Trustees of Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church CIO Charity no. 1176613

I report on accounts of the Church CIO for year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out in the Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church CIO – Statement of accounts as initialled by me.

Respective responsibilities of the elders/trustees and examiner

The Elders/Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Elders/Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. I have based my examination on the Charities Act 1993 guidelines (as amended by the Charities Acts 2006 and 2011). It is the examiner's responsibility to:

- i) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- ii) To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- iii) To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 church and a comparison of the accounts presented by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as elders/trustees concerning 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 represent a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to matters set out in the statement below .

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
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act have **not** been met or
- 2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul James FCA 4th July 2021

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