

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st March 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Charity name: Beit Ezra Messianic congregation

Charity registration number: 1177526

Declared Aim and Purpose

The trustees have the responsibility of co-operating with the ordained leader, David Wright, an emissary ordained by Tikkun International in promoting a first century model of congregations of Jewish and gentile believers in the Messiah Yeshua (aka Jesus) in Plymouth to be known as 'Beit Ezra Messianic Congregation'.

Messianic Judaism is a movement that is people focussed and 'Beit Ezra' exists to benefit the public at large and not just a like minded congregation.

From the outset, before registration as a charity, Beit Ezra has been involved in the community. Registration as a charity has enabled us to further that involvement.

Objectives and Activities

We operate to benefit the public both in spiritual terms but also to have regard to the practical needs of our community. We co-operate with other organizations in outreach and social and charitable activities.

Congregation

As a congregation Beit Ezra is charged to provide a place of worship patterned on the bible, both the tanach (Old Testament) and the brit hadasha (New Testament). We provide a safe and non-threatening environment for Jewish and gentile enquirers into the Jewish roots of Christianity.

We are part of Tikkun International and are accountable to their leadership. We are members of the International Fellowship of Messianic congregations and synagogues (IAMCS).

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic we continued to meet in a local church hall following the government conditions. When this proved too restrictive and attendance dropped significantly we met on-line using the Zoom utility.

We have continued to welcome all people regardless of race, age, gender, religion including no religion

Beit Ezra in the Community

We see Beit Ezra as part of the wider church in Plymouth, and we are listed on the Churches Together in Plymouth website.

We are active in 'Churches together in Plymouth Prayer'. During the pandemic we have met on Zoom with a number of other believers from many other congregations on a Wednesday morning to pray for the City of Plymouth. We have speakers from the various churches as well as Council officials, the police, and the various faith community organizations.

Feeding the hungry: We support an activity in the community that provides food for those classed as unfortunate, Lost, Lonely, Hungry, Rough sleepers and Homeless.

Hospital Pastoral visitor- NHS Derriford Chaplaincy we were unable to continue this activity due to Covid-19 restrictions

Police Chaplaincy- David Wright continued as the chaplain at Charles Cross Police station in Plymouth. Police chaplains are a non-judgemental, listening ear for anyone in the station including officers, staff, volunteers and also the family members of those serving in the police

Plymouth Centre for Faiths and Cultural Diversity (PCFCD) has successfully created thousands of opportunities for children and young people to meet speakers from a variety of faiths and cultural backgrounds in schools and other settings. These encounters allow children to experience the reality of religion as a way of living life and identify the values that all religions teach, thus enabling schools to address the statutory requirements of the 2014 "Engaging With Religion and World Views" Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education, through lively and creative learning. David Wright is one of these speakers but has not been active due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Financial Review

Total receipts in this year were	£1,958
Total expenditure	£1,944
Opening balance	£47
Closing balance	£62

Note: We made an error in our 2019-2020 submission. Our closing balance was declared as £122,50 but was £47. An error of £75

Structure, governance and management

The trustees are responsible for making the decisions on all matters of general concern including how the funds of the charity are to be spent.

Administrative information

Emissaries	David Lawrence Wright with Jennifer Wright
Elders	Arvids Gursuis with Oksana Gurskis
Treasurer	Andrew Metcalf
Trustees	David Lawrence Wright
	Alan Brian Newcombe
	Jonathan Dowding
	Andrew Metcalf
	Arvids Gurskis

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Donations	£1,958
	Transfers	£1,944

Payments in	£1,958
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Payments out	£1,944
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Payment for CCPAS, HP Printer Ink supplies, Proton Internet, Email Computer security, Zoom, Phantom PDF, Travel, Stationary, Books, Mission support, sundries

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Previous assets devalued to zero

Second hand 16 channel audio mixer purchased for £200. Devalued to £0

The charity does not have any financial liabilities

Trustee Approvals

Emailed acceptance signatures on record

Submitted to The Charity's Commission 22nd March 2022

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