

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Sharnbrook Evangelical Church (Registered Charity Number 1179954)

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sharnbrook Evangelical Church CIO For the year ended 31 March 2021

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name: Sharnbrook Evangelical Church. Charity Registration Number: 1179954

(Previous Charity Name: Sharnbrook Evangelical Church Charity Registration Number: 1145375)

Place of Meeting Science Centre, Sharnbrook Upper School, Odell Road, Sharnbrook MK44 1JL
Administrative Office: 14 Manor Farm Way, Sharnbrook MK44 1PH.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows.

Elders: Rev John Heron, Mr Bernard Brown, Dr Myles MacBean (from 11/12/20)

Deacons: Mr Brian Bennett, Mrs Frances Marvell, Mr Stephen Freshwater

Independent Examiner: Stephen Monico FCA DChA, 19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY.

New trustees are elected following a period of prayer, teaching or discussion once the requirements of scripture regarding the office of a trustee.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Sharnbrook Evangelical Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1179954), by the Charity Commission on 17th September 2018.

Preparations for this new body to take over from the old Sharnbrook Evangelical Church charity (Registered number 1145375) were progressed during 2018/2019, and a planned formal handover took place on 31st March 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES: The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, to promote the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith, primarily but not exclusively within Sharnbrook and the surrounding neighbourhood.

ACTIVITIES: The church organised many activities during the year in support of its objects. These included Sunday worship, midweek House Groups during the daytime and evening, monthly Prayer Meetings and children and youth work.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE Year 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Because of the COVID -19 pandemic many of our activities had to be curtailed or significantly modified during the year. A summary of the main achievements is set out below:

We were able to develop on-line services throughout the pandemic. Services were pre-recorded each week and uploaded to our new YouTube Channel. The audio was made available through our website and CD's were burned and distributed each week to those who did not have access to the internet. We monitored those tuning into the YouTube channel each week and were pleased, that many more people followed our services than normally attend our physical meetings.

House Groups, Prayer meetings and after church coffee times were held on Zoom, allowing essential fellowship and friendship to continue. Those without internet were able to access this via their telephones.

Regular Pastor on line emails were sent out to keep people encouraged and give access to online resources. Whenever restrictions allowed, face to face contact was encouraged through walks together or small groups.

Regular doorstep pastoral visiting continued and vulnerable members were supported where necessary. Through the generous giving of the members we were able to financially help some families in our community who had suffered financial hardship because of COVID-19. Regular phone calls were made by elders and their wives in support of others.

Our weekly children's club at the school had to be cancelled, as did our in-person Youth Work, however the latter was able to continue on Zoom. On Sundays, children's talks were included each week and online materials were supplied to support families at home.

When restrictions allowed we met for public services in the lead up to Christmas. We were supported by the generous help of the Mill House Hotel in Sharnbrook who loaned the use of their wedding marquee for our public services.

Leadership

The church is led by Elders & Deacons, who are responsible for the spiritual oversight and overall direction of church life. During 2020-21 John Heron was employed by the church in a full-time capacity, and John is a member of the FIEC Pastors' Association. In December 2020 Myles MacBean was voted to serve as an elder in the church.

Outreach is not limited to Bedford, and the church supports a range of missionary work in South East Asia and in Access restricted nations. We receive news and pray regularly for a number of Christian workers including those working in the UK and Kosovo. Approximately 10% of gift income (and tax reclaimed) is given annually to support this work. In allocating this money we seek to support specific individuals or organisations with whom we have personal links, ideally with a local connection to Sharnbrook Evangelical Church. We favour long term commitments, and prefer to make a small number of gifts of relatively large value, in order that our giving makes a tangible difference to those we support.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities Sharnbrook Evangelical Church should undertake. In fulfilling our charitable aims for the public benefit we have undertaken the following activities:

(i) To advance the Christian Faith: Our regular online Sunday Services, online midweek House Groups and Monthly Prayer Meetings are open to all members of the public regardless of background and belief. These have been more widely accessed by those in the local community and further afield over the past year. Special Services such as our annual Remembrance Sunday or Carol Services continued online.

The elders of the church are available to give counsel and support to any in need and, along with other volunteers are involved regularly in providing support to the sick and bereaved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received income for the year of £61,904 (2020: £59,316), all of which was unrestricted. Expenditure for the year was £63,361 (2020: £70,230). The receipts and payments account for the year showed a deficit of £1,457 (2020: deficit of £10,914). Total net assets of the charity amounted to £30,782 (2020: £32,239) which was all held as cash or bank balances.

RESERVES

The Trustees consider that the level of reserves is appropriate. At the year end, the free reserves of the charity amounted to £30,782 (2020: £32,239).

All funds of the charity are unrestricted in nature. The charity has no designated or restricted funds.

Approved by the trustees for issue and signed on their behalf on 18th January 2022.

John Heron (Trustee and Elder) Brian Bennett (Trustee and Deacon)

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Registered Charity No: 1179954

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Receipts

	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	2021		2020
	£		£
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>			
Planned giving	41,660		38,385
Collections & other giving	9,168		9,747
Income tax recovered	10,122	60,950	10,938
			59,070
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>			
Sundry income	-	-	-
<i>Income from charitable & ancillary trading</i>			
Bookstall	-		50
Less: expenses	-		(45)
Other sundry income	870	870	67
			72
<i>Other incoming resources</i>			
Special gifts in	650		1,185
Special gifts out	(650)	-	(1,185)
<i>Income from investments</i>			
Bank interest		84	174
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 61,904		£59,316

Payments

	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	2021		2020
	£		£
<i>Grants</i>			
Away giving	6,100		5,600
Other giving	(407)	5,693	2,000
			7,600
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>			
Employment & housing costs - minister	32,402		31,656
Employer's Pension costs - minister (see note on page 2)	10,840		10,459
Ministers expenses (books, telephone, travel etc.)	630		1,455
North Bedfordshire Youth Trust	8,900		5,350
Employment & housing costs - youth worker	-		3,069
Employer's Pension costs - youth worker	-		685
Youth worker's expenses	243		1,238
Hire of premises	(966)		3,030
Worship	-		-
Insurance	503		494
Sound & music	237		117
Visiting speakers	-		300
Books	189		-
Evangelism	1,261		11
Youth & childrens work	551		897
Pastoral	785		500
Sundry	-	55,575	15
			59,276
<i>Church management & administration</i>			
Printing, postage & stationery	519		456
Subscriptions	366		407
Advertising and publications	93		674
Sundry expenses	155		234
Independent Examination costs	456		456
Payroll service fees	454		497
Legal and professional fees	-		300
Sound and visual equipment purchase	50		330
Equipment hire & maintenance	-	2,093	-
			3,354
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 63,361		£ 70,230

	2021		2020
	£		£
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	(1,457)		(10,914)
CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	32,239		43,153
CASH CARRIED FORWARD	£ 30,782		£ 32,239

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

Registered Charity No: 1179954

	General fund	Designated funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>Monetary assets</i>				
Bank current account	4,542	-	4,542	5,582
Deposit account	26,203	-	26,203	26,620
Petty cash	37		37	37
	30,782	-	30,782	32,239
<i>Adjustments:</i>				
Short term loan to designated funds	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	£ 30,782	£ -	£ 30,782	£32,239
Represented by:				
GENERAL FUND	30,782	-	30,782	32,239
DESIGNATED FUNDS	-	-	-	-
	£ 30,782	£ -	£ 30,782	£32,239

NOTE FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Pension Costs

Pension Costs in the year to 31 March 2021 include £5,419 (2020: £5,219) being payments towards making good a deficit on a pension scheme of which the charity is a former member. These payments are a mandatory requirement, and are part of the Pension Trust's plans for clearing the deficit and will continue for the foreseeable future. As at 30 September 2020 (the latest available valuation) the potential liability to make further contributions was considered to be £201,493.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on
and signed on their behalf by:

B BENNETT

S D FRESHWATER

B BROWN

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179954)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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Chartered Accountant

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Date: