

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 2022

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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: Bernard Brown (until 01/12/21), Brian Bennett, John Heron & Steve Freshwater.

Elders: Rev John Heron, Mr Bernard Brown (until 26/05/21), Dr Myles MacBean

Deacons: Mr Brian Bennett, Mrs Frances Marvell (until 26/05/21), Mr Stephen Freshwater

Independent Examiner: Steve Monico Limited, Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA, 19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY.

New elders & deacons are elected following a period of prayer, teaching or discussion on the requirements of scripture regarding the office of an elder or deacon.

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 2021 – 31st March 2022

Due to the ongoing 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 continue 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.

When Government guidelines were changed, we met in May at the Mill House Hotel, trying both in person and YouTube Livestream. On 23rd May 2021 we returned to the Science Centre at Sharnbrook Academy, meeting in person. After trialling Livestream unsuccessfully, we have used a hybrid of in person meetings being recorded and later uploaded to YouTube.

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

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. 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. We were able to serve the local Primary School, through online assemblies and taking Christmas RE lessons for each year group.

We were able to take part in the Sharnbrook Village Christmas Fayre, offering Christian literature and invitations to all in the community, in addition to raising funds to support The Stables, through cake sales.

Leadership

The church is led by Elders & Deacons, who are responsible for the spiritual oversight and overall direction of church life. During 2021-22 John Heron was employed by the church in a full-time capacity, and John is a member of the FIEC Pastors' Network.

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:

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 £63,964 (2021: £61,904), all of which was unrestricted. Expenditure for the year was £65,405 (2021: £63,361). The receipts and payments account for the year showed a deficit of £1,441 (2021: deficit of £1,457). Total net assets of the charity amounted to £29,341 (2021: £30,782) 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 £29,341 (2021: £30,782).

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 21st November 2022.

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

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Registered Charity No: 1179954

Receipts

	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£		£
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>			
Planned giving	43,988		41,660
Collections & other giving	10,018		9,468
Income tax recovered	9,901	63,907	10,172
			60,950
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>			
Sundry income	-	-	-
<i>Income from charitable & ancillary trading</i>			
Bookstall	-		
Less: expenses	-		
Other sundry income	-	-	416
			470
<i>Other incoming resources</i>			
Special gifts in	1,210		670
Special gifts out	(1,210)	-	(530)
<i>Income from investments</i>			
Bank interest		57	64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 63,964		63,984

Payments

	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£		£
<i>Grants</i>			
Away giving	6,200		6,100
Other giving	-	6,200	(407)
			5,693
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>			
Employment & housing costs - minister	32,878		33,400
Employer's Pension costs - minister (see note on page 2)	11,112		10,840
Ministers expenses (books, telephone, travel etc.)	811		830
North Bedfordshire Youth Trust	8,050		8,960
Employment & housing costs - youth worker	-		-
Employer's Pension costs - youth worker	-		-
Youth worker's expenses	93		245
Hire of premises	2,250		946
Worship	-		-
Insurance	513		210
Sound & music	296		237
Visiting speakers	-		-
Books	-		189
Evangelism	100		1,364
Youth & childrens work	294		474
Pastoral	550		866
Sundry	258	57,205	15,875
<i>Church management & administration</i>			
Printing, postage & stationery	852		310
Subscriptions	191		366
Advertising and publications	336		95
Sundry expenses	-		150
Independent Examination costs	-		400
Payroll service fees	466		464
Legal and professional fees	-		-
Sound and visual equipment purchase	-		50
Equipment hire & maintenance	155	2,000	1,000
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 65,405		63,381

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME
CASH BROUGHT FORWARD
CASH CARRIED FORWARD

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
	£		£
	(1,441)		(6,467)
	30,782		30,240
	£ 29,341		£ 23,773

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Registered Charity No: 1179954

Monetary assets

Bank current account

Deposit account

Petty cash

Adjustments:

Short term loan to designated funds

NET ASSETS

Represented by:

GENERAL FUND

DESIGNATED FUNDS

General fund	Designated funds	2022	2021
£	£	£	£
2,755	-	2,755	2,755
26,549	-	26,549	26,549
37	-	37	37
29,341	-	29,341	29,341
-	-	-	-
£ 29,341	£ -	£ 29,341	£ 29,341
29,341	-	29,341	29,341
-	-	-	-
£ 29,341	£ -	£ 29,341	£ 29,341

NOTE FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Pension Costs

Pension Costs in the year to 31 March 2022 include £5,582 (2021: £5,419) 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 2021 (the latest available valuation) the potential liability to make further contributions was considered to be £147,551.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 23/01/23 and signed on their behalf by:

B BENNETT *B. Bennett*

S D FRESHWATER *S. D. Freshwater*

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 2022 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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Date: 17 January 2023