

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31 August 2020

LEASIDE CHURCH WARE - 1181223

Leaside Walk, East Street, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 9BT

Trustees at 31 August 2020

Stephen Brazier, Ann Brookfield, Wendy Cooper, Julia Gristwood, Tony Gubb, Edwin O'Connor, Eleanor Seager, John Seager, Elizabeth Stockdale, Kathryn Taylor

Structure

The charity structure reflects the two Christian denominations comprising Leaside Church (the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church). Trustees are the members of the Church Council which meets bi-monthly. Each is elected by Church Meeting to serve for three years, after which they may stand down or be eligible for re-election. Church Meeting of all members is held three times a year, one of which is the AGM when Trustees are appointed.

Activities, achievements and performance

Leaside has a reputation as a welcoming and caring church. Throughout the year, it continued to advance the Christian faith, living out discipleship in worship, teaching and mission. Faced with the challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic from March 2020, it endeavoured to ensure its charitable purpose was carried out in new, inclusive and relevant ways.

Enabling the celebration of public worship, open to all

With the closure of the church building in March 2020, Sunday services on Zoom were extremely well supported. Additional devotional resources were provided on paper, website and Facebook.

All church meetings and groups took place on Zoom.

The church did not reopen for public worship before 31 August 2020.

Trustees regularly updated the congregation, ensuring views, particularly on reopening, were taken into account.

Giving pastoral support to the congregation, those on the fringes of the church family and others in the wider community as needs are made known

Phone calls proved vital after March 2020 when it was not possible to visit. The minister and pastoral carers ensured particular concerns were shared.

Providing facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, particularly through the weekly community drop-in, including bereavement support

An increasing number of varied community groups were using the redeveloped premises prior to March 2020. The closure affected all of them. We prioritised use of the building for the kindergarten so they could provide for the children of key workers but this was not required. Kindergarten restarted in June.

In preparation for reopening, Protocol and Risk Assessments were drawn up, ensuring all regulations were followed in accordance with Government requirements and guidance from the constituent denominations.

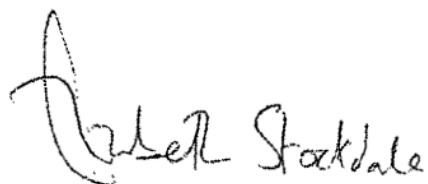
Involvement of members in a number of different outreach activities in the town including Street Pastors and Ware Food Bank.

Holding community fundraising events, eg concert September 2019, and coordinating and hosting the town Christmas Tree Festival in December 2019.

Enabling support to other charities in the UK and overseas.

Future plans

The church will maintain and grow its online presence as a tool for mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth Stockdale". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Elizabeth" and the surname "Stockdale" clearly legible.

Signed Elizabeth Stockdale - Trustee

Leaside Church & Community Centre



Leaside Church

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31st August 2020

We hereby certify that the above accounts have been prepared in accordance with the books and vouchers received.

Chris Errington – Hon. Independent Examiner

Graham Watson – Acting Hon. Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	971	—	—	971	1,435
Investments	5,772	—	—	5,772	12,456
Other income	823	—	—	823	593
Offerings	16,497	—	—	16,497	23,664
Manse	310	—	—	310	319
Lettings	20,148	—	—	20,148	23,981
Development Scheme	—	13,001	—	13,001	89,543
Spec Collections	—	623	—	623	865
Total income	44,524	13,625	—	58,150	152,860
Expenditure on:					
Other expenditure	2,723	—	—	2,723	1,785
Ministry	18,000	—	—	18,000	18,000
Manse	310	—	—	310	319
Mission	55	474	—	529	907
Development Scheme	—	10,535	—	10,535	7,634
Buildings	37,577	—	—	37,577	21,500
Total expenditure	58,666	11,009	—	69,676	50,147
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(14,141)	2,615	—	(11,525)	102,712
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	121
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(121)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(14,141)	2,615	—	(11,525)	102,712
Total funds brought forward	147,376	(373,708)	—	(226,331)	(329,044)
Total funds carried forward	133,235	(371,092)	—	(237,857)	(226,331)
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	27,934	—	—	27,934	42,076
Designated					
Building Contingency	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Development	100,300	—	—	100,300	100,300
Under Fives	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Development Fund	—	(371,242)	—	(371,242)	(373,708)
Special Collections	—	149	—	149	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
5000	HSBC Current Account	4,892	19,569
5050	Barclays Current Account	38,317	17,959
5100	CFB Deposit Account	80,932	158,139
5150	Petty Cash	—	—
	Total Current assets	124,142	195,668
Liabilities			
8000	Eastern Synod loan	240,000	300,000
8100	HAEBEA Loan	30,000	30,000
8200	Congregation Loans - 1 year	—	—
8300	Congregation Loans - 2 years	—	—
8400	Congregation Loans - 3 years	5,000	5,000
8500	Congregation Loans - 5 years	62,000	62,000
8600	Congregation Loans - 10 years	25,000	25,000
	Total Liabilities	362,000	422,000
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	(237,857)	(226,331)
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(11,525)	(364,707)
Z01	Starting balances	(226,331)	138,376
	Total Reserves	(237,857)	(226,331)
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	27,934	42,076
	Designated	105,300	105,300
	Restricted	(371,092)	(373,708)
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	(237,857)	(226,331)

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
HSBC Current Account -	13,156	(260)	(8,003)	—	4,892	19,569
Barclays Current Account -	33,585	17,059	(12,327)	—	38,317	17,959
CFB Deposit Account -	(18,807)	88,501	11,238	—	80,932	158,139
Totals	27,934	105,300	(9,092)	—	124,142	195,668
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Eastern Synod loan -	—	—	240,000	—	240,000	300,000
HAEBEA Loan -	—	—	30,000	—	30,000	30,000
Congregation Loans - 3 years -	—	—	5,000	—	5,000	5,000
Congregation Loans - 5 years -	—	—	62,000	—	62,000	62,000
Congregation Loans - 10 years -	—	—	25,000	—	25,000	25,000
Totals	—	—	362,000	—	362,000	422,000
Grand total	27,934	105,300	(371,092)	—	(237,857)	(226,331)

Notes to the Accounts

1. Creditors are represented by loans from HAEBEA, members of the congregation and the URC Eastern Synod which were for the purposes of a redevelopment of the buildings to bring them into more adaptable community use and improvements in energy efficiency.

Leaside Church has been receiving the income from legacies received during the 1950's. Agreement has now been received from the URC Eastern Synod that the capital can be applied for the costs of redeveloping our buildings and transfer of the capital although requested but not yet received.

The amount held in these funds on Leaside's behalf will enable, at the current valuation, both settlement of these loans and sufficient working capital.

2. Income has been affected by restrictions to use of the buildings by HM Government limitations due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Graham Watson – Acting Hon. Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Leaside Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1181223

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/20

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

C. J. Errington

Date:

APRIL 30TH 2021

Name:

CHRISTOPHER J. ERRINGTON.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.