

## **Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31 August 2021**

### **LEASIDE CHURCH WARE - 1181223**

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

#### **Trustees at 31 August 2021**

Stephen Brazier, Ann Brookfield, Wendy Cooper, Julia Gristwood, Tony Gubb, Edwin O'Connor, Eleanor Seager, John Seager, Elizabeth Stockdale, Kathryn Taylor (until 31.12.2020), Graham Watson.

#### **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 ongoing challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic, 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*

The church reopened for public worship in October 2020 with all precautions taken. The option to join by Zoom remained. New directives shortly before Christmas meant a return to services on Zoom for all until reopening on Easter Sunday 2021.

Services during closure continued to be well supported and additional worship resources appreciated.

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

Several volunteers were trained to operate the Zoom system.

##### *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*

The minister and pastoral carers ensured contact was maintained when it was not possible to visit.

With the retirement of the minister in December 2020, the support of the Ecumenical Area was appreciated.

The process to call a new minister began in February 2021. Coronavirus restrictions meant all meetings with the candidate had to be on Zoom. We endeavoured to ensure throughout that those without Zoom access were fully involved in the discussions and decision. A unanimous call was issued on 24 March, to commence on 1 September 2021.

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

Although the pandemic continued to affect the community groups using the premises, many were able to return when restrictions allowed. The Kindergarten operated throughout. Particularly appreciated was the July 2021 return of the weekly community drop-in.

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.*

Although much of this work markedly changed in nature due to coronavirus restrictions, members of the congregation have continued to be actively involved during the year.

*Holding community fundraising events*

Regrettably, it was not possible to hold events.

*Enabling support to other charities in the UK and overseas.*

The number of benevolent donations was reduced due to the Coronavirus restrictions described above.

### **Future plans**

The church will expand its engagement with the community through the Community Centre facilities. We recognise that many groups have been struggling as a result of the coronavirus restrictions and, wherever possible, will seek to support our existing users during their return to use through advice and practical intervention e.g. support for risk assessment, provision of sanitisers.

The church will maintain and grow its online presence as a tool for mission by investing in the church AV facilities, including the use of hybrid worship; this will also enable wider community access.



**Signed** Elizabeth Stockdale - Trustee

**Leaside Church**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations	6,427	5,000	—	11,427	971
Investments	23,899	—	—	23,899	5,772
Other income	3,671	—	—	3,671	823
Offerings	26,225	644	—	26,869	16,497
Manse	301	—	—	301	310
Lettings	23,597	—	—	23,597	20,148
Development Scheme	—	141,279	—	141,279	13,001
Spec Collections	—	735	—	735	623
<b>Total income</b>	<b>84,123</b>	<b>147,658</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>231,781</b>	<b>58,150</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Other expenditure	5,082	735	—	5,817	2,723
Ministry	18,000	—	—	18,000	18,000
Manse	330	—	—	330	310
Mission	55	—	—	55	529
Church	—	—	—	—	—
Halls	—	—	—	—	—
Development Scheme	—	5,707	—	5,707	10,535
Buildings	28,391	—	—	28,391	37,577
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>51,860</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>58,302</b>	<b>69,676</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>32,262</b>	<b>141,215</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>173,478</b>	<b>(11,525)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>32,262</b>	<b>141,215</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>173,478</b>	<b>(11,525)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>133,235</b>	<b>(371,092)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>	<b>(226,331)</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>165,498</b>	<b>(229,877)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(64,379)</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	60,197	—	—	60,197	27,934
<b>Designated</b>					
Building Contingency	5,000	—	—	5,000	5,000
Development	100,300	—	—	100,300	100,300
Under Fives	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Restricted</b>					
Development Fund	—	(230,026)	—	(230,026)	(371,242)
Special Collections	—	149	—	149	149

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
5000	HSBC Current Account	54,857	4,892
5050	Barclays Current Account	57,692	38,317
5100	CFB Deposit Account	63,070	80,932
5150	Petty Cash	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>175,621</b>	<b>124,142</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
8000	Eastern Synod loan	240,000	240,000
8100	HAEBEA Loan	—	30,000
8200	Congregation Loans - 1 year	—	—
8300	Congregation Loans - 2 years	—	—
8400	Congregation Loans - 3 years	—	5,000
8500	Congregation Loans - 5 years	—	62,000
8600	Congregation Loans - 10 years	—	25,000
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>362,000</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>(64,379)</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	173,478	(11,525)
Z01	Starting balances	(237,857)	(226,331)
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>(64,379)</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	60,197	27,934
	Designated	105,300	105,300
	Restricted	(229,877)	(371,092)
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(64,379)</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
HSBC Current Account -	43,218	(260)	11,899	—	54,857	4,892
Barclays Current Account -	53,648	17,059	(13,015)	—	57,692	38,317
CFB Deposit Account -	(36,669)	88,501	11,238	—	63,070	80,932
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60,197</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>10,122</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>175,621</b>	<b>124,142</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>						
Eastern Synod loan -	—	—	240,000	—	240,000	240,000
HAEBEA Loan -	—	—	—	—	—	30,000
Congregation Loans - 3 years -	—	—	—	—	—	5,000
Congregation Loans - 5 years -	—	—	—	—	—	62,000
Congregation Loans - 10 years -	—	—	—	—	—	25,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>362,000</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>60,197</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>(229,877)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(64,379)</b>	<b>(237,857)</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Leaside Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

**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 31/08/2021

**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. Eyring

**Date:**

NOV. 12TH 2021

**Name:**

CHRISTOPHER EYRINGTON

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

NONE (CHURCH TREASURER)

**Address:**

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HERTFORD  
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