

Charity Registration No. 1182303

**GORDON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**



**Caladine**

Chartered Certified Accountants

# GORDON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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- 1 The Church Committee have pleasure in presenting their Report and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.
- 2 The Church registered as a charity on 4 March 2019. The Church's Governing Document states that "The charity is established for the advancement of the Christian religion as revealed in the Statement of Faith contained within the Governing Document".

As such, the Church is only involved in one activity, the advancement of the Christian religion. Therefore, in the context of the SORP FRS 102 requirement to analyse the figures over activities, projects or services, the Church's Financial Statements reflect just this single activity.

- 3 **Review of Activities**

During 2020 the Church held services each Sunday morning and evening on Zoom due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The ladies meeting which would usually be held on a Wednesday afternoon was cancelled due to the virus and our Prayer meetings held on Thursday evenings also took place on Zoom. The special invitation services which are usually held at Easter and Christmas were postponed due to the public not being permitted to meet in a place of worship.

The Church continues to support Christian charities including Care Sri Lanka and Open Air Mission.

- 4 **Public benefit & impact**

The Charity has provided public benefit by adhering to its objectives and carrying out the activities referred to in this Report. The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the Church's Governing Document brings primarily spiritual benefits but also moral and practical ones. For many, attending services for Christian worship and the various meetings organised by the Church will have eternal benefit through the salvation of their souls, which is an immeasurably greater benefit than anything that can be given in this world. In addition, help and encouragement for daily living will be of great spiritual benefit too.

We can measure impact by the many and varied expressions of thankfulness that we receive, sometimes telling of a person who has been saved through hearing the preaching and attending the various meetings operated by the Church. However, only eternity and the day of judgement will reveal the true benefit and impact of the Church's work.

- 5 **Financial review**

We are grateful to God for His provision for us throughout the year and we give Him all the praise and glory. Income was up due to additional members joining the Church and also a one-off donation left to us in the Will of a member who passed away in the year. Expenditure was lower when compared to 2019 due to less paid speakers being used and our usual quarterly donations to LEFC and the Open Air Mission being postponed due to our members meetings not taking place due to Covid-19. When the members are able to gather again to agree the donation amounts, The Church will be sending one off donations to these charities in 2021.

The principal sources of funding is from our members who generously give to support the work of the church in seeking to meet its charitable objectives.

- 6 **Reserves policy**

Our current reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves that are at least equal to three months operational expenditure. We thank God that our current level of reserves are higher than this.

**REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**7     Operations**

During 2020, due to the covid-19 outbreak during the year, we had to use technology to our advantage and move all of our usual Church Services online using Zoom. In August 2020 when we were able to start meeting again safely at the church, we started a live streaming service on Sermon Audio. This was for the elderly members who were unable to meet with us due to the virus.

**8     Church officers**

The Church Officers who served during the year were:-

M Tyrell-dann	Treasurer
G Donaldson	Elder and Secretary
M Tyler	Church Deacon

**9     Independent Examiner**

The Church Independent Examiner is C J Dadswell ACCA FCA DChA, Caladine Limited, Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1BF.

Gordon Road  
Hailsham  
East Sussex

Date:

16/9/21

On behalf of the Church Committee



Gary Donaldson  
Elder

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gordon Road Evangelical church ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity 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 2011 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.
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



**C J Dadswell FCA ACCA DChA**  
Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 21/09/2021.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
Offerings	35,694		27,756	
Gift aid repayments	5,460		11,102	
Other income	-		7,380	
Interest received	46		37	
Total receipts		41,200		46,275
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>				
Gifts to mission agencies	640		9,110	
Equipment	224		983	
Social	191		751	
Speakers fees	5,090		7,489	
Tape ministry and CD expenses	510		191	
Communion wine	-		-	
Outreach	-		-	
Gifts and donations	-		-	
Cleaning (wages and costs)	875		1,190	
Repairs and maintenance	152		747	
Insurance	869		820	
Rates and utilities	717		1,052	
Ladies fellowship funding	-		140	
Telephone	281		61	
Accountancy and Independent Examination (2018, 2019 & 2020)	2,220		720	
Bank service charges	18		-	
Office supplies	-		343	
Miscellaneous	322		72	
Total payments		12,109		23,669
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		29,091		22,606
Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2020		56,786		34,180
<b>Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2020</b>		<b>85,876</b>		<b>56,786</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash at Bank - HSBC	85,733		56,643	
Cash Balances	<u>143</u>		<u>143</u>	
		<u>85,876</u>		<u>56,786</u>
<b><u>DEBTORS</u></b>				
Gift Aid claim accrued		-	4,678	
2019/20				
2020/21	<u>3,013</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>3,013</u>		<u>4,678</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Accountancy / Independent Examiners fee		<u>-</u>		<u>750</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees:


G Donaldson  
Elder

M Tyrell-dann  
Treasurer

Date: 16/09/2021

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 Mr Donaldson received preaching fees totalling £360.

