

## **Annual Report**

### **for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

<b>Name:-</b>	Carley Evangelical Baptist Church
<b>Charity Number:-</b>	1182735
<b>Governing Documentation:-</b>	Church Constitution (approved by Charity Commission 01/04/19) and Church Handbook (adopted 10/11/18)
<b>Minister:-</b>	None at present
<b>Trustees / Church Officers :-</b>	Christopher J Baines (Deacon) Stephen M Hardy (Secretary / Deacon) David E Harrington (Treasurer / Deacon) Mohanlal J Shah (Deacon) Nestor B Makita (Deacon)
<b>Charity Commission Correspondent:-</b>	Stephen M Hardy 1 Willowbrook Close, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3FW
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<b>Independent Examiner of Accounts:-</b>	Mrs Susan Taylor FCCA

## **Purposes and aims of the church.**

The purposes of the Church are for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within the city of Leicester and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes that in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith that will further the work of the church.

## **Background**

The church was formed in 1823 and has been in the current building since being built in 1958. The church is an independent church and welcomes people from all backgrounds and denominational beliefs.

Membership of the church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, meets the admission procedures and has indicated agreement to accept the duty of a church member as contained in the Church Constitution document (signed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019).

The current church membership at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 stands at 20.

The provision of church leadership is by Elders and Deacons (collectively known as Church Officers) who are elected by the church membership. The Church Officers make decisions collectively, and certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the Church Members at a duly convened Church Members Meeting. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 the church leadership consists of 5 deacons.

The church is independent of any other organisation, but maintains links and interests with other Christian and charitable organisations and is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

## **Main Activities**

We endeavour to enable people to live out their Christian faith as part of the church community through:- Worship and prayer; learning about the Bible and developing and growing their faith and knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ. Providing pastoral care for the local community and those attending the church. Missionary and outreach work.

The main activities of the church for the first 3 months are as recorded, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic the church building has been closed for worship and other activities since the initial lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Since lockdown, Sunday morning worship services and some other meetings have continued remotely by Zoom. Other intended activities as recorded have been postponed / suspended.

The church meets every Sunday and on other occasions for worship and these are open for the public to attend. Other activities for children, youth and older people are held on weekdays and regularly supported by the local community.

### **Sunday Worship and Sunday School.**

The church holds Sunday morning and evening public worship and expository teaching services throughout the year. Both services take place on the church premises and all meetings are open to all. As part of the Sunday morning worship, a Sunday School and Crèche are provided for children of all age groups for Bible teaching applicable to their age.

### **Midweek Bible Study and prayer meeting**

Meetings specifically for Bible Study and prayer occur weekly within the church building on a Wednesday evening. The prayer meetings are to encourage open prayer for the church, the community, the world and for each other. These meetings are open to all.

### **Children and Youth Work**

The church run weekly Jets (ages 4-9 ) and Club (ages 10-16) for children and young people during school term time. These provide games, activities and Christian teaching and are well attended by children from the community in addition to children of families who worship at the church. An annual holiday Bible Club and Family Fun Day is held to encourage new children and families to come into the church.

### **Lifetimes meeting**

Meetings for older people are held regularly during the year for a time of friendship, fellowship and to listen to a guest speaker. Many from outside the local area attend this meeting , however people from the local community are invited and welcome to attend.

### **Outreach and Mission**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church supports various missionary and missionary organisations with worldwide interest and speakers are invited to provide updates and information of their work.

The church supports and is involved with local community including activities outside of the church.

A ladies coffee morning is open for women to stop and chat as they pass the church. Other local community activities include taking a Christmas Carol Service in a local old people's home, participating in the Parks Day, the Big Local, supporting the local community in learning English and obtaining employment. In addition the church is involved with outreach to local University overseas students through an International Cafe.

### **Contact with other churches**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church maintains regular contact with other Leicester churches and will share in joint services two or three times a year.

### **Church Operation and Management**

All church activities are led and supported by volunteers from within the church who are DBS checked and receive training as appropriate. During the year, the Church Trustees continue to review specific legislations and guidance, as they may affect the church to ensure compliance and identify areas where improvements and changes are required, as part of overall risk management . There were no serious incidents during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### **Finances**

The finances of the church are as recorded in the Statement of Accounts. The church income comes from the regular giving and donations by church members and congregation through which all financial commitments of the church are met and allows the provision to support missionary work. The Church Trustees constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditures necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the property in good condition.

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above trustee's report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:- SMH

Stephen Mark Hardy

Date:- 02/06/21

# Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

## Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December 2020

			<u>2019</u>	
<b>Income</b>	£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings		5928		10232
General Donations		945		1065
Interest receivable		12		13
Gift Aids		5939		10389
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid		4985		3849
		<u>17809</u>		<u>25548</u>
Less Transfer of 10% to HOMF	1781		2553	
Transfer of 2% to STMF	356	2137	511	3064
		<u>15672</u>		<u>22484</u>
 <b>Add:- Other Income</b>				
Specific Gifts Towards Missionaries		1300		3372
		<u>16972</u>		<u>25856</u>
 <b>Less:- Expenditure</b>				
Travel Expenses	0		81	
Visiting Preachers Expenses	600		1348	
Lighting & Heating	3399		3203	
Repairs & Equipment	7219		77173	
Insurance & Rates	2628		3068	
Caretaking	39		566	
Postage, Telephone, Stationary & Computer Expenses	476		166	
Printing, Duplicating & Advertising	46		0	
FIEC	968		1086	
Legal & Professional	1315		2302	
Family Church / Youth Work	857		603	
COVID Expenses	1702		0	
Paid onto Missionaries	1300	20549	3372	92968
		<u>20549</u>		<u>92968</u>
 <b>Shortfall for the Year</b>		<u><u>-3577</u></u>		<u><u>-67112</u></u>

# Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

			<u>2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Church Building & Car Park @ cost		54260		54260
Shop Building @ cost		12343		12343
Church Heaters		0		0
Equipment		0		0
		<u>66603</u>		<u>66603</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors & Prepayments	6733		6682	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	51375		57725	
National Savings Investment Account	1638		1626	
	<u>59746</u>		<u>66033</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors & Accrued Charges	105		512	
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		59641		65521
		<u>126244</u>		<u>132124</u>
<b><u>Represented by</u></b>				
Trustees Fund		54589		54589
Special Reserve Fund (See Note 1 below)		0		0
Mini Bus Renewal Fund		837		837
General Fund (See Note 2 below)		67643		73819
Building Fund Account		0		0
Home & Overseas Missionary Fund (See Note 3 below)		0		0
Short Terms Missionary Fund		3175		2879
		<u>126244</u>		<u>132124</u>

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **1- Special Reserve Fund**

Balance brought forward	0	6552
Transfer to General Fund	0	-6552
Balance carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

### **2- General Fund**

Balance brought forward	73819	140931
Transfer to Missionary Fund	-2599	
Surplus for the Year	-3577	-67112
Balance Carried forward	<u>67643</u>	<u>73819</u>

### **3- Home & Overseas Missionary Fund**

Balance brought forward	0	0
Transfer of 10% from Weekly Offering	1781	2553
Transfer from General Fund	2599	77
Payments from the Fund	-4380	-2630
Balance Carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts of **Carley Evangelical Baptist Church** for the period ending **31 December 2020** which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner Church officers.**

In their capacity as trustees, are responsible for preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

### **Responsibility of Independent Examiner**

It is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner 's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from church officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....  ..... Susan Taylor FCCA. Date 17/3/21..

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