

Annual Report

for the year ended 31st December 2021

Name:-	Carley Evangelical Baptist Church
Charity Number:-	1182735
Governing Documentation:-	Church Constitution (approved by Charity Commission 01/04/19) and Church Handbook (adopted 10/11/18)
Minister:-	None at present
Trustees / Church Officers :-	Christopher J Baines (Deacon) Stephen M Hardy (Secretary / Deacon) David E Harrington (Treasurer / Deacon) Mohanlal J Shah (Deacon) Nestor B Makita (Deacon)
Charity Commission Correspondent:-	Stephen M Hardy 1 Willowbrook Close, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3FW
Website:-	www.carleychurch.co.uk
Bank:-	HSBC 2-6 Gallowtree Gate Leicester LE1 1DA to 19/10/21 Co-Operative Bank – 77/79 Market Place Leicester LE1 5EW from 20/10/21
Independent Examiner of Accounts:-	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 1st April 2019).

The current church membership at 31st December 2021 stands at 22.

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 31st December 2021 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 especially (but not exclusively) within the local community.

The main meeting activities of the church were suspended for the first 4 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, government guidance and as a result of the church internal risk assessments. However, Sunday morning worship services and some other meetings continued remotely by Zoom. Since between May to August 2021 "Covid Safe" Sunday morning worship, prayer meetings and other ad hoc meetings have been held within the church premises following government guidance and local

risk assessments. At present, some activities as indicated below, have still been suspended / postponed due to the on-going Covid pandemic .

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

Sunday Worship and Sunday School.

The church holds Sunday morning public worship and expository teaching services throughout the year. These 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 morning. 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. Nb. The children and youth work was suspended during 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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. The Lifetimes meeting was suspended during 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 the local community including activities outside of the church.

During August 2021, an outreach event was held in the local school to build relationships and provide activities and opportunities for the community to meet together. As a result of this event, a ladies

“Craft and Chatter” meeting is now held weekly during school term time at the local school and is open for women and children under school age to attend.

Other local community activities include “building bridges” and relationships within the community and community organisations, a Christmas Carol Service for the community, 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 but sharing in joint services was suspended for 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Church Operation and Management

All church activities are led and supported by volunteers from within the church and a missionary organisation 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 31st December 2021.

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:- 28th January 2022

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
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>
Current Assets				
Debtors & Prepayments	10109		6733	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	45977		51375	
National Savings Investment Account	1638		1638	
	<u>57724</u>		<u>59746</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors & Accrued Charges	676		105	
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		57048		59641
		<u>123651</u>		<u>126244</u>
<u>Represented by</u>				
Trustees Fund		54589		54589
Special Reserve Fund (See Note 1 below)		0		0
Mini Bus Renewal Fund		0		837
General Fund (See Note 2 below)		66459		67643
Building Fund Account		0		0
Home & Overseas Missionary Fund (See Note 3 below)		0		0
Short Terms Missionary Fund		2603		3175
		<u>123651</u>		<u>126244</u>

Notes to the Accounts

1- Special Reserve Fund

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

2- General Fund

Balance brought forward	67643	73819
Transfer from Minibus Fund	837	0
Transfer to Missionary Fund	-3359	-2599
Surplus for the Year	1338	-3577
Balance Carried forward	<u>66459</u>	<u>67643</u>

3- Home & Overseas Missionary Fund

Balance brought forward	0	0
Transfer of 10% from Weekly Offering	1451	1781
Transfer from General Fund	3359	2599
Payments from the Fund	-4810	-4380
Balance Carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December 2021

			<u>2020</u>	
Income	£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings		3458		5928
General Donations		611		945
Interest receivable		0		12
Gift Aids		6750		5939
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid		3688		4985
		<u>14507</u>		<u>17809</u>
Less Transfer of 10% to HOMF	1451		1781	
Transfer of 2% to STMF	290	1741	356	2137
		<u>12766</u>		<u>15672</u>
Add:- Other Income				
Specific Gifts Towards Missionaries		1805		1300
		<u>14571</u>		<u>16972</u>
Less:- Expenditure				
Visiting Preachers Expenses	725		600	
Lighting & Heating	3296		3399	
Repairs & Equipment	568		7219	
Insurance & Rates	4344		2628	
Caretaking	0		39	
Postage, Telephone, Stationary & Computer Expenses	668		476	
Printing, Duplicating & Advertising	80		46	
FIEC	726		968	
Legal & Professional	206		1315	
Family Church / Youth Work	815		857	
COVID Expenses	0		1702	
Paid onto Missionaries	1805	<u>13233</u>	1300	<u>20549</u>
Surplus for the Year		<u><u>1338</u></u>		<u><u>-3577</u></u>

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of **Carley Evangelical Baptist Church** for the period ending **31 December 2021** 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 26/2/22

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