

SHEPPEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Charity Number: 1183796

Start of Financial Year: 1st July 2020

End of Financial Year: 30th June 2021

Governing Instrument: CIO Association Constitution

Correspondence Address: Sheppey Evangelical Church, Warden Bay Road,
Leysdown-on-Sea, Sheerness, Kent ME12 4NA

Bankers: Barclays Bank, Sittingbourne

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Sheppey Evangelical Church exists to worship, grow as disciples and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

OBJECTS OF THE CIO

Sheppey Evangelical Church was founded in the 1980's.

Historically Sheppey Evangelical Church was part of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, (Charity No. 232674), up until it became a CIO in July 2019 (Charity No.1183796).

The Trustees are responsible for the legal oversight of Sheppey Evangelical Church.

The Church is under the Spiritual oversight of the Church Elders, none of whom are Trustees.

ACTIVITIES

Impact of the Covid C-19 pandemic 2020/2021

When restrictions were eased in the summer of 2020, SEC was one of the few churches to immediately reopen on the Isle of Sheppey. SEC completed Risk Assessments and ensured that social distancing and Test and Trace lists were put in place so that people could meet together physically in order to worship in a safe manner.

New technology was used to help make times of worship as effective as possible. The Pastor also used email to send out news and copies of the sermon each week to members and people in the wider church community who felt unable to attend.

During this challenging time the Pastor was asked to officiate at a small number of funerals and memorial services by members of the local community.

The Church would normally meet in midweek to pray and study the Bible, usually in a home situation. However, this practice was suspended in light of the pandemic.

Sierra Leone Mission

The Church supports, financially, in prayer and with friendship the work of the Sierra Leone Mission. Pre-pandemic, many of the Churches social activities such as quizzes raise funds for the SLM. Even without the ability to meet together socially, the Church continued to raise funds and also organised approximately 50 shoe-bags filled with toys and basic items such as toothbrush and t-shirt, which were sent over to Sierra Leone.

United Beach Mission

In July and August 2020 the UBM were unable to send a team to any of its national centres including Leysdown, due to the pandemic. SEC normally provides free accommodation and full use of SEC premises to enable the UBM to work on Leysdown beach with families of holiday makers. Although it was closed, the opportunity was taken to renovate the kitchen. This would enable the UBM to return in July/August 2021.

HOW THE CHARITY OPERATES

The Charity does not, itself, own any buildings. The Sheppey Evangelical Church building and the local Manse are owned by the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion Trust (Charity No. 232674) and leased to the Sheppey Evangelical Church at a Peppercorn Rent.

A part-time Pastor works on a self-employed basis for Sheppey Evangelical Church.

The Pastor and his wife have sole occupation of the Manse which is on the local estate in Warden Bay.

In addition to the Pastor the Church has two Elders who are unpaid.

All volunteers working within the Church programme are DBS checked if they work with children and vulnerable adults.

TRUSTEES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

There are currently four Trustees, elected by the Church Members, each serving for a renewable term of three years with no more than one Trustee retiring in any one year. Trustees can serve until they either resign or their term ends without renewal.

The Trustees comprise:

Joe Gregory —Chair

Janet Foord —Treasurer

Peter Riddle- Trustee

Alan Smith- Trustee

The Trustees meet a minimum of three times each calendar year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The primary funding sources for Sheppey Evangelical Church are the freewill giving of its Members and attendees. Other income comes from HMRC Gift Aid tax repayments from UK tax payers who sign the appropriate Gift Aid commitment. As in the previous year, income to the Church in 2021 has not been adversely affected by the Covid C-19 pandemic due to a number of the congregation volunteering to contribute online via Direct Debit.

The Charity has restricted and unrestricted cash assets totalling £25,569 in the year to 30th June 2021.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees' policy is to ensure that unrestricted reserves are sufficient for three months unrestricted expenditure at current costs. The Trustees will be making efforts during the coming year to maintain this level of unrestricted reserves. Restricted funds are available to cover emergency repairs and fund the upkeep of two buildings, the manse and the Church.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees agree that the work of the Church is in line with the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit.

Sheppey Evangelical Church is passionate about being a church filled to overflowing with the love of God, as seen through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. We are a church that encounters God together in our Spirit-led worship and try to live in a way which demonstrates the love of Jesus in our neighbourhood.

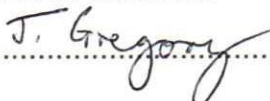
The mission of Sheppey Evangelical Church is to glorify God through obedience to Jesus Christ. He has commanded us to believe in Him and love one another as He loved us.

Sheppey Evangelical Church is a family of Christians in and around Leysdown-on-Sea, but many travel from other parts of the Isle of Sheppey and Sittingbourne. The church is also visited by a number of holiday makers each year, some of whom regard SEC as their second church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Sheppey Evangelical Church is part of the Countess of Huntingdon Connexion. This was founded by Lady Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, during a season of revival that saw a dramatic expansion of Gospel influence that transformed society on both sides of the Atlantic. The Countess welcomed all who would make the proclamation of the Gospel their priority and we are proud to remain in that tradition.

Sheppey Evangelical Church is an active member of Churches Together In Sheppey, a support network of Christian churches on the Island who meet together 4 or 5 times a year for combined Christian services.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees  20th March 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sheppey Evangelical Church

1183796

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/7/2020

To

30/6/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary giving	10,051		-	10,051	9,458
Sierra Leone Mission	-	-	-	-	853
Bank interest	5	-	-	5	29
conference fees refunded	-	-	-	-	312
electricity refund	815	-	-	815	669
Donation to building fund	-	-	-	-	10,000
Gift Aid Refund	2,993	-	-	2,993	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,864	-	-	13,864	21,321
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,864	-	-	13,864	21,321
A3 Payments					
salary	9,266		-	9,266	8,268
charity	160	-	-	160	920
youth work	-	-	-	-	142
overheads/electric/insurance etc	3,261	-	-	3,261	3,137
purchase equipment	261	-	-	261	-
sundry	-	-	-	-	385
conference fees	-	-	-	-	465
Sierra Leone Mission	1,746	-	-	1,746	2,353
repairs	234	-	-	234	132
Sub total	14,928	-	-	14,928	15,802
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,928	-	-	14,928	15,802
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,064	-	-	- 1,064	5,519
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,064	-	-	- 1,064	5,519

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	current account	1,616		-
	savings accounts	3,494	20,459	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,110	20,459	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

J. Gregory

JOSEPH GREGORY

20/3/2022