

SHEPPEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Charity Number: 1183796

Start of Financial Year: 1st July 2021

End of Financial Year: 30th June 2022

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 2022

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.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Church continued to be impacted due to covid 19. A second lockdown occurred, but there was light at the end of the tunnel.

A group of church members ran a stall outside the church in the summer to raise funds for the Sierra Leone Mission. Due to covid restrictions the United Beach Mission sent a small team to stay for just one week in July 2021.

The spiritual life of the church was noticeably driven and strengthened by prayer for those who were sick and seriously unwell. Sunday service would include time of silent prayer or open prayer for those close to us who were sick. Prayer requests were sent out by weekly email, and it was encouraging to see the Lord send His healing.

There was much relief when the congregation were permitted to start singing aloud again during worship services in September 2021. It took a while for singing voices to be rediscovered!

An outdoor baptism service was held on Leysdown beach on September 12th 2021. This was a great opportunity to witness, and it was a joyful well-attended occasion.

The Pastor worked in conjunction with the Salvation Army to organise an outdoor Christmas Carol service for the local community on the bandstand at Leysdown Spinney. Despite the cold this was attended by approximately 200 people.

During Easter 2022 the first open-air sunrise service was held on the beach in Leysdown following the pandemic. There was great joy when people gathered together for breakfast in the church afterwards- our first meal together since before the pandemic.

The Pastor announced that he would be retiring on 31st August 2022. It is a blessing that God called Trevor Jones from within the ranks of SEC to take on the role. This enabled Joe and Trevor to begin working together to ensure a smooth transition.

Sierra Leone Mission

The Church supports, financially, in prayer and with friendship the work of the Sierra Leone Mission. Even with limited opportunity 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.

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 2022 has not been adversely affected by the Covid C-19 pandemic due to a number of the congregation volunteering to contribute online via Standing Order.

The Charity has restricted and unrestricted cash assets totalling £23,108 in the year to 30th June 2022.

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 others 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 their love for Jesus 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 *J. Gregory* 2nd April 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sheppey Evangelical Church

1183796

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

7/1/2021

To

6/30/2022

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	9,558		-	9,558	10,051
Sierra Leone Mission		78	-	78	
Bank Interest	3	-	-	3	5
HMRC Gift Aid	2,698	-	-	2,698	
		-	-	-	815
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	2,993
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,259	78	-	12,337	13,864
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,259	78	-	12,337	13,864
A3 Payments					
salary	9,465		-	9,465	9,266
charity	480	-	-	480	160
property improvements and repairs	2,004	-	-	2,004	
overheads/electric/insurance etc	2,322	-	-	2,322	3,261
purchase equipment	49	-	-	49	261
sundry	190	-	-	190	
conference fees	540	-	-	540	
Sierra Leone Mission	420	-	-	420	1,746
		-	-	-	234
Sub total	15,470	-	-	15,470	14,928
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,470	-	-	15,470	14,928
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,211	78	-	- 3,133	- 1,064
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 3,211	78	-	- 3,133	- 1,064

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	377		-
	savings accounts	3,494	19,237	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,871	19,237	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>J. Gregory</i>	JOSEPH GREGORY	2/4/2023