

SHEPPEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Charity Number: 1183796

Start of Financial Year: 1st July 2022

End of Financial Year: 30th June 2023

Governing Instrument: CIO Association Constitution

Correspondence Address: Sheppey Evangelical Church, Warden Bay Road,
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Bankers: Barclays Bank, Leicester

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

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 Pastor and the Church Leadership Team.

ACTIVITIES

Joe Gregory retired as Pastor and Trevor Jones took over on September 1st 2022. A smooth transition was achieved since Trevor was home-grown from within the Sheppey Evangelical Church community.

The Trustees agreed to Broadband being installed in the church building. This has enabled services to be streamed, and a card reader to be available for offerings on a Sunday.

The church website was also revamped by Andrew Higgins. This helps SEC to connect with those who have moved into the area or are on holiday.

Maintenance work was carried out throughout the year willingly by Ivann Riddle, Trevor Jones and Peter Riddle. One major problem was severe condensation from the roof, following a cold snap. A dehumidifier was purchased which has been invaluable.

There has been something of an influx of people coming to worship on a Sunday, either moving churches or moving to Eastern Sheppey. The new Pastor has coped

admirably in his new role, and the sense of family when people come together is stronger than ever.

Weekly Bible study was restarted during the year, and this is well attended. In addition, a regular Pizza and Praise evening was instigated. This is very well attended as it involves food as well as prayer and praise.

A very successful 24/7 Prayer Day was held on April 15th 2023. A creative prayer space was put together in the church office and in the worship space, and members of SEC were enabled to pray for an hour at some point during a 24 hour period.

Sierra Leone Mission

The Church supports, financially, in prayer and with friendship the work of the Sierra Leone Mission. 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 2022, the UBM were able to send a full team to Leysdown for the first time since the pandemic. SEC provides free accommodation and full use of SEC premises to enable the UBM to work on Leysdown beach with families of holiday makers.

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 is employed for 20 hours per week by Sheppey Evangelical Church.

The previous Pastor and his wife have sole occupation of the Manse which is on the local estate in Warden Bay. Rent is paid monthly, and this is divided up between the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion and Sheppey Evangelical Church.

In addition to the Pastor, the Church has four people on the Leadership Team 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

Trevor Jones- 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. Tax is also reclaimed from small cash donations given in the offering each week.

Income has grown during the financial year resulting in an increase in assets of 14% over the previous twelve months.

The Charity has restricted and unrestricted cash assets totalling £26,333 in the year to 30th June 2023.

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 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  14th April 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sheppey Evangelical Church

Ch. No. 1183796

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	7/1/2022		6/30/2023

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	13,976		-	13,976	9,558
Sierra Leone Mission		223	-	223	78
Bank Interest	94	-	-	94	3
HMRC Gift Aid	3,231	-	-	3,231	2,898
Pension refund	15	-	-	15	
Loan repayments	300	-	-	300	
Grants from COH		4,753	-	4,753	
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,616	4,976	-	22,592	12,337
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,616	4,976	-	22,592	12,337
A3 Payments					
salary	12,076		-	12,076	9,465
charity	590	-	-	590	480
property improvements and repairs	631	-	-	631	2,004
overheads/electric/insurance etc	2,085	-	-	2,085	2,322
purchase equipment	476	-	-	476	49
sundry	1,824	-	-	1,824	190
conference fees	450	-	-	450	540
Sierra Leone Mission	420	-	-	420	420
Temporary loan	815	-	-	815	
Sub total	19,367	-	-	19,367	15,470
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,367	-	-	19,367	15,470
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,751	4,976	-	3,225	- 3,133
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,751	4,976	-	3,225	- 3,133

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	2,774		-
	savings accounts	4,665	18,894	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,439	18,894	-
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	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	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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
J. Gregory	JOSEPH GREGORY	14/4/24
T. Jones	Trevor Jones	14/4/24