

## SHEPPEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Charity Number: 1183796

Start of Financial Year: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

End of Financial Year: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Governing Instrument: CIO Association Constitution

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

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> 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

At the beginning of July 2023, the Pastor and 2 other members of the church attended an Alpha course in Maidstone, with a view to possibly running a similar course at SEC in the future.

In July and August 2023, the United Beach Mission were once again able to send a full team to Leysdown. SEC provides free accommodation and full use of SEC premises to enable the UBM to work on Leysdown beach with families of holiday makers.

Later that month SEC held a baptism service on the beach at Leysdown for three church members. This was a great opportunity to witness to a large number of people out enjoying the sun and the sea.



The Induction Service officially welcoming Trevor as a minister in the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion was held in September. Connexional Trustees and ministers from other churches on the Island were in attendance to offer greetings and support. Links with the local community were developed when everyone retired to the local club house in the holiday camp across the road to enjoy a cream tea and refreshments.

In December, members of the church joined with the Salvation Army in their Carol Service at Leysdown village hall. The hall was full of local residents. Just before Christmas Brenda Riddle helped produce a great family Nativity service which was well attended.

In January Trevor started going to visit the Island Residential Home. This has become a special time where Trevor is able to share a short service and communion with around 10 people in attendance each month.

The usual Easter services took place at SEC at the end of March. For the first time members of SEC took part in a march of witness carrying a large Cross from Eastchurch to Minster Abbey. There they came together with two other large crosses used as part of a Good Friday Churches Together in Sheppey church service. Trevor read one of the Bible readings.

Particularly noteworthy was the open-air sunrise service held at the beach on Easter morning followed by cooked breakfast in the church building, leading into a family Easter celebration service.

In April another baptism service took place, this time in SEC, using a borrowed mobile baptistry. Three more people were baptised and there were over 100 people in attendance.

Overall, the year has been a time of real blessing for the church. New visitors are often a feature of Sundays, several of whom have gone on to join the church family. In addition, the weekly Bible Study sessions and monthly Praise evenings have continued to grow from strength to strength.

#### Sierra Leone Mission

Sheppey Evangelical 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 60 shoe-bags filled with toys and basic items such as toothbrush and t-shirts, 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 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 taxpayers who sign the appropriate Gift Aid commitment.

The Charity has restricted funds and unrestricted cash assets totalling **£23008** in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 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 .....

*J. Gregory* 6th April 2025





## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
7/1/2023

To

6/30/2023  
6/30/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary giving	14,765		-	14,765	13,976
Sierra Leone Mission	-		-	-	223
Bank Interest	308		-	308	94
HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,231
Pension refund	-	-	-	-	15
Loan repayments	515		-	515	300
Grants from COH	6,160		-	6,160	4,753
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>22,592</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>22,592</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
salary	14,205		-	14,205	12,076
Charity	440	-	-	440	590
property improvements and repairs	3,688	-	-	3,688	631
overheads/electric/insurance etc	4,425	-	-	4,425	2,085
purchase equipment	274	-	-	274	476
sundry	1,297	-	-	1,297	1,824
conference fees	600	-	-	600	450
Sierra Leone Mission	420	-	-	420	420
Temporary loan	460	-	-	460	815
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,809</b>	<b>19,367</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,809</b>	<b>19,367</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,061</b>	<b>3,225</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 4,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,061</b>	<b>3,225</b>



# 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	1,731		-
	savings accounts	4,729	16,548	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>16,548</b>	<b>-</b>

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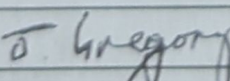
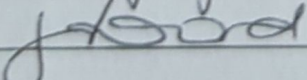
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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
	JOSEPH GREGORY	6/4/25
	JANET FORD	6/4/25