

## SHEPPEY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Charity Number: 1183796

Start of Financial Year: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

End of Financial Year: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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 2025

#### 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, Trevor Jones, and the Church Leadership Team.

#### ACTIVITIES

In July and August 2024, 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.

In September SEC held a baptism service on the beach at Leysdown for a member of the church. This was a great opportunity to witness to a large number of people out enjoying the sun and the sea.

Just before Christmas the church produced a Nativity Service which featured a puppet show for the first time. This proved to be very popular and was well attended.

In January one of the Leadership Team started running a monthly Men's meeting called Stronger Together. This has consisted of a variety of activities including food and walks, and has provided an opportunity to offer mutual mental-health support in challenging times. Men from outside the SEC community have also been taking part.

The usual Easter services took place at SEC during April. Once again 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.

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.

Trevor continued 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.

During the year the weekly meetings known as Life Group have continued to flourish taking place in a variety of homes around the Island.

In May links were strengthened with other churches on the Island when a number of people from SEC helped organise and participate in a worship service held at Strode Crescent Church in Sheerness.

SEC was visited on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June by Janet O'Shea, the President of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion. She outlined her work with the Sierra Leone Mission during a Beetle Drive evening and then the Sunday service. Altogether a sum of £1000 was raised for the work in Sierra Leone.

The Pastor established contact with the Headteacher of St. Clement's Primary School during the summer term in 2025. This is the school local to the church and allowed students the opportunity to visit SEC as part of their RE curriculum.

During the Spring and Summer of 2025, the Pastor, helped by a few others, successfully had a church clear out and then managed to extend and modernise the kitchen. This was much needed and has been incredibly useful for the on-going life of the church.

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. Sharing food and friendship together has become an important part of life at SEC, whether it's Sunday roast at the local pub, BBQ's in various homes, pizzas at the beginning of midweek worship services or men sharing breakfast on a Saturday morning.

### 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 for the orphanage, Medical Centre and schools out there. SEC 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 in time for Christmas.

### 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 £30827 in the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

As income for the financial year exceeded £25000, an Independent Financial Review was carried out by Mrs Lucy Canham. She found everything to be accurate and up to date. (see attached report)

### 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* 19/4/2026 .....





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sheppey Evangelical Church

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Report start date	To	30/06/2025
	01/07/2024		30/06/2025

### 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	15,482		-	15,482	14,765
Sierra Leone Mission	-		-	-	-
Bank Interest	297		-	297	308
HMRC Gift Aid	8,852	-	-	8,852	
Pension refund	-	-	-	-	515
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	6,160
Grants from COH	7,636	-	-	7,636	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,267</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,267</b>	<b>21,748</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>32,267</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,267</b>	<b>21,748</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
salary	15,900		-	15,900	14,205
charity	520	-	-	520	440
property improvements and repairs	1,117	-	-	1,117	3,688
overheads/electric/insurance etc	4,009	-	-	4,009	4,425
purchase equipment	918	-	-	918	274
sundry	625	-	-	625	1,297
conference fees	210	-	-	210	600
Sierra Leone Mission	835	-	-	835	420
Temporary loan	-	-	-	-	460
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>25,809</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>24,134</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>25,809</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>- 4,061</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>8,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>- 4,061</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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	current account	2,067		
	savings accounts	12,015	16,745	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,082</b>	<b>16,745</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		0	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J. Gregory	JOSEPH GREGORY	19/4/26



# **Sheppey Evangelical Church**

## **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT June 2025**

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I am pleased to report to Trustees of Sheppey Evangelical Church that I have completed my internal audit on the charity's records for year ending 30 June 2025 and have been able to complete the Annual Internal Audit Report.

Trustees should be aware that the audit tests that I undertook during the audit cannot be relied on to identify the occasional omission or insignificant error, nor to disclose breaches of trust or statute, neglect or fraud which may have taken place which it is the responsibility of the Trustees.

As a result of my audit and my discussions with Janet Foord, I was happy to conclude that there was no further questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Foord for the assistance given to me in the conduct of the audit that took place on 22 April 2026.

### **FINDINGS THIS VISIT:**

During the audit I carried out I concentrated on the opening and closing bank statements corresponding back to the receipts & payments report and having access to the day to day transactions.

I found all the financial records to be accurate and up to date. I found nothing in the minutes to indicate any issues around legal obligations.

I have nothing further to report.

**Mrs Lucy Canham**  
**Independent Internal Auditor**  
**22 April 2026**