

Bourne Evangelical Church
Trustee's Report 2021-2022

Trustees: Nadine Wetz, David Tattersall and Jacob Wright

1. Charity Objectives and Activities

Bourne Evangelical Church exists for the advancement of the Christian faith within Bourne and the surrounding areas in accordance with its constitution and basis of faith. This includes provision of a place of meeting for public worship of God via preaching and teaching of the Bible. Communion, prayer, praise, fellowship and alms-giving including evangelistic outreach and discipleship.

- a) providing a place for worship for ecclesiastical activities
- b) providing Christian resources for the wider community
- c) engaging the general public through evangelism
- d) offering short courses on the Christian faith

Programs for support of members

- a) weekly Bible teaching sessions
- b) weekly prayer groups
- c) pastoral care, visits and calls
- d) advanced discipleship training for members
- e) activities for bonding and personal growth

2. Membership: reminder of obligations

Church Handbook 2.1.9

Membership brings with it certain privileges and responsibilities. The privileges are identified as membership of the local Body of Christ in all its work and worship, to be able to partake in discussing and agreeing the way in which the local Church should move forward and fulfil its Biblical role in the local community and the benefit of Pastoral care.

The obligations of membership are to submit to the authority and leadership of the Pastor and/or Elders and Deacons in accordance with the provisions of this Church Handbook and the Constitution, to participate in the work of the Church and its activities, to attend meetings regularly, to bear each other up before the Lord in prayer, and to share in the financial needs of the Church. In particular, this will involve:

1. Regular attendance at Sunday worship. (Acts 20:7, Heb. 10:25)
2. Regular personal prayer and Bible study. (2 Tim 3:15-17, Phil. 4:6)
3. Regular attendance, when possible, at the main weekday meeting of the Church for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. (Acts 1:14, 2:42)
4. Sharing in the life, work and witness of the local Church. (Rom. 1:16, 1 Cor. 15:58)

5. Regular giving to the local Church and the Lord's work in general. (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:6-7)
6. The showing of Christian love and concern, both for the members of the Church family and for the community at large. (John 13:35, 1 Thess. 3:12)
7. An endeavour to live a life consistent with the faith we profess. (Rom. 6:1-2, Eph. 4:1)
8. Regular attendance at the Lord's Supper. (Acts 2:42, 20:7)

3. - Meeting Charity objectives and activities

Advancement of the Christian faith. BEC has a rolling contract with the URC which secures BEC with a regular place of worship, for ecclesiastical activities. Despite COVID restrictions overall congregational attendance has grown, some through transference from other local congregations. The use of ZOOM meetings is now a fixture of outreach, providing weekly and daily access to prayer groups and bible study reaching people who would otherwise be unable to attend a physical meeting. The BEC YouTube channel has also seen increase with now 86 subscribers compared to our local church membership of 14 people.

Programs of support for members and non-members – Following a long absence of physical interaction due to ongoing COVID restrictions, BEC has been able to resume some activities including a monthly joint “Fenlands men’s breakfast”. It is hoped the inter-church Fenlands Evangelical Network will provide further social interaction among membership through outreach, fellowship, teaching and camps. A weekly toddler’s group was started in late 2021 and has proved especially popular with local parents. BEC hopes to expand this area of Ministry in 2022.

Support of other users - BEC rents the facility from the URC. BEC members continue to support the URC with building maintenance carrying out various tasks, from gardening to vermin control. BEC is also working with the Food Bank (who also rent part of this facility) with a view to removing the stage area and replacing rotten wooden floors.

Long term investments - future proofing technology within the Church has seen the purchase of a new PC and hanging microphones. Particular attention has been given to those watching lone via ZOOM providing for a much-improved online experience. There is a growing possibility that the Chapel and Church Hall will become available for purchase within the next 18-24 months. Enquiries into how funding might be raised is ongoing.

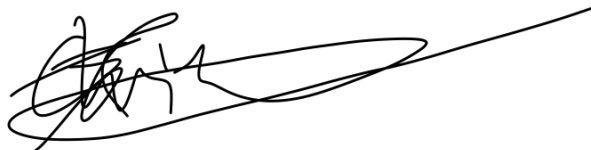
Evangelism - Sadly the local council banned all religious activity on the market, thus market outreach has been curtailed since the first lockdown in 2020. The Christmas carol service went ahead as a joint FEN service and was extremely well attended. With the support of Calvary Baptist Peterborough householders around Eastgate were leaf-let dropped highlighting services at Eastgate. Literature dispensers placed at the church entrance while initially popular with passersby have experienced some vandalism. The addition of “CCTV warning” signs seem to have curtailed this.

Renovation of the gallery – The completed “upper room” serves as a Pastor’s office and resource room. Over the course of 2021 large amounts of books were donated and various

trade accounts set up which have afforded a good selection of books, gifts, and resources. In line with charity objectives and the Church vision it is hoped that the upper room will become a drop in hub for both members and non-members in the local community.

Minister – The current Minister/Pastor of BEC has announced his resignation as of 16th January 2022. He will continue as interim Minister until a new Minister is located after which he hopes to maintain his position as “elder” and drop into the role of resident theologian/ associate Pastor. Due to additional commitments the current Minister has announced a cut-off date of December 31st 2022. The trustees will endeavor to locate a new Minister through advertising this position. One hindrance to success is the inability to provide a full stipend for the Minister. However, it is hoped the successful candidate will be either self-funded through mission or able to operate as a bi-vocational Minister.

The trustees and BEC members remain committed to the advancement of the Christian faith within Bourne and its surrounding areas in accordance with its constitution and basis of faith and look forward to a prosperous and blessed 2022/23.

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Jacob Wright



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

To

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					
Donations	13,844	-	-	13,844	-
Toddler Group	-	226	-	226	-
Building	-	528	-	528	-
Resource Room	-	876	-	876	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,844	1,629	-	15,474	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,844	1,629	-	15,474	-
A3 Payments					
Property Rental	4,900	-	-	4,900	-
General	3,590	-	-	3,590	-
Pastor Salary	5,200	-	-	5,200	-
Toddlers	-	79	-	79	-
Resource Room	-	597	-	597	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,690	677	-	14,367	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,690	677	-	14,367	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	154	953	-	1,107	-
A5 Transfers between funds	600	600	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,812	1,189	-	3,001	-
Cash funds this year end	1,366	2,742	-	4,108	-

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		1,366	2,742	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,366	2,742	-

(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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

D.A. Tattersall

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15/1/23