

**Purbeck Gateway Church
Annual Report and Accounts 2021**

Charity Name: Purbeck Gateway Church

Charity Registration Number: 1185776

Principle Office:

15 Maple Close
Sandford
Wareham

Trustees:

Paul Sheppard
Richard Smith
Phil Luker
James Larsen
Lynn Crabb
Ian Fry
Robert Owen

Constitution and structure

Purbeck Gateway Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 14th October 2019. It was formed as a result of a decision by trustees of an earlier charity, also called Purbeck Gateway Church (reg 1137804) to change their status from an unincorporated charity to an incorporated one. The transition of activities from the original charity to the current one was made on 1st July 2020. The old charity was wound up on 25th August 2021, with all assets already transferred by that point.

The trustees of the charity are the Elders and Deacons of the church who are responsible for the direction and operation of the church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees from the body of the church members. Their selection is then ratified by the church. As existing members, they do not undergo a further induction unless requested. The Trustees meet together with the Deacons on a formal basis every two months and informally when required.

Financial Review

On the transfer of operation from the old charity to the new charity, all bank accounts, bills and staff were transferred in July 2020.

Unrestricted income for 2021 was £25, 682 (2020 was £24356.61), with an additional £18,903 of restricted income for the Wareham Foodbank (2020 was £16101.68) Of this The vast majority of the church's income is from donations from members.

Costs were £26003 for the church operation and £16836 for the foodbank. This left the church with small operating deficit of £321.24. with the Foodbank having an operating surplus of £2966,58. The accounts show a bank transfer from the Foodbank to the Church account for a payment of £718.02 which was made in error from the church main account but was to fund Foodbank Activity.

The main item of expenditure each year is the salary of the pastor, who is also a trustee of the charity. The operating expenditure includes utility and maintenance bills as well as cleaning costs. In addition, the church is responsible for the upkeep of the building that it uses. During the course of 2013, the ownership of the church building transferred from a separate trust at nil value to the ownership of trustees of the old PGC charity (1137804). In 2021 ownership was transferred to the new charity (1185776) at a nil value given that the asset was already fully depreciated and had been valued as nil under the previous charity.

The policy of the trustees with regard to reserves is to aim to keep at least £8,000 of reserves, which represents about three months of basic running costs. The purpose of keeping the reserve is to cover downturns in giving or to allow funds for urgent works on the building which we use. Church funds stood at £14083.41 at the end of the year.

The financial position of the church was not significantly affected by the course of the pandemic, with members of the congregation continuing to be generous in their donations, on which the church is wholly dependent.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with their duty to take due regard to this guidance in exercising their powers and duties.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith and to relieve sickness and financial hardship. The focus of its activities is in Wareham in Dorset, but it also sponsors missionary and relief activities overseas.

The Church meets together to worship every Sunday morning. It also hosts a wide range of weekly activities, both for church members and for non-members. These activities include weekly home-groups where church members meet to pray, worship and study together.

In a normal year, we host a weekly lunch club for elderly residents of Wareham, a singing and drama club and two groups who work on counselling people with addictions. These activities together form our efforts to achieve our vision to “love God, love one another and love the lost”.

Achievements and Performance

As for many organisations, 2021 saw further disruption in the life of the church. During periods of lockdown services were delivered online, using a mixture of live and recorded content. The church did not cancel any services.. During periods where in-person worship was possible, the church operated a hybrid service which remained available to members who were unable to attend in person.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, depending on the regulatory environment at the time. The church continued to operate activities in new ways to bring the body together in times of separation. These included a weekly prayer chain and an active Whatsapp group which enabled members to keep in touch and support one another in challenging year.

While the church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work, these activities were suspended for the first part of 2021, but restarted later in the year.

In September 2011, a Food Bank was established in the church with members of the congregation and other local churches donating food each week for distribution to people who need it. The local Citizens' Advice Bureau forms an effective link to identify people who can use this service. Demand for the Food Bank grew considerably in the first part of the pandemic and this continued to grow throughout 2021. The Church continues to host this valuable work. Support for the Foodbank also grew during the year, with donations made to the Foodbank being in a separate bank account from the main church account to make the administration of restricted funds more straightforward.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2021, donations were made in support of Serenity, Compassion and an independent evangelist.

Achievements and Performance

The church continues to seek to bring the Good News of Jesus to the community in Wareham, through what we say and how we live.

For the future, the Church plans to restart its community activities which had been suspended during the pandemic. While many former members of the lunchclub have passed away, a need has been identified to fill a space vacated by the closure of many of the local parent and toddler groups in the area. The Church plans to start a group to fill this need in the autumn Of 2022.

PURBECK GATEWAY CHURCH**Accounts for the Year Ended 31.12.21**

Charity number 1185776

	Main Account Unrestricted	Foodbank Restricted
	A/C No 72009365	A/C No 72115440
Bank Account Opening Balance as at 1.1.21	£13,506.63	£9,561.55
Receipts	1.1.21-31.12.21	1.1.21-31.12.21
	£	£
Offer-Gift Aid	£14,690.00	£18,903.43
Offer-Non Gift Aid	£9,972.40	
Gift Aid Tax Claims	£0.00	
Interest	£0.12	
Misc.	£0.00	
Invoices for space	£1,200.00	
Bank Transfer	£0.00	
Sub-total	£25,862.52	£18,903.43
Bank Transfer	£718.02	-£718.02
Payments		
Salaries & NI - Pastor	£19,453.76	
Food Bank purchases	£718.02	
Expenses - Pastor	£2,481.90	
Youth work	£0.00	
Furniture & Equipment	£0.00	
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	£0.00	
Cleaning	£48.00	
Gas & Electricity	£954.83	
Insurance	£740.00	
Printing, Stationery & Ministry Supplies	£0.00	
Subscriptions & Fees	£343.25	
Catering Supplies	£0.00	
Gifts & Donations	£1,214.00	
Transfers	£0.00	
Legal	£0.00	
Foodbank	£0.00	£16,836.85
Advertising	£0.00	
Speakers	£50.00	
Misc	£0.00	
Sub-total	£26,003.76	£16,836.85
Closing Bank Balance as at 31.12.21	£14,083.41	£10,910.11

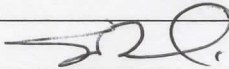


CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Purbeck Gateway Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1185776
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.		
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:		Date:	10.9.22
Name:	Mr Steven Paul Dolan		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	M.A.A.T.		
Address:	21 Gore Hill Sandford, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7AL		

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No significant matters of concern were found during my examination of the records for the Purbeck Gateway Church for the financial year ended 31.12.21.

Signed: 		Date: 10.9.22	
Name: Mr Steven Paul Dolan			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): M.A.T.			
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