

Purbeck Gateway Church Annual Report and Accounts 2022

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 – Resigned 7th June 2023

Lynn Crabb – Died December 2022

Ian Fry – Resigned 7th June 2023

Robert Owen

Joshua Vanson – Appointed 7th June 2023

Shaun Murphy – Appointed 7th June 2023

Patricia Hadgifotis – Appointed 7th June 2023

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 2022 was £31,161.44 (2021 was £25,682), with an additional £24,474.86 of restricted income for the Wareham Foodbank (2021 was £18,903). In addition the church did an appeal to its members for money to refurbish the church to make it suitable for a wider range of family activities. This appeal raised £15,522 which forms the basis of a new restricted fund. The vast majority of the church's income is from donations from members.

Costs were £30,936.89 for the church operation and £20,037.97 for the foodbank. This left the church with small operating surplus of £224.55 with the Foodbank having an operating surplus of £4,436.89. £7,134.00 was spent on new equipment and refurbishment from the Family Hub donations.

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. Unrestricted Church funds stood at £14,307.96 at the end of the year.

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.

We host a number of activities including the Foodbank, a parent and toddler group, 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

With the pandemic now seemingly behind us, church services were uninterrupted during the year, but we continue to make all sermons available online through YouTube.

Small groups continued to meet in varying formats through the year, with their activities focussed on prayer and bible study.

While the church building is normally used each week by different agencies in a variety of community work. A new addition in 2022 was a new parent and toddler group which aims to fill the gap created during the pandemic when many such groups ceased to work.

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 between 30 and 50 families benefit from it each week. 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 driving force behind this work had been Lynn Crabb who gave her time selflessly to meeting the needs of people in the area. Tragically Lynn died suddenly just before Christmas. Work has continued led by a newly employed team member with a group of active volunteers.

The church aims to give at least 10% of its income each year to support mission and relief work. In 2022, donations were made in support of Serenity, Compassion and an independent evangelist.

Plans for Future Periods

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. This forms the core part of all our future plans as we operate the life of the church.

The work for the Family Hub will necessitate continued work on the church building and facilities in order to be able to serve our community more effectively.

We will continue to review the structure of the Foodbank following the passing of Lynn Crabb in 2022. A part time member of staff will enable this work to continue and we will look at ways to develop the work further during the year, including growing our volunteer

base and encouraging participation and socialisation among those who benefit from the Foodbank.

Receipts	TOTAL	Jan-Dec 2022		
		Unrestricted	Restricted (Family Hub)	Restricted (Foodbank)
		£		
Tithes & Offerings	60,481.95	23,278.80	13,695.00	23508.15
Gift Aid Tax Claims	6,775.08	3,980.87	1,827.50	966.71
Interest	1.77	1.77		
Misc.	0.00	0.00		
Invoices for space	2,550.00	2,550.00		
Foodbank Rent	1,350.00	1,350.00		
Sub-total	71,158.80	31,161.44	15,522.50	24,474.86
Total	71,158.80	31,161.44	15,522.50	24,474.86

Payments

Salaries & NI - Pastor	23,155.62	23,155.62		
Expenses - Pastor	3,006.75	3,006.75		
Youth work	0.00	0.00		
Furniture & Equipment	7,134.00		7,134.00	
Repairs to Furniture & Equipment	255.72	255.72		
Cleaning	192.00	192.00		
Gas & Electricity	1,681.60	1,681.60		
Insurance	768.60	768.60		
Printing, Stationery & Ministry Supplies	0.00	0.00		
Subscriptions & Fees	371.00	371.00		
Catering Supplies	0.00	0.00		
Gifts & Donations	1,272.00	1,272.00		
Legal	0.00	0.00		
Foodbank	20,037.97	0.00		20037.97
Advertising	93.60	93.60		
Speakers	140.00	140.00		
Misc	0.00	0.00		
Sub-total	58,108.86	58,108.86	7,134.00	20,037.97
Total	58,108.86	30,936.89	7,134.00	20,037.97
Surplus/Deficit	13,049.94	224.55	8,388.50	4,436.89

Cash Balances (from statements)

Opening January 1st	✓	14,083.41	810.77	10910.11
Closing December 30th	✓	14,307.96	9,199.27	15347.00
		13,049.94	8,388.50	4,436.89



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Purbeck Gateway Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185776

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**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 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:

24/09/2023

Name:

Steven Paul Dolan

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

None required