



MILLBRIDGE CHURCH CIO
Registered Charity No. 1187290

8 PARKHOUSE ROAD
MINEHEAD
TA24 8AB

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

10.01.2020 to 31.03.21

TRUST INFORMATION

Name: Millbridge Church

Address: 8 Parkhouse Road, Minehead, TA24 8AB

Charitable Status: The Church was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 10th January 2020, registration no: 1187290. The intention is to take over the work of the pre-existing Millbridge Evangelical Church (a CUA).

Governing Documentation:

The Church Constitution and Rules were adopted by prospective members on 22 October 2019 in advance of the application to form a CIO.

The trust deeds for the church property and the manse are awaiting transfer to the CIO from Fellowship Property Trust Ltd (the holding trustees for the CUA), a procedure which has been severely delayed because of the coronavirus restrictions.

Trustees during the period:

Holding trustee for the Church property and Manse: Fellowship Property Trust Ltd, awaiting transfer to Millbridge Church.

Managing Trustees (Church Officers):

Revd Matthew Cottington (pastor/elder) until January 2021

Mr David Neighbour (deacon and administrator) until January 2021

Mr Mike Adams (deacon) until May 2020

Mr Steve Barron (deacon)

Mr Mike Green (deacon)

Mrs Audrey Williams (temporary trustee) from 27.01.21 to 30.03.21

Mrs Rosemary Barron (temporary trustee) from 27.01.21 to 30.03.21

Mr David Capel (temporary trustee) from 27.01.21 and permanent from 30.03.21

Miss Margaret Langdon (deacon) from 30.03.21

Bankers: The trustees are in the process of opening a new charity bank account with HSBC into which the assets from Millbridge Evangelical Church CUA will be paid upon closure.

Annual Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are the church officers (elders and deacons), have pleasure in presenting this first report for the 15 month period from registration on 10th January 2020 until 31st March 2021. The information set out above forms part of our report and

the annual accounts (with nil balance) are attached with a brief explanation and comment.

Apart from the appointment of temporary trustees and later permanent trustees, there has been no official activity during this 15 month period. The transfer of assets has required the opening of a new bank account and the passing of resolutions by members of the CUA. Both these have now been done but were seriously delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic and consequent government restrictions.

Public Benefit

The purposes of the CIO are and will be:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Minehead and the surrounding neighbourhood.
- Such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church.

It is intended to achieve these objectives initially by

- Holding two services of worship each Sunday to include preaching and/or Bible teaching. Age related activities will be provided for children when present. All meetings are open to the general public who are regularly invited by word of mouth or through door to door invitation at Christmas and Easter.
- An evening midweek meeting is held to which anyone is welcome and also a morning midweek meeting for ladies to study the Bible and to pray. Both are open to the public.
- We hold a twice-monthly group for isolated seniors from the community, which includes a Christmas meal and often a summer lunch. Also a summer outing.
- The church holds a weekly table tennis group which is open to anyone from within or outside the church fellowship.
- The church hosts a monthly meeting of the Macular Society open to the general public.
- Leaders from the church will visit local residential homes to take services as requested.
- The church pastor will take school assemblies on a rota with other churches in the town.
- It is hoped to re-start the popular parent and toddlers group, 'Millbridge Ducklings' to engage with young families in the locality on a weekly basis.
- The church would hope to re-instate the Christmas Day lunch which the CUA previously hosted, for those isolated or homeless over the Christmas period.
- The Church also seeks to fulfil its charitable objectives by supporting a number of overseas missionaries working in various countries. In times of disaster the Church also facilitates the collection and sending of funds to various parts of the world where the Church has contacts for emergency relief.

Membership

As at 31.03.21 there are 36 members.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



CHAIRMAN

M. Green,

29.6.21

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Financial Report for the first reporting period:

From: registration date of 10 January 2020

To: end of financial year, 31 March 2021

Millbridge Church was registered as a charity (CIO) on 10 January 2020.

The intention of the trustees and members of the pre-existing Millbridge Evangelical Church (a charitable unincorporated association) was that its assets should be transferred to the newly created CIO.

The planned transfer of assets did not take place during the first reporting period because:

1. Covid-19 restrictions delayed a CUA members' meeting that was needed to authorise the trustees to transfer the assets.
2. Barclays Bank, bankers for the CUA, advised that a new current account was needed for the CIO but the opening of new accounts was suspended because of the pandemic.
3. Other banks were also temporarily unable to open new accounts. An application to HSBC is now being processed but the account had not yet been opened by 31 March 2021.

There is therefore a nil financial return:

Balance at 10 January 2020	£0.00
Income	+£0.00
Expenditure	-£0.00
Balance at 31 March 2021	£0.00

It is expected that the planned transfer of assets will take place early in the next financial year and that approximately £30,000 will be received.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



M. GREEN

Date:

29-6-21

CHAIRMAN