

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2020

To March 2021

Charity name: EBENEZER CHURCH, TALBOT GREEN

Charity registration number: 1188571

Ebenezer Church, Talbot Green Annual Charity Report.

The following report details how the church charity was a benefit to people in the community. It is a summary of the activities that took place and the results that gave evidence of how the community was helped. Reference is also made as to how and why the charity made some costly purchases which the trustees believe were an excellent investment. The charity is funded by church members donations.

Objectives.

The purposes of the Church are set out in its governing document which include:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith within Talbot Green, Pontyclun and the surrounding neighbourhood.
2. Charitable purposes that in the opinion of the charity trustees put into practice the Christian faith. Examples would include but not be limited to, relief from hardship, assistance to those who are ill, advancement of education, provision of facilities for social welfare and recreation.
3. Assistance and support given to missionaries that have a direct connection with the church.

Summary of activities.

As the church was not allowed to meet in a building due to government safety laws, because of the covid pandemic, the trustees decided that the church would move to online services. The trustees wanted the online services to be of a high standard. Technical equipment was purchased to enable this to go ahead. It was an excellent investment.

Every Sunday a sermon was preached, over the internet by the Pastor. Before the sermon, the Pastor's wife would give us a

news update of village and church life often showing photographs and announcing birthdays. The sermon was sensitive, encouraging and uplifting giving hope through the difficult circumstances of the Covid pandemic. The sermon would be followed by a few songs of worship that were sung by the worship leader from her home broadcast by the internet. Church members and many people from the community logged on to listen to the services and emailed encouraging messages. When the covid restrictions were softened some people who live in Talbot Green, who are occasional church visitors told us how much they enjoyed the on-line services. For church members who did not have the internet the sermon notes were circulated.

On Wednesdays, a bible talk/discussion was delivered using the internet that church members could participate. Many church members voiced their appreciation. A daily blog was written by the Pastor.

During the summer holidays for one week a virtual holiday bible club took place. Craft packs for the children were purchased, prepared, and distributed. The internet was utilized so that children could log on and listen to biblical stories with ethical teaching, tell jokes, display craft that they had completed, join in with the songs that were sung with actions. It was a joy to log on and see children with happy smiling faces obviously having lots of fun, with grateful parents or guardians looking on. The children used the like emojis' to display how much fun they were having. The virtual holiday bible club was well received by the community, the first virtual holiday club that the church has ever run. It replaced the church building held holiday club which has run every year from 1986 until Covid arrived in 2020.

The youth leaders regularly supported teenagers with social media, internet discussions and quiz nights. Friendships were strengthened and feelings of loneliness and isolation that the teenagers were having due to Covid were soothed.

Many acts of kindness were completed by church members to the community and to other church members. Cakes were

delivered and well received by local shops, the pharmacy, to church members and their friends. Shopping was done for older or vulnerable people living in the village. Isolated or lonely people were regularly spoken to on the telephone by church members. Errands were completed for isolated elderly people living in the community.

Gifts were given to lay preachers or full- time Christian workers who would have normally preached in the church but were not able to do so due to government legislation. Missionaries working abroad that pre-pandemic had visited the church were supported. Further details of how the church charity money was used and current reserves are given in the financial report.

We are thankful for the hard work of the Pastor, his wife and family and many church members. All diligently worked behind the scenes to enable the online services and many acts of kindness to have a positive impact within the church neighbourhood. We are grateful too for industry of the charity treasurer.

Communication.

The church charity used many different types of communication during the pandemic to ensure that the charity members were aware of what was happening in the church. Letters and emails were written. Social media was used. Telephone calls were made. Regular online church leaders and trustee meetings were completed. Feedback from an online church members meeting was received.

Conclusion.

The trustees believe that as far as practically possible the church has met its objectives as set out in its governing document and church handbook. Often imaginative ways were used to overcome the challenges and constraints that the covid pandemic caused. New skills and knowledge have been gained through the perplexing events of the pandemic and will be continually used as we look forward to church charity life during the next year.

The trustees consider that they have complied with the Charity Commissions public benefit guidance.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

A C Hallett		
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Full name(s)

Andrew Hallett	Clive	
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Position (e.g.,
Secretary,
Chair,
etc)

Secretary		
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Date

25/3/2022

EBENEZ**BASELII****2021****FIXED ASSETS**

CHURCH BUILDING	520,652
EQUIPMENT	
Chairs	2,190
Projectors x 2	1,000
5 i-pads	1,544
Electric keyboard	425
Electric drums	250
Sound desk	1,050
Lectern	250
Radio microphones	489
Camera live stream	2,626
PC	1,392

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors (gift aid due)	2,781
Bank current account (31-03-2021)	72,142
Cash	0

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Gas (paid 9th April)	0
PAYE & PENSION (cleared)	0

NET ASSETS**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

Balance brought forward	Year end	587,299
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Excess of income over expenditure

19,492

TRINITY CHURCH TALBOT GREEN CIO 1188571

CURRENT BALANCE SHEET FOR CIO 1188571 31-03-2021

Capital purchase April 2020 - March 2021

Date	Cost	Equipment
08/10/2020	£ 1,312.80	Audio Visual Direct LTD
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12/30/2020	£ 489.00	Professional Music techni
01/25/2021	£ 1,279.00	Replacement of church
01/25/2021	£ 112.95	Monitor, cables & monit
Total 31-03-2021		£ 4,506.55

531,868

74,923

0

606,791

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(Video camera & audio equipment for live streaming) Deposit

(Video camera & audio equipment for live streaming) Balance on completion

ology upgrade of radio mics as agreed by Trustees

computer to cope with streaming, presentations etc

or stand for streaming PC etc.

Accounts 2020-2021

Ebenezer Church Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021

INCOME

Gifts (Minus gifts for special collections)

Bank Interest

Tax Refund

TOTAL INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Missionary gifts/ Full time workers

Travel Expenses

Speakers gifts

Mission gifts

Salary, Tax and NI includes cleaner & pension

Adult outreach

Children & Youth work

Transport Expenses

CIO Application

Gas

Electricity

Telephone

Photocopier, stationary & resources

Equipment

Cleaning

Maintenance & building work

Sundries

Presentation/ Gifts

Insurance

Bank Charges

Car Park rent

FIEC

Rates (Water)

Copyright fee

Auditors Gift

Special Events/ Activities

Expenses

Compassion Covid 19 appeal Harvest gifting

338.00

Virtual HBC

453.71

Total Special Items	791.71
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) (Includes gift aid reserves)

	2020
Reserves as at 31st March*	£44,308.53
Community account opening balance	£1,727.21
Community account closing balance	£8,388.20
CIO charity account opening balance	
CIO charity account closing balance	
Expenditure up by/(reduced)	(3,840.56)
Giving up by/(reduced) Does not include special offerings	£ 6,630.51

Church Talbot Green 31st March 2021		CIO 1188571	
		This year	
		2020/21	2019/20
		55,593.70	55,501.55
		20.40	84.46
		16,706.94	£10,104.52
		72,321.04	65,690.53
	19/20	20/21	
		9,042.97	£12,542.00
422	0		
1700	1800		
10,420.00	7,242.97		
Income			
		30,671.72	31,559.84
		0.00	310.30
		453.71	431.12
		0.00	0
		1,920.70	1,884.00
		740.06	1,494.77
		264.28	790.04
		729.45	717.48
		170.34	5.4
		5,330.07	43.52
		68.75	425
		136.41	356.07
		730.99	443.69
		189.97	29.75
		473.67	454.77
		0.00	-
		0.00	0
		1,240.00	1,240
		157.92	234.96
		358.18	346.73
		150.00	150
	Net cost		
	270.00	68.00	
		-	
	453.71		
	-		
	-		

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270.00	521.71		3,210.31
	52,829.19		56,669.75
	19,491.85		9,020.78
2021			
£0.00			
£8,338.20			
£0			
	Previous accounts closed 5th January 2021 £53,199.88 transferred to charity account. Statement 3rd December 2020 - 06th January 2021.		
£72,440.98			
£72,141.81			

23 September 2021

Our ref: PE/MISC

**Paul
Evans
& Co**
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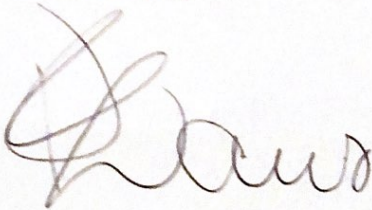
Dear Graham

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Thank you for allowing me the privilege of examining the financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 in respect of Ebenezer Church. It has been a pleasure to carry out this work.

I have examined the accounts and confirm the accounts accord with the accounting records of the Church. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Yours sincerely



Paul Evans
I.C.P.A.
Director



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