

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From April 2021**

**To March 2022**

**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 purchases which the trustees believe were a requirement due to Covid . 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.**

The church met in the building following all government safety laws because of the Covid pandemic. This greatly reduced the number of church members who could attend the building at the start of the year so the trustees decided that the church would continue with online services. The trustees purchased floor signs for a one-way system to be used for the flow of people in and out of the church. This was thought to be 'best practice' during the covid pandemic.

Every Sunday a sermon was preached at the church and 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 led by the worship leader. Church members and many people from the community either attended the church or logged on to listen to the services and often emailed encouraging messages.

During the year the Covid pandemic were eased, allowing the church to resume its normal activities. Church members attended the church in greater numbers, youth and adult community activities restarted. The Sunday school was resumed. All activities have been well attended.

On Wednesdays a Bible talk/discussion was delivered using the internet where church members could participate. Initially two groups used the internet, however when the Covid rules allowed one of these two groups met in the church. Many church members voiced their appreciation.

During the summer holidays for one week a virtual 'Holiday Bible Club' took place for children of primary school age. 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 privilege 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 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. When allowed, the activities resumed in the church building, lots of teenagers came.

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.

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 and after the pandemic to ensure that the charity members were informed 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 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 were encouraged by the support and hard work of many of the church members, enabling normal church life to recommence following the pandemic.

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

Full name(s) Andrew Clive  
Hallett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Date 25/6/2022



8 June 2022

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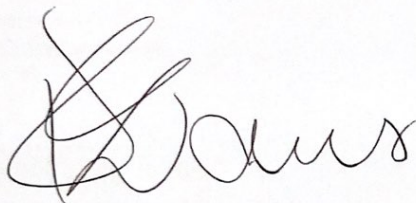
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Thank you for allowing me the privilege of examining the financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 in respect of Ebenezer Church. It has been a pleasure to carry out this work.

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.

Paul Evans  
I.C.P.A.  
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Yours sincerely



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**EBENEZER CHURCH TALBOT GREEN CIO 1188571**

**BALANCE SHEET FOR CIO 1188571 31-03-2022**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>			
CHURCH BUILDING	520,652.00	520,652.00	
EQUIPMENT			
Chairs	2,190.00	2,190.00	
Projectors x 2	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5 i-pads	1,544.00	1,544.00	
Electric keyboard	425.00	425.00	
Electric drums	250.00	250.00	
Sound desk	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Lectern	250.00	250.00	
Radio microphones	489.00	489.00	
Camera live stream	2,625.60	2,625.60	
PC	1,392.00	1,392.00	
	<b>531,867.60</b>		<b>531868</b>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Debtors (gift aid due)	2,781.25	8487	
Bank current account	72,141.81	72023.22	
Cash	0		
	<b>74,923.06</b>		<b>80510</b>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
		0	
		0	
	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0</b>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>			
	<b>606,790.66</b>		<b>612378</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</u></b>			
Balance brought forward	Year end	587,299.00	606,791.00
Excess of income over expenditure	19492	5,587	
	<b>606,791.00</b>		<b>612378</b>



Accounts 2021-2022		Ebenezer Church Talbot Green			
Draft Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022					
					This year
INCOME				2020/21	2021/22
Gifts				55,593.70	56,084.43
Bank Interest				20.40	0
Tax Refund				16,706.94	£8,487.00
TOTAL INCOME				72,321.04	64,571.43
EXPENDITURE		21/22	20/21		
Missionary gifts/ Full time workers				9,042.97	£7,536.00
Travel Expenses		166	0		
Speakers gifts		800	1800		
Mission gifts		6,570.00	7,242.97		
Salary, Tax and NI includes cleaner & pension				30,671.72	31,047.16
Adult outreach				0.00	0.00
Children & Youth work				453.71	2,150.14
Transport Expenses				0.00	0
CIO Application				1,992.70	298.60
Gas				740.06	901.60
Electricity				264.28	723.39
Telephone				729.45	763.65
Photocopier, stationary & resources				170.34	106.94
Equipment				5,330.07	394.24
Cleaning				68.75	484
Maintenance & building work				136.41	9483.62
Sundries				730.99	418.18
Presentation/ Gifts				189.97	111.17
Insurance				473.67	501.45
Bank Charges				0.00	-
Car Park rent				0.00	0
FIEC				1,240.00	1,000
Rates (Water)				157.92	253.14
Copyright fee				358.18	367.58
Auditors Gift				150.00	150
Special Events/ Activities	Expenses	Income	Net cost		
Collection for Ukraine	1,608.00	1,286.33	321.67		
			-		
Virtual HBC	994.67		994.67		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Total Special Items	2,602.67	1,286.33	1,316.34	521.71	1,316.34
					994.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				53,422.90	£59,001.87
					-17
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)				18,898.14	5,586.56
	2022	2021			
Reserves as at 31st March*		£0.00			
Community account opening balance		£8,338.20			
Community account closing balance		£0			
CIO charity account opening balance	72141.81	£72,440.98			
CIO charity account closing balance	72023.22	£72,141.81			
Expenditure up by/(reduced)	5,578.97		Building work required		
Giving up by/(reduced) Does not include special offerings	-£ 7,749.61		Early gift aid in 20/21 as community account closed		



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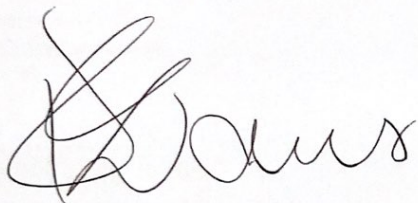
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