

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2022

To March 2023

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. 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.

During this period where people are experiencing hardship from a 'cost of living Crisis' the church held some activities specifically aiming to give relief to residents.

The church building and members have been involved in running Foodbank on Mondays.

Twice a week the church was used as a 'warm space' to provide visitors with soup, company, and warm rooms in response to the large increase on the amount that people had to spend to heat their homes. This event was put on during the coldest time of the year until it was considered that it was no longer needed.

Every Sunday a sermon was preached at the church and over the internet by the Pastor or lay-preachers. 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 sermons were sensitive, encouraging and uplifting giving hope through the difficult circumstances of the

'cost of living crisis'. 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.

The church activities have been well supported. Church members have attended the church in good numbers, children, youth and adult community activities continued.

On Wednesdays a Bible talk/discussion was delivered to two groups, either at the church or at a church members home. All were encouraged to participate in the discussion

During the summer holidays for one week 'Holiday Bible Club' took place for children of primary school age. Craft for the children was purchased and prepared. The children listened to Biblical stories with ethical teaching, completed craft, played games, joined in with the songs that were sung with actions. It was a privilege to see children with happy smiling faces obviously having lots of fun, with grateful parents or guardians looking on. Holiday bible club was well received by the community.

The youth leaders regularly supported teenagers by running the youth group. The young people enjoyed their participation in games, bible-based talks, and outside activities. The youngsters were taken to Quasar and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Friendships within the group were made.

The children of the community benefited from the teaching that they received from Sunday School and attending their social group during the week. Leaders worked to produce a programme of fun activities, craft, games, and teaching that the children liked.

The community has been helped by the coffee morning and lady's bible study groups. Lonely people have enjoyed the social interaction, both groups were a good place to make new friends and chat.

The church has given assistance to missionaries connected to the church with regular updates of their needs and news to church members.

Many acts of kindness have been completed by church members to people within the community. Errands completed; shopping done are two examples.

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 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 different types of communication 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. 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 many challenges. New skills and knowledge have been gained throughout the year as some church members have taken on new roles and responsibilities. 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.

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 Clive Hallett		
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary		
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Date 02/06/2023

August 08th 2023

Mr G Rowe
Ebenezer Church

Dear Graham

Ebenezer Accounts 2022/23

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of examining the financial accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 in respect of Ebenezer Church.

I have examined the accounts and confirm that they are in accordance 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.

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EBENEZER CHURCH TALBOT GREEN CIO 1188571						
BALANCE SHEET FOR CIO 1188571 31-03-2023						
		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>						
CHURCH BUILDING		520,652.00		520,652.00		520,652.00
EQUIPMENT						
Chairs		2,190.00		2,190.00		2,190.00
Projectors x 2		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
5 i-pads		1,544.00		1,544.00		1,544.00
Electric keyboard		425.00		425.00		425.00
Electric drums		250.00		250.00		250.00
Sound desk		1,050.00		1,050.00		1,050.00
Radio microphones		489.00		489.00		489.00
Camera live stream		2,625.60		2,625.60		2,625.60
PC		1,392.00		1,392.00		1,392.00
			531,617.60		531,617.60	531,617.60
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>						
Debtors (gift aid due)		2,781.25		8487		8490
Bank current account		72,141.81		72023.22		76311.86
Cash		0				
			74,923.06		80,510.22	84,801.86
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>						
		115.73		0		421.34
		0		0		0
			115.73		0.00	421.34
<u>NET ASSETS</u>						
			606,424.93		612,127.82	615,998.12
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</u>						
Balance brought forward	Year end	606,424.93		612,127.82		615,998.12
Excess of income over expenditure		0		-1030.41		4132.53
			606,424.93		611,097.41	620,130.65

Accounts 2022-2023		Ebenezer Church Talbot Green			
Draft Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023					
				Previous year	This year
				2021/22	2022/23
INCOME					
Gifts				56,084.43	53,386.83
Bank Interest				0	0
Tax Refund				£2,786.33	£8,489.72
TOTAL INCOME				58,870.76	61,876.55
EXPENDITURE					
		21/22	22/23		
Missionary gifts/ Full time workers				£7,536.00	7,918.50
Travel Expenses		166	295.00		
Speakers gifts		800	1,200.00		
Mission gifts		6,570.00	6,423.50		
Salary, Tax and NI includes cleaner & pension				31,047.16	31,971.11
Adult outreach				0.00	1,218.25
Children & Youth work				2,150.14	3,362.32
Transport Expenses				0	0
CIO Application				298.60	0.00
Gas				901.60	1,523.32
Electricity				723.39	716.81
Telephone				763.65	796
Photocopier, stationary & resources				106.94	547.32
Equipment				394.24	0.00
Cleaning				484	1005.5
Maintenance & building work				9483.62	697.61
Sundries				418.18	573.71
Presentation/ Gifts				111.17	4667.34
Insurance				501.45	530.85
Bank Charges				-	0
Car Park rent				0	200
FIEC				1,000	1,000
Rates (Water)				253.14	287.22
Copyright fee				367.58	578.16
Auditors Gift				150	150
Special Events/ Activities	Expenses	Income	Net cost		
Harvest gifts for Open Doors	862.50	690.00	172.50		
Open Day	168.27		168.27		
HBC x2	1,545.78		1,545.78		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Total Special Items	2,576.55	690.00	1,886.55	1,316.34	1,886.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				58,007.20	57,744.02
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)				863.56	4,132.53
		2022	2023		
CIO charity account opening balance	72141.81	£72,023.22			
CIO charity account closing balance	72023.22	£76,311.86			
Expenditure up by/(reduced)	4,584.30	(263.18)			
Giving up by/(reduced) Does not include special offerings	-£ 13,450.28	£ 3,005.79	£8,489.72 credit from HMRC gift aid claim 1/04/21 - 31/3/22		
Part year new CIO					

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