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Mickfield Evangelical Church (MEC) Trustees Annual Report (TAR)
(Financial year end 31st Dec 2022)

For the period 01/01/22—31/12/22

The legal structure of the charity known as ‘Mickfield Evangelical Church’ is:
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with charity number: 1190791.

The charity is currently a shell, until assets have been transferred from the old unincorporated charity to the new CIO, pending the necessary legal arrangements undertaken by Edward Connor Solicitors.

The address and principal office of the charity is:

Mickfield Evangelical Church
Stonham Road
Mickfield
Suffolk
IP14 5LS

The trustees are the following:

Following registration of the CIO on 10/08/22 all of the following trustees were appointed with effect from 02/09/22.

Only Mr Richard James Tearle is employed by the church as full-time pastor.

Chair/pastor/trustee: Richard James Tearle

Trustee: Kevin Catto

Trustee: Gareth James Hart

Trustee: Richard James Hart

Trustee/Secretary: David Felix Wilding

The governing document of MEC CIO is:

The CG3 Church Constitution as provided by Edward Connor Solicitors. The Church Handbook sits alongside the Church Constitution, is consistent with it, and sets out in more detail how the church functions. The Handbook includes our Basis of Faith, Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements.

The purpose and objects of the charity are as found in the Church Constitution:

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Stowmarket and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;

Provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time.

The work of the year:

Seeking to cast a positive, outward-looking vision we made 2021 a 'year of prayer for lost people' with the intention that 2022 would be a 'year of evangelism to lost people'.

2022 was marked by all our usual emphases: pastoral care, the functioning of our 'Growth Groups', our commitment to work with children and young people both within the church (creche, Sunday School, Friday Club) and outside the church. In addition to this we learnt together, in our Sunday Services, from Revelation 1-3, Leviticus 1-6, the book of Nehemiah and John's Gospel. Nehemiah helped us as we sought to rebuild church life. John's Gospel raises the question: "Want Life?" and indeed a couple of people found new life in Jesus, during this series which spanned into 2023. During our evening services we learnt from Habakkuk (on 'living in the meantime'), 2 Peter (on being fruitful), Psalms 15-25 (on the slog of life) and we began to consider some of the so-called "Respectable Sins". Christmas 2022 centred around the theme of: Hopes and Fears. We saw how these are all met and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

As part of the year of evangelism we received training in how to share our faith with our friends. We also held the 'Forgiveness' event, interviewing Tamar Pollard. We held two successful craft events. We also engaged with the local community of Mickfield village through the Jubilee service held outdoors at St. Andrews and led by our Pastor. We had a successful and helpful elders "away day". We also held our annual Harvest Service and Light Party for local children in October. We held a Remembrance Sunday Service around the theme of "1942: 80 years on", as 1942 was the turning point in the war and Jesus, who

sacrificed his life for many, is the turning point of history. We held a Christmas Quiz, the usual services (as above) and a new "Carols Closer to Christmas" which was a busy evening carol service, well attended by guests. We were heartened to see, during 2022, the official launch of the Suffolk Gospel Partnership.

We also began to consider our ongoing 80%+ full 'good problem', a problem of managing growth in the church. Additionally, we encouraged the church to pray, think, plan and build 'Gospel Gateways'. These were to be ways for people outside the Christian faith to come into our building, into contact with us, to receive a warm welcome and free hospitality, and to explore the Christian Faith and Jesus Christ himself. Additionally these events were intended to meet felt social needs regarding isolation, loneliness and the "Winter Warm Spaces" initiative prompted by the UK-wide cost of living challenges.

This is all in accord with the requirement that we be for the Public Benefit.

We seek to meet this Public Benefit requirement in the following way:

There are three main identifiable benefits to the public or sections of the public that flow from the church fulfilling its purposes.

1. Those who come to know and continue in the love of God report that accepting the love of God in Jesus Christ was the best decision they ever made and that knowing this love gives them strength in their everyday life.
2. Advancing the Christian Faith promotes a moral framework. This framework is outlined in the Bible, the Old Testament being interpreted by the New Testament. A summary of the framework is the command for people to love God with their heart, soul, mind and strength and love one's neighbour as oneself. An exposition of the framework can be found in chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew. Church members are encouraged to live out their faith within the community and to put this moral framework into practice in their everyday lives with everyone they interact with and so this benefits the members of the public who interact with members of the congregation each day.
3. It is for the public good that the main beliefs of the Christian Faith are made known in society, even if people disagree with the Christian message, because this enables people to make informed choices concerning religious belief and contributes towards a free society where different ideas and beliefs are widely known by the public.

In these ways, to name a few, our charitable objects and purposes promote and pursue human flourishing, the common good and the public benefit.

Financial Review

The income of the church is made up the generous regular and spontaneous giving of church members and the Gift Aid which often accompanies this.

Considering the finances over the last 4 years or so we have seen God's generous provision for us. We've seen the regular online financial giving double and hold at that level. Great Blakenham Baptist Church continue to contribute 75% of the total cost of Michael Lawrence. MEC continues to employ both Michael Lawrence and Richard Tearle. We are encouraged by the church finances as they stand but are looking for the regular giving to continue to increase to meet the needs of the gospel work: "ministry costs money".

Reserves Policy

The church has a Building Fund. The church has typically not built up major reserves. However, the trustees will give consideration to a Reserves Policy. Three areas seem particularly pertinent: 1) reserves to cover 3 months expenditure, 2) reserves towards the needs of our building, especially given our numerical growth, and 3) reserves towards the deployment of additional gospel workers.

Regarding this latter need we have decided to create a 'Development Fund', within our savings account, to enable us to build a fund towards the employment of a gospel worker in a training role here at Mickfield in the future.

We hereby confirm that we, as trustees, have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that our purposes and practices meet the requirements as above.

Trustees Approval and Signatures:



Mr Richard James Tearle

(Trustee/Pastor/Chair)



Mr David Felix Wilding

(Trustee/Secretary)

Mickfield Evangelical Church

Charity Number: 1190791

End of Year Report and Financial
Statements

For the period: 1 January 2022 – 31
December 2022

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Legal and Administrative Information

Address:

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Mickfield
Stowmarket
IP14 5LS

Trustees:

Richard James Tearle
Kevin Catto
Gareth James Hart
Richard James Hart
David Felix Wilding

Bankers:

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Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds To the nearest £	Restricted Funds To the nearest £	Endowment Funds To the nearest £	Total Funds To the nearest £	Last Year To the nearest £
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Receipts

Online giving	-	-	-	-	-
Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-

Payments

Children and youth	-	-	-	-	-
Books	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and internet	-	-	-	-	-
Licences and subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Wages and salaries	-	-	-	-	-
Visiting speakers	-	-	-	-	-
Online ministry/website	-	-	-	-	-
Church events/food and drink	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Travelling expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	-	-
Water	-	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable donations	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-

Surplus/Deficit

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Balance brought forward

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Balance carried forward

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds To the nearest £	Restricted Funds To the nearest £	Endowment Funds To the nearest £	Last Year To the nearest £
Assets				
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Plant and machinery	-	-	-	-
Current account	-	-	-	-
Savings account	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total assets	-	-	-	-
Liabilities				
PAYE liability	-	-	-	-
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Net wages control	-	-	-	-
Pension liability	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-
Balance sheet total	-	-	-	-

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

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Mr Richard James Tearle

(Trustee/Pastor/Chair)

D. Wilding

Mr David Felix Wilding

(Trustee/Secretary)