

Newtown Evangelical Church CIO
Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO

Charity Registration 1193768

Statement of Financial Affairs

for the Period ended
31st March 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction:

The Trustees of the church are the elders. They have the responsibility to ensure that the church, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, fulfils the purposes laid down in its Constitution and in a way that is consistent with the Church Handbook. To that end the Trustees are required to produce an Annual Report to report on what activities the church has conducted in seeking to fulfil those objectives. This document is in the public domain.

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Newtown Evangelical Church or Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd

Registered Charity Number: 1193768

For the period beginning on 10/3/21 and ending on 31/03/22¹

Charity Address: Newtown Evangelical Church, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1HL

Governance Documents: Constitution adopted by the Church Members on 17th February 2021 and approved and registered by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, and Church Handbook which was approved by the Church Members on 17th February 2021

Objects of the Charity: According to the Constitution (Section 3), "The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys 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 in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook."

Section 2: Trustees and Governance

Trustees consisting of

- Elders: Ben Christofides, Tim Gill, Geraint Jones (until 31.12.21), Owain Jones, Dan Owen, Lloyd Pritchard and Gareth Pugh.

Section 3. Activities and Achievements

- According to our constitution the first purpose of the church is "the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood".
- Throughout the period we have met twice a week on a Sunday for corporate worship. Throughout the period when we have been holding services in the building we have provided a private live-stream of the services on our YouTube channel, so that those of our congregation who were prevented from attending

¹ The application to become a CIO was approved by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, so this report is taking that as the commencement of the CIO. However the church continued to operate under the auspices of the old charity until 31st December 2021. All the assets of the old charity were transferred to this charity on 1st January 2022, at which point the church started operating as a CIO. This report is therefore relates to the activity of the charity from 1st January 2022 until 31st March 2022. When the phrase "this period" is used in the report it refers to these three months.

because of concerns about the pandemic, or are otherwise “housebound” might benefit from the services. These meetings contain praise of God. At the centre of them has been the systematic exposition of Scripture, with a sermon series on the book of Acts continuing and a series on the book of Daniel. We have continued to give prayer a central place in those meetings, believing that the Christian faith can only be advanced through a prayerful dependence on God.

We have held weekly midweek meetings. Some of these meeting are held on the church premises on a Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible Study (or to hear reports of missions work). Twice monthly “Home Groups” have continued over these months. We have celebrated the Lord’s Supper on a fortnightly basis. We have continued to hold two prayer meetings each week (online using Zoom), and one in the building, to pray specifically for the salvation of sinners and the restoration of backsliders and for the strengthening of those who are struggling in their faith. We have also held regular prayer meetings prior to our Sunday services to seek God’s blessing on the services.

We thank God that we have held a baptismal service in which two people were baptised.

- The Elders (trustees) have sought to consistently lead the church in such a way that all our teaching and practise is in accord with the Word of God. We do this through the regular preaching and teaching ministry, and through regular Elders’ Meetings at which we seek to apply the teaching of the Bible to the issues facing the church. We have been supported in this by the Deacons who have been delegated the responsibility to oversee many practical areas of the life of the church. These decisions are subject to further scrutiny at Church Members’ meetings which have been held throughout the year. By God’s grace we believe that we are a church that is preserved from serious error, but recognise that we can never be complacent in this regard. During the period a former elder, Geraint Jones, who was also one of the founding members of the church, was called home to be with his Lord. We are very thankful to God for his faithful service over many years. We are also thankful for the provision of two more deacons, Dan Stachura and David Owen, who were appointed during this period. One of our deacons, Dan Crowe, has moved with his wife to Welshpool Community Church to support the work of that young church. This is in support of our aims as a church.
- In our endeavour to advance the Christian faith we have run a new Evangelistic course, “Hope Explored”, and have sought to acquaint the church with the course by following it in our Home Groups with the prayer that this would equip members to invite friends along to future courses. We have also run a Hot Potato evening, where a speaker was invited to talk about a controversial subject with the aim both of defending the faith before those from outside the church and also of equipping members to speak about their faith to others.
- One of the strengths of the church has been the work amongst children and young people. Classes for providing age-appropriate Bible teaching for children take place within our morning services. On Friday evenings there are clubs for primary aged children and high school aged children. These have been very well attended throughout the period with any up to about 150 attending the two clubs. In this way we have had much opportunity to advance the Christian faith among these age groups. They all meet charitable purposes (our other aim) by providing leisure activities for youth which are greatly appreciated in our local community. Additionally, Bible studies for boys and girls have been run on a weekly basis so that those in the Youth Club who wish to find out more about the Christian faith can do so. Our Parents and Toddlers group (attended by 60-70) also meets a need amongst parents of young children, and indeed for the young children themselves. There is also some Christian teaching provided at a suitable level to these very young children.
- Our interest in advancing the Christian faith beyond our area has been widespread. Two of our members, together with their children, have continued to serve in another country. Another couple have been serving in Cyprus particularly among two particularly disadvantaged communities. Another couple are actively

investigating where the Lord would have them seek to plant a church in south west Shropshire – an area currently without a gospel proclaiming, Bible teaching church. During the period we have also heard from speakers on a monthly basis who assist us in playing our part in the advancement of the Christian faith across the world. We have continued a monthly prayer meeting specifically devoted to praying for the missionaries we have particular links with.

- We have expressed our co-operation, in the work of advancing the Christian faith, with other Churches who embrace the evangelical faith in a variety of ways. For example, at a national level we have continued to be linked to the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and through them with Affinity. These links arise from a desire to further partner with other churches in reaching Wales, England and Scotland with the gospel. We have continued to seek to express our fellowship with other Christians and churches who suffer persecution for their faith across the world in a variety of ways. In particular, we have a formal link with Open Doors (a Christian charity which supports the persecuted church) to help us to be informed about the needs and also practical ways of expressing our fellowship with such Christians and churches.

Section 4: Policies

- Reserves policy: To have reserves amounting to approximately £60,000 which the managing trustees consider to be an appropriate level of general reserve, being sufficient to cover at least 8 months expenditure.
- Grant-making policy: We do not make grants.
- Investments selection policy: The Managing Trustees have adopted a low risk approach to investments, as we require access to funds on a short term basis, so deposit accounts bearing the maximum interest with the minimum length of term commitment are used.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- they have approved the report above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Gareth Pugh (Chairman of Trustees)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO, Charity Number 1193768.

I report on the accounts of the Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO for the Period ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Woodbridge.

Alan Woodbridge MIC

Date: 8th August 2022

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Registered in Wales
Company Registration Number

Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the Period Ended 31.3.2022

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS £
INCOME	1 e			
General Fund Donations (inc Gift Aid)		27,240		27,240
Restricted Funds Donations (inc Gift Aid)			11,151	11,151
Interest Received		2		2
		<u>27,242</u>	<u>11,151</u>	<u>38,393</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Salary & Pension Costs		17,935		17,935
Travel and Conference Expenses		660		660
Visiting Preachers		720		720
Outreach (inc Young Peoples Work)		97		97
Literature		526		526
Total Ministry Costs		<u>19,937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,937</u>
AWM / Missionary Support		1,669	131	1,800
Welshpool Community Church			7,460	7,460
Graingers			298	298
South Shropshire			61	61
SAT7			125	125
Benevolent Fund				0
SGA (Ukraine)		544	1,531	2,075
Total Mission Support		<u>2,213</u>	<u>9,606</u>	<u>11,818</u>
Insurance		1,669		1,669
Water Rates		63		63
Light and Heat		1,192		1,192
Repairs and Maintenance		2,564		2,564
Total Property Expenses		<u>5,488</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,488</u>
A/V		2,414	625	3,039
Photocopying and Stationery		239		239
Communications		171		171
Subscriptions and Licences		136		136
Independent Examination of Accounts		450		450
Bank Charges		9		9
Total Office Costs		<u>3,418</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>4,043</u>
Total Expenditure		31,056	10,231	41,287
Net Income / (expenditure) for the Year		-3,814	920	-2,894
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>				
Funds transferred from antecedent organisation		81,218	24,069	105,287
Funds carried forward		<u>77,404</u>	<u>24,988</u>	<u>102,393</u>

Newtown Evangelical Church

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Statement of Financial Activities

BALANCE SHEET

	NOTES	As at 31.3.2022	
		£	£
Fixed Assets	1 (i)		-
Current Assets			
Debtors	2	6,091	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		96,301	
		<u>102,393</u>	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year		0	
Net Current and Total Assets			<u>102,393</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted General Fund	3	77,404	
Restricted Funds	4	24,988	
			<u>102,393</u>

Notes to the Statement of Financial Affairs for Period Ended 31.3.2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102))*, the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)*.

Newtown Evangelical Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Legal status of the Charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Though the period of the Accounts is longer than 3 months, the Income and Expenditure relates to the 3 months from 1st January to 31st March 2022. The CIO took over the Assets of the Antecedent organisation which was an unincorporated association.

(c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about Newtown Evangelical Church's ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are funds of the charity restricted for specific purposes.

(e) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Donations, grants and gifts are recognised when receivable. Income from Gift Aid tax reclaims for any donations with relevant Gift Aid certificates is recognised in income for the year. Any amounts of Gift Aid not received by the year-end are accounted for in income and accrued income in debtors.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or

the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(f) Donated goods and services

No adjustment has been made for donated services or facilities as they are not regarded as material this year.

(g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(h) Volunteers

The value of the services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

(i) Fixed assets

Fixed Assets were transferred from the Antecedent Organisation with no value attributed to them due to their previously reporting Accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. An accurate figure of the value of Fixed Assets which largely consists of freehold land and buildings is not available. The trustees do not consider there is any value in paying for a valuation of these assets at present.

(j) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included with the associated staff costs. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

2 Debtors and Prepayments

Consists entirely of Gift Aid Claim.

3 Unrestricted General Funds

Reserves amount to approximately 7 months of current general fund expenditure.

Newtown Evangelical Church

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For the Period Ended 31.3.2022

Note 4 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Transfer from Antecedent Organisation £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance £
Welshpool	20,144	6,013	7,460	18,697
Graingers	298	1,165	298	1,165
AWM / Missionary Support		131	131	0
Benevolent	2,992	75		3,067
Camp	480	1,560		2,040
SAT7	125		125	0
South Shropshire	30	50	61	20
SGA (Ukraine)		1,531	1,531	0
A/V Equipment		625	625	0
	24,069	11,151	10,231	24,988