

Southam Community Church
Annual Trustees Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Coventry Street
Southam
Warwickshire CV47 0EP

Charity number 516060

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2020 To 31st December 2020

Charity name: Southam Community Church

Charity registration number: 516060

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	THE CHARITY EXISTS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL, THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF GOD AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE, THE CARE OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLE AND THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN HARDSHIP, DISTRESS, OLD AGE OR SICKNESS. THE CHARITY CONDUCTS CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY AND MAKES GRANTS TO FURTHER CHRISTIAN WORK IN ASIA AND AFRICA.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	The main activities and achievements of the charity are detailed in the Trustees Annual Report below.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity held £195,188 of monetary assets at the end of the period under review.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to be able to continue with a full-time ministry during any hiatus in fundraising, and to provide for future expansion.
Payments to Trustees	During the year one Trustee received an honorarium of £1,000.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	The charity is constituted under a Trust Deed dated 16th January 1985.
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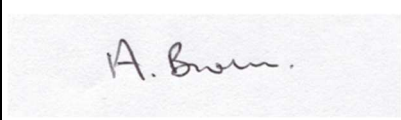
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity


	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Brian Goodwin			
2	Miss Janette Ebanks	Chair		
3	Mrs Brenda Goodwin			
4	Mrs Wendy Hancock			
5	Mr Anthony Brown	Treasurer		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony Brown	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee, Treasurer	
Date	29/10/21	

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Southam Community Church			516060		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date		
		01/01/20		31/12/20		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Gifts & Donations	22,616	-	-	22,616	53,009	
Gifts for distribution	9,545	-	-	9,545	2,547	
Gift aid tax reclaimed	20,571	-	-	20,571	-	
Interest on cash deposits	224	-	-	224	364	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,956	-	-	52,956	55,920	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-		-	-	-	
	-		-	-	-	
Sub total	-		-	-	-	
Total receipts	52,956		-	52,956	55,920	
A3 Payments						
Salaries	2,170	-	-	2,170		
Gifts to missions	11,065	-	-	11,065	19,075	
Resident ministry gifts	290	-	-	290	700	
Gifts to individuals	-	-	-	-	-	
Utility costs	2,892	-	-	2,892	5,569	
Insurance & fees	893	-	-	893	965	
General maintenance	1,552	-	-	1,552	1,092	
Repairs to equipment	337	-	-	337	2,639	
Purchases of equipment	-	-	-	-	-	
Telephone	854	-	-	854	1,216	
Printing, postage & stationery	39	-	-	39	734	
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	
Outreach	6,000	-	-	6,000	727	
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	288	
Legal & professional fees	324	-	-	324	75	
Sundry expenses	682	-	-	682	780	
Honoraria	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	
Sub total	28,098	-	-	28,098	33,860	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Equipment	522	-	-	522	549	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	522	-	-	522	549	
Total payments	28,620	-	-	28,620	34,409	
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,336	-	-	24,336	21,511	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	170,852	-	-	170,852	149,341	
Cash funds this year end	195,188	-	-	195,188	170,852	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty cash	412	-	
	HSBC Current A/c	6,504	-	
	HSBC Deposit A/c	182,866	-	
	Coventry BS	5,406	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	195,188	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Equipment		1,517	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	A. Brown	Anthony Brown		29/10/21

Trustees Annual Return 2020
Southam Community Church
Year ending 31st December 2020

This has been a year of unprecedented change due to Covid-19.

The pandemic has presented particular challenges to church congregations in the UK. Issues such as increased difficulty in meeting together, concerns about social distancing, access to healthcare and access to information have contributed to a sense for many of a loss of independence, greater isolation and a reduced sense of wellbeing.

The impact of the pandemic on the churches has been severe with them having to close their doors during the lockdown period.

At times like this, it seems that organisations which hunker down waiting for the storm to pass fare worse in the long term. Those that are able to adapt, embracing new opportunities and taking risks, tend to be the ones who are strengthened and even thrive through such uncertain times. As a Christian organisation, Southam Community church has its hope in a much more solid foundation than the realities of our circumstances and our own ability to respond. We believe in a God who calls us forward, to be bold and courageous as well as being good stewards of all the gifts and resources he has given us. We have faith in a God who will supply what we need for the work he has called us to and who at times will allow hardship to challenge and shape us.

The ability to be agile and adapt rapidly to the changing needs of our congregation and the community environment in which we operate, therefore becomes increasingly key to survival.

One silver lining of Covid is that it appears to have driven a very real growth in the use of digital technologies both in the general population and within the church. Many people have learnt new skills and taken the leap into the digital world which has opened up new resources for them.

The church was able to quickly respond to the pandemic lockdown situation and started regular Zoom based services to maintain social connection with the majority of the congregation who were able to connect. We also had several other Christians who were unable to attend their own local services join with us on a regular basis. Those who were not able to join us on Zoom were provided with regular telephone contact.

We were also able to continue our outreach programme by creating regular weekly video messages that were sent out via Facebook, email and Twitter

The Trustees have all remained in place and have been a great encouragement to the church leadership. David Hadley, an existing church member, became a Trustee during the year and brings a wealth of health and safety knowledge to the Trustee board.

Keith Batstone, the original minister, and Tony Brown have been leading the church and have continued to work towards providing a succession programme for the leadership. We were able to identify and appoint James Williams as our new Associate Minister in October 2020.

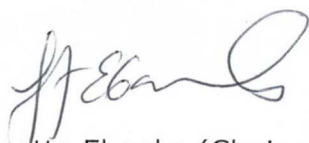
Our other regular face to face activities (Wednesday afternoon services, wellbeing group, children's club, parents and tots as well as business breakfasts etc.) have been temporarily suspended during the pandemic.

We are members of the Combined Churches in Southam and took a leading part in the virtual Easter Good Friday march on Zoom which was well attended by folks from all the churches.

During 2020 we have continued our on-going support for Nagaland Bible College, World of Worth, John Nkanda in Tanzania and the work of Ebenezer

At the end of a challenging year there has been a real strengthening of faith within the church and the online Sunday services have helped keep people together.

We look forward to God's blessing on the church in 2021 as we acknowledge God's direction for the fellowship and start to emerge from lockdown conditions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Ebanks', with a stylized, flowing script.

Janette Ebanks (Chair of Trustees)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southam Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Southam Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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.

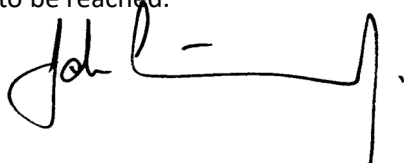
Independent examiner's statement

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.

Signed:



Name: John K Starley FCA

Address: Moonrakers, Back Lane, Birdingbury, Rugby, CV23 8EN

Date: 29/10/21