

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Broadway, Sheerness,
Kent ME12 1TP

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Registered Charity Number 1040881

Community Church Sheppey
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2019

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COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY – REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For the year ended 31 December 2019

TRUSTEES

Mr Paul Norris
Miss Sue Johnson
Mr Phil Martin
Mr James Bancroft

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Trustees report a deficit of payments over receipts of **£6,924.67** (2018 – Surplus of £6,804.11).

Community Church Sheppey continues to be committed to “advancing the Christian religion by declaring Christ and promoting Christian commitment and discipleship.”

The congregation of Community Church Sheppey regularly meet together every week to worship, study the Bible and proclaim the word. There is usually a morning and evening service at the church as well as regular mid-week meetings held in homes around the island. Through these meetings, the church receives high quality teaching and pastoral care as well as occasional outside speakers.

The church continues to be a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches which has provided advice and support. The church was represented at both Regional and National Conferences. The Pastor has also represented Community Church Sheppey at the quarterly meetings of the Kent Gospel Partnership focussing on Christian mission in Kent and training and equipping church members. A number of ladies from the church also attended the Kent Gospel Partnership Women’s Conference in October. Bible teaching programmes such as ‘Life Explored’ and ‘Discipleship explored’ ensure a sound understanding of the Christian faith and there is the chance to develop committed friendships and welcome people who are new to the church or area. There is also now a permanent book stand in the church which provides free books and leaflets on a variety of topics both theological and practical.

Children and young people have their own regular Sunday School which now serves over 30 children and seeks to explain the gospel of Jesus to all ages through drama, DVDs, song, games and other activities. The older children also met regularly throughout the year which provided them with Christian social events such as a Bonfire Night party. This year, a primary school came to Community Church Sheppey to look at the church as part of their RE curriculum studies and the Pastor visited a school to speak on the church’s involvement in the local community. In addition to the church’s children’s nativity event and community carol service, members from the church presented the Christmas story through bible readings and carol singing at a local club for adults with physical disabilities.

A continuing strong partnership with Seashell’s Children Centre sees the delivery of two weekly groups for young children and their families to facilitate learning through play. The Seashell’s nurse also held their annual Christmas themed event in the church which was well attended by local families. Community Church Sheppey hosts a twice-weekly food bank for people in the community with financial difficulties. We also collect tinned and non-perishable items for the food bank.

This year, a member of the congregation trained as a Debt coach with Christians Against Poverty and Community Church Sheppey now contributes towards the running of a local Debt Centre which offers free advice and help for local people who are struggling with debt.

The church once again played host to a local group, called Care4Christmas, who use the church hall to host Christmas and Boxing Day meals and provide company for many people who would otherwise have been on their own at this time. They also give support in terms of food parcels and help with heating costs to local families. Many of the congregation of Community Church are heavily involved in this and the work of CAP was also promoted. Shoeboxes full of essential items were collected for local homeless people.

The summer saw the return of the Beach Mission Team to Sheppey and several of their members joined with us for our services. We had the pleasure of listening to them share their testimonies and speaking to us from the Bible.

Our overseas ministry in Uganda continues and support is offered to churches, schools and orphanages. Members and friends of Community Church support 40 children, providing them with their school fees and we also regularly send the money needed for teacher's wages, and extra projects for the upkeep of two schools. A particular collection was made in memory of a member of the congregation who passed away this year and money was also sent for medical needs and to enable them to host Christmas events for disadvantaged children and meals for the poorest families in the surrounding villages. One Trustee regularly visits the area to work in partnership with the churches there to best target the financial support.

We also raised money to help with the disaster relief in Malawi, Open Doors and Chosen people Ministries. Shoeboxes for children in desperate circumstances overseas were also collected for Christmas.

Many regulars also visit us for our monthly HeBrews coffee morning. It is open to the community in Sheerness as well as to church members.

In addition to the routine maintenance and improvement works we had external works to the front of the building and external repainting of windows.. A structural survey was also carried out which has identified more repairs needed in the next few years.

RISK REVIEW

The Trustees have implemented a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the risks which the charity may face, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialize.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted reserves held by the charity should be about 12 months of expenditure which equates to about £60,000. The Trustees are aware of several major areas of expenditure due as highlighted by the structural survey.

This report was approved by the Trustees on (Date)
and signed on their behalf.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity 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: Roy M Holland BSc(Econ) FCA
For and on behalf of Holland Harper LLP
26 High Street
Battle
TN33 0EA

Date

Community Church Sheppey
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gift Aided Giving (general)	26,559.00	29,309.85
Collection for Ugandan Projects	9,958.02	12,049.35
Tax Refund	9,957.17	10,366.88
Offerings and Donations	8,477.75	5,681.31
Small Gift Aided Donations	1,090.82	0.00
Collections for Specific causes	3,511.65	658.12
Collection for India Projects	0.00	464.86
Interest	19.87	20.65
	<u>59,574.28</u>	<u>58,551.02</u>
Less Payments (See page 7)	<u>66,498.95</u>	<u>51,746.91</u>
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u>-6,924.67</u>	<u>6,804.11</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Freehold land and buildings at cost	150,635.00	150,635.00
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank	68,649.15	86,624.77
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	219,284.15	237,259.77
Less: Mortgage – HSBC	23,178.77	34,229.72
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>196,105.38</u>	<u>203,030.05</u>
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>		
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
As at 1 January 2019	203,030.05	196,225.94
Add surplus/less deficit for year as above	-6,924.67	6,804.11
	<u>196,105.38</u>	<u>203,030.05</u>
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The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 5 to 7 for the year ended 31 December 2019 are approved by the Trustees.

Signed by 2 trustees on

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31December 2019

1. With the exception of the freehold land and buildings, these accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Community Church Sheppey also owns furniture, fixtures and equipment with an insured value of £65,000 (2018 - £65,000).

3. STAFF COSTS

There was one employee during the year, Paul Norris, a Trustee, who was employed as Pastor under the authority of the trust deed, as follows:

	2019	2018
Remuneration and Social security Costs	£ 10,404	£ 10,364
	£10,404	£10,364

No expenses were reimbursed to any trustee.

Payments	2019	2018
Catering	1,551.21	376.97
Copyright, Insurance, Legal and Professional	1,193.54	3,732.04
Insurance	2,017.83	Included above
EA, FIEC ,conference and training costs	2,175.25	2,947.60
Gifts for the needy	535.53	376.53
Gifts and collections for specific causes	2,298.12	1,057.11
India	0.00	1000.00
Resources including CAP	1,570.91	293.35
Mortgage Interest	949.05	1,236.38
Office and publicity	698.39	824.95
Refurbishment of premises & equipment	19,914.69	8,850.07
Staff remuneration.	10,404.00	10,364.08
Services	7,053.75	4,977.28
Uganda	15,021.60	14,403.80
Youth and Children's work	1,115.08	1,306.75
Totals	66,498.95	51,746.91