

Whiteshill Evangelical Church

(Registered Charity No 1174209)

Annual Report

End of Year Financial Statements

31st December 2020



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Administrative Information

Whiteshill Evangelical Church (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation and Registered Charity No 1174209) is situated at Whiteshill, Bristol Road, Hambrook, Bristol, BS16 1SD in the parish of Winterbourne.

Registered Number: Whiteshill Evangelical Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under Registered Charity no 1174209 on 10th August 2017. All assets and liabilities were transferred to the CIO from the former Whiteshill Evangelical Church on 30th November 2017 and the two charities merged.

Governing Documentation: Constitution adopted by the membership of Whiteshill Evangelical Church, dated 22nd June 2017 and approved by The Charity Commission on 10th August 2017; Handbook containing the Rules & Regulations of the Church and adopted by the members on 22nd June 2017 with amendments adopted on 21st June 2018. We adhere to the Statement of Faith as set out by the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Trustees:

The Church Officers who are the Pastor, Elders and Deacons, are also Trustees of the Church. The following have all served as trustees during 2020: -

Paul Davies (Treasurer)
Martin Kemp

Robert Gardener (Secretary)
Martyn Nash

David Horton (Pastor)
Colin Stokes

Only those members whose spiritual life meets the Scriptural standards are eligible to be appointed an Officer. The Pastor is appointed at a Special Church Business meeting especially called for this purpose and is by secret ballot. The appointment is without time limit.

The Elders are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will normally serve for a period of five years, after which time they must either retire or be re-appointed.

The Deacons are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will generally serve for a period of three years, after which time they must either retire or be re-appointed.

The Trustees must hold at least four trustee meetings in a twelve-month period but, in reality, meetings are generally held every month.

Objectives and Activities

Whiteshill Evangelical Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and adheres to its Basis of Faith. The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Hambrook in the parish of Winterbourne and the surrounding neighbourhood; also such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, 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 community facilities.

The Church Officers and Members are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have regard to it in their administration of the Church. They believe that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Pastor and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the church, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Review of activities and achievements:

The year 2020 has been difficult and unusual, as it has for all churches but we have been able to continue providing a regular morning service as allowed within the Government's guidelines and rules, including a short period during the second lockdown when we streamed our service from the church without a congregation being allowed to enter. It was pleasing to see that the Government did relent to the pressures put upon it by Church Leaders all around the country and, after a brief period of total closure, allow churches to reopen with services being conducted within Social Distancing regulations. The Chapel will comfortably accommodate between 30 and 35 people socially distanced and there is room for around 12 people in the rear schoolroom which now has a large TV screen installed with suitable sound. A new screen has been installed in the chapel along with all the necessary technology to enable our services to be streamed to YouTube for people to watch "live" or pick up later on. We have a good following on this facility. Singing is not allowed but we do manage to follow the words as the hymns/songs are played on piano and organ with a small singing group of three people at the front. Our thanks go to those supportive people who help to run these services and who have given a great deal of time to instal and operate the necessary equipment.

Currently, we provide just one service each Sunday morning although, regretfully, JAM and EPIC are not able to meet as usual. There have been two Bible Study/Prayer meetings held on some Tuesday evenings, but we have decided now to put these in abeyance until the Covid situation improves. Our Deacons/Trustees continue with their regular meetings either in the "Upper Schoolroom", socially distanced or by using Zoom facilities.

Covid-19 has stopped the two choirs from rehearsing in the schoolroom and also the local Hambrook Probus Club has cancelled all their meetings until further notice as also has the local model railway society, Tea from Two, the annual Light Party, Bonfire & fireworks night and our highly successful "Carols in the Car Park". We earnestly pray that as 2021 progresses all these activities will be able to restart again. Also, all other ad hoc meetings such as the men's film night have been cancelled. However, through our website (www.whiteshill.com) and our YouTube services we continue to spread the Christian Gospel Message far and wide and from the feedback received we feel that we are doing a worthwhile job. Our Pastor, David Horton has continued to provide two regular messages each week, one of which he preaches in the morning, with those that wish following the second message in their own time. All these messages plus a weekly prayer list and ad hoc notices are conveyed to the Whiteshill Membership and Congregation by regular emails.

During the year at the request of a member, who also provided a donation, a new Welfare Fund was opened for the purpose of assisting members and those of our regular congregation in times of exceptional emergencies and hardship. Grants from this Fund would be at the discretion of the Pastor and Deacons. The fund was "topped up" from church resources and now stands at £600.

Our Pastor, David Horton, has now entered his eighth year of his ministry at Whiteshill. The church has benefited from his systematic teaching from various books of the Bible as well as his role in leading and overseeing the worship and other activities of the church, especially by providing written copies of his messages each week. We have only had one visiting preacher plus a second who sent in his pre-recorded message for us to play in the service. Home visits by David and his wife, Hazel, have, this year been very sparse, due to restrictions, but they have continued to regularly contact people by telephone which we know has been an encouragement for many people especially those that cannot get out at all. Despite the lockdowns and other restrictions, we have had several people visiting us throughout the year, unable to travel to their own regular churches and it is possible that they may continue to stay with us once the restrictions are lifted. However, we have been able to welcome two regular worshippers into our Church membership during the year.

Financial review: The financial report including the Receipts & Payments account and a summary of our cash assets is attached from which it can be seen that we have again, surprisingly, had a stable financial year ending with a surplus of £5272 income/expenditure on General Fund and a small overall deficit of expenditure/income totalling £456 on all funds. This is a great achievement for this year bearing in mind a long period of complete closure plus considerable spending of £4,200 on new carpeting plus £5,132 (net of LPOWGS grant of £1,026) on roof repairs from our Building Fund and Maintenance Fund. Whilst our cash offerings have reduced by £861, due to enforced closures, our standing order/on-line income from the membership and general congregation has increased by £1,733 a net increase of £872. A good number of our congregation have made alternative arrangements for their regular giving by using either standing orders or on-line banking facilities instead of our envelope scheme, which remains available, thus ensuring that our regular income through the offerings has been maintained. Our gifts to regular Missionary causes has remained at the same level as the previous year. As a result of this continued support through our offerings we have seen a very small reduction of only £456 in our cash asset balances being taken forward to 2021.

The Church Officers constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditure necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the properties in good condition. Although a substantial renovation programme was carried out to the building in 2016, it is recognised that, being a 200-year-old Grade II* Listed building, there will, from time to time, be the need for maintenance and repairs, the cost of which will have to be met from our General Reserves and, if necessary, special appeals. We have recently reviewed our Reserves Policy and aim to retain sufficient surplus funds to enable us to guarantee at least one year's stipendiary package for our Pastor and to ensure that we hold adequate funds to meet any unexpected expenditure required on the buildings.

The trustees have pleasure in presenting this report of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2020. The information set out above regarding the trust forms part of our report and the attached accounts are those of the church which we have prepared and were approved and adopted on 4th February 2021.

We look forward in anticipation to 2021 and seek the Lord's guidance and blessing as the church at Whiteshill continues Christian worship, witness, and community support in Hambrook and the surrounding area.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Robert Gardener
Secretary
7th March 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from donors	50,536	3,902	500	—	54,938	58,241
Income from Assets	120	9,638	—	—	9,758	10,018
Other ordinary incoming resources	100	—	—	—	100	1,607
Total incoming resources	50,756	13,541	500	—	64,797	69,867
Resources used						
Grants (Note 2)	—	7,100	—	—	7,100	5,798
Activities directly related to church work	43,702	10,430	—	—	54,132	55,005
Church management and administration	1,780	—	—	—	1,780	1,902
Other payments	—	2,239	—	—	2,239	5,645
Total resources used	45,483	19,769	—	—	65,253	68,352
Net income / (expenditure)	5,272	(6,228)	500	—	(456)	1,514
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	6,661	100	—	6,761	9,160
Gross transfers between funds - out	(1,761)	(5,000)	—	—	(6,761)	(9,160)
Net income / (expenditure)	3,511	(4,567)	600	—	(456)	1,514
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	3,511	(4,567)	600	—	(456)	1,514
Total funds brought forward	8,136	41,362	—	—	49,498	47,983
Total funds carried forward	11,647	36,794	600	—	49,042	49,498
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	11,647	—	—	—	11,647	8,136
Designated						
Building Fund	—	—	—	—	—	4,793
General Reserves	—	32,080	—	—	32,080	32,678
Missionary Fund	—	2,138	—	—	2,138	3,675
The Willows	—	2,575	—	—	2,575	215
Restricted						
Welfare Fund	—	—	600	—	600	—

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank Current 1 a/c -	1,659	246	—	—	1,905	2,925
Bank Current 2 a/c -	1,700	—	—	—	1,700	675
Business Reserve Account -	9,191	36,548	600	—	46,339	46,723
Totals	12,550	36,794	600	—	49,945	50,324
Liabilities - Provision for liabilities and charges due within one year						
NI - due from Employee -	392	—	—	—	392	391
Income Tax due -	510	—	—	—	510	434
Totals	903	—	—	—	903	825
Grand total	11,647	36,794	600	—	49,042	49,498

Notes to the Accounts:

1. These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts & Payments" basis.

2. **Missionary Fund (Designated Funds)**

Each week 10% of our Offering is allocated to the Missionary Fund, along with other specific donations, for eventual distribution to those Missionary causes which the Church has supported as follows:

Expenditure:	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Regular Donations:		
4H (Eric & Rosemary Barrett)	600-00	600-00
Crisis Centre	600-00	600-00
CTA	600-00	600-00
Hoveraid	600-00	600-00
MAF	1,000-00	1,000-00
SASRA	<u>600-00</u>	<u>600-00</u>
	<u>4,000-00</u>	<u>4,000-00</u>
Other Donations:		
Blytheswood Care	250-00	
Compass Braille	250-00	
Embrace the Middle East	500-00	
inHope (formerly Crisis Centre):		
Sunday visit	100-00	
Outdoor Carols – 2019		306-47
Fireworks Night		291-85
Spring of Hope vacuum		250-00
There is Hope Project		100-00
Medical Missionary News	250-00	
Dries & Marlee Volschenks – CEF		200-00
Peace & Hope Trust	250-00	
Peace & Hope maternity packs		100-00
Premier Christian Media Trust	250-00	
Tear Fund (Missionary Sunday)		200-00
Tear Fund (Tea from 2)	250-00	
Tear Fund (Special)	500-00	
TEN	250-00	100-00
TWAM	250-00	
TWAM – Van appeal		<u>250-00</u>
	<u>3,100-00</u>	<u>1,798-32</u>
Total Missionary Donations	<u>7,100-00</u>	<u>5,798-32</u>

3. Non-Monetary Assets

Freeholds:

Church Premises at Whiteshill, Bristol Road, Hambrook, built in 1816.

The building is currently insured for a sum of £3,034,953 (2019 - £2,863,163)
Fixtures, furniture and equipment at the Church premises are currently insured for £321,051.
(2019- £305,920)

Manse at 11 Penrose Drive, Bradley Stoke was purchased by the Church in December 2005 for £235,000.

The building is currently insured for a sum of £226,831 on a rebuilding basis.
(2019 - £218,253)

Leaseholds:


Flat 4 and Garage, The Willows, Marlborough Drive, Frenchay, Bristol, BS16 1PR was inherited by the Church in December 2012 being valued for Probate purposes at £140,000. A block buildings Insurance covering the block of flats known as The Willows is arranged by the Management Company. The Church currently lets this flat at a monthly rental of £800 and accumulated proceeds are periodically transferred to the General Fund for general use. The rent is due for review with effect from 1st January 2021.

Liabilities

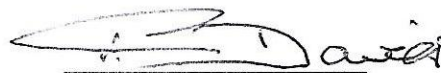
Owing to HMRC for Income Tax & National Insurance - due 22nd January 2021 - £903 (2020 – £826).

Adoption Resolution:

The foregoing summary Statement of Account was approved by the Church Officers (the Managing Trustees) of Whiteshill Evangelical Church held by Zoom meeting on 4th March 2021 and subsequently signed on 7th March 2021.


Chairman


Secretary


Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Whiteshill Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1174209

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

25/2/21

Name:

Norman Phillips

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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