

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Broadway, Sheerness,
Kent ME12 1TP

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the FELLOWSHIP of INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Registered Charity Number 1040881

Community Church Sheppey
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY – REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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 2020.

The Trustees report a surplus of receipts over payments of £33,825.27 (2019 – deficit of £6,924.67).

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. Up until March there was a morning and evening service at the church as well as regular mid-week meetings held in homes around the island. In March, however, everything had to change due to the Covid19 pandemic. The church quickly adapted to using a variety of social media platforms and delivered services via Zoom and Facebook. When restrictions allowed, these were combined with a small, socially distanced congregation in the church building so that the majority who wished to were able to participate in person or via the internet. The home groups and prayer meetings were also able to continue via zoom almost every week. Through these meetings, the church continued to receive high quality teaching and pastoral care as well as the opportunity to keep in touch with friends which was particularly helpful for those who were shielding.

The children also have their own regular Children’s Church event via the internet which seeks to explain the gospel of Jesus to children up to the age of 12 through videos, discussion, song, games and other activities.

The church continues to be a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches which has provided advice and support throughout the pandemic. Community Church Sheppey set up a group tasked with ensuring that all Government regulations and guidelines were adhered to and that the people and building remained as safe as possible. Many necessary items were purchased including a Perspex screen, hand sanitising stations, signage, masks and gloves. The Trustees have decided to commence the process of changing the governance of the charity to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The strong partnership with Seashell’s Children Centre which aims to see the delivery of two weekly groups for young children and their families to facilitate learning through play has had to be suspended due to government restrictions but Community Church Sheppey has been able to continue hosting a twice-weekly food bank for people in the community with financial difficulties. This service has also been extended during the lockdown to include daily access to the service via a telephone line and a team of volunteers able to deliver emergency food aid any day of the week.

The church has also been able to continue its services to those struggling with financial difficulties due to its partnership with Christians Against Poverty. A member of Community Church Sheppey is now the Debt Centre Manager for the Swale Debt centre which offers free advice and help for local people who are struggling with debt. This has been able to adapt and continue throughout the pandemic.

The church once again played host to a local group, called Care4Christmas. Although they had to radically change their approach due to restrictions, they were able to support hundreds of local families by giving out food parcels, presents and help with heating costs. Many of the congregation of Community Church are heavily involved in this and the work of CAP was also promoted.

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. Particular collections were made to help with medical bills for a dear friend of many of us and for repairs to a much needed vehicle. We also sent money at Christmas to enable them to host Christmas events for disadvantaged children and meals for the poorest families in the surrounding villages. Unfortunately, our regular visit to the country was not permitted to take place.

Shoebboxes full of gifts were collected for Samaritan's Purse to distribute to children across the world.

Many regulars also visited us for our monthly HeBrews coffee morning until March. Some social on-line events have also been held such as 'coffee mornings' and quizzes.

Major refurbishment works got underway this year and, although hampered by Covid19 restrictions, work has been booked in for 2021.

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 2020, 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 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gift Aided Giving (general)	30,071.00	26,559.00
Collection for Ugandan Projects	8,538.14	9,958.02
Tax Refund	8,912.56	9,957.17
Offerings and Donations	9,157.00	8,477.75
Small Gift Aided Donations	949.51	1,090.82
Collections for Specific causes	340.52	3,511.65
Collection for Building Project	10,577.69	0.00
Grants	3,500.00	0.00
Interest	19.95	19.87
	<u>72,066.37</u>	<u>59,574.28</u>
Less Payments (See page 7)	<u>38,241.10</u>	<u>66,498.95</u>
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u>33,825.27</u>	<u>-6,924.67</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Freehold land and buildings at cost	150,635.00	150,635.00
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank	90,978.24	68,649.15
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	241,613.24	219,284.15
Less: Mortgage – HSBC	11,682.59	23,178.77
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>229,930.65</u>	<u>196,105.38</u>
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>		
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
As at 1 January 2020	196,105.38	203,030.05
Add surplus/less deficit for year as above	33,825.27	-6,924.67
	<u>229,930.65</u>	<u>196,105.38</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 2020 are approved by the Trustees.

Signed by 2 trustees on

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31 December 2020

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 (2019 - £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:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Remuneration and Social security Costs	10,404	10,404
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	£10,404	£10,404
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No expenses were reimbursed to any trustee.

Payments	2020	2019
Catering	55.81	1,551.21
Copyright, Legal and Professional	4,664.59	1,193.54
Insurance	2,512.49	2,017.83
EA, FIEC ,conference, training and CAP	2,887.98	2,175.25
Gifts for the needy	74.29	535.53
Gifts and collections for specific causes	557.50	2,298.12
Resources (including CAP in 2019)	161.55	1,570.91
Mortgage Interest	503.82	949.05
Office and publicity	167.54	698.39
Refurbishment of premises & equipment	2,135.01	19,914.69
Staff remuneration.	10,404.00	10,404.00
Services	3,911.55	7,053.75
Uganda	10,146.75	15,021.60
Youth and Children's work	58.22	1,115.08
Totals	38,241.10	66,498.95