

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Broadway, Sheerness,
Kent ME12 1TP

affiliated to **fiec** 
the FELLOWSHIP of INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Registered Charity Number 1040881

Community Church Sheppey
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY – REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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 2021.

The Trustees report a deficit of receipts over payments of £19,316.26 (2020 – surplus of £33,825.27).

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 gospel. Due to on-going Covid-19 restrictions and extra precautions taken to protect vulnerable members of the congregation, the church has been meeting weekly in the church building during 2021 but also streaming the services via Zoom. The mid-week meetings also take place via zoom as does the weekly Children’s Church which is attended regularly by 6 – 12 children. In this meeting the leaders seek to explain the gospel of Jesus to children up to the age of 12 through videos, discussion, song, games and other activities.

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 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.

The Trustees have continued the process of changing the governance of the charity to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This has incurred solicitor’s fees and is due to complete early in 2022.

The strong partnership between Seashell’s Children Centre and Community Church Sheppey has been able to continue as the church hosts 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 continued its services to those struggling with financial difficulties due to its partnership with Christians Against Poverty. A member of Community Church Sheppey is 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. They were able to support hundreds of local families by providing food and companionship at Christmas as well as 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 36 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 much needed repairs to the living accommodation of the children. 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 visits to the country have not been possible due to the pandemic.

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

Major refurbishment works continued this year with the church roof being completely replaced. Money for this major project has been saved over the years so that, although this year's figures show a deficit, there is still a healthy balance in the bank for further repairs and no loans or mortgage extensions had to be applied for.

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 other 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 2021, 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

Date

Community Church Sheppey
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December
2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gift Aided Giving (general)	28,676.20	30,071.00
Collection for Ugandan Projects	9,206.90	8,538.14
Tax Refund	11,187.43	8,912.56
Offerings and Donations	8,371.00	9,157.00
Small Gift Aided Donations	811.76	949.51
Collections for Specific causes	0.00	340.52
Collection for Building Project	4,012.27	10,577.69
Grants	0.00	3,500.00
Interest	3.44	19.95
	<u>62,269.00</u>	<u>72,066.37</u>
Less Payments (See page 7)	<u>81,585.26</u>	<u>38,241.10</u>
Surplus/deficit for the year	<u>- 19,316.26</u>	<u>33,825.27</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Freehold land and buildings at cost	150,635.00	150,635.00
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank		69,132.34
90,978.24		
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	219,767.34	241,613.24
Less: Mortgage - HSBC	9,152.95	11,682.59

<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>210,614.39</u>	<u>229,930.65</u>
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>		
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
As at 1 January 2021	229,930.65	196,105.38
Add surplus/less deficit for year as above	- 19,316.26	
33,825.27		
	<u>210,614.39</u>	<u>229,930.65</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 2021 are approved by the Trustees.

Signed by 2 trustees on

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31 December 2021

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 (2020 - £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:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Remuneration and Social security Costs	10,404	10,404.50
10,404		

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No expenses were reimbursed to any trustee.

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Payments	2021	2020
Catering	0.00	55.81
Copyright, Legal and Professional	4,776.74	4,664.59
Insurance	2,443.99	2,512.49
EA, FIEC ,conference, training and CAP	2,814.51	2,887.98
Gifts for the needy	190.83	74.29
Gifts and collections for specific causes	0.00	557.50
Resources	50.77	161.55
Mortgage Interest	253.86	503.82
Office and publicity	281.85	167.54
Refurbishment of premises & equipment	45,113.36	2,135.01
Staff remuneration.	10,404.50	10,404.00

Services	3,379.86	3,911.55
Uganda	11,620.99	10,146.75
Youth and Children's work	254.00	58.22
Totals	81,585.26	38,241.10