



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2016		31	December	2016

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Tas Valley Cell Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152589

Charity's principal address

The Rectory

Church Road

Newton Flotman

Postcode

NR15 1QB

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	Sally Gaze	Chair		
2	William Ball	Treasurer		
3	Clair Amerigo			
4	Sheila Buchanan			
5	Teresa Stevens	Secretary		
6	Dawn Davidson			
7	Sarah Barnes		13 April to 31 December 2016	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Cell members at an AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;
- ☐ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charitable objects of Tas Valley Cell Church are:

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Doctrines and teachings of The Church of England within the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.
- 2) The prevention or relief of poverty within the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.
- 3) The advancement of education within the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk through the provision and support of Church of England Voluntary Aided, Voluntary Controlled and Academy Schools.
- 4) The relief of those in need within the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk because of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees' meetings.

The Tas Valley Cell Church consists of small groups who meet on a weekly basis. The name "Cell" comes from the idea that the Church is the Body of Christ and that all living bodies have cells which multiply – the ever-changing units of life. Members come from across the entire benefice. Many Cell members are also active members of their parish churches and find that Cell life supports them in this. Others would not be part of a church at all if it were not for Cell Church. Cells enable those who cannot get to a Sunday Service to be fully involved in the life of the local church. They are based on networks - people inviting friends, rather than the geography of a single parish.

The Cells complement the other forms of church in the benefice so that everyone can grow in God's love. As there is a mix of parishes represented in each cell group, the presence of the cells within the benefice helps the churches in the benefice to grow closer together as a church family. We work together with the benefice and pay our own allocation of Parish Share. Cells support benefice initiatives and sometimes take on particular responsibilities to help in parishes

The groups hold the following values:

- ☐ All Involved
- ☐ Becoming Disciples
- ☐ Creating Community
- ☐ Doing Evangelism
- ☐ Encountering God

Worship at a typical Cell meeting is informal and often quite meditative and (depending on the nature of the particular cell group) may include the following elements:

- 1 - prayer for individuals and each other's needs and in our desire to put the bible's teachings into practice in our lives
- 2 - communion together about once a term.
- 3 – bible readings, often linked to sermons provided on Sundays in the main parish church
- 4 – discussion and activities to help better understand bible passages and subjects

The Cell Church is also about being good news in peoples' lives and putting our faith to work in practical service and having fun and this is how we embrace the values of "Creating Community" and "Doing Evangelism". This has sometimes involved a social event to which people who have not been involved in Church have been invited or the establishment of a new village event, such as the Lunch Club.

The Cell Church also has a Bishop's Mission Order which means that the Cell Church is recognised by the Bishop and diocese as a new Christian community, equivalent in some ways to a parish church within the life of the Tas Valley Team resulting in the Cell Church being officially involved in decision-making which affects the Team Ministry. Bishop Alan is the official "Visitor" of the Cell Church and works with Sally Gaze to help the Cell Church grow in a way that complements the mission of the other churches in the Team.

The following Cell Groups met throughout 2016:

JAM (Two Youth cells meeting together, weekly during term-time) – usually split between and younger and an older group and meeting include watching film clips, bible study and prayer with a social event every few weeks. There have been 15 regular members through the year.

Tasburgh Tuesday Freedom Café Cell – This Cell has supported the Freedom Café monthly Sunday service and has continued to be a real encouragement for people wishing to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith.

Tasburgh Wednesday Evening Cell – this Cell reformed during 2016 and is a small but committed group which met together to worship and pray.

Saxlingham Wednesday Cell – a small group which met to support individuals with whom they were in contact, particularly the elderly.

Newton Flotman House of Prayer Cell – formed as a result of the House of Prayer initiative last year and which meets and supports in prayer both the outreach community work undertaken by Andy Cox and the work of the Special Me Cell

Newton Flotman Wednesday Cell – This was an informal Cell comprising predominantly parents with young families seeking to study God's Word and be real with each other through the challenges of life. The outreach of this Cell has been to plan for Newton Flotman Café Church.

Newton Flotman Thursday Evening Cell – a group of six met weekly to ensure those who were not able to attend Sunday Church had the chance to worship God and join in fellowship with other Christians.

"Special Me" - a Cell for adults with special educational needs which was also open to their family, friends and carers and which met during 2016 but in December, following the loss of several team members, a decision was made by the leaders to concentrate on other ministries. This Cell is anticipated to meet in a different format in the future.

Tharston Thursday Cell – a group of six regular members from throughout the benefice who met weekly and in its full year have grown together in friendship and mutual prayer support.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Being a "church without walls", the Tas Valley Cell Church has enabled people that conventional parish churches have not been successful in reaching to connect with God and become disciples of Jesus. Many Cell members are also very active members of their parish churches and have found that cell life supports them in this. Cells have enabled those who do not wish or cannot go to a Sunday Service to be fully involved in the life of the local church as the Cells are based on networks - people inviting friends, rather than the geography of a single parish.

The cells have complemented the other forms of church in the benefice so that everyone has had the opportunity to grow in God's love. Due to the mix of parishes represented in each cell group, the presence of the cells within the benefice has assisted the churches in the benefice to grow closer together as a church family. We have worked together in the benefice and the Cell Church has enabled the churches to grow closer together as a church family. We have worked together in the benefice and the Cell Church has enabled the churches to grow closer together as a church family.

supported benefice initiatives and has continued throughout the year to support the Rural Evangelism Project.

The Rural Evangelism Project – (set up in Partnership with the Fountain Network) has continued to be very successful, employing two outreach workers, Andy Cox working in the local community of Newton Flotman and Adam Jackson working with youth groups across Norfolk. The project has continued to run a lunch club and worship with Holy Communion at the local residential home (assisted by members of the Tas Valley Cell Church).

Other highlights from local outreach work by the Cells has included raising money for local charities and the church e.g. the “Christmas Crafts and Photo Session” which raised £767.00 for church funds, A village litter pick in Newton Flotman was well supported and won a £200 prize from South Norfolk Council which has been used to support the work of the Rural Evangelism Project. At the Newton Wednesday Cell, through its support of Café Church, a Pancake Party, a Father’s Day Breakfast, a Bonfire Party and an Alpha with toddlers were organised.

Cell groups have continued to evolve to suit the needs of these worshipping communities and have expanded to suit local needs evidenced by the formation of two new cells.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

We seek to build reserves for two purposes: to contribute to Parish Share in the Tas Valley Benefice and to support the work of Rural Evangelists. These two purposes are accounted for entirely separately.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Sally Gaze



Full name(s)

Sally Gaze

Teresa Susan Stevens

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Chair

Secretary

Date

11 August 2017



Charity Name	No (if any)
Tas Valley Cell Church	1152589

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/16		31/12/16

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Direct giving to NDBF	-	-	-	-	350
Planned giving (envelopes and Soss)	8,113	220	-	8,333	7,602
Money boxes	247	16	-	263	90
Rural Evangelist funding		4,167	-	4,167	8,833
Donations	918		-	918	-
Miscellaneous	82		-	82	72
Interest	7	-	-	7	4
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,367	4,403	-	13,770	16,951
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,367	4,403	-	13,770	16,951
A3 Payments					
Parish share	10,050	-	-	10,050	7,700
Insurance	60	-	-	60	356
Miscellaneous	353	-	-	353	216
Rural Evangelist – wages	-	7,600	-	7,600	5,335
Rural Evangelist – expenses	-	461	-	461	106
Sub total	10,462	8,061	-	18,524	13,713
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,462	8,061	-	18,524	13,713
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,095	- 3,658	-	- 4,753	3,238
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,206	17,066	-	20,272	17,034
Cash funds this year end	2,111	13,408	-	15,519	20,272

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank Community a/c	499	-	-
	Barclays Bank Business Saver a/c	13,407	1,612	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,906	1,612	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		WILLIAM BALL	22-Mar-16	