

GATEWAY CHURCH, MORECAMBE
Formerly: Morecambe Bay Christian Fellowship

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Charity Registration Number 1154420

CHARITY COMMISSION
FIRST CONTACT

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**GATEWAY CHURCH, MORECAMBE
FORMERLY: MORECAMBE BAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

1. Legal and Administrative Information

The Charity is known as Gateway Church, Morecambe, formerly Morecambe Bay Christian Fellowship, and is affiliated to Partners in Harvest. It is a registered charity, with the registered number of 1154420.

The Charity is governed by a constitution dated 2 June 2013 and its objectives are to enhance the christian faith, the relief of sickness, poverty and distress by any means the charity can provide, to educate, promote and preserve good health and well being to mankind.

The Trustees have asked Mr Damien Sissons of Waters & Atkinson Chartered Accountants to act as the Independent Examiner under the Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustees

The Trustees in office at the end of the year were as follows:

Mrs June Bend	Treasurer
Mr John Clayton	Pastor
Mrs Carole Clayton	Trustee
Mr Steve Whittaker	Trustee
Mrs Lynn Wood	Trustee
Mr Daniel Wood	Trustee

Trustees are selected from within the congregation and those who have also expressed an interest in being involved in the running of the charity.

3. Activities

The Charity provides religious services, recreational and educational activities in the Morecambe and Lancaster area, and meets in the Post Office Buildings, Market Street Morecambe.

A planned programme of services, learning and education activities is provided.

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the charity commission on public benefit.

4. Summary of Main Achievements

The aims and goals of Gateway Church are as they previously outlined when they were known as - Morecambe Bay Christian Fellowship - and these remain constant. During 2016/17 they negotiated with the building next door - 'Galloways Charitable Trust' to begin using their community room for an additional service for the older members who were unable to access the building due to the steep stairs. During the past three years they have been actively searching for a new location for their services to enable their congregation to meet together and also to allow other elderly or disabled persons along with young parents with prams etc to access their services. As a direct result of this search, they have now moved their Sunday meetings to a local community primary school. Alongside this they have moved their church office into the Galloways Building and are able to use the community hub room there for any mid-week gatherings. Whilst this has been a time of transition for all of the members, the leadership and trustees feel that as a result they are better able to meet their objectives as set out in their charity commission statement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

4. Summary of Main Achievements

They now have a felt presence in Galloways and are actively supporting some local community groups that run from the premises. Alongside this they are developing their relationship with the school where they meet on Sundays, which is in a recognised area of poverty and need. They look forward to many future opportunities to partner with them in helping to create hope and positive futures for all those they now connect with as a direct result of their move from the Post Office Buildings.

5. Policies

a) Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major risks associated with the charity and have developed an action plan to minimise and effectively manage those risks.

b) Reserves

It is the intention of the Trustees that taking one year with another, the expenditure incurred will match the income generated through members' contributions, tithes and donations, with the benefit of Gift Aid where applicable.

However, the Trustees attempt to maintain a working bank balance of approximately £2,000 representing approximately one month's expenditure, in order to provide a buffer in the event of interrupted income.

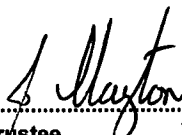
6. Financial Review

Being a small Charity, the accounts have been prepared on the basis of amounts received and paid during the year. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities (on page 4) does however show the amounts owed to, and owing by the Charity at the end of the year.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial results for the year, and has completed the year with monies in hand.

No Capital Grants have been received in the year.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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Trustee **M. J. CLAYTON**

Date: **22.3.2018**.....

**Principal Office:
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Morecambe
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GATEWAY CHURCH, MORECAMBE
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	2017 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>			
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>			
Collections and members' tithes	21,865	-	21,865
Donations and Other Income	675	-	675
	<u>22,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,540</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>			
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>			
Cost of Providing Services (Charitable Activities)			
Staff wages	2,427	-	2,427
Premises rent, rates & water	12,023	-	12,023
Small items of equipment	398	-	398
Computer, software & internet expenses	533	-	533
Premises heat & light	510	-	510
Postage, stationery & advertising	452	-	452
Insurance	815	-	815
Donations & gifts	530	-	530
Subscriptions	330	-	330
Licences	111	-	111
Accommodation, meals & outings	46	-	46
Speakers	200	-	200
Legal and professional	18	-	18
Cleaning & sundries	1,104	-	1,104
	<u>19,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,497</u>
Governance Costs			
Independent Examination & Accountancy	636	-	636
	<u>20,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,133</u>
<u>NET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,407</u>
Balances at the start of the year	<u>2,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,058</u>
Balances at the end of the year	<u>£ 4,465</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 4,465</u>
Represented by:			
Bank	4,461	-	4,461
Cash	4	-	4
	<u>£ 4,465</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 4,465</u>


**GATEWAY CHURCH, MORECAMBE
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

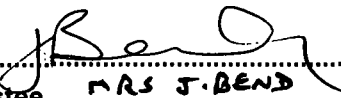
	<u>2017</u> £
Monetary Assets	
Cash at Bank	4,465
	<u>4,465</u>
Liabilities	
Accruals:	
Independent Examiner's fees	576
	<u>576</u>

Note:

The above figures do not include Gift Aid recoverable on tithes from members for the period July to December as it had not been claimed at year end.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:


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Trustee M A J CLAYTON


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Trustee MRS J. BEND

22.3.2018
.....
Date

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Charity Registration Number 1154420
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 set out on pages 1 to 5.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gateway Church, Morecambe

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

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

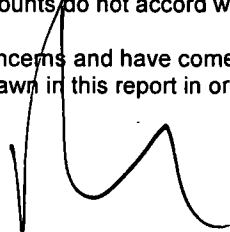
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

D Sissons



Chartered Accountant

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Date 22.3.18