



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 January 2017

Period end date
To 31 December 2017

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 New Rectory

The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate

Norwich

Postcode

NR15 1AJ

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	To 31 October 2017	
2	William Ball	Treasurer		
3	Clair Amerigo			
4	Sheila Buchanan			
5	Teresa Stevens	Secretary		
6	Dawn Davidson	Chair	Chair from 1 November 2017	
7	Sarah Barnes			
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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 <i>(eg. trust deed or constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, Association, Co-Op etc.)</i>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. nomination, elected etc.)</i>	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 worked with Sally Gaze and now with Dawn Davidson 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 2017:

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.

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.

Saxlingham Wednesday Cell – a group of 12 of mixed ages which met to support individuals with whom they were in contact, particularly the more elderly among them.

Newton Flotman Wednesday Cell – This was a 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. As is normal in the life of individual Cells and as a result of changed circumstances, members of this Cell moved to support other Cells during 2017.

Tharston Thursday Cell – a group of six regular members from throughout the benefice who met weekly and continued to grow together in friendship and mutual prayer support as well as reaching out to the wider community.

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 paid its own allocation of Parish Share. Cells have 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 throughout the year and Adam Jackson working with youth groups across Norfolk until April 2017. The project has continued to run a lunch club and worship with Holy Communion at the local residential home assisted by members from the Tas Valley Cell Church and the Parish Church.

Other highlights from local outreach work by the Cells has included raising money and resources for local and national charities and the church e.g. "Crafting for a Cause" and the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal. A village litter pick in Newton Flotman was again well supported and won another £200 prize from South Norfolk Council. The Newton Wednesday Cell, through its support of Café Church, meeting at the local school, continued to reach out to families in the community. The Thursday Tharston Cell organised a Prayer Walk following a Rogation Service as part of the "Thy Kingdom Come" national initiative which supported by other Cells and Parish Churches.

Cell groups have continued to evolve to suit the needs of these worshipping communities and have expanded to suit local needs evidenced by the redistribution of members between cells as needs arose.

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)

D. Davidson

B. Stevens

Full name(s) Dawn Davidson Teresa Susan Stevens

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair Secretary

Date 17 August 2018



Charity Name Tas Valley Cell Church	No (if any) 1152589
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/17	To	Period end date 31/12/17
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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	-	-	-	-	-
Planned giving (envelopes and Soss)	8,070	-	-	8,070	8,333
Money boxes	344	-	-	344	263
Rural Evangelist funding	-	7,750	-	7,750	4,167
Donations	-	-	-	-	918
Miscellaneous	177	-	-	177	82
Interest	2	-	-	2	7
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,593	7,750	-	16,343	13,770
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,593	7,750	-	16,343	13,770
A3 Payments					
Parish share	10,816	-	-	10,816	10,050
Insurance	359	-	-	359	60
Miscellaneous	34	-	-	34	353
Donations	65	-	-	65	-
Rural Evangelist – wages	-	7,600	-	7,600	7,600
Rural Evangelist – expenses	-	65	-	65	461
Sub total	11,274	7,665	-	18,939	18,524
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,274	7,665	-	18,939	18,524
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,681	85	-	- 2,596	- 4,754
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,111	13,408	-	15,519	17,034
Cash funds this year end	- 570	13,493	-	12,923	12,280

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		2,902	-
	Barclays Bank Business Saver a/c	- 570	10,591	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	- 570	13,493	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
	Signed by W Ball Treasurer 7/3/18	WILLIAM BALL	07-Mar-18	