

HERNE BAY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

64, Sunnyhill Road, Herne Bay, Kent. CT6 8LU

<http://www.sunnyhill.org.uk/>

Registered Charity number 1178886

Annual Trustees Report for year ended December 2018

Trust Information:

Name: Herne Bay Evangelical Free Church (within the Trust Deed governing the church premises, it is called "The Mission Hall"; also known colloquially as Sunnyhill Church), 64 Sunnyhill Road, Herne Bay, Kent. CT6 8LU

Registered Number: This church obtained registration as a charity with the Charity Commission on 21st June 2018 with the registration number 1178886. The Trustees decided that the **Effective Date** should be 31st December 2018. Prior to this date, it enjoyed charity status for tax purposes. A separate final report has been compiled for the Charitable Unincorporated Association for all the activities up to the Effective Date.

Governing Documentation: Church Constitution and Handbook both adopted by Members on 22nd January 2018.

Trustees: Trustees: Church Elders: Messrs. J. D. Beale, D. P. Edwards, K. Hoare (Pastor)

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd., 25, Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: No independent examination is required for 2018 as this covers the period prior to the Effective Date and no financial transactions occurred prior to closure of 31st December 2018.

Report:

The Trustees, who are the Church Elders, have pleasure in presenting this report for the period 21st June 2018 to 31st December 2018. The information set out above, regarding the Trust, forms part of our report. No accounts are attached as there has been no financial activity since the Charity Commission granted registration of this charity on 21st June 2018. The Trustees decided that the Effective Date would be 31st December 2018 at which time the church assets and activities will be transferred from the Charitable Unincorporated Association to this new charity.

As at 31st December 2018 the church assets were:

Cash	Cheque Account	£169.48
	Deposit Account	£9,574.00
	Total	£9,743.48

Additionally the Church has other assets including a keyboard, chairs, communion table and chairs and kitchen appliances etc. All such items are expensed at the time of acquisition and no such asset exceeded £5,000.

The church has two properties – the manse and the buildings on the church premises. The market value of these properties is difficult to assess as there is no realistic market for churches and the manse is required for church use. However, the insured values are:

Church £1,136,211
Manse £ 221,854

The purposes of the Church are:

the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Herne Bay, Kent and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities;

provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

In compiling this report, the Trustees have in mind their duty to report on the benefits to the public and they have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance published from time to time. The Trustees believe that they are fully compliant with their duty to have due regard to this public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

There have been no serious incidents or other matters that needed to be reported to the Charity Commission in the period under review.

New Trustees are automatically appointed by virtue of an individual being appointed as a Pastor and/or Elder of the church.

As the effective date has been agreed as 31st December 2018, there is no activity to report on for the period 21st June 2018 to 31st December 2018 so there is nothing to be reported in this period. The first effective report will be produced for the calendar year commencing 1st January 2019.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

David P Edwards

D. P. Edwards, Trustee

Dated: 14th March 2019