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**Annual Report and
Statement of Accounts**

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FENLANDS CHURCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Fenlands Church
Registered charity number	1136625
Charity's principal address	The Church Centre Main Road Tydd Gote Wisbech Cambs. PE13 5QD
Charity Email address	fenlandschurch@gmail.com
Charity Website	www.fenlandschurch.co.uk

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Name	Office
Mr P Summon	Acting Chairperson
Mrs K Maunder	Treasurer
Mrs G C Wilson	
Ms K Sparks	Secretary
Ms T Beach	Fenlands Family Church Liaison

The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals.

The Spiritual Leadership in consultation with the existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

Names and addresses of advisers

Primary Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc 3 North Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JR
Solicitors	Bowers 15 South Brink Wisbech Cambs. PE13 1JQ
Independent Examiner	P J Medcalf FCCA (Chartered Certified Accountant) 322 Smeeth Road Marshland St James Wisbech Cambs. PE14 8EP.

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Structure, governance and management

The day-to-day running of the charity is in the hands of the elders. The Trustees are responsible for managing the finance and the buildings. They meet three times a year and, additionally as required, normally with the elders.

Description of the charity's trusts

Governing document

Trust Deed dated 6 June 2010

The charity's responsibilities for the Tydd Gote site and its benefits on the sale are contained in a document dated 1st December 2010.

Trustee's selection method

New trustees are appointed by the 'Spiritual Leadership of the Church'.

The current Spiritual Leadership comprises Mr David Chapman, Mr Jeff Bellamy, and Mr Douglas Chapman.

Additional governance issues

There are no specific policies and procedures for inducting and training trustees but new trustees would be appointed who have suitable skills.

Relationship with any related parties

The church is a member of the Relational Mission family of churches and is linked with Rural Ministries.

Trustees' consideration of major risks

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document The Objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with any Statement of Beliefs and Doctrines prepared by the spiritual leadership of the church, in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. **To** relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees may from time to time think fit; and
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity acknowledges its requirements to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Fenlands Church meets each Sunday morning for worship and teaching in its Church Centre and usually on other occasions each week as well. The Church hall is used most weeks for activities for pre-school children and their carers and for local community groups and occasional activities and clubs for school age children and young people are held. Other meetings are arranged at other locations, particularly in members' homes. These activities are run by different church members who, apart from the pastor and his wife, are unpaid volunteers, some of whom claim out of pocket expenses for outgoings incurred. Fenlands Church has seen a constant number of regular attendees during the year.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity enjoys the use of its own buildings which are based on a large site in the rural village of Tydd Gote, in the heart of the Fens. During this accounting year we were awarded a grant from The Wind Farm to cover the cost of laying a new carpet in Welbrook Hall. This has improved the acoustics as well as making it warmer and more comfortable for the Play'n'Chat group. Work has continued, maintaining and improving the garden areas.

We are fortunate to have several skilled and dedicated musicians who serve us in our worship teams. We also have strong links with our sister church in Thorney and in September we were able to join with them and the Abbey Church for a Harvest festival held on a local farm in Thorney. We are continuing to build links with other local churches and welcome the opportunities of working together. We meet in various homes for bible study and worship and the family house group continues to thrive. We have been able to start a monthly Youth group where we are working through the Youth Alpha course.

We continue to support our chosen overseas mission projects on a regular basis as well as responding to requests for support in specific projects. We also support local projects as far as we can, including the food bank and the Ferry project for the homeless.

In addition to providing regular services of worship, we are active in outreach to the community, offering social events, parent/carers and toddler play sessions and an occasional film. Our weekly community café serving lunches, proves to be a good meeting place for a chat and some of the carers will bring the children for lunch before moving on to an afternoon of play. There is a bi-monthly Ladies Night when ladies can meet to enjoy some food and then listen to a talk or engage in a craft activity. We have a board games session once a month on Sunday afternoon. We held a Christmas fair in December to support local projects.

At Thorney they provided a very successful Christmas dinner for the members of their Mums and Tots group in December.

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Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfill its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavor not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The trustees are happy with the current level of reserves but will review these if they fall below £10,000.

Details of funds materially in deficit None.

The charity's principal sources of funds

The principle source of funds is member's monthly donations and offerings given by the church attendees. We still have the balance of legacies given some years ago to Tydd Gote Chapel of which Fenlands Church is the successor. Gift Aid is also a significant source.

Investment Policy

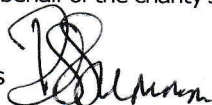
The trust deed gives the trustees wide investment powers. In practice current or deposit accounts are used as it is not the intention to build large financial reserves. The Trustees are not aware of any major risk which is not covered by appropriate insurance.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures



Kathy Maunder

Full Names MR PARMINDER SUMMON

Position ACTING CHAIR PERSON

Date 12th MAY 2019

MRS KATHLEEN MAUNDER
TREASURER

12th May 2019

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Fenlands Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



P J Medcalf FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
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PE14 8EP

Date: 27 April 2019

**FENLANDS CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts	4a	49058	-	49058	46077
Operating Activities to Further Charity's Objects	4b	5,965	-	5,965	5835
Investment Income Receipts	4c	11	-	11	9
Other Receipts	4d	250	-	250	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		55,284	-	55,284	51921
PAYMENTS					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5a	52,013	-	52,013	48702
Investment Management Costs	5b	60	-	60	60
Governance Costs	5c	433	-	433	352
TOTAL PAYMENTS		52,506	-	52,506	49114
NET -PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS for the year		2,778	-	2,778	2807
Cash Funds Last Year End		17,687	-	17,687	14880
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		20,465		20,465	17687

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form a part of the financial statements

**FENLANDS CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	Unrestricted Funds £	2018 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds £
ASSETS				
Cash funds				
Bank Accounts - Tydd	1,054	-	1,054	2,735
Bank Accounts - Thorney	794	-	794	577
Deposit Accounts - Tydd	11,935	-	11,935	11,234
Deposit Accounts - Thorney	4,105	-	4,105	700
Petty Cash - Tydd	99	-	99	60
Petty Cash - Thorney	250	-	250	250
Total cash funds	18,237	-	18,237	15,556
Other Assets				
Debtor	-	-	-	1,050
Recoverable Gift Aid - Tydd	1,693	-	1,693	628
Recoverable Gift Aid - Thorney	535	-	535	453
	2,228	-	2,228	2,131
TOTAL ASSETS	20,465	-	20,465	17,687
REPRESENTED BY:				
General Fund - Tydd	14,674	-	14,674	14,550
General Fund - Thorney	5,791	-	5,791	3,137
TOTAL FUNDS	20,465	-	20,465	17,687
Assets retained for the Charity's own use: (Valued at cost, or if gifted at the value to the charity on receipt)				
Main church building				
Computer equipment	870	-	870	870
Musical Items	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Other equipment	6,910	-	6,910	6,910
Fixtures & Fittings	4,600	-	4,600	4,600
Projectors	1,590	-	1,590	1,590
Audio Visual Items	5,280	-	5,280	5,280
Coffee shop/Office/Kitchen				
Equipment	10,630	-	10,630	10,630
Carpets	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	33,880	-	33,880	33,880
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fee	240	-	240	240
	240	-	240	240

(Chairman)

(Treasurer)

[Signature] 12/5/19
Kathy Mawrde

12th May 2019

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Approved by the trustees on:

The notes on pages 8 & 9 form a part of the financial statements

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commission.

2 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity held no restricted funds during this financial year.

3 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

4 RECEIPTS

a Donations, legacies and other similar receipts

	Tydd	Unrestricted Funds Thorney £	2018 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds
Bequests and Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aided Donations	3,036	6,500	-	9,536	5,000
Thorney Contribution	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Gift Aid Donations	26,141	10,816	-	36,957	38,356
Sunday Offerings	10	155	-	165	321
	31,587	17,471	-	49,058	46,077

b Operating activities to further charity's objects

Letting Income	100	30	-	130	-
Manse Rent	5,835	-	-	5,835	5,835
	5,935	30		5,965	5,835

c Investment income receipts

Bank Interest	11	-	-	11	9
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d Other Receipts

Sundry Receipts	-	250	-	250	-
	-	250	-	250	-

TOTAL RECEIPTS

	37,533	17,751		55,284	51,921
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5 PAYMENTS

a Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds Tydd £	Thorney £	2018 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2017 Total Funds
Catering Costs	1,511	-	-	1,511	1,309
Children's Work	437	-	-	437	-
Cleaning Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Event Costs	885	2,462	-	3,347	2,733
Equipment Purchases	667	409	-	1,076	565
Gifts: Missionaries	2,400	2,075	-	4,475	5,317
Organizations	1,455	1,080	-	2,535	2,900
Individuals	499	5,759	-	6,258	6,364
Thorney Contribution to Tydd	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
General Travel Expenses	39	135	-	174	145
Insurance	1,539	-	-	1,539	1,425
Licenses	479	148	-	627	693
Literature Purchases	82	-	-	82	-
Maintenance/Repairs	734	-	-	734	336
Postage	8	-	-	8	10
Premises Improvement	715	-	-	715	654
Printing/Photocopying	165	99	-	264	346
Salaries and Wages	19,540	500	-	20,040	19,132
Sundry Payments	536	-	-	536	264
Telephone/Broadband	398	-	-	398	411
Utilities	4,577	-	-	4,577	3,382
Visiting Ministry Expenses	80	-	-	80	250
Website	200	-	-	200	66
	36,946	15,067	-	52,013	48,702

b Investment Management Costs

Bank Charges	30	30	-	60	60
	30	30	-	60	60

c Governance Costs

Professional Fees	240	-	-	240	240
Child Protection Fees	193	-	-	193	112
	433	-	-	433	352

TOTAL PAYMENTS

37,409	15,097	-	52,506	49,114
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NET OF RECEIPTS/-PAYMENTS

124	2,654	-	2,778	2,807
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Cash Funds Last Year End

14,550	3,317	-	17,687	14,880
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CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END

14,674	5,791	-	20,465	17,687
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