

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

ANNUAL REPORTS AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2018

Broadway, Sheerness,
Kent ME12 1TP

Registered Charity Number 1040881

Community Church Sheppey
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2018

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COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY – REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 December 2018

TRUSTEES Mr Paul Norris
 Miss Sue Johnson
 Mr Phil Martin
 Mr James Bancroft

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Trustees report a surplus of receipts over payments of £6,804.11 (2017 - £15,812.69).

Community Church Sheppey continues to be committed to “advancing the Christian religion by declaring Christ and promoting Christian commitment and discipleship.”

The congregation of Community Church Sheppey continue to meet together every week to worship and study the Bible. There is usually a morning and evening service at the church as well as regular mid-week meetings held in homes around the island. Through these meetings, the church receives high quality teaching and pastoral care.

In 2018, the church joined the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches which provides advice and support in a variety of areas as well as access to conferences which several church members took advantage of during the year.

Bible teaching programmes such as ‘Christianity Explored’ ensure a sound understanding of the Christian faith and there is the chance to develop committed friendships and welcome people who are new to the church or area.

In conjunction with Sure Start, two weekly groups help local families with young children by developing their social and literacy skills. These continue to be highly successful. Community Church Sheppey actively supports a food bank for young families in financial difficulties and it is also the emergency point of contact at the weekend for ‘Fareshare’. A programme which allows people to access food items donated by a local supermarket has proved very successful and is helping many families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Children and young people have their own regular Sunday School which seeks to explain the gospel of Jesus to all ages through drama, DVDs, song, games and other activities. Fusion, a Youth Group, also runs on a Friday evening to communicate the gospel in a fun environment for children both from and outside the church.

This year, a primary school came to Community Church Sheppey to look at the church as part of their RE curriculum studies.

The church once again played host to a local group, called Care4Christmas, who use the premises to host Christmas and Boxing Day meals and provide company for many people who would otherwise have been on their own at this time. They also give support in terms of food parcels and help with heating costs to local families. Many of the congregation of Community Church are heavily involved in this work.

The summer saw the return of the Beach Mission Team to Sheppey and several of their members joined with us for our services. We had the pleasure of listening to them share their testimonies and speaking to us from the Bible.

Our overseas ministry in Uganda continues and support is offered to churches, schools and orphanages. Members and friends of Community Church support over 40 children, providing them with their school fees and we also regularly send the money needed for teacher's wages, and extra projects for the upkeep of two schools. This year, in Kiwali, we were able to fund the completion of a secure perimeter school wall and extra money was raised to pay for an operation to enable a young boy to have vital corrective surgery on his arms. Money was also sent to enable them to host Christmas parties for disadvantaged children and meals for the poorest in the surrounding villages. One Trustee regularly visits the area to work in partnership with the churches there to best target the financial support. We also raised money to help Carmel Ministries run an orphanage and school in India.

Many regulars also visit us for our monthly HeBrews coffee morning. During these events, a stall of Ugandan crafts is often set out to raise more funds for our partners in Uganda. It is open to the community in Sheerness as well as to church members.

This year we refurbished the Ladies' toilets as well as carrying out maintenance on the roof and timber and damp repairs. New equipment in the form of a water boiler, baptism pool heater and microphones were purchased.

RISK REVIEW

The Trustees have implemented a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the risks which the charity may face, the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialize. A voluntary Building Manager oversees this work.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted reserves held by the charity should be about 12 months of expenditure which equates to about £60,000. The Trustees are aware of several major areas of expenditure due in 2019 including the renovation of the windows in accordance with local council regulations.

This report was approved by the Trustees on (Date)
and signed on their behalf.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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:

Name: Roy M Holland BSc(Econ) FCA
For and on behalf of Holland Harper LLP
26 High Street
Battle
TN33 0EA

Date

Community Church Sheppey
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Gift Aided Giving (general)	29,309.85	31,546.31
Collection for Ugandan Projects	12,049.35	12,276.70
Tax Refund	10,366.88	9,820.32
Weekly Offerings and Pledges	5,681.31	6,415.64
Collections for Specific causes	658.12	505.14
Collection for India Projects	464.86	400.00
Interest	20.65	21.24
	<u>58,551.02</u>	<u>60,985.35</u>
Less Payments (See page 7)	<u>51,746.91</u>	<u>45,172.66</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>6,804.11</u>	<u>15,812.69</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Freehold land and buildings at cost	150,635.00	150,635.00
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank	86,624.77	90,584.28
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>237,259.77</u>	<u>241,219.28</u>
Less: Mortgage – HSBC	34,229.72	44,993.34
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>203,030.05</u>	<u>196,225.94</u>
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>		
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
As at 1 January 2018	196,225.94	180,413.25
Add surplus/less deficit for year as above	6,804.11	15,812.69
	<u>203,030.05</u>	<u>196,225.94</u>
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The above accounts and the notes and other information shown on pages 5 to 7 for the year ended 31 December 2018 are approved by the Trustees.

Signed by 2 trustees on

COMMUNITY CHURCH SHEPPEY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ending 31 December 2018

1. With the exception of the freehold land and buildings, these accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Community Church Sheppey also owns furniture, fixtures and equipment with an insured value of £65,000 (2017 - £65,000).

3. STAFF COSTS

There was one employee during the year, Paul Norris, a Trustee, who was employed as Pastor under the authority of the trust deed, as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Remuneration and Social security Costs	10,364	10,622
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	£10,364	£10,622
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No expenses were reimbursed to any trustee.

Payments	2018	2017
Catering	376.97	2080.70
Copyright, Insurance, Legal and Professional	3,732.04	4,427.70
EA, conference and training costs	2,947.60	305.00
Gifts for the needy	376.53	252.19
Gifts and collections for specific causes	1,057.11	681.43
India	1000.00	525.00
Resources	293.35	965.90
Mortgage Interest	1,236.38	1,435.21
Office and publicity	824.95	434.74
Refurbishment of premises & equipment	8,850.07	2,015.92
Staff remuneration.	10,364.08	10,622.32
Services	4,977.28	4,148.68
Uganda	14,403.80	16,201.40
Youth and Children's work	1,306.75	1,076.47
Totals	51,746.91	45,172.66