

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove,
Halesowen, West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2018**

The Church is governed by the Trust Deed and its Basis of Faith and Constitution. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 518320.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr Alan Cutler
Mr Wesley R Erpen
Mr Alan Harborne (Chairman)
Mr Richard Mansell
Mr Paul D Vanden Branden
Mr Robert J Warner (Treasurer and Secretary)

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by the other trustees.

Bankers

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Solicitors

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Independent Examiner

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The Church does not have any specific investment powers.

The aims of the Charity are to provide a meeting place for its members and others who are interested in the Christian faith. We seek to reach out to those in the community with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A summary of the achievements in these activities is set out below. The Trustees are satisfied that these achievements clearly demonstrate that the Charity has throughout the year fulfilled its responsibility to meet the requirement of providing a Public Benefit and has thereby complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The Church is led by Elders and supported by Deacons who are elected by the Church membership in accordance with the constitution. The Church does not employ anyone, all roles are done by volunteers.

There have not been any related party transactions during the year.

The policy of the Trustees is to try and keep at least £1,500 in cash for the General Fund, as reserves for contingencies. In planning for the future we will also need to increase funds for possible building alterations. During the year this has been maintained and funds retained for the possibility of making alterations to the Church building.

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These are making sure that there are sufficient leaders to look after the Church when others are absent or if any should leave. The Elders and Deacons make any needs known at a Church members meeting and nominations are invited. There is also a need to make sure that the various activities are adequately staffed by appropriate volunteers, again requests are made to the Church as the need arises. The Trustees are satisfied that any risks have been mitigated.

Review of Activities and Future Plans

The past year has been generally encouraging with most activities seeing an increase in numbers attending.

Sunday Services

As was reported last year our 10.00am Communion service has continued to serve the need for a small number of people. On top of the regular 4/5 people there have been three or four other people who have attend from time to time but in recent months some Sundays there have been as low as three people attending. It has been decided that at the next Church AGM we will raise the issue of closing this meeting.

In the autumn we discussed the viability of the Sunday evening service as the numbers, except for the Encounter service on the first Sunday of the month, had regularly dropped to below ten. On two occasions we had the embarrassing situation of having visitors at the service but not enough people present to actually start the meeting. It was decided to close the evening service during January and February as we have done in recent years due to the inclement weather and then review. At our recent Leadership meeting we have decided to continue with the Encounter service on the first Sunday of the month and have an evening communion every third Sunday of the month.

During the past year the Family Service at 11.00am has continued to be well attended. It has been encouraging to see new people attend regularly. If everyone who either regularly attends or who comes occasionally turned up, we would have standing room only.

We continue to be blessed with a small but dedicated group of musicians who enrich our worship and teach us new songs to use as vehicles of praise to God. One or two of the young people are now participating and developing their musical gifting.

The numbers of the children who attend the morning who come from off the estate has dropped during the year but on any Sunday we still have close on 30 young people in the building. We are grateful to all the people who help with the teaching of the youngsters.

The ministry during the last year in our family service has mainly focussed on the book of James and we systematically went through the book week by week except when we had visiting speakers and at Easter, Harvest, Christmas etc. We are still grateful that there are 6 men in the church who are able to preach or lead services.

Other Activities

At present we have two House Groups which operate. One in Stourbridge and one in Halesowen. The '60plus' group meets twice monthly on the second and last Tuesday and there are regularly over 30 elderly people who attend. Everyone appreciates all that is done for them through this activity. For many of them this event is their only church attendance.

JAM club on a Friday has seen a drop off in attendance compared to last year as some of the children moved up to senior school. Most weeks we still have around 20 children and it is a privilege to teach them the Word of God. It has been well staffed by folk from the church. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in the knowledge of the Bible over the months. Contact with parents continues to be fruitful.

The 'Little Sunbeams' parent & toddler's group meet weekly in term time. It has been encouraging to see over 25 moms and dads and their children attend. Most of them say that it is the best one around. At our Christmas morning service it was great to see some of the parents in the church. We run a youth club 'Ignite' which is predominantly for the children of the church and their friends aged 11 and over. It has been encouraging to see four children move up from JAM Club into Ignite. It meets twice a month and they have over a dozen youngsters who go. Quite often there are even more than that who attend BCM's 'Fulfil' event as some invite their friends.

A number of ladies, yet again, enjoyed the Swanwick weekend away in September. Two of the men of the church are on the committee of 'Dudley Focus for Men' and they regularly take to the meetings over 25 men from the church and on the periphery of the church.

We continue to run an occasional Monday morning prayer breakfast meeting.

The Christmas services were once again a highlight of the year as the building was almost full to capacity. Teachers organised the children and the young people in the morning and once again the young people rose to the challenge! It was a great Candlelit Carol service and, again, the Church was full. On Christmas Day we had around 70 people in the church. A visit to a pantomime put on by Saltmine at Bromsgrove Baptist Church again took place and it was thrilling to have over 130 people attend.

There have been a couple of Craft Days run on a Saturday just before Easter and Christmas which have been very well attended by Church people and contacts.

In March it was great to open up the baptistery and to have three people baptised.

Church Building

We have continued to move ahead with vision of extending the church. The plan is to extend closer to the road providing 3 new rooms for Sunday School, a café and an extended worship area. We are at the point of presenting to the church the suggested plans. If the decision is to move ahead we will have an 'open day' for the community so that they can see what we are planning. At present we don't have any costings.

Future Plans

In the future we might stop the 10.00am Communion service and start our 11.00am service half an hour earlier at 10.30am.

We have booked our Church Weekend at Quinta again in June 2020.


We need to update the Trust Deed for the Church showing the trustees and obtain advice on whether to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

As the Eldership is getting older we need to encourage the Church to be thinking about the future leadership of the Church.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018 have been independently examined. The accounts show a very satisfactory position. Funds held will be needed in the event of the Church deciding to move ahead with any building plans.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 23 October 2019


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Alan Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2018	Charity no (if any)	518320
Set out on pages	1 - 3		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2018.

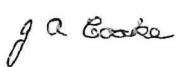
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:  **Date:** 16 April 2019

Name: Mrs J A Cooke

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Kings Heath, Birmingham
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

FATHERLESS BARN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

INCOME

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2018</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	19910	1405	21315	23586
Charitable Activities	0	2245	2245	2192
Other Income	0	5123	5123	340
Investments	58	0	58	44
TOTAL INCOME	19968	8773	28741	26162

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	15527	10189	25716	19139
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15527	10189	25716	19139

NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	4441	-1416	3025	7023
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	21787	6997	28784	21761
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	26228	5581	31809	28784

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Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2018

<u>2017</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2018</u>
3575.00	Offerings & Donations	4175.00
13615.00	Gift Aid Donations	12430.00
3862.50	HMRC Tax Refund	3266.25
163.96	JAM Club	
500.00	Legacy	
46.38	Offertory Box	38.71
856.50	Gifts for Building Fund	640.65
1130.96	Gifts for Missionary Fund	764.48
1677.00	60 + Group	2245.37
	Grant Received for 60+	588.00
350.00	Outing	340.00
44.27	Interest Received	57.60
340.00	Quinta 2018	4195.00
26161.57	Total Income	28741.06
16075.97	Opening Balance	28783.54
42237.54		57524.60
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
720.04	Gas	1390.95
372.80	Electricity	426.00
104.79	Water Rates - Church	101.34
887.87	Insurance - Church	922.23
310.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	505.00
4180.00	Gifts to Missionaries	3350.00
2760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2760.00
	Professional Fees	1758.00
955.59	Building Repairs and Maintenance	1110.28
	Church Weekend Quinta	5558.26
200.00	Deposit Quinta 2018	
776.02	Youth Expenses	730.78
140.00	CCPAS	120.00
1784.31	60+ Group	2204.21
	Wheelchairs for 60+	588.00
456.38	Outreach Expenses	453.61
476.26	Copyright Licence	493.80
575.00	Outing	590.00
232.78	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	389.57
292.13	Insurance - Church House	304.83
486.54	Water Rates - Church House	509.90
2197.50	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	158.40
1231.09	Church House Council Tax	1290.82
19139.10	Total Expenditure	25715.98
23098.44	Balance Carried Forward	31808.62
42237.54		57524.60
	Represented By:	
1206.75	Current Account	3827.98
27503.26	Savings Account	27890.17
73.53	Cash in Hand	90.47
<u>28783.54</u>		<u>31808.62</u>

In addition to the cash balances held above the charity owns the freehold Church buildings and the Church house in the unrestricted fund.

Liabilities

There were no liabilities outstanding at the year end.

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Restricted Funds

	<u>Building</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Quinta</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>60+</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2017	6017	340	640	6997
Income for the year	641	4195	2833	7669
Expenditure for the year	-1758	-4535	-2792	-9085
Balances as at 31 December 2018	4900	0	681	5581

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2017	21787
Net movement in year	4441
Balance as at 31 December 2018	<u>26228</u>

The Trustees have designated £800 to the Building Fund

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	5581
Designated Funds	800
Unrestricted Funds	<u>25428</u>
	<u>31809</u>