



Emmanuel Church (Bramcote)

Combined Trustees and Directors Report

06 April 2018 – 05 April 2019

Introduction

Emmanuel Church (Bramcote) is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (1157080) and is registered as a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (08898983). It is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity also uses the names Emmanuel Church Bramcote and Christ Church Wollaton.

Registered Charity and Company Office: 10 Crummock Close, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3BG.

The Members: Richard Adam, Edward Bowerman, Nathan Burley*, Richard Hopkins, Brian Kruger, Alexander Slowey

The Directors: Richard Adam, Edward Bowerman, Nathan Burley*, Philip Carter, Brian Davies, Richard Hopkins, Brian Kruger, Alexander Slowey

*Nathan Burley resigned as a member of staff, and therefore also as both Member and Director of the company, on 31 August 2019. All other Members and Directors are continuing in their roles at the time of this report.

New Members and Directors are appointed by the current Members. There were no new Members or Directors appointed during the time covered by this report.

The Directors normally meet five times per year, and the meetings are fully recorded with agendas and minutes. A sub group consisting of the Directors, but excluding those who are also paid members of staff, sets pay and remuneration, using the Teachers Pay Scale as a guide. The Directors are assisted in the day to day care and running of the Church by a body of Elders comprising the Members of the company, which meets roughly fortnightly. Induction to the role of Director and training are provided on a personal basis as appropriate.

The Directors ensure that policies and procedures are regularly updated and reviewed. Legal advice is sought when necessary. A register of Directors' interests is held to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest. This is updated regularly. The trustees have a clear procedure that if there is a potential conflict of interest on any matter, the trustee with the potential conflict of interest is asked to leave the room and take no part in the debate or decision. The Church had three employees during the period of this report, Richard Adam, Nathan Burley and Richard Hopkins. We are heavily dependent in all our activities on help voluntarily given by members of the congregation.

The company is affiliated to three organisations: The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), the Midlands Gospel Partnership (MGP), and the Evangelical Alliance (EA). These affiliations have no impact on the operating policies adopted by the company.

Objectives and activities

Our charitable purposes:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith;
- 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;
- to advance education.

Our key objectives for this financial year have been:

- to continue to run a weekly church service to advance the Christian faith in Bramcote.
- to continue to run additional groups and activities to advance the Christian faith in Bramcote.
- to improve our profile in the Bramcote area.
- to provide regular, well-promoted events to which unbelievers can be invited to hear about the Christian faith.
- to manage the return and re-merging of the Christ Church Wollaton congregation with the Emmanuel Church Bramcote congregation and to make decisions about future plans to advance the Christian faith in Wollaton.
- to raise, through prayerful reliance on God and regular reports to the congregation, sufficient funds to cover our activities for this financial year.
- to use a minimum of ten percent of our non-trading income to support partner organisations in advancing the Christian Faith in Bramcote, the UK and around the world.

The Directors have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in planning the activities of the charity during the year 18-19. This report notes identifiable benefits to the public in line with these purposes.

Weekly Sunday church services have been held throughout the year at Bramcote College. These services seek to advance the Christian faith through teaching, singing, prayer, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. They include separate groups for children up to age 14. The services are open to all members of the public and publicised in the local area through our website and through regular leaflet deliveries. The Directors have also overseen the running of the mid-week 'Connect Groups' to help advance the Christian faith and to provide counselling and support to those in the church community and beyond. Both Sunday services and Connect Groups have been well attended measures have been required to accommodate larger numbers. In addition, our regular activities include two weekly groups for preschool children and their carers, a monthly service for the residents of a local Care Home, and groups for men and women that meet several times a term. Over the course of the year we have run two courses covering the basics of the Christian faith. All these activities are open to the general public.

We have been involved in two local community events (the Hemlock Happening and the Stapleford Play Day) running activities and questionnaires and inviting people to attend our services. We believe these events are helping us to become better known in the community.

We are encouraged by the number of people coming to visit us on Sundays who have first heard about us through our flyers or the website.

We have also run a number of events aimed specifically at the general public, including quiz nights, carols singing, and special Sunday services with the aim of introducing people to Christianity. These events have been well attended and included a significant number of people new to the church.

The church runs a food bank to help provide goods to those in need within the congregation.

We continued to support the work of the Midlands Gospel Partnership and the Midlands Ministry Training Course which seeks to provide practical training for biblical ministry. We supported this both financially and through releasing staff members to teach on the course.

We support a local charity, Crossteach, both financially and with staff and volunteer time in helping local schools teach Christianity. In partnership with Crossteach we have been able to begin a Christian lunchtime club in Bramcote College, and run interactive experiences for both Christmas and Easter.

We have provided financial support to charities and individuals working in Argentina, Germany, South Sudan, Nottingham, Bath and Leeds seeking to advance the Christian faith. We are pleased that we have once again been able to meet our objective of giving 10% of our non-

trading income to such partners. We also support these individuals through regular contact and prayer.

The congregation of Christ Church Wollaton have settled in well and many have taken on roles at Emmanuel Church Bramcote. However, during the year the decision was made that we will not attempt to restart Christ Church Wollaton in any form. This made Nathan Burley's role as Minister of Christ Church Wollaton redundant, and he left his employment on 31 August 2019, to take on a new role at another church. We thank God for all that Nathan has contributed to Emmanuel over the past years of his employment and are praying for him to be as much of a blessing in his new role.

We thank God for all the activities we have been able to run over the past year. We are particularly thankful for new members of our congregation who have heard of us through our publicity, including some who were not Christians when they first came, and for the many who have had the opportunity to hear of the Christian faith through our events and activities.

Financial Review

See the attached accounts. On the financial front, we continue to be thankful for the Lord's generosity to us. Over the year we made a small surplus, compared to a small deficit the previous year. Particularly encouragingly, our income was up by 3.5%. This was despite a £5,000 reduction in grants, and the ending of the secondment of a staff member; we received £1,000 less from that this year than last. In the coming year, we will not receive any of the £2,500 of secondment money we received this year. The rise in income was due to a 9% increase in regular giving from church members.

In order to meet our objectives, the bulk of our expenditure (73%) was spent on employing three ministers to teach the bible and lead the church along with the non-staff elders. These three ministers were all Directors of the company, and in addition to their salaries totaling £106,049, received pension contributions totaling £11,867, and reimbursement for staff expenses totaling £3,394.56. The non-staff Directors did not receive any remuneration or claim any expenses in this financial year.

The total amount of donations without conditions received from Directors during the year amounted to £39,500. There were no Director donations with conditions.


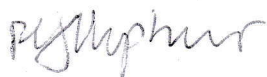
None of the employees earned more than £60,000 during this financial year.

We are pleased to have been able to meet our aim of giving 10% of our non-trading income to support partners in Bramcote and around the world who share our objectives.

The rest of our expenditure was on premises hire (7%) and other practical expenses related to the running of the church, including £195 on auditor fees. Our expenditure was down by 1.5%. This was explained by reduced premises hire costs as we only had one main venue, whilst other expenses increased as expected in line with inflation.

Looking forward, we need to remain vigilant as in 2019-20 we are not expecting any grant or secondment income, thus we will need to continue to build our supporter base.

Signed by

On behalf of the Trustees and Directors

Date approved: 20th January 2020

EMMANUEL CHURCH (BRAMCOTE)

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	9407	10287
Bank and cash balances		41519	33434
		50926	43721
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors due within one year	5	3109	1529
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47817	42192
Total assets less current liabilities		47817	42192
Creditors due after one year			
NET ASSETS		47817	42192
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted use income fund		37817	32192
Restricted use income fund (Building fund)		10000	10000
		47817	42192

The attached notes form an integral part of these statements.

For the year ended 5 April 2019 the company was entitled to exemption under S477

Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in accord with S 476 Companies Act. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Trustees/Directors on
and signed on their behalf

Handwritten signature
18 Nov 2019

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EMMANUEL CHURCH (BRAMCOTE)**

I report on the accounts for the Church for the year ended 5 April 2019, set out on pages 1 to 5

Respective responsibilities of Trustee and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of S.144(2) Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified by the Charity Commissioners under S 145 of the Act whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

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 in the accounts. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence required in an audit, and I therefore do not express an audit opinion.

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

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with S 130 of the Act; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Tom Sydney 20 January 2020
Independent Examiner