

Shirley Community Church
Charity Number 1153617

**The Shirley Community Church Trustees
Report And Financial Statements For
The Year Ended 5th April 2022**

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Shirley Community Church
Legal And Administrative Information

Charity Number	1153617
Registered Office	Shirley Community Church Green Lane Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 1AA
Trustees	Gheorghe Ciorna (from 1 st August 2021) Lesley Grundy Jane Heyes Jonathan Heyes (Chairperson) David Patterson (from 1 st August 2021) Edward Williams (resigned 31 st July 2021)
Chairperson	Jonathan Heyes
Treasurer	Lesley Grundy 5 Radford Road Solihull West Midlands B91 2QH

Shirley Community Church Trustees Report For The Year Ended 5th April 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 5th April 2022. The trustees who served during this time and the current trustees are shown on page 3.

Structure, Governance And Management

The Trustees delegate the day-to-day business matters of the Church to the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team consists of all Trustees plus Mr Stephen Williams and the Youth & Community Pastor Kijung Kim. Some of the practical matters are delegated to sub-groups (e.g., Deacons).

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022. Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting practices set out on page 5 and comply with the charity's applicable law.

Shirley Community Church is constituted under a trust dated 12th December 2012 and is a registered charity, number 1153617. Its address for meeting and administration purposes is Shirley Community Church, Green Lane, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1AA.

Objectives And Activities

The objectives of the Church are for the public benefit to advance the Christian faith in Shirley, Solihull and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Leadership Team may from time to time think fit.

Activities And Performance

The reporting year began with the country still under Covid-19 restrictions. The Sunday morning meeting was held in the church building with people attending but maintaining social distancing. The meeting was also broadcast via Zoom to other church members. In addition there were occasional speakers from outside of the church who made their contribution via Zoom. The Sunday School restarted in June 2021 and ran in parallel to the latter part of the main Sunday meeting. On 19th July the Government lifted all limits on social gatherings. One result of this was that communal singing could now be included in our meetings. From 1st August refreshments after the morning service started again but with hot water and tea or coffee on the tables for people to make their own. In September 2021 the broadcasting of Zoom was discontinued, and the Sunday morning meeting was solely based in the church building.

During the Covid-19 restrictions the weekly prayer meeting was held solely on Zoom but from August 2021 the meeting was held solely in the church building. Care Group meetings held during the week also began to meet again in person from September 2021. The Monday morning coffee meeting began to meet outside from mid-April 2021. In mid-May 2021 the meeting began to meet inside the church building again with the number of people at a table restricted to six and drinks served to the table rather than collecting them from the hatch. From 19th July all restrictions were lifted. Little Lambs, the mothers and toddlers' group, began again in mid-April 2021 and was able to meet indoors but was limited in numbers to fifteen adults. Again from mid-July the group was able to meet freely again. The Singing On The Green meeting started again in May 2021 and continued every two weeks on a Saturday afternoon during the summer. The series of quarterly breakfasts for both men and women recommenced in the autumn of 2021 and were provided free of charge to the local community. In July 2021 there was a subsidised community day trip to Barry island. Three quarters of the group were not regular church attenders,

The outside groups that used the church building before lockdown began back at different times. The Brownies group started up again in June 2021. The Art Group began their twice weekly meetings again from September 2021. However the Musical Youth group decided not to restart their activity in the church building. The building frequently hosted a team from GOOD NEWS for Everyone! (formerly GideonsUK) as they planned Bible distribution activities in preparation for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham.

In November 2021 a new Youth Group meeting began monthly on a Friday evening. These have continued throughout the remainder of the reporting period. The number of young people attending has grown steadily and is testament to the work of the Youth & Community Pastor in reaching out to the local area.

During the reporting year the number of people who attended Church meetings has continued to grow. The church now has people from many ethnic backgrounds attending including from eastern Europe and Iran. Another area of development has been a growing number of people from Hong Kong. The church registered with UKHK.org and received a number of referrals of people who were relocating from Hong Kong to the UK. Many of the referrals began to come along to the church. Directly leading from this has been a growing relationship with the Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC). As the reporting year came to an end we were in discussions with BCEC to host a series of welcome meetings for people from Hong Kong with a view to a regular BCEC service being held in our building from the summer of 2022.

At the end of July 2021 Edward Williams stepped down as a trustee of the church. He had been a trustee since Shirley Community Church registered as a charity in 2012. Prior to that he had been a trustee of Shirley Evangelical Church which was the name of the fellowship for many years. We wish to register our thanks for his service over many years. Two new trustees were appointed with effect from 1st August 2021, David Patterson and Gheorghe Ciorna. Gheorghe Ciorna is an employee of the church, and it was established that he will not take part in any discussions regarding employment matters.

Despite the lockdown and meetings not always being held in the building the generous giving of members means that the support of activities and projects has continued, and the Senior Minister's and Youth & Community Pastor's roles resourced. Overseas links were maintained with support going to Platform 67, Project Wingi in Tanzania and feeding centres in Moldova.

Financial review

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The Charity is principally funded by gifts and offerings from those attending the church. This income is either through receipts direct to the bank account, or in the weekly offering taken up during the Sunday Service. Additional income is received from the use of the church premises for meetings. There is also a residential property owned by the Church, which is let to a tenant, which generates further income.

The largest cost to the Charity is that of employment. There are three employees. The great majority of the costs are for two full time workers, who are the Senior Minister and the Youth Worker. There is also a part-time cleaner.

The Charity has a policy of supporting other Christian charities and makes gifts in the support of this aim.

Due to the ongoing effects of the COVID virus, the activities of the church were changed and modified during the year to comply with requirements. There were fewer meetings in the Church building, and some activity and connections were made via Zoom meetings. There was an increase in receipts going direct to the bank rather than through the collection bag.

Receipts

Receipts of un-restricted funds increased during the year by £14,341 to £68,354. This was a result of greater activity and an increase in Church attendance. The main income, from donations and gifts showed a significant increase in the year but was partially offset by no Gift Aid claim being made. There was some income from renting out the Church premises for the use of a Brownie pack, but the Art Group did not resume its use of the building during this financial year.

Payments

Total expenditure in the year was £70,728 an increase of 50% on the previous year of £46,437. This was a result of the partial resumption in activity following the impacts of Covid, and an increase in the support given in gifts to support other Christian organisations.

Employment costs were £38,000 in the year, only a slight increase over the previous year, when all employment payments had been made despite the limited activity.

During the year a refurbishment of one of the larger meeting rooms was undertaken, which included the installation of sound proofing measures and redecoration. Other operating costs were broadly in line with previous years.

Total cash movement

The Bank balances decreased slightly in the year, to finish at £26,000 ensuring that there are enough funds for the main costs of the Church and to allow for future Capital projects. It is the policy of the trust to maintain a reserve of unrestricted funds at a level to provide for the payment of staff costs and utility bills for a minimum of three months. The actual year-end balance was equivalent to 6 months reserves.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Law) applicable to charities in England and Wales. This requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP,
- Make Judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so and presumes that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Heyes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'H' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Jonathan Heyes
Chairperson

13th December 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shirley Community Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5th April 2022

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 you as trustees concerning any 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 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

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Date: 06/12/22



Charity Name	No (if any)
Shirley Community Church	1153617

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2021		05/04/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - gifts and offerings	48,090			48,090	30,980
Rental Income	10,075			10,075	7,147
Hire of Premises	1,187			1,187	
Gift Aid received				-	6,033
Interest Received	2			2	3
Gifts Received	9,000			9,000	9,850
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	68,354	-	-	68,354	54,013
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,354	-	-	68,354	54,013
A3 Payments					
Employment costs	38,374			38,374	35,289
Utility costs	1,703			1,703	2,420
Administration costs	7,177			7,177	5,083
Repairs and Maintenance	6,874			6,874	734
Bank Charges				-	15
Donations	16,600			16,600	2,896
Legal Costs				-	-
				-	
Sub total	70,728	-	-	70,728	46,437
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	70,728	-	-	70,728	46,437
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,374	-	-	- 2,374	7,576
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,812		-	28,812	21,236
Cash funds this year end	26,438	-	-	26,438	28,812

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	10,190	-	
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	16,248		
	Total cash funds	26,438	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Land and Buildings	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	700,000
	Residential Property adjoining Church	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	200,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Receipts and Payments

	Total 2018/19 £	Total 2019/20 £	Total 2020/21 £	2021/22	Total 2021/22 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	34,532	26,063	30,980		48,090
Gifts received	5,000	8,250	9,850		9,000
Gift Aid recovered	5,903	6,108	6,033		
Rental Income from Church House	8,100	4,003	7,147		10,075
Use of church Premises	3,760	4,039	0		1,187
Interest Received from Bank	8	6	3		2
	57,303	48,469	54,013		68,354
<u>Payments</u>					
Employment Costs	21,418	13,202	35,289		38,373
Utility	2,315	2,647	2,420		1,703
Gas				1,038	
Electricity				348	
Communications				317	
Administration	17,619	7,210	5,081		7,177
Sunday School				401	
Coffee Morning/Toddlers				473	
Church Meetings and Events				652	
Promotion Materials incl banners				104	
Music License				293	
Safeguarding				141	
Insurance				1,156	
Equipment				799	
IT & Stationery				1,133	
Other Consumables				807	
Letting Agents Fees				967	
Miscellaneous				253	
Building	5,389	13,699	734		6,874
Repairs and Maintenance				6,014	
Church house				860	
Gifts and Donations	12,128	9,945	2,896		16,600
Bank Charges	75	0	15		0
Legal Costs	992	0	0		0
	59,936	46,703	46,435		70,727

Bank Balances				
Current Accounts	5,233	9,993	12,565	10,190
Deposit Accounts	14,238	11,244	16,247	16,248
	19,471	21,237	28,812	26,438