

Oadby Evangelical Free Church

ACCOUNTS & STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

for the year ended

December 31, 2020

Church Officers' Report

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. In the opinion of church officers (the trustees) the accounts comply with legal requirements and have our unanimous approval.

Signed on behalf of church officers Julian Mercik Date 23/1/21
(Julian Mercik, Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the Oadby Evangelical Free Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Church officers, in their capacity as trustees, are responsible for preparation of the accounts and they 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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 church officers 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 Charities Act; and
 - 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

Signed Heather Wells Date 23/4/21
Heather Wells MIAA, 33 Acorn Way, Wigston, Leics

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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Liquid Assets as at 31st December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Assets		
Current Account (Barclays)*	27,642.70	37,767.37
Deposit Account1 (Barclays)**	49,529.23	69,387.33
Deposit Account2 (Nationwide BS)	40,000.00	0.00
Sundry debtors	117,171.93	107,154.70
Current Liabilities		
Building Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sundry creditors	0.00	0.00
	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities	116,171.93	106,154.70

* The Current Account includes £1,000 designated as "Building Fund"

** A further £20,500 is "ring-fenced", making £21,500 available for Building.

The assets above are represented by

Accumulated Funds

Balance as at 1st January	106,154.70
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	10,017.23
Balance as at 31st December	116,171.93

Note: The Church does not possess any land or buildings. Equipment held by the Church comprises piano, computer and laptop, projector, chairs, teaching aids, sundry furnishings, office equipment and kitchen items.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Unrestricted Funds

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts		
General Receipts	60,310.42	84,847.36
Interest from Deposit Account	141.90	214.50
Running Costs Receipts	1,250.00	0.00
Designated and Missionary Giving	17,625.63	3,745.95
	79,327.95	88,807.81
Payments		
Ministry	5,239.20	14,141.75
Running Costs	9,827.57	7,877.72
Property	25,444.19	17,873.06
Designated and Missionary Giving	28,799.76	11,014.65
	69,310.72	50,907.18
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	<u>10,017.23</u>	<u>37,900.63</u>

RECEIPTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund		
Direct Giving	51,173.79	77,392.85
Income Tax Refund	9,136.63	7,454.51
	60,310.42	84,847.36
Interest from Deposit Account	141.90	214.50
Running Costs Receipts		
Young People's Activities	1,250.00	0.00
	1,250.00	0.00
Designated and Missionary Giving (see below)	17,625.63	3,745.95
Total Receipts	79,327.95	88,807.81

Notes on Designated and Missionary Giving

(please note that 'Payments' include Gift Aid where claimed)

	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
<i>Valathi Outreach (VOCM)</i>	1,440.00	
<i>Latin Link (Darkes)</i>	1,440.00	
<i>Mandritsara Hospital (Ted & Rachel Watts, SIM)</i>	1,440.00	
<i>Hicham, Carcassonne</i>	1,440.00	
<i>Christmas Offering – Jos (SIM)</i>	979.13	
<i>Christmas Offering – Lydia King– Jos (SIM)</i>		340.00
<i>“Remainder” gift to R. Javed (missionary)</i>	710.00	
<i>Easter Offering gifts for Emmanuel Christian School</i>	642.50	524.00
<i>Private donations for Emmanuel Christian School</i>	17,050.00	13,740.00
<i>Christian Union, University of Leicester</i>	100.00	
<i>Christian Union, De Montfort University</i>	100.00	
<i>Harvest gifts – MERF Beirut</i>	3,458.13	3,021.63
TOTALS	28,799.76	17,625.63

PAYMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Ministry		
Minister's Salary etc.	0.00	0.00
Ministerial Claims	0.00	0.00
Manse	0.00	0.00
Visiting Preachers' Fees & Expenses	1,197.00	4,275.00
Student Worker / Trainee	4,042.20	9,866.75
	5,239.20	14,141.75
Running Costs		
Cleaning	857.82	1,267.04
Gardener	2,666.20	1,925.00
Young People's Activities	63.70	461.92
Church Activities	223.01	7.40
Outreach and Publicity	4,017.07	-27.40
Books	0.00	0.00
Conferences	0.00	200.00
Catering	83.97	61.37
Equipment Purchase and Repair (note 1)	88.60	1,903.04
Photocopying/printing	0.00	156.24
Postage and Stationery	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions (note 2)	1,827.20	1,923.11
Sundries	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges		
	9,827.57	7,877.72
Property		
Rent	6,680.00	6,680.00
Insurance	1,161.82	1,131.30
Services : Electricity	783.12	748.49
: Gas	2,489.42	2,227.68
: Water	284.05	261.99
: Telephone + Internet	872.52	835.60
Maintenance and Repairs (note 3)	13,173.26	5,988.00
Improvements	0.00	0.00
	25,444.19	17,873.06
Total of Ministry / Running Costs / Property	40,510.96	39,892.53
Designated and Missionary Giving (see page 4)	28,799.76	11,014.65
TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,310.72	50,907.18

NOTES ON PAYMENTS

Payments

Note 1: Equipment Purchase and Repair

<i>Lapel microphone</i>	48.60
<i>Alex Dunn – electrical repair</i>	40.00
	88.60

Note 2: Subscriptions

<i>Thirtyoneeight (formerly CCPAS)</i>	129.00
<i>CCLI - music licence</i>	180.20
<i>FIEC-Annual Fee</i>	1,518.00
	1,827.20

Note 3: Property Maintenance amd Repairs

<i>Wm Free – boiler</i>	859.15
<i>Wm Free – boiler</i>	270.55
<i>JR Allen & Sons – Roof Repairs</i>	12,043.56
	13,173.26

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Name:	Oadby Evangelical Free Church (common abbreviation: OEFC)
Charity Number:	1030055
Governing Document:	Church Constitution (last revised on 21st March 1997)
Minister:	No minister currently employed
Trustees/Church Officers:	Lance Atter Luke W. Carter-Whittley Stuart J. Glover Julian A. R. Mercik (honorary treasurer) Alejandro Joya Mora (resigned May 2020) Paul Whalley
Charity Commission Correspondent:	Stuart J. Glover c/o Oadby Evangelical Free Church North Memorial Hall, Stoughton Road, Oadby Leicestershire LE2 4FL
Website :	www.oefc.org.uk
Bank:	Barclays Bank plc 25, The Parade Oadby LE2 5BB
Independent Examiner of Accounts:	Heather Wells MIAB (Heather's Bookkeeping Services)

Purpose/Object

The church was established to promote the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Oadby and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Organisation

Oadby Evangelical Free Church was formed in 1975 and consists of members who are Christians as defined in the Constitution. All members have responsibilities which include participation in the activities and decision making of the church. Leadership of the church is committed to Elders and Deacons (known collectively as Church Officers) each of whom is elected by the membership.

The Minister is appointed by church members and operates as one of the Elders. Members serve on a voluntary basis except for the non-trustee Minister who is full-time and remunerated.

The church is independent of any other organisation but maintains a positive interest in and links with numerous individuals and bodies, including affiliation to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Principal Activities

The church meets every Sunday, and on other regular occasions for Christian worship, and these events are open to the public. Several activities are also run during the week for specific groups such as children, youth and older people. Most often these events and activities are held at the North Memorial Hall, Stoughton Road, Oadby, the premises being on a 35-year lease for the sole use of the church, due to run out in 2022. These events are promoted to the general public in Oadby and the surrounding area. The church actively supports Christian outreach and missionary work.

Review of 2020

1. Coronavirus Pandemic

The events of the (ongoing) coronavirus pandemic curtailed many of the usual activities of the church during 2020. Normal meetings were possible until the beginning of March, and since then some meetings were possible through electronic means.

The church re-opened for a handful of public in-person services in December.

2. Membership

The number of members at the end of 2020 was 55.

The church held three church business meetings (some by electronic means) during the year including the Annual Church Meeting.

3. Main services

The church has continued to hold public worship and teaching services throughout the year on Sundays and other occasions. Meetings for Bible study and prayer occurred weekly, either in the church building or in the form of Gospel

Community Groups. Many of these have been via electronic means. All meetings are open to anyone, with the details being available on the church web site.

4. Children and Youth work

"Jellytots", a group for pre-school children and their adult carers, has continued to be well attended and usually meets on a weekly basis during the school term. It provides a safe and welcoming environment for families with young children to come together. Unfortunately, this group has not been able to meet since March.

"On Your Way Home", an after-school group for children of primary school age and their adult carers, would usually meet once a month on Fridays during the school term. The club provides tea, toast, activities and Christian teaching for children 'on their way home' from school.

Unfortunately, this group has not been able to meet since March.

Sunday School is provided during the Sunday morning worship service for children up to the age of 10 and a crèche is available for babies.

Since August, a 4pm online 'family service' has been broadcast weekly in the absence of physical gatherings for Sunday school.

"Ignite", a group for youngsters over 10 years old is held during the morning Sunday service, as a time for age-appropriate bible study. This group has also met electronically (expanding to include children aged 7 and over), with occasional in-person events during the year.

An on-going programme of Sunday lunches is provided for students.

Members of the church have helped regularly with Christian assemblies at local schools, where possible this year.

Details of the youth work are on the church website, but the most effective publicity for this work is through the personal recommendations of the young people who attend amongst their friends and peers.

5. Seniors

Meetings for older people were held during the first quarter of the year with the main thrust being the twice a month "Coffee Break" with guest speakers. This group would normally benefit from outings arranged during the year.

Unfortunately, this group has not been able to meet since March.

Again, details of Coffee Break are on the church website and people from the local community are welcome to attend. Most newcomers attend because of personal invitation.

6. Missionary work

OEFC continued to support various missionary works, with interests spread across the continents and in the United Kingdom. Speakers from these groups were invited to the church from time to time in order for the church members to be better informed of the activities of the groups that are supported.

A quarterly missionary support meeting takes place and a review of missionary giving was completed during the year.

7. Outreach work

The church was involved with a number of outreach activities during 2020.

There are a number of activities organised by members of the church aimed at meeting people who would not usually have any connection with the church and building friendships with a desire for the Gospel to be shared. These activities include a morning art class held at the hall, a craft group held in a home, morning table tennis sessions for men and for women, an afternoon 'knit and knatter' session and family fun afternoons in a nearby park.

Some of these groups have been able to continue contact throughout the year, but many have been 'on hold' whilst social distancing measures are in place.

The monthly walking group continues to provide contact with non-churchgoers and further opportunity for friendships to develop.

The church also partnered in a scheme organised by 10ofthose.com

The church paid for the distribution of the 'Life' magazine to around 8,000 homes in the vicinity of the church. It is a magazine with broad content, but with a Christian focus, and is distributed free of charge to residents in selected postal code areas.

It was also planned to offer literature or an online 'Christianity Explored' course to any interested recipients. There have been several positive responses through email contact.

These events were advertised through a variety of methods, via the church website, the church blog, personal invitation, leaflet distribution and on poster or banner displays.

8. Contact with other churches

OEFC has maintained its contact with other churches both locally and further afield. Members of OEFC frequently preach at other churches and there were several joint services with other local churches during the year. Along with other churches, OEFC also supported the Midlands Gospel Partnership meetings that were held in Leicestershire during the year.

9. Finances

The finances of the church are as recorded in the statement of accounts. Income came from regular freewill giving from the members and congregation. Under the goodness of God, the church was able to fulfil all of its commitments and to give a good percentage of income to missionary work.



Signed by [STUART GLOVER] on behalf of Trustees of Oadby Evangelical Free Church

Date 26/05/21