

Congleton Pentecostal Church

Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/20– 31/3/21

Mission Statement

The purpose of Congleton Pentecostal Church is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the Gospel and to be a Church where people can grow and develop for the glory of God.

Jesus said to His disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid...” Our vision is to be like a city set on a hill, shining the light and love of Jesus for all to see.

Our aim is to do this, not by staying within the four walls of a building, but by reaching out to the community around us and to a world in need.

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Charity name: Congleton Pentecostal Church.

Additional Working Names: Carmel Pentecostal Church, Cross Street Church, Cross Street Pentecostal Church

Charity registration number: 1051793.

Principle address of the charity: Cross Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1HQ.

Names of the charity’s trustees on the date the report was approved:

Rev. Andrew Calvert (Chairman)), Miss Alison Bond (treasurer) and Mr. Paul Bayley (Secretary).

Name of any other person who served as a trustee in the financial year in question:

2. Structure, governance and management

The Charity’s governing document is a Constitution and trust deed adopted on 10th April 2006 as amended by resolutions 4th December 2007 and 7th September and by Deed of Variation dated 7th September 2008.

The management and control of the Church and its property and funds is vested in the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the Senior Minister and any other ministers of the Church together with such persons as the Church Council may from time to time appoint or elect. The minimum number of members of the Church Council is three.

The Charity is a Church which operates in Congleton, Cheshire but also supports other Christian missionaries and charities worldwide. The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of faith in such ways and such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- b) 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 in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- c) To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

3. Financial Review The charity has remained financially solvent during this financial year (See accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021).

The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:

World of Worth - £2,110

Carmel Assembly (Israel) - £475

David Taylor & Colombia Child Care- £240

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £25

Open Doors - £150

Barnabas Fund - £140

Focus on Israel - £100

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £100

African Enterprise - £100

Catherine Young - £100

Philo Trust - £97.50

TOTAL - £3,637.50

4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

5. Public benefit statement

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

6. Activities This year the church's normal activities have been curtailed due to the COVID pandemic. Apart from a few weeks leading up to Christmas when we were able to have Sunday morning services, there have been no services or other activities in the church building this year. However, the pastor initially put sermons and Kidz Church songs and stories on YouTube each week and after Christmas with the help of Alison Bond an all-age service was put on YouTube each week.

In addition to this we have had two Zoom meetings each week: Bible study on Thursday evenings and Testimony and prayer meetings on Sunday evenings. As well as our own church members we have also had several visitors share their testimonies: Patrick Mason, Rachel & Andy David, Trevor Baker, Dani Harris, Peter Harris, Ossie Post, Dave & Becca Gibson, Colin Mitchell, Ruth Winterton, Emily Bosworth, David Taylor, David Walters, Ray Machin, Catherine Young, Steve Thomas, Geoff & Doreen Beckingham and Jonathan Hallyburton. These testimony evenings have been a great blessing and encouragement and they have been one of the benefits of meeting online rather than in a building because some of our guests joined us from the other end of the country and overseas.

7. Reaching out to the community This year due to the COVID pandemic the pastor has been unable to visit and schools or care homes but he has produced online acts of worship which have been used by at least six local schools and online Songs of Praise services which have been enjoyed by the care homes that he usually visits as well as others.

8. Health and Safety

The Church fire officers in case of fire are Andrew Calvert and Laura Bayley. The procedure for evacuation of the building is outlined at each A.G.M.

The fire and burglar alarms are tested twice a year by Crime Watch Security Systems

Fire extinguishers are checked annually by 3 Counties services

The boilers are serviced annually by Gas Care.

The Church has a level 5 Food Hygiene certificate.

9. Legal

The Church is insured for buildings, contents and public liability with Aviva Insurance via CaSE Insurance.

The Church is covered for copyright on words and music for songs we use through the Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI).

The Church has a Safeguarding policy which is approved by the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS). Our safeguarding officers are Sarah Bayley and Karen Calvert.

10. Another year of change and flexibility

Last year was a year of change and flexibility due to the building project and this year we have had to be even more flexible and adapt to the new world that we find ourselves in. Up until a few months ago most of us thought that Zoom was an ice lolly but lots of people have risen to the challenge of working out how to use Zoom and share fellowship whilst in our

own homes. Recording sermons and putting them online was a real challenge at first but by doing so we have been able to reach far beyond our church building with the Gospel. We helped Olive Longworth to celebrate her 100th birthday by making a video of birthday greetings from her friends at the church and also Mervyn Tilley (Focus on Israel), Simon Barrett (Middle East Report) and Colin Mitchell (Carmel Assembly, Israel). We joined with the other Congleton Bible Week churches to organise probably the best community outreach this year: the Community Drive in Carol Service in the Tesco car park with guest speaker Andy Hawthorne. The event was so well attended that scores of cars had to be turned away. COVID restrictions have meant that only 30 people can attend a funeral service but by livestreaming even people in other countries have been able to watch funeral services. Due to social distancing the capacity of the building is also reduced for Sunday services but we have now had the equipment installed so that we can livestream Sunday morning services which means that people who are sick or on holiday can keep in touch.

11. Thank You

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Inclosure Trust who donated £1,704 towards the repairs to the church hall and treatment of the dry rot problem and also Congleton Town Trust for their donation of £300 towards the Holiday at Home Health and Wellbeing day.

Thank you also for the many generous donations made by members and friends of the church. This year we have had the unexpected dry rot problem that occurred during the lockdown when the church was closed for several weeks which has cost approximately £5,000 so far with some work still to be completed. We have also had to buy a camera in order to record services at the cost of just over £500 and the installation of livestreaming equipment cost £750. And yet in spite of these unexpected costs due to people's generosity we have ended the financial year in credit without having to dip into our reserves.

Thank you also to those who have kept in touch with one another through telephone calls and shown acts of kindness to people when they have been struggling either financially or emotionally. Thank you to those who have helped to clean and redecorate the church hall and entrance lounge. Thank you also to those who have preached, prayed, read the scriptures and stories for the children both online and in services in the building.

And a special thank you to Alison Bond who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes in editing and uploading videos and working out how to operate all the equipment in order to produce services both for those who are able to attend and also for others to watch online. We are living in unprecedented times and as the Lord said to Joshua "you have not passed this way before" (Joshua 3.4) but thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.

CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		11,239		9,111
Service collections Gift Aided		16,863		17,741
Patrick		0		
Patrick Gift Aided		0		
Building fund		0		87
Building fund Gift Aided		0		5,191
Missionary Offerings		984		1,761
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		1,736		3,241
Tax reclaimed		5,525		7,171
Total Youth groups		0		2,121
Joy		0		
Designated donations		2,004		751
Other donations		810		2,311
Toddler group		0		291
Other grants		4		
Interest		0		
Other		326		891
Total income		39,491		78,241
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	3,538		5,987	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	200		265	
		(3,738)		(6,251)
Payroll	20,112		19,722	
Club costs	740		1,339	
Joy magazine	0		0	
Flowers	0		0	
Evangelism	0		0	
Rates, water, light & heat	4,917		3,589	
Insurance	1,299		1,230	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	5,048		4,168	
cleaning	83		347	
Printing, postage & stationery	388		953	
Advertising	0		102	
Office costs computer and phone	859		1,063	
Hire of equipment	1,015		1,015	

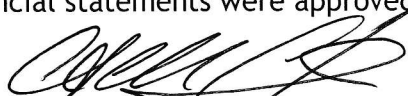
Motor expenses	0		0
Legal & professional	0		0
Accountancy	0		0
Bank charges	0		0
Canteen & refreshments	15		1,770
Payment against designated donations	3,260		853
Toddler group expenses	0		47
Building fund expenditure	0		88,971
Other	532		662
Total expenses		(38,268)	(125,840)
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(53,848)</u>
Cash & bank balances		12,112	14,622

Statement of Financial Position
At 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	369,625	376,806
Investments	0	0
	369,625	376,806
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	12,112	14,622
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(223)	(264)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	11,889	14,358
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	381,514	391,164
NET ASSETS	381,514	391,164

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

Signed:



Print Name:

A.M. CALVERT

Chairman of Trustees

Date:

12/11/2021

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1051793

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statement for the Year Ended
31 March 2021 for
Congleton Pentecostal Church

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congleton Pentecostal Church

I report on the accounts of Congleton Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on page 1.

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 and to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the 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 next statement.

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 and o 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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10th November 2021

