

**Annual report of the Trustees of Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, Hedgefield Grove,
Halesowen, West Midlands. B63 2HJ
Year Ending 31 December 2020**

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 J 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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Independent Examiner

Mrs J A Cooke
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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

Once again, we can give thanks to God for bringing us through another year and for all that He has done in us and through us in Fatherless Barn estate. Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 and the UK moving into what became known as the first Lockdown, the effects went on to shape the life and ministry of the Church.

Church Ministries

Up until Lockdown in March our family service continued to be well supported with the main Church Hall being full when everyone connected with the Church attended. Almost immediately following Lockdown we produced video services for Sunday mornings which were uploaded on to YouTube with the link being posted on the Church WhatsApp group. For most of us this was a big learning curve. Initially we regularly had over 60 people viewing the services and it was good to discover that one or two people who did not normally attend Church were watching the videos.

We also started a daily reading programme based on our Church WhatsApp group. It was great to hear young and old reading God's word each day and in the Lockdown when we could not meet it provided a source of great encouragement.

A number of people have appreciated the Friday morning prayer times via Zoom which one of our members has been faithfully running, supplementing our monthly prayer meeting held on Zoom. Our Bible study on Zoom, going through the book of James, was not well attended but it was encouraging to study the word of God.

In the autumn we made the decision to meet in the Church following Government guidelines but it was not satisfactory, particularly with those who had young children. When the second Lockdown happened we reverted to online services again although we had a well-attended and much appreciated, open-air Christmas Carol Service. An open-air Easter Day service was also held. Services have since been in Church with live streaming on YouTube.

Our preaching programme throughout the year was based on 1 & 2 Thessalonians and 1 & 2 Peter with seasonal messages. The majority of the preaching was delivered by the leadership team with one or two guest speakers providing a video message.

Other Activities & Highlights

One of the biggest implications of Lockdown has been our inability to work with the children and young people of our Church in the way that we would normally. Since March 2020 neither Sunday school, JAM Club or Little Sunbeams has operated and, in many cases, we did not see the children for 9 months. We did distribute end of the school year packs for the children and young people when families called at the Church socially distanced. Sunday school lessons were also produced and posted on YouTube. Our 60+ lunch club also had to stop but those who lead the work have delivered meals to those who are isolated and kept in contact by phone.

Church Building

As was reported last year we submitted plans to Dudley Planning Department for the Church extension. This resulted in a meeting via Zoom with the lead planning officer who informed us that she would not be able to support our application in its present form. A number of meetings took place with the architect and revisions were made to the plans. The plans were resubmitted on 9 December 2020 and were subsequently passed with a number of restrictions. During the year we had the side rooms reconfigured and redecorated.

Finance

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019 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.

Principal Funding Sources

Donations and gifts are our main source of income and we are most appreciative of the continued support of church members and others who give in various ways. We do not make appeals for funding to people outside of Church membership other than through collections made at our Sunday morning family service. We do not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

Future Plans

Plans are being made for the various Church activities to reopen, in accordance with Government guidelines. The Family Service will be recorded for the benefit of those who cannot attend.

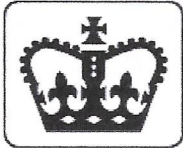
We are in the process of updating the Trust Deed for the Church in preparation for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

We are encouraging the Church members to be thinking about the future leadership of the Church and to consider if we need to appoint someone who can work part time for the Church to get involved in the Church meetings and outreach.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees
on 10 October 2021



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Alan Harborne
Chairman



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

518320

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:

J A Cooke

Date:

3 June 2021

Name:

Mrs J A Cooke

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

Address:

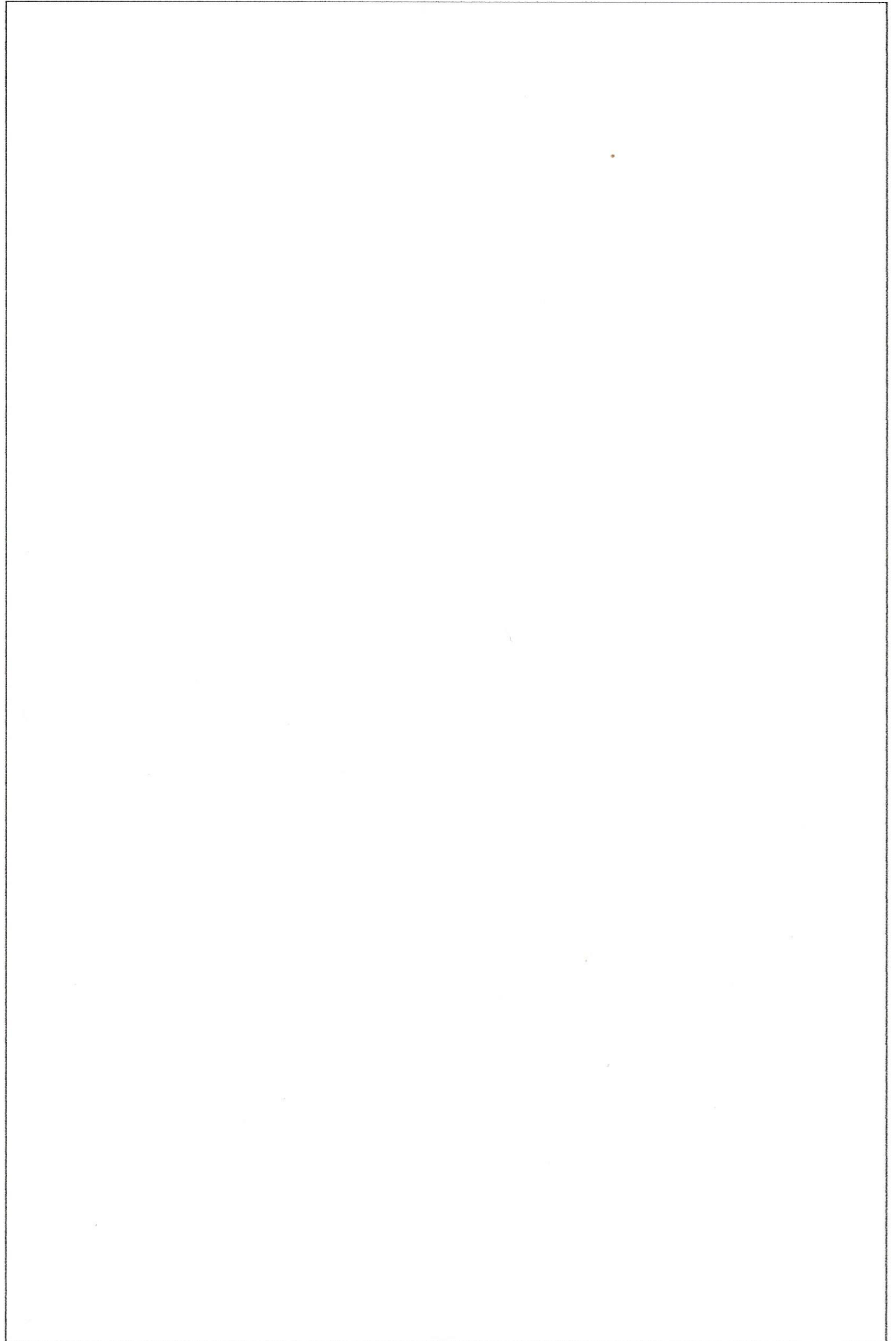
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



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Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u> £
Donations and Legacies	25940	300	26240	24295
Charitable Activities	0	487	487	2322
Other Income	0	585	585	330
Investments	70	0	70	92
TOTAL INCOME	26010	1372	27382	27039

EXPENDITURE

Cost of Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities	20602	4874	25476	20781
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20602	4874	25476	20781

NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	5408	-3502	1906	6258
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	32854	5213	38067	31809
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	38262	1711	39973	38067

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2020

<u>2019</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2020</u>
5370.11	Offerings & Donations	6216.00
13827.50	Gift Aid Donations	13398.15
3414.60	HMRC Tax Refund	6325.00
2.94	Offertory Box	
1354.95	Gifts for Building Fund	
325.30	Gifts for Missionary Fund	
2322.25	60 + Group	487.40
	Legacy for 60+	300.00
91.62	Interest Received	70.09
330.00	Quinta 2020	585.00
<u>27039.27</u>	Total Income	<u>27381.64</u>
31808.62	Opening Balance	38067.36
<u>58847.89</u>		<u>65449.00</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
89.89	Gas	1029.00
411.19	Electricity	474.00
92.63	Water Rates - Church	66.56
959.52	Insurance - Church	987.46
815.00	Speakers Expenses and Gifts	140.00
2800.00	Gifts to Missionaries	2950.00
2760.00	Gifts to Birmingham City Mission	2760.00
1848.01	Building Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements	11982.90
1848.00	Dudley MBC Planning Fee	
	Church Weekend Quinta	600.00
1177.98	Computer	
760.55	Youth Expenses	244.61
120.00	Thirty one eight (Formerly CCPAS)	120.00
2527.38	60+ Group	466.57
337.54	Outreach Expenses	115.06
646.01	CCLI - Copyright Licence	690.85
879.72	Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	125.29
326.37	Insurance - Church House	335.14
542.10	Water Rates - Church House	540.07
475.20	Church House Repairs and Maintenance	427.20
1363.44	Church House Council Tax	1421.51
<u>20780.53</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>25476.22</u>
38067.36	Balance Carried Forward	39972.78
<u>58847.89</u>		<u>65449.00</u>
	Represented By:	
1193.15	Current Account	416.75
36863.17	Savings Account	39445.85
11.04	Cash in Hand	110.18
<u>38067.36</u>		<u>39972.78</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>Quinta</u>	<u>60+</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balances as at 31 December 2019	4407	330	476	5213
income for the year	0	585	787	1372
Expenditure for the year	-4407	0	-467	-4874
Balances as at 31 December 2020	0	915	796	1711

Unrestricted Funds

Balance as at 31 December 2019	32854
Net movement in year	5408
Balance as at 31 December 2020	<u>38262</u>

The Trustees have designated £800 to the Building Fund

Total Funds

Restricted Funds	1711
Designated Funds	800
Unrestricted Funds	<u>37462</u>
	<u>39973</u>