

LLANELLI FREE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(Registered charity no: 519123)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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Trustee's Annual Report 2020/2021

Reference and administrative details

Charity name: Llanelli Free Evangelical Church

Registered charity Number: 519123

Charity's Principal address:

The church building is situated in Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 2TH.

All correspondence, however, should be addressed to:

Matthew Howard
2 Llandafen Farm
Pemberton
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire
SA15 9BX

Trustees:

Those who are elected by the church members to the office of elder or deacon are the trustees of the church.

Elders:

Mr. Matthew Brian Lloyd Jones
Mr. David Lewis

Deacons:

Mr. Matthew Charles St John Howard (Church Administrator)
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald
Mr. Matthew George Thomas
Mr. James Hughes
Mr. Matthew Williams (effective from 24 February 2021)

The Pastor of the Church, Rev. Philip Swann, is in attendance at the Trustees' meetings and acts as Chair in a non-voting capacity.

Website

www.lfec.org

Advisers

Bankers:

Lloyds Banking Group
21 Stepney Street
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire
SA15 3YD

Virgin Money
Jubilee House
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 4PL

Structure, governance and management

Declaration of Trust dated 30 June 1987.

Organisational Structure

All Church work in its various aspects comes under the jurisdiction of the pastor and elders, who are mainly responsible for Church order. Regular meetings are held with the deacons, who are responsible for the administrative and practical affairs of the Church. The pastor and elders will decide the advisability or otherwise of proceeding with any proposed activity, submitting their findings to the Church Meeting, and recommending the best course of action. The Church Meeting consists of all current members of the church.

The elders and deacons meet approximately ten times a year. Church members meetings are held three times a year.

Appointment of Pastor

The Pastor is elected by the members of the church, requiring the votes of at least 80% of those who have voted.

Election of Elders

The qualifications for the office of elders as set out in the New Testament are read and expounded to the Church. The Pastor and Elders recommend nominees to the church, based on the needs of the church at that time. A ballot is subsequently held and those receiving the votes of at least 70% of those who have voted are considered duly elected. Those elected are approached by the Pastor and Elders and are invited to accept the office.

Election of Deacons

The Pastor and Elders recommend nominees to the church, based on the needs of the church at that time. A ballot is subsequently held and those receiving the votes of at least 70% of those who have voted are considered duly elected. Those elected are approached by the Pastor and Elders and are invited to accept the office.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

New trustees are provided with information on the roles and duties of trustees as published by the Charity Commission. A copy of the church's Declaration of Trust is provided by the Church Administrator and guidance given on its contents.

Risk Management

The church has a Safeguarding Policy and guidelines which were updated and approved in November 2013 and lodged with Thirty One Eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service). Training and copies were given to those involved with children and vulnerable adults on 9th March 2014. All who work with children and vulnerable adults in the church are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. The rolling programme for updating/renewing these checks will be undertaken by the safeguarding co-ordinators.

Adaptations and improvements have been made to the church premises to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Insurance cover was set in the light of independent advice. The trustees comply with Charity Commission advice and directives in the running of the church. The church's finances are subject to independent examination. The church continues to be well supported by members and non- members and is able to meet all commitments.

The church monitors its financial position to ensure that its reserves are sufficient to meet its financial obligations

Objectives and activities

Objects of the trust

These are stated in the Declaration of Trust:

“To advance the Christian religion in the county of Dyfed and elsewhere in the United Kingdom and overseas.”

(Following local government reorganisation on 1 April 1996, the three counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire replaced the county of Dyfed.)

Organisation of the trust

“In order that the organisation of the Church and the Trust may fully harmonize, the elders and deacons of the Church shall be the trustees.”

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Policy Statements

The Church is reviewing policies on membership and discipline. The aim is to ensure that these policies are reflective of the church's beliefs through changes within society

Purpose

Our prayer as a church is that the public benefit derived from the work and facilities of the church will not be confined to time but will have eternal benefit for all who receive it.

In the goodness of God, we have been provided with a place of worship. However, use of the premises has been severely restricted in order to comply with Covid-19 restrictions. Sunday Services and other activities have been held over You Tube and Facebook.

Other activities that have been held over Zoom with aim of providing a varied range of ways of support to the community whilst putting into practice the gospel of Jesus Christ. Details are set out below:

Monday

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday

Parent and Toddler group during school terms
Bible study /prayer meeting

Wednesday

Men's bible study (bi-monthly)

Thursday

Women's Bible Study (bi-monthly)

Friday

Friday Club and Friday Youth

Our Pastor who is a governor of Ysgol Pen Rhos is regularly asked to take school assemblies. In addition, the church has supported the school as allowed within the Covid-19 restrictions. It has not been possible due to the Covid-19 restrictions to hold the Sunday morning services on the school premises nor has it been possible to hold services at Caemaen Home for the Elderly LLanelli.

Achievements and performance

Review of the year ended 5th April 2021

The church seeks through its various activities to reach out to the local community it serves in proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ to all age groups but this has been severely restricted because of the Covid-19 restrictions but the Church has provided considerable support through its electronic based activities. It is known that some of these have reached wider audiences. The opportunity has been supported by the distribution of free literature with the aim of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

The church has also financially supported for many years the distribution of New Testaments to Year Seven pupils at Bryngwyn Comprehensive School by the Carmarthenshire branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly Gideons International)

The Café Church Outreach monthly meetings held previously at Costa Café Pemberton Llanelli could not be held as the lockdown restrictions prevented holding these meetings.

The church supports food banks operated by other churches in Llanelli.

Financial Review

As a consequence of the Covid restrictions different financial procedures had to be introduced. Procedures for offerings to paid directly into the bank account or by forwarded cheques to the Church Treasurer. The success of this can be seen in the overall level of giving being maintained. This is very encouraging. With the greater use of meeting involving electronic means there has been a need to enhance the various items of equipment used in the production of streamed services and other meetings. The Church was pleased to obtain a grant of £250 towards the cost of such equipment from the Welsh Leadership Forum. To support the local community the Church distributed copies of the Evangelical Movement of Wales's bilingual magazine Holi/Ask using the Royal Mail local distribution service. Part of the cost was met by a grant from the D & M Trust

Overall the receipts were £63,788 and payments £72,810 leaving a deficit for the year of £5,786 This deficit will be covered through the recoveries through the Gift Aid scheme.

Future

It is hoped that with the easing of restrictions that the various church activities will be able to resume in full and that this will enable face to face meetings to be fully resumed. This will ensure that the Church will be able to return to playing a vital role in the community that it serves.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Llanelli Free Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5 April 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

519123

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 5 April 2021

**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:

R. Bale

Date:

3 February 2022

Name:

Roger Bale

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

Institute of Certified Book-Keepers

Address:

12 Heol Derwen

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Llanelli SA14 ^SN

Llanelli Free Evangelical Church	Receipts and	Payments
Year from 6 April to 5 April	2020/21	2019/20
Income	£	£
Offerings	63,788	63,386
Missionary	0	79
Tax Refunds	0	0
Building Fund	0	28,305
Legacy/gifts	2,125	1,010
Interest	161	245
Miscellaneous	950	55
	<u>67,024</u>	<u>93,080</u>
Payments		
<u>Charitable -direct activity</u>		
Pastor's salary	32,074	30,144
N I	0	0
Pension	7,516	7,276
Prof Development & books	53	623
Daylight	17,840	18,374
Visiting speakers	0	340
Sunday club	409	682
Friday Club. Friday Youth &, Holiday Bible Club	250	889
Toddlers	22	254
Camp fees	0	370
Outreach	1,785	254
Cafe Church	0	0
Additional gifts	1,332	950
Missionary support	-358	459
	<u>60,923</u>	<u>60,615</u>
<u>Charitable -other expenditure</u>		
Maintenance	1,585	1,109
Utilities	2,309	2,403
Insurance	1,171	1,157
Fellowship meals	0	712
Broadband	867	711
Advertising & photocopying	1,280	2,190
Computer & sound equipment	3,631	1,889
Miscellaneous	1,044	4,539
Charitable-other expenditure	<u>11,887</u>	<u>14,710</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>72,810</u>	<u>75,325</u>
Deficit-/Surplus for year	-5786	17,755

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

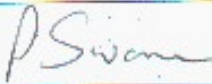

	<u>5 April 2021</u>	<u>5 April 2020</u>
Monetary assets:		
Lloyds TSB Bank Account		
Ordinary activities	11,246	17,193
Earmarked building fund	31,305	31,305
Total	42,551	48,498
Virgin Money Account	32,889	32,728
Total	<u>75,440</u>	<u>81,226</u>

Other assets at year end	
Land & building used by charity at Queen Victoria Road, Llanelli	Cost £127,000 in October 1988 Valued for insurance purposes November 2020 - £1,429,000

Declaration

The Trustees approved the church's annual report and accounts on 4 February 2022

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature		
Full name	Philip Swann	Matthew Howard
Position	Chair	Church Administrator
Date	4 February 2022	4 February 2022

