

LLANELLI FREE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(Registered charity no: 519123)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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Trustee's Annual Report 2021/2022

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:

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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 (resigned 30 June 2022)
Mr. Matthew George Thomas
Mr. James Hughes
Mr. Matthew Williams

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. During 2021/22 use of premises remained restricted but it was possible through the use of a booking system to have a restricted number present at Sunday Services. Other persons continued to join online through Facebook and YouTube.

The activities that are in undertaken with the 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 Life Groups alternating with a share/prayer meeting

Wednesday

Men's bible study (bi-monthly)

Thursday

Women's Bible Study (bi-monthly)

Friday

Friday Club and Youth

Our Pastor who is a governor of Ysgol Pen Rhos is regularly asked to take school assemblies. The Church has supported the school although it has not been possible due to ongoing restrictions to hold the Sunday morning services on the school premises.

Achievements and performance

Review of the year ended 5th April 2022

With the continuing reduction in restrictions there was an opportunity to return to holding the church activities. However, the investment on online facilities provides the opportunity for a wider outreach to those who through distance or health concerns. It has been encouraging that the work of the Church has been maintained. The opportunity has been taken to encourage reading through the ongoing distribution of free God honouring literature.

In order to encourage young people to attend Christian summer camps the church continues to offer a contribution towards the cost. Many parents took advantage of this facility.

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).

Besides reaching out to the community the church supports food banks operated by other churches in Llanelli.

Financial Review

As a consequence of the Covid restrictions different financial procedures were introduced. Procedures for offerings to be paid directly into the bank account or by forwarded cheques to the Church Treasurer have proved beneficial in the long term. 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 an ongoing enhancement to the various items of equipment used in the production of streamed services and other meetings.

Overall, the receipts were £65,416 and payments £70,527 leaving a deficit for the year of £5,111 This deficit will be covered through the recoveries through the Gift Aid scheme.

Future

The Church has recognized that the current facilities are under pressure and is actively considering the future accommodation needs and the best way of taking this forward. As part of this process the intention is to move from the existing Trust to a Charity Incorporated Organisation. The Church continues to seek how it can support the local community and is currently opening the premises as a Warm Hub.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Llanelli Free Evangelical Church		
On accounts for the year ended	5 April 2022	Charity no (if any)	519123
Set out on pages	8 & 9		

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: Roger Bale Date: 30/1/2023

Name: Roger Bale

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Certified Book-Keepers

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Llanelli Free Evangelical Church	Receipts and	Payments
Year from 6 April to 5 April	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Income		
Offerings	64,602	63,788
Missionary	0	0
Tax Refunds	0	0
Legacy/gifts	720	2,125
Interest	44	161
Miscellaneous	50	950
Building Fund	0	0
	<u>65,416</u>	<u>67,024</u>
Payments		
<u>Charitable -direct activity</u>		
Pastor's salary	33,013	32,074
N I	0	0
Pension	7,723	7,516
Prof Development & books	287	53
Daylight	18,231	17,840
Visiting speakers	0	0
Sunday club	811	409
Friday Club, Youth &, Holiday		
Bible Club	293	250
Toddlers	0	22
Camp fees	0	0
Outreach	899	1,785
Additional gifts	892	1,332
Missionary support	345	-358
	<u>62,494</u>	<u>60,923</u>
<u>Charitable -other expenditure</u>		
Maintenance	497	1,585
Utilities	2,772	2,309
Insurance	1,311	1,171
Fellowship meals	136	0
Broadband	548	867
Advertising & photocopying	600	1,280
Computer & sound equipment	1,271	3,631
Miscellaneous	898	1,044
	<u>8,033</u>	<u>11,887</u>
Charitable-other expenditure		
Total Expenditure	<u>70,527</u>	<u>72,810</u>
Deficit-/Surplus for year	-5,111	-5,786

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	<u>5 April 2022</u>	<u>5 April 2021</u>
	£	£
Brought forward	75,440	81,226
Deficit for year	-5,111	-5,796
Balance carried forward	70,329	75,440
Monetary assets:		
Lloyds TSB Bank Account		
Ordinary activities	6,091	11,246
Earmarked building fund	31,305	31,305
Total	37,396	42,551
Virgin Money Account	32,933	32,889
Total	<u>70,329</u>	<u>75,440</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 declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Full name:

MATTHEW HOWARD

Position:

TRUSTEE

Date:

4/2/23

Signature:



Full name:

JAMES HUGHES

Position:

TRUSTEE

Date:

4/2/23