

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1052196

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-01-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT 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;(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.

Activities: A Christian charity, church and community centre hosting a number of ministries, training initiatives and charity projects.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE ULVERSTON
- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£186,215	£162,085	-	-
2024-01-31	£202,001	£170,937	-	-
2023-01-31	£151,034	£145,239	-	-
2022-01-31	£174,913	£137,163	-	-
2021-01-31	£142,130	£151,562	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Darren Roy	Chair	
Andrew Wright		2021-04-28
Colin Austin Russell Thornhill		
David Smith		2015-06-21
Paul Anthony Crossley Sedgwick		2014-03-31
Vanessa Jane Aspinwall		2026-03-01

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025



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Board of Trustees:

Other Roles:

Chairman David Darren Roy Senior Minister
(known as *Darren Roy*)

Secretary Lisa Smith Chaplain, Treasurer

Other Trustees David Smith Elder
Colin Thornhill Deacon, Safeguarding Lead
Paul Sedgwick Deacon
Andrew Wright Steward

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Structure, Governance and Management

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[The following overview is based on activities up to 31 January 2025]

Achievements and Performance

Review of the Year

Attendance at ECC has risen during the year and there has been an 18% increase in formal membership. Most of the increase has been in the under 30 years age group. Both tiers of seating areas are used weekly and are near capacity at gospel services. There is a continued sense of being a family, centred around each members passion for Jesus Christ and His Good News. Growth has led to an increase in house groups as well as impromptu fellowship, prayer meetings and get-togethers arranged by members. The core values of love, community and honour are manifest and the Church Council is pleased with the enthusiasm throughout the Church.

The charitable objects have been promoted through regular Sunday worship and teaching services which are the main public-facing provision available to all. Sunday services have been described by attendees as ‘lovingly-welcoming’, ‘inspiring’, ‘dynamic’ and ‘full of God’s presence’. As well as in-person attendance, several people from Europe watch the live stream each Sunday, and 112 people watch the sermons published later on YouTube, some of which form house-groups in Austria and Australia.

There has been a continued emphasis on developing the Sunday fellowship which is described as ‘the less formal part of the service’. This is where Christian unity and friendships are developed, and it’s often the case that people stay for an extended period into the afternoon. It’s not uncommon to see people praying together, supporting one another and reading the Bible in groups for encouragement, as you might expect in a faithful Christian community; many wearing their ECC church-merch hoodies which almost every member of the church purchased.

Church communications have worked well with various messaging groups and points of contact offering practical and spiritual support. Much of the practical support has been overseen by deacons, but it’s been encouraging to see members looking out for each other’s welfare. The members area of the website has also been widely resourced to enable access to biblical teaching, helpful articles, forms and important documents. The use of online forms has improved our administration and managing of the facilities.

The Church Council are confident that all of ECC’s charitable objects have been met through various departments. The dedication of the members and volunteers has been commended at the AGM. Brief reports related so some of the departments are detailed below:

- **Royal Rangers**

The Ulverston outpost of Royal Rangers was established at ECC in August 2021. Royal Rangers is a uniformed, practical programme that includes scouting-style activities, outdoor adventure, and opportunities for personal achievement. Elements of the curriculum support our aim of promoting the Christian faith among young people aged 11–17, while the programme as a whole focuses on developing a broad range of practical skills, including the increasingly popular discipline of bushcraft.

Sessions were held on Wednesday evenings during term time, and attendance continued to grow over the

past year. The Rangers took part in two weekend camps and were actively involved in a number of community events, including Remembrance Day and civic services.

- **Chaplaincy**

In 2024, ECC had two dedicated chaplains: one serving the emergency services community and the other supporting students and young adults. Each chaplain worked in accordance with the needs and protocols of their respective sector, thereby helping ECC to meet its objectives of advancing the Christian faith, alleviating sickness and financial hardship, and promoting and preserving good health through counselling and support.

The Emergency Services Chaplain attended Police duty meetings, Fire Service training days, and a range of civic and remembrance services. Drawing on resources from Oscar Kilo, the Police wellbeing charity, the Chaplain provided officers and staff with tools to improve their mental wellbeing. Additional support was offered through active involvement in the Christian Police Association.

ECC's Chaplain for Students and Young Adults delivered weekly self-worth courses in local schools in partnership with the Be Me Project. There was also a growing number of referrals for counselling vulnerable young people. While the support offered is grounded in a Christian perspective, it is available to all, subject to parental and school consent. The Chaplain is accredited and undergoes an annual review by a national body.

- **All-Stars Junior Church**

All-Stars is the children's church at ECC which runs on Sunday mornings. During this year, All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. The Church Council are grateful for the commitment of all the parents involved.

All-Stars used Scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons with arts, crafts, singing and age-appropriate activities. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be good Christian citizens within their community. The children attend enthusiastically and often the theme for their session matches the sermon in the main service.

- **Emmanuel Toddlers**

This year, Emmanuel Toddlers met on Tuesday mornings during school term. The group continues to support young families in the community by offering a warm, stimulating environment where parents, toddlers, and babies can interact and develop supportive relationships. A clear Christian element is maintained through Bible stories and songs.

The initiative contributes to our objectives of advancing the Christian faith, relieving sickness and financial hardship, and promoting good health by providing a service that includes informal counselling and support. Emmanuel Toddlers meets in the minor hall at ECC and has experienced steady growth since moving from afternoon to morning sessions.

- **Missions Department**

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from ECC as a charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance.

- **Carelink**

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

The meals service has been running for over 11 years and has built a great reputation in Ulverston. On Christmas Day, Carelink again provided a free dinner for those who wanted to either attend ECC for a celebration or have a meal delivered. On behalf of those who benefitted from Carelink's services in 2024, the Church Council are thankful to all the volunteers and drivers.

- **House Groups**

Due to growth, even more house-groups were needed and therefore held throughout the year. These were at the heart of ECC's midweek fellowship and discipleship. The aim of the groups was to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members, and to prepare members for work in the community. Each group had a slightly different format as they were facilitated by people with different, but equally valuable, talents.

The groups met our objects of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith, as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members. It has been encouraging for the Church Council to see such an increase in voluntary attendance at house-groups, resulting in meaningful friendships, a sense of unity, and growth in personal discipleship. At the AGM, those who attended groups from 2024 to 2025 expressed their gratitude to the house-group leaders for 'promoting Christian fellowship and hospitality'.

- **Worship Music & AV Group**

As a Christian organisation our Music & AV Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music & AV Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training.

The Church Council noted that those who serve on ECC's Music & AV team, carry a Christian commitment that extends beyond Sunday services. Each member of the team being faithful to personal discipleship is what allows for a genuine expression of praise each Sunday. There is a real sense of enthusiasm, joy and 'presence' which is felt when the team play.

- **Kintsugi Hope**

ECC has partnered with Kintsugi Hope from 2021, to form a wellbeing group which is a safe and supportive space for people who feel or have felt overwhelmed. By providing tools for self-management, the group was able to cover subjects such as disappointment, loss, anxiety, anger, depression, shame and resilience.

- **Connections Coffee Shop**

The coffee shop area known as Connections is open to the public on Friday each week. Connections also compliments other ECC initiatives by providing refreshments and the space for meetings. The area has been hired by a number of community groups and other churches for business meetings and fellowship events.

During some of Ulverston's festivals, Connections Coffee Shop has proved to be very popular, causing us to draw on many volunteers to offer a great service. The Dickensian festival was constantly busy, during which Church members were available to answer questions, supply Christian literature and introduce new people to ECC. Proceeds from Connections are used for charitable purposes and missions giving is funded through it.

- **Chosen Youth Group**

Chosen Group is a house-group style provision which encourages and supports high-schoolers in the Christian Faith. It forms part of ECC's discipleship and pastoral system for children in year 7 or above. During the year, the group met at least monthly and was a place of help and prayer for younger people navigating the challenges of school life, at whatever stage of the Christian journey they may be. Discipleship through Chosen Group was rooted in relationship and the concept of God's love for all was the primary value. It was a blessing for the Church Council to see the group members taking steps forward in the Way which is Jesus, and to then see those steps outworked through involvement in the wider Church.

Emmanuel Christian Centre
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 January 2025

Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Emmanuel Christian Centre
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 January 2025
Set Out On Pages 2 to 4

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 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,
- 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 examiners 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 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 the 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 statement below

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Janine Kelly - MAAT

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30 April 2025

Emmanuel Christian Centre

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 January 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total	
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	2025	2024
					£	£
Income						
Generated funds:						
Offerings and gifts		125,138		3,256	128,394	133,760
Generated income		10,337			10,337	7,758
Interest		2,778			2,778	1,660
Grants received				9,069	9,069	27,232
Charitable activities:						
Connections		15,528			15,528	13,588
Carelink meals		-		20,108	20,108	18,004
Total Income		153,782	-	32,433	186,215	202,001
Expenditure						
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Connections - Missionary Giving		5,887		-	5,887	5,580
Connections expenses		6,122			6,122	6,085
Wages and Social Security Costs		57,446		-	57,446	50,868
Training		1,639		-	1,639	2,370
Utilities		11,100		-	11,100	9,299
Insurances		2,740		-	2,740	2,452
Repairs and maintenance		-	10,763	-	10,763	35,156
Cleaning, kitchen & refreshments		1,692		519	2,211	610
Office equipment		7,513		568	8,081	9,308
Telephone stationery and postage		1,638		21	1,659	2,356
Speakers fees		3,908		-	3,908	5,080
Gifts		3,571			3,571	2,789
Travel and subsistence		5,780		-	5,780	4,733
Ministry materials		1,061		-	1,061	432
CareLink support		-		15,987	15,987	15,504
Fellowship catering		2,980		-	2,980	1,377
Legal and professional fees		2,077			2,077	960
Miscellaneous expenses		3,403		383	3,786	1,713
Depreciation	2		8,271		8,271	7,928
Total Direct Expenditure		118,557	19,034	17,477	155,068	164,601
Management and Administration		6,581	435		7,017	6,337
Total Expenditure		125,138	19,469	17,477	162,085	170,938
Net Surplus for the year		28,644	(19,469)	14,956	24,130	31,064
Funds at the start of the Year		226,276	9,291	60,807	296,374	265,310
Funds at the end of the Year		254,920	(10,178)	75,763	320,504	296,374

Wages and social security costs cover 1 full-time and 3 part-time employees

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Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2025

	Notes	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fixed Assets			
Depreciating Assets	2	178,840	187,547
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		28,040	28,019
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		<u>113,444</u>	<u>80,628</u>
		<u>141,784</u>	<u>108,947</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>141,664</u>	<u>108,827</u>
		£ <u>320,504</u>	£ <u>296,374</u>

Represented By:

Capital Account

Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	254,920	226,276
	Unrestricted designated funds	-10,178	9,288
	Restricted funds	<u>75,763</u>	<u>60,809</u>
		£ <u>320,504</u>	£ <u>296,374</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 30 April 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 January 2025

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The accounts on pages 2 and 3 have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation is charged on the fixed assets of the church as follows:

Freehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Equipment	15% reducing balance

Note 2 Depreciating Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1 February 2024	346,633	35,530	41,126	423,289
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2025	<u>346,633</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>41,126</u>	<u>423,289</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2024	166,545	34,621	34,574	235,741
Charge for the year	6,933	136	1,639	8,708
At 31 January 2025	<u>173,477</u>	<u>34,758</u>	<u>36,213</u>	<u>244,449</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 January 2025	<u>173,156</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>4,912</u>	<u>178,840</u>
At 31 January 2024	<u>180,089</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>6,551</u>	<u>187,547</u>

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There has also been an emphasis on developing the post-worship fellowship which is described as 'the less formal part of the service'. This is where Christian unity and friendships are developed, and it's often the case that people stay for an extended period into the afternoon. It's not uncommon to see people praying together, supporting one another and reading the Bible in groups for encouragement, as you might expect in a faithful Christian community.

Church communications have worked well with various messaging groups and points of contact offering practical and spiritual support. Much of the practical support has been overseen by deacons, but it's been encouraging to see members really looking out for each other's welfare. The members area of the website has also been widely resourced to enable access to biblical teaching, helpful articles, forms and important documents.

The Church Council are confident that all of ECC's charitable objects have been met through various departments. The dedication of the members and volunteers has been commended at the AGM. Brief reports related so some of the departments are detailed below:

- **Royal Rangers**

The Ulverston outpost of Royal Rangers was formed at ECC in August 2021. Rangers is a uniformed, practical based programme involving scouting type activities, adventure in the outdoors and achievement. Some parts of the curriculum meet our objective of advancing the Christian faith to young people aged between 11-17 years. Primarily it advances education in a range of practical skills, including the increasingly popular art of bushcraft.

Rangers was held on Wednesday evenings during term time and has doubled in attendance this year. Paul and Karen Sedgwick served as the senior leaders, supported by leaders Nahum and Abbey Matthews, and 2 new

younger leaders developed to assist with the growth in attendance. The rangers attended 2 weekend camps during the year and were actively involved in community events such as remembrance day and civic services.

- **Chaplaincy**

In 2023, ECC had 2 dedicated chaplains serving the emergency services, students and young adults. Each chaplain operated according to the needs and protocols of the sector, thus fulfilling ECC's objectives to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of services including through counselling and support.

The Emergency Services Chaplain attended Police duty meetings, Fire Service training days, and civic and remembrance services. Using resources from Oscar Kilo (the Police wellbeing charity) the Chaplain was able to equip officers and staff with tools for better mental wellbeing. The Chaplain also supported staff through membership of the Christian Police Association.

ECC's Chaplain to Students and Young Adults held weekly self-worth courses in local schools through partnership with the Be Me Project. There were also a number of referrals for counselling vulnerable young people and the demand is growing. Any support offered is from a Christian perspective but available to all, subject to parental and school agreement. The Chaplain is accredited and annually reviewed by a national body.

- **All-Stars Junior Church**

All-Stars is the children's church at ECC which runs on Sunday mornings. During this year, All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. The Church Council are grateful for the commitment of all the parents involved. To maintain consistency and for a more focussed provision, a specifically trained All-Stars teacher will run the sessions weekly in 2024.

All-Stars used Scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons with arts, crafts, singing and age-appropriate activities. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be good Christian citizens within their community. The children attend enthusiastically and often the theme for their session matches the sermon in the main service.

- **Emmanuel Toddlers**

This year, Emmanuel Toddlers met on Tuesday mornings during school term. The group continues to serve young families in the community by providing a warm and stimulating environment for parents, toddlers and babies to interact and build supportive relationships. Led by Carol Roy and a team of helpers, there is a clear Christian element with Bible stories and songs.

As an objective this is about the advancement of the Christian faith, relief of sickness and financial hardship, and the promotion of good health by the provision of a service with counselling and support. Emmanuel Toddlers uses the minor hall at ECC and has seen a steady growth since moving from afternoon to morning sessions.

- **Missions Department**

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from ECC as a charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance.

- **Carelink**

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

Led by Lynne Matthews, the meals service has been running for over 10 years and has built a great reputation in Ulverston. On Christmas Day, Carelink again provided a free dinner for those who wanted to either attend ECC for a celebration or have a meal delivered. On behalf of those who benefitted from Carelink's services in 2023, the Church Council are thankful to all the volunteers and drivers.

- **House-groups**

Due to growth, even more house-groups were needed and therefore held throughout the year. These were at the heart of ECC's midweek fellowship and discipleship. The aim of the groups was to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members, and to prepare members for work in the community. Each group had a slightly different format as they were facilitated by people with different, but equally valuable, talents.

The groups met our objects of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith, as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members. It has been encouraging for the Church Council to see such an increase in voluntary attendance at house-groups, resulting in meaningful friendships, a sense of unity, and growth in personal discipleship. At the AGM, those who attended groups from 2023 to 2024 expressed their gratitude to the house-group leaders for opening their homes weekly, and for 'promoting an authentic sense of New Testament fellowship'.

- **Worship Music & AV Group**

As a Christian organisation our Music & AV Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music & AV Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training.

The Church Council noted that those who serve on ECC's Music & AV team, carry a Christian commitment that extends beyond Sunday services. Each member of the team being faithful to personal discipleship is what allows for a genuine expression of praise each Sunday. There is a real sense of enthusiasm, joy and 'presence' which is felt when the team play. Terms used by visitors who have left feedback include 'Jesus-praising', 'passionate', 'joyous' and 'anointed'. There is a tangible feeling of God's pleasure in the musical worship at ECC.

- **Kintsugi Hope**

ECC partnered with Kintsugi Hope during 2021 to form a wellbeing group which is a safe and supportive space for people who feel or have felt overwhelmed. By providing tools for self-management, the group was able to cover subjects such as disappointment, loss, anxiety, anger perfectionism, depression, shame and resilience. Initial feedback was somewhat positive and a review of ECC's wellbeing group will be conducted before firm plans to present further courses are established.

- **Connections Coffee Shop**

The coffee shop area known as Connections is open to the public on Friday each week. Connections also compliments other ECC initiatives by providing refreshments and the space for meetings. The area has been hired by a number of community groups and other churches for business meetings and fellowship events.

During some of Ulverston's festivals, Connections Coffee Shop has proved to be very popular, causing us to draw on many volunteers to offer a great service. The Dickensian festival was constantly busy, during which Church members were available to answer questions, supply Christian literature and introduce new people to life at ECC.

Colin and Sue Thornhill run Connections and all of ECC are grateful for the service they provide. Proceeds from Connections are used for charitable purposes and missions giving is funded through it.

- **Chosen Youth Group**

Chosen Group is a house-group style provision which encourages and supports high-schoolers in the Christian Faith. Led by Dan & Connie Blundell it forms part of ECC's discipleship and pastoral system for children in year 7 or above. During the year, the group met at least monthly and was a place of help and prayer for younger people navigating the challenges of school life, at whatever stage of the Christian journey they may be. Discipleship through Chosen Group was rooted in relationship and the concept of God's love for all was the primary value. It was a blessing for the Church Council to see the group members taking steps forward in the Way which is Jesus, and to then see those steps outworked through involvement in the wider Church.

Emmanuel Christian Centre
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 January 2024

Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Emmanuel Christian Centre
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 January 2024
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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners 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 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 the 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 statement below

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30 April 2024

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total <u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Income						
Generated funds:						
Offerings and gifts		131,442		2,318	133,760	120,981
Generated income		7,758			7,758	7,752
Interest		1,660			1,660	239
Grants received				27,232	27,232	-
Charitable activities:						
Connections		13,588			13,588	2,762
Carelink meals		-		18,004	18,004	19,348
Total Income		<u>154,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,554</u>	<u>202,001</u>	<u>151,081</u>
Expenditure						
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Grants - Missionary/Charitable Giving		5,580		-	5,580	2,680
Re: Vista expenses		6,085			6,085	1,763
Wages and Social Security Costs		50,868		-	50,868	46,203
Training		2,370		-	2,370	379
Utilities		9,299		-	9,299	6,111
Insurances		2,452		-	2,452	2,187
Repairs and maintenance		82	35,074	-	35,156	20,380
Office equipment		8,103		1,205	9,308	2,709
Telephone stationery and postage		2,328		27	2,356	1,680
Speakers fees		5,080		-	5,080	3,270
Gifts		2,789			2,789	3,388
Travel and subsistence		4,733		-	4,733	4,654
Ministry materials		432		-	432	685
CareLink support		-		15,504	15,504	21,698
Refreshments		83		526	610	396
Fellowship catering		1,377		-	1,377	2,717
Legal and professional fees		960			960	912
Miscellaneous expenses		799		914	1,713	863
Depreciation	2		7,928		7,928	8,352
Total Direct Expenditure		<u>103,421</u>	<u>43,002</u>	<u>18,177</u>	<u>164,600</u>	<u>131,028</u>
Management and Administration		5,920	417		6,337	5,973
Total Expenditure		<u>109,340</u>	<u>43,420</u>	<u>18,177</u>	<u>170,937</u>	<u>137,001</u>
Net Surplus for the year		45,106	(43,420)	29,377	31,064	14,080
Funds at the start of the Year		<u>181,167</u>	<u>52,711</u>	<u>31,432</u>	<u>265,310</u>	<u>251,230</u>
Funds at the end of the Year		<u>226,273</u>	<u>9,291</u>	<u>60,809</u>	<u>296,374</u>	<u>265,310</u>

Wages and social security costs cover 1 full-time and 3 part-time employees

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Depreciating Assets	2	187,547	193,099
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		28,019	18,062
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		80,628	53,968
		<u>108,947</u>	<u>72,331</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>108,827</u>	<u>72,211</u>
		£ <u>296,374</u>	£ <u>265,310</u>
Represented By:			
Capital Account			
Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	226,273	181,167
	Unrestricted designated funds	9,291	52,711
	Restricted funds	<u>60,809</u>	<u>31,432</u>
		£ <u>296,374</u>	£ <u>265,310</u>
		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 30 April 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



Trustee



Emmanuel Christian Centre

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 January 2024

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The accounts on pages 2 and 3 have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation is charged on the fixed assets of the church as follows:

Freehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Equipment	15% reducing balance

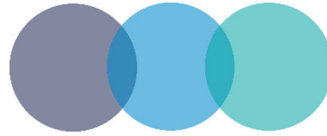
Note 2 Depreciating Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1 February 2023	346,633	35,530	38,333	420,496
Additions	-	-	2,793	-
At 31 January 2024	<u>346,633</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>41,126</u>	<u>420,496</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2023	159,612	34,461	33,322	227,396
Charge for the year	6,933	160	1,254	8,347
At 31 January 2024	<u>166,545</u>	<u>34,621</u>	<u>34,575</u>	<u>235,742</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 January 2024	<u>180,089</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>6,550</u>	<u>187,547</u>
At 31 January 2023	<u>187,021</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>5,011</u>	<u>193,099</u>

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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**Emmanuel Christian Centre
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2023**

Reference and administration details

Charity Name Emmanuel Christian Centre

Charity Number 1052196

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Board of Trustees:

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Secretary Lisa Smith

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation

Emmanuel Christian Centre (ECC) has been registered with the Charity Commission since 23rd January 1996, in practice operating as a church. ECC is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Churches in Communities International, governed by its Constitution and Trust Deed last updated in 2012.

Organisational Structure

ECC is administered and managed by a board of trustees known as the Church Council, chaired by the senior ordained minister. Members of the Church Council give their time freely and receive no remuneration for managing ECC as trustees. Each trustee has an equal vote on decisions of the Church Council which meets at least four times a year to ensure ECC carries out its purposes for public benefit in accordance with charity law and its Constitution. Every issue considered by the Church Council is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. For the sake of public confidence, whenever a member of the Church Council has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed, they are required to declare their interest and then be absent from that part of the meeting.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

The senior minister nominates an individual to be a trustee and the Church Council sanctions the appointment. This ensures that any new trustee is a respected member of the Christian faith who understand the foundational tenets and can effectively promote our objects. Trustees are selected to bring varying skills and insight to the Church Council and to fairly represent the beneficiaries of ECC.

Induction & Training of Trustees

Induction and training of a new trustee is under the guidance of the existing Church Council. A new trustee is given a copy of the Constitution and Trust Deed, booklet CC3 'The Essential Trustee', adopted policies, procedures and a guide booklet to the operation of the Church Council. Safeguarding training is completed before appointment. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities, accountability, scope and limits.

Risk Management

The Church Council has assessed the major strategic and operational risks which ECC faces and they have systems in place for protection, including a regularly reviewed reserves policy. Reports are produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen any risks. Insurance cover is always in place, finances are kept under review, policies are regularly updated, and appropriate background checks are undertaken for volunteers. Checks are also carried out on organisations ECC works with to ensure compliance with safeguarding and financial transparency.

Mrs Terry Piper was the Safeguarding Coordinator for 2022-2023, working with Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) to protect children and vulnerable adults using or attending ECC.

Overview of Aims and Objectives

The purposes listed as ECC's charitable objects are the primary goals for the charity and the various internal departments are assigned to achieve these. From the founding of ECC in 1986 the vision statement of the Church is still actively pursued and each member of ECC is encouraged to demonstrate our latest core values.

ECC is accredited by Churches in Communities International, recognised in the Free Churches Group, and it is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Biblical teaching and training advice has also been provided by Servants of the Lord Ministries although they do not have a day-to-day controlling influence on ECC as a charity.

The **vision statement** of ECC as a church is to:

- enable the saints at Emmanuel Christian Centre to hear and obey the voice of God;
- equip, then encourage, each person to serve in their God-given ministry;
- be a church of unity and Christian fellowship, built upon the love of Jesus Christ.

The 2022-2023 core values are summed up as: love, community and honour. This means to love God and others, to be a community of growth and unity, and to honour God and people according to the Scriptures.

Charitable Objects

The main objects of the ECC charity are to:

- advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Evangelical Alliance Basis of Faith;
- 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; and
- 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.

After consultation and review with the various departments, the trustees are confident that ECC is meeting all its objectives with due regard to public benefit according to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

[The following overview is based on activities up to 31 January 2023]

Achievements and performance

Review of the Year

During the year, ECC continued to promote and fulfil the charitable objects through regular Sunday worship and teaching services which is the main public-facing provision available to all. Furthermore, all of the objects have been promoted through various departments as follows:

- **Royal Rangers**

The Ulverston outpost of Royal Rangers (RR) was formed at ECC in August 2021. RR is a uniformed, practical based programme involving scouting type activities, adventure in the outdoors and achievement. Some part of the curriculum meet our objective of advancing the Christian faith to young people aged between 11-17 years. Primarily it advances education in range of practical skills and activities, including the increasingly popular skills of bushcraft. RR is on Wednesday evening (term time).

- **Chaplaincy**

ECC had 3 dedicated chaplains serving particular sectors in the community; namely the emergency services, youth and students, and those of older age. Each chaplain operated according to the needs and protocols of the sector, thus fulfilling ECC's objectives to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of services including through counselling and support. Examples of ways ECC chaplains have been involved in the community include attending Police duty meetings, remembrance services, visiting Fire stations, conducting school assemblies, running self-worth courses, counselling vulnerable young people and signposting, visiting homes for the elderly, befriending and offering practical assistance. There is also an additional member of ECC who conducts funerals independently but in line with our values and charitable ethos.

- **All-Stars Junior Church**

All-Stars is the children's church at ECC which runs on Sunday mornings. During this year, All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. All-Stars used scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be respectful, caring and good citizens within their community. This has an impact on benefiting society as a whole.

- **Emmanuel Toddlers**

Emmanuel Toddlers continued this year on Monday afternoons. It served young families in the community by providing a warm and stimulating environment for parents, toddlers and babies to interact and build supportive relationships. There is a clear Christian element with Bible stories and songs.

As an objective this is about the advancement of the Christian faith, relief of sickness and financial hardship, and the promotion of good health by the provision of a service with counselling and support. Emmanuel Toddlers uses the minor hall at ECC and has seen a steady growth as the year progressed.

- **Missions Department**

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from the Emmanuel Christian Centre charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance. There has not been any new overseas charitable donations where recipients could no longer provide ECC with evidence of good safeguarding practice.

- **Carelink**

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

The community meals service has been running for over 9 years and, as anticipated, there was an increase in the number of people served. At Christmas Carelink provided a free Christmas dinner at the Centre for those who wanted one or would benefit.

- **House-groups**

Emmanuel Christian Centre concurrently ran 4 house-groups throughout the year. The aim of the groups was to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members and to prepare members for work in the community. The groups have different formats and no two are the same, as you might expect with people gifted in differing but still as valuable talents. The groups thus met our objectives of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members.

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As a Christian organisation our Music Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training.

- **Training Department**

This department has been involved with a correspondence course based on the book 'My Sheep Hear My Voice' by J.C. Hedgecock. This forms the first step in any future training for candidates wishing to train for ministry with Servants of the Lord Ministries and to some extent ECC. Over 90 people from all over the world have completed the course and have been issued with a certificate. Some have now gone on to seek further training for ordination.

The Emmanuel School of Leadership and Ministry still provides a competence-based approach to ministry training similar to vocational studies. In 2022, when possible, the school was run as an extension made up of 2 groups; the Development Group and the Theology Extension. The full course and curriculum has not been operational since the restrictions imposed for covid-19 but it is hoped this will be restarted.

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- **Connections Coffee Shop**

Renovation and redecoration of the former Revista coffee shop have taken place, with the coffee shop area now running as Connections. There are still some changes to be made but the initial redecoration and update is progressing to allow Connections to compliment other ECC initiatives through the provision of fellowship and meetings spaces. The vision will be fulfilled in stages, beginning with making use of the area for ECC, Churches Together and ad-hoc events, including opening to the public one day each week until there is capacity to increase.

A signed copy of the following accounts is available at Emmanuel Christian Centre

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31 March 2023

Emmanuel Christian Centre

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For the Year ended 31 January 2023

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Income						
Generated funds:						
Offerings and gifts		118,613		2,321	120,933	130,932
Generated income		7,752			7,752	7,412
Interest		239			239	47
Grants received				-	-	14,624
Charitable activities:						
Re:Vista income		2,762			2,762	-
Carelink meals		-		19,348	19,348	21,899
Total Income		129,366	-	21,668	151,034	174,914
Expenditure						
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Grants - Missionary/Charitable Giving		2,680		-	2,680	2,280
Re: Vista expenses		1,763			1,763	-
Wages and Social Security Costs		46,203		-	46,203	45,660
Training		379		-	379	624
Utilities		6,111		-	6,111	4,806
Insurances		2,187		-	2,187	2,008
Repairs and maintenance		1,947	28,434	-	30,381	21,782
Office equipment		1,672		1,037	2,709	774
Telephone stationery and postage		1,655		25	1,680	1,575
Speakers fees		3,270		-	3,270	-
Gifts		3,388			3,388	5,408
Travel and subsistence		4,654		-	4,654	3,798
Ministry materials		685		-	685	2,041
CareLink support		-		21,698	21,698	25,492
Refreshments		122		274	396	256
Fellowship catering		2,717		-	2,717	784
Legal and professional fees		912			912	928
Miscellaneous expenses		549		267	816	4,161
Depreciation	2		6,722		6,722	6,761
Total Direct Expenditure		80,895	35,156	23,301	139,351	129,138
Management and Administration		5,534	354		5,888	8,023
Total Expenditure		86,429	35,510	23,301	145,239	137,161
Net Surplus for the year		42,937	(35,510)	(1,632)	5,795	37,750
Funds at the start of the Year		138,230	79,936	33,064	251,230	213,479
Funds at the end of the Year		181,167	44,426	31,431	257,025	251,229

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2023

	Notes	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fixed Assets			
Depreciating Assets	2	184,814	191,890
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		18,062	20,431
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		<u>53,968</u>	<u>38,728</u>
		<u><u>72,331</u></u>	<u><u>59,460</u></u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>72,211</u>	<u>59,340</u>
		£ <u><u>257,025</u></u>	£ <u><u>251,230</u></u>

Represented By:

Capital Account

Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	181,167	138,230
	Unrestricted designated funds	44,426	79,936
	Restricted funds	<u>31,431</u>	<u>33,064</u>
		£ <u><u>257,025</u></u>	£ <u><u>251,230</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 31 March 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Trustee

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 January 2023

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The accounts on pages 2 and 3 have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation is charged on the fixed assets of the church as follows:

Freehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Equipment	15% reducing balance

Note 2 Depreciating Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1 February 2022	343,222	35,530	31,743	410,495
Additions	0	-	-	-
At 31 January 2023	<u>343,222</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>31,743</u>	<u>410,495</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2022	152,679	34,272	31,651	218,604
Charge for the year	6,864	189	24	7,077
At 31 January 2023	<u>159,544</u>	<u>34,461</u>	<u>31,675</u>	<u>225,681</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 January 2023	<u>183,679</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>184,814</u>
At 31 January 2022	<u>190,543</u>	<u>1,258</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>191,890</u>

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1052196

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022



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**Emmanuel Christian Centre
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2022**

Reference and administration details

Charity Name Emmanuel Christian Centre

Charity Number 1052196

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation

Emmanuel Christian Centre (ECC) has been registered with the Charity Commission since 23rd January 1996, in practice operating as a church. ECC is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Churches in Communities International, governed by a constitution and trust deed last updated in 2012.

Organisational Structure

ECC is administered and managed by a board of trustees known as the Church Council, chaired by the senior ordained minister acting as a 'primus-inter-pares'. Members of the Church Council give their time freely and receive no remuneration for managing ECC as trustees. Each trustee has an equal vote on decisions of the Church Council which meets at least four times a year to ensure ECC carries out its purposes for public benefit in accordance with charity law and its constitution. Every issue considered by the Church Council is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. For the sake of public confidence, whenever a member of the Church Council has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed, they are required to declare their interest and then be absent from that part of the meeting.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

The senior minister nominates an individual to be a trustee and the Church Council sanctions the appointment. This ensures that any new trustee is a respected member of the Christian faith who understand the foundational tenets and can effectively promote our objects. Trustees are selected to bring varying skills and insight to the Church Council and to fairly represent the beneficiaries of ECC.

Induction & Training of Trustees

Induction and training of a new trustee is under the guidance of the existing Church Council. A new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and trust Deed, booklet CC3 'The Essential Trustee', adopted policies, procedures and a guide booklet to the operation of the Church Council. Safeguarding training is completed before appointment. Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities, accountability, scope and limits.

Risk Management

The Church Council has assessed the major strategic and operational risks which ECC faces and they have systems in place for protection, including a regularly reviewed reserves policy. Reports are produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen any risks. Insurance cover is always in place, finances are kept under review, policies are regularly updated, and appropriate background checks are undertaken for volunteers. Checks are also carried out on organisations ECC works with to ensure compliance with safeguarding and financial transparency.

Mrs Terry Piper is the safeguarding coordinator who works with Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) to protect children and vulnerable adults using or attending ECC's services.

Overview of Aims and Objectives

The purposes listed as ECC's charitable objects are the primary goals for the charity and the various internal departments are assigned to achieve these. From the founding of ECC in 1986 the vision statement of the Church is still actively pursued and each member of ECC is encouraged to demonstrate our latest core values.

ECC is accredited by Churches in Communities International, recognised in the Free Churches Group, and it is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Biblical teaching and training advice has also been provided by Servants of the Lord Ministries although they do not have a day-to-day controlling influence on ECC as a charity.

The **vision statement** of ECC as a church is to:

- enable the saints at Emmanuel Christian Centre to hear and obey the voice of God;
- equip, then encourage, each person to serve in their God-given ministry;
- be a church of unity and Christian fellowship, built upon the love of Jesus Christ.

The 2022 **core values** are summed up as: love, community and honour. This means to love God and others, to be a community of growth and unity, and to honour God and people according to the Scriptures.

Charitable Objects

The main objects of the ECC charity are to:

- advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Evangelical Alliance Basis of Faith;
- 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; and
- 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.

After consultation and review with the various departments, the trustees are confident that ECC is meeting all its objectives with due regard to public benefit according to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

[The following overview reports on activities up to 31 January 2022 which included some COVID-19 restrictions which resulted in a reduced service and some operational changes]

Achievements and performance

Review of the Year

During the year, ECC continued to promote and fulfil the charitable objects through regular Sunday worship and teaching services which is the main public-facing provision available to all. Furthermore, all of the objects have been promoted through various departments as follows:

- **Royal Rangers**

A new outpost of Royal Rangers (RR) was formed at ECC in August 2021. RR is a uniformed, practical based programme involving scouting type activities, adventure in the outdoors and achievement. Some part of the curriculum meet our objective of advancing the Christian faith to young people aged between 11-17 years. Primarily it advances education in range of practical skills and activities, including the increasingly popular skills of bushcraft. RR is held on Wednesday evening during term time.

- **Chaplaincy**

ECC has 3 dedicated chaplains serving particular sectors in the area; namely the emergency services, youth and students, and those of older age. Each chaplain operates according to the needs and protocols of the sector, thus fulfilling ECC's objectives to advance the Christian faith, relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of services including through counselling and support. Examples of ways ECC chaplains have been involved in the community include attending Police duty meetings, remembrance services, visiting Fire stations, conducting school assemblies, running self-worth courses, counselling vulnerable young people and signposting, visiting homes for the elderly, befriending and offering practical assistance. There is also an additional member of ECC who conducts funerals independently but in line with our values and charitable ethos.

- **All-Stars Junior Church**

All-Stars is the children's church at ECC which runs on Sunday mornings. During the year All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. All-Stars used scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be respectful, caring and good citizens within their community. This has an impact on benefiting society as a whole.

- **Emmanuel Toddlers**

Emmanuel Toddlers was relaunched this year on Monday afternoons. It serves young families in the community by providing a warm and stimulating environment for parents, toddlers and babies to interact and build supportive relationships. There is a clear Christian element with Bible stories and songs.

As an objective this is about the advancement of the Christian faith, relief of sickness and financial hardship, and the promotion of good health by the provision of a service with counselling and support. Emmanuel Toddlers uses the minor hall at ECC and has seen a steady growth as the year progressed.

- **Missions Department**

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from the Emmanuel Christian Centre charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance. There has been a reduction in overseas charitable donations where organisations could no longer provide ECC with evidence of good safeguarding practice.

- **Carelink**

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

The community meals service has been running for over 8 years and, as anticipated, there was an increase in the number of people served. At Christmas Carelink normally holds a free community Christmas dinner at the Centre but during the Covid-19 pandemic opted to deliver meals to clients homes. A client questionnaire and feedback form was issued during 2021 with outstanding responses from service users.

- **House-groups**

Emmanuel Christian Centre concurrently runs 4 house-groups throughout the year. The aim of the groups is to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members and to prepare members for work in the community. The groups now have different formats and no two are the same, as you might expect with people gifted in differing but still as valuable talents. The groups thus met our objectives of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members.

- **Worship and Music Group**

As a Christian organisation our Music Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training.

- **Training Department**

This department has been involved with a correspondence course based on the book 'My Sheep Hear My Voice' by J.C. Hedgecock. This forms the first step in any future training for candidates wishing to train for ministry with Servants of the Lord Ministries and to some extent ECC. Over 80 people from all over the world have completed the course and have been issued with a certificate. Some have now gone on to seek further training for ordination.

The Emmanuel School of Leadership and Ministry still provides a competence-based approach to ministry training similar to vocational studies. In 2021, when possible, the school was run as an extension made up of 2 groups; the Development Group and the Theology Extension. The full course and curriculum has not been operational since the restrictions imposed for covid-19 but it is hoped this will be restarted.

- **Kintsugi Hope**

ECC partnered with Kintsugi Hope during 2021 to form a wellbeing group which is a safe and supportive space for people who feel or have felt overwhelmed. By providing tools for self-management, the group was able to cover subjects such as disappointment, loss, anxiety, anger perfectionism, depression, shame and resilience. Initial feedback was somewhat positive and a review of ECC's wellbeing group will be conducted in 2022 before firm plans to present further courses are established.

- **Connections Coffee Shop**

Renovation and redecoration of the former Revista coffee shop is taking place with a view to relaunching Connections Coffee in a different format (non-trading). There are still some changes to be made but the initial redecoration and update is progressing to allow Connections to compliment other ECC initiatives through the provision of fellowship and meetings spaces. The vision will be fulfilled in stages, beginning with making use of the area for ECC, Churches Together and ad-hoc events.

A signed copy of the following accounts is available at Emmanuel Christian Centre

Emmanuel Christian Centre
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 January 2022

Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Emmanuel Christian Centre
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 January 2022
Set Out On Pages 2 to 4

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 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,
- 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 examiners 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 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 the 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 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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (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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31 March 2022

Emmanuel Christian Centre

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 January 2022**

	Unrestricted General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total <u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Notes					
Income					
Generated funds:					
Offerings and gifts	130,712		220	130,932	111,052
Generated income	7,412			7,412	2,825
Interest	47			47	126
Grants received			14,624	14,624	750
Charitable activities:					
Re: Vista income	-			-	4,000
Carelink meals	-		21,899	21,899	23,377
Total Income	<u>138,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,743</u>	<u>174,913</u>	<u>142,130</u>
Expenditure					
Direct Charitable Expenditure:					
Grants - Missionary/Charitable Giving	2,280		-	2,280	2,365
Re: Vista expenses	-			-	-
Wages and Social Security Costs	45,660		-	45,660	46,617
Training	624		-	624	527
Utilities	4,806		-	4,806	5,219
Insurances	2,008		-	2,008	1,883
Repairs and maintenance	21,782	-	-	21,782	34,376
Office equipment	774		-	774	3,354
Telephone stationery and postage	1,564		11	1,575	1,328
Speakers fees	-		-	0	1,253
Gifts	5,408			5,408	2,069
Travel and subsistence	3,798		-	3,798	851
Ministry materials	1,666		375	2,041	774
CareLink support	-		25,492	25,492	27,881
Refreshments	194		62	256	111
Fellowship catering	784		-	784	47
Legal and professional fees	928			928	960
Miscellaneous expenses	722		3,440	4,161	6,611
Depreciation	2	6,761		6,761	5,880
Total Direct Expenditure	<u>92,998</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>29,380</u>	<u>129,139</u>	<u>142,106</u>
Management and Administration	7,667	356		8,023	9,456
Total Expenditure	<u>100,666</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>29,380</u>	<u>137,163</u>	<u>151,562</u>
Net Surplus for the year	37,504	(7,117)	7,363	37,750	(9,431)
Funds at the start of the Year	<u>100,726</u>	<u>87,053</u>	<u>25,700</u>	<u>213,479</u>	<u>222,911</u>
Funds at the end of the Year	<u>138,230</u>	<u>79,936</u>	<u>33,063</u>	<u>251,230</u>	<u>213,480</u>

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2022

	Notes	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fixed Assets			
Depreciating Assets	2	191,890	150,178
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		20,431	24,440
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		<u>38,728</u>	<u>38,681</u>
		<u>59,460</u>	<u>63,422</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>59,340</u>	<u>63,302</u>
		<u>£ 251,230</u>	<u>£ 213,479</u>

Represented By:

Capital Account

Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	138,230	100,726
	Unrestricted designated funds	79,936	87,053
	Restricted funds	<u>33,063</u>	<u>25,700</u>
		<u>£ 251,230</u>	<u>£ 213,479</u>
		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 31 March 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Trustee

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 January 2022

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The accounts on pages 2 and 3 have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation is charged on the fixed assets of the church as follows:

Freehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Equipment	15% reducing balance

Note 2 Depreciating Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Equipment	Total
Cost				
At 1 February 2021	294,393	35,530	31,743	361,666
Additions	48,829	-	-	-
At 31 January 2022	<u>343,222</u>	<u>35,530</u>	<u>31,743</u>	<u>361,666</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2021	145,815	34,051	31,621	211,487
Charge for the year	6,864	222	31	7,118
At 31 January 2022	<u>152,679</u>	<u>34,272</u>	<u>31,652</u>	<u>218,605</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 January 2022	<u>190,543</u>	<u>1,258</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>191,890</u>
At 31 January 2021	<u>148,578</u>	<u>1,479</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>150,178</u>

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1052196

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Trustees Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 January 2021

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**Emmanuel Christian Centre
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2021**

Reference and administration details

Charity Name Emmanuel Christian Centre

Charity Number 1052196

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Structure, Governance and Management

Organisation

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Organisational Structure

The Church Council meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction, policy and day-to-day running of the charity. Every issue considered by the Church Council is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. For the sake of public confidence, whenever a member of the Church Council has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting, they are required to declare their interest and then be absent from that part of the meeting.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

The senior minister nominates an individual to be a trustee and the Church Council sanctions the appointment. This ensures that any new Trustee is a respected member of the Christian faith who understand the foundational tenets and can effectively promote our objects.

Induction & Training of Trustees

Induction and training of a new trustee is conducted under the guidance of the existing Church Council. A new trustee is given a copy of the Constitution and Trust Deed, copies of adopted policies and procedures and a guide booklet to the rules and operation of the Church Council. They are given access to other Charity Commission publications and are made aware of their responsibilities, accountability, scope and limits in the role.

Risk Management

The Church Council has assessed the major strategic and operational risks which the charity faces and they have systems in place to protect the charity. Regular reports are produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen any risks. Insurance cover is in place, finances are kept under review, policies are regularly updated, and appropriate background checks are taken for those working with children or vulnerable adults.

Mrs Terry Piper is the safeguarding coordinator who works with Thirtyone:eight (formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) to protect children and vulnerable adults using or attending Emmanuel Christian Centre's services.

Overview of Aims and Objectives

The purposes listed as Emmanuel Christian Centre's charitable objects are the primary goals for the charity and the various internal departments are assigned to achieve these. From the founding of Emmanuel in 1986 the original vision statement of the Church is still actively pursued and each member of the Church is encouraged to demonstrate our latest core values.

Emmanuel Christian Centre is accredited by Churches in Communities International, recognised in the Free Churches Group, and it is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. Teaching input and advice has also been provided by Servants of the Lord Ministries who do not have a day-to-day controlling influence. Emmanuel Christian Centre promotes and supports these organisations that also help to fulfil the vision.

The founding vision statement of the church is '*to enable the saints at Emmanuel Christian Centre to hear and obey the voice of God, personally and individually, and for each person to be equipped and encouraged to move out in their personal ministry*'.

Charitable Objects

The main objects of the charity continue to be as follows:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement (of faith) 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;
- 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
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council form time to time may think fit.

During the year ended 31 January 2021, after consultation and review with the various Church departments, the Trustees believe that the charity is meeting all its objectives.

[The following overview reports on activities up to 31 January 2021 during some COVID-19 restrictions and challenges which resulted in a reduced service and some operational changes]

Achievements and performance

Review of the Year

During the year the Church has continued to promote and fulfil the objects within Emmanuel Christian Centre and in outreach to the wider community. The charitable objects have been fulfilled through various activities and in particular the following departments:

1. Vibe Youth and Schools Work

The Vibe department is geared towards advancing the Christian faith to those of school and college age. Vibe held mid-week groups and occasional Sunday morning sessions at Emmanuel Christian Centre. Abbey Smith is assisted by Charlie Thompson to lead the Vibe services which are now ad-hoc but still supporting school-aged members pastorally. Lisa Smith is an accredited community chaplain for students and young adults, working inter-denominationally with young people throughout the area. The schools work is mainly conducted under the auspices of the Be Me Project which is a separate charity.

2. All-Stars Junior Church

All-Stars is the children's church at Emmanuel Christian which runs on Sunday mornings. During the year All-Stars was run by a team of parents and helpers who on a rota basis were teaching the children Christian messages and Bible stories. All-Stars used scripture Union resources as a basis to provide fun lessons. All-Stars is open to all children in the area and it promoted the objectives of advancing education and the Christian faith. The lessons from All-Stars teach the children to be respectful, caring and good citizens within their community. This has an impact on benefiting society as a whole.

3. Emmanuel Toddler Group

Emmanuel Toddlers was suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions for this financial year. Previously, Toddlers has served young families in the community by providing a warm and stimulating environment for parents, toddlers and babies to interact and build supportive relationships.

As an objective this related to the relief of sickness and financial hardship, and to the promotion of good health by the provision of a service with counselling and support. The Toddler Group, when, operational, uses the minor hall of the Emmanuel Christian Centre building. Mel Tressider has stepped down from leading this group.

4. Missions Department

This year the Missions Department had the purpose of raising funds and communicating with people and organisations that benefit from the Emmanuel Christian Centre charity, both locally and internationally. The Missions Department, led by Mr Paul Sedgwick, reported to the Church Council and presented requests from organisations and individuals who were in need of charitable assistance. Paul Sedgwick regularly communicated with the missionaries and beneficiaries throughout the year.

5. Carelink

The purpose of Carelink is to demonstrate the love of God in a practical way mainly through the provision of meals. The meals offered are either part of Carelink's regular meals service which replaced Cumbria County Council's meal-on-wheels provision, or they are given as Carelink free meals which were open to anybody in the community experiencing short-term crisis because of illness or financial hardship.

The community meals service has been running for over 7 years and, as anticipated, there was an increase in the number of people served. At Christmas Carelink normally holds a free community Christmas dinner at the Centre but during the Covid-19 pandemic opted to deliver meals to clients homes. The department is led by Lynne Matthews who oversees a team of volunteers who assist with the driving and the preparation of meals.

6. House-groups

Emmanuel Christian Centre concurrently runs 4 house-groups throughout the year. The aim of the groups is to provide Christian teaching, develop relationships between members and to prepare members for work in the community. The groups now have different formats and no two are the same, as you might expect with people gifted in differing but still as valuable talents. The groups thus met our objectives of advancing education and advancing the Christian faith as well as the provision of counselling and support to group members.

This year, group leaders are David & Lisa Smith, Colin & Sue Thornhill, Stuart & Elizabeth Matthews and Paul & Karen Sedgwick. During the Covid-19 pandemic meetings were online.

7. Worship and Music Group

As a Christian organisation our Music Group plays an integral part in our objective to advance the Christian faith. The team provides live music at our Sunday services and also supports all the other departments in various ways. The Music Group allows for our members to meet for corporate expressions of worship and none of this would be possible without their regular practice nights and training. George Brett led the Music Group in 2020.

8. Training Department

One of the initiatives this department has been involved with is a correspondence course based on the book 'My Sheep Hear My Voice' by J.C. Hedgecock. This forms the first step in any future training for candidates wishing to train for ministry with Servants of the Lord Ministries and to some extent Emmanuel Christian Centre. Sue Thornhill assists with the marking and correspondence in this. Over 50 people from all over the world have completed the course and have been issued with a certificate.

Rev Adrian Tamblyn-Watts works with Darren Roy to run the Emmanuel School of Leadership and Ministry which is a competence-based approach to training similar to vocational studies. In 2020, when possible, the school was run as an extension made up of 2 groups; the Development Group (midweek) led by Darren and the Theology Extension (Saturdays) led by Adrian.

A signed copy of the following accounts is available at Emmanuel Christian Centre

Emmanuel Christian Centre
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 January 2021

Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Emmanuel Christian Centre
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 January 2021
Set Out On Pages 2 to 4

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 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,
- . 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 examiners 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 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 the 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 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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (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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31 March 2021

Emmanuel Christian Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 January 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021 £	2020 £
Income						
Generated funds:						
Offerings and gifts		110,383		669	111,052	92,934
Generated income		2,825			2,825	8,720
Interest		126			126	150
Grants received				750	750	9,000
Charitable activities:						
Re:Vista income		4,000			4,000	3,379
Carelink meals		1,800		21,577	23,377	24,922
Total Income		119,134	-	22,996	142,130	139,105
Expenditure						
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Grants - Missionary/Charitable Giving		2,365		-	2,365	3,420
Re: Vista expenses		-		-	-	1,403
Wages and Social Security Costs		46,617		-	46,617	41,612
Training		527		-	527	278
Utilities		5,219		-	5,219	5,147
Insurances		1,883		-	1,883	1,754
Repairs and maintenance		34,376	-	-	34,376	10,181
Office equipment		3,354		-	3,354	817
Telephone stationery and postage		1,328		-	1,328	1,221
Speakers fees		1,253		-	1,253	3,470
Gifts		2,069			2,069	1,806
Travel and subsistence		851		-	851	6,608
Ministry materials		699		75	774	1,869
CareLink support		-		27,881	27,881	19,767
Refreshments		12		99	111	505
Fellowship catering		47		-	47	1,437
Legal and professional fees		960			960	820
Miscellaneous expenses		5,582		1,030	6,611	4,200
Depreciation	2		5,880		5,880	5,937
Total Direct Expenditure		107,140	5,880	29,085	142,105	112,252
Management and Administration		9,147	309		9,456	6,197
Total Expenditure		116,287	6,190	29,085	151,562	118,449
Net Surplus for the year		2,847	(6,190)	(6,089)	(9,431)	20,656
Funds at the start of the Year		97,879	93,243	31,789	222,911	202,254
Funds at the end of the Year		100,726	87,053	25,700	213,479	222,910

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Balance Sheet
As At 31 January 2021

	Notes	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Fixed Assets			
Depreciating Assets	2	150,178	156,367
Current Assets			
Stock		300	300
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,440	6,080
Building society and kingdom bank accounts		<u>38,681</u>	<u>60,284</u>
		<u>63,422</u>	<u>66,663</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals		<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>63,302</u>	<u>66,543</u>
		£ <u>213,479</u>	£ <u>222,911</u>
Represented By:			
Capital Account			
Accumulated Reserves	Unrestricted general funds	100,726	97,879
	Unrestricted designated funds	87,053	93,243
	Restricted funds	<u>25,700</u>	<u>31,789</u>
		£ <u>213,479</u>	£ <u>222,911</u>
		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on the 31 March 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

Trustee