

ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1054416

Details

Other names EARLHAM (NORWICH) CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-04-09

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

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Address Eternity Church
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Activities

Objects: 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; 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 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; 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: Church Services, Life Skills classes, Bible Studies, Christian Assemblies in local schools, Parent/Toddler group, Students Group, Children's Groups, Pastoring/social hubs, Food collection for local Foodbank. We also offer spiritual and emotional counselling for individuals. All of our activities are undergirded by our foundation of faith in Jesus Christ and the principles of Christianity.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE EARLHAM
- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£138,841	£126,663	-	-
2024-04-05	£129,040	£115,876	-	-
2023-04-05	£109,313	£113,304	-	-
2022-04-05	£93,629	£105,725	-	-
2021-04-05	£127,526	£111,590	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alfred Kpodo		2016-07-11
Davidson Sathish Kirubakaran Devadoss		2020-08-01
Dr Davis Nwaka		2024-05-01
Florence Jimoh		2025-08-03
Patricia Kpodo		2025-08-28

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Constitution and objects

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- (iii) 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.

Organisation

The church has no financial dealings with associated trading companies, but in accordance with the affiliation requirements of Assemblies of God, does contribute a percentage of income to the national and regional administration of Assemblies of God.

Employees (both full time and part time) and volunteer church members undertake the church activities. Two trustees are employed in accordance with the Model Deed, namely the Senior Pastor P Venner and Mrs J Venner as Executive Pastor and Treasurer. They receive an annual salary of £34,040 and £16,000 respectively. They also received a contribution for Manse/Rectory of £6,000 each per annum. No individual trustee is paid more than £60,000 per annum.

Employee Pension contributions are paid according to statutory requirements and to the chosen funds of the employees, namely NEST government pension fund and private stakeholder pension funds.

Payroll services are outsourced to an independent business.

Funds are derived principally from contributions from church members' tithes, gifts and offerings. Church funds are used in accordance with the Model Deed objectives. Funds received are either unrestricted or designated receipts which are held in accordance with the purpose for which the income was received.

Review of Activities and Results

This year has been an exciting year for Eternity Church, with an influx of committed students, new families and consistent growth. This is evident in the increase in tithes and offerings. Expenses also increased but this was largely due to the rise in the cost of living ie centre running costs and utilities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

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We have seen people come to faith in Christ and we baptised converts on our annual Super Sunday in September.

Our annual Heart for the House offering was the best we have had, and it helped us to start talks with architects to extend a children's wing onto the building. The costs will be very high but with continued support we can do something that will make a difference.

KidsRock has flourished under a very capable team, and we are grateful to the team of teachers and leaders.

Our teen ministry, Destiny, has also flourished under the current leadership.

Fuel student ministry has continued to be a source of encouragement and friendship to the local students within and without the church. We have a large group of students in the church who regularly organise social and charitable events amongst themselves and on campus and we support them spiritually and financially where possible. The church has also offered the building as a meeting place, free of charge, for some of these events.

The refreshments department, under a new team leader, has rallied fresh impetus and support from members of the church. Being a church that is very social it has been good to be able to serve refreshments consistently again.

The Tech team has been able to finance new equipment, which in turn has improved the Sunday Service sound and music. The worship and music is an integral part of the church identity and this has really helped. We have further plans to redevelop the stage and screens over the next year or two, as funds allow. The band has grown in membership and ability, and we are very proud of the musicianship displayed, but more so by the sensitivity displayed by the leaders in the worship sessions.

The First Impressions team had new members joining the team. We are very pleased about this as they are an important part of our Sunday Service and the first people that the community meet on arrival at church.

Connect Groups, ably headed up by Ps Alfred Kpodo, have seen nearly 70% participation by church members. This figure is much higher than churches usually experience, and credit goes to Alfred and his team of Connect Group leaders. These groups remain the real heart of the church. They are a vital part of overseeing the pastoral and spiritual needs of the congregation.

Mens Ministry also had various activities this year, such as football, breakfasts and the Momentum Conference. The conference was a huge success and speaker Ps Sujith Alex brought some challenging messages to the men.

The Ladies Ministry continued to meet regularly at the church hall and was well supported throughout the year.

Ps Paddy Venner retained a strong link with schools in Norfolk, presenting his life coaching programs to KS2 children.

We have seen a steady increase in items donated to the food bank. All items donated are sent to Alive Church in Norwich who run a food bank distribution centre for those in need in the city.

We are very grateful to God for the good year we have had.

Freehold property

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Risk Management

The trustees monitor risks on an ongoing basis, this includes identifying the likelihood of risk events occurring and their possible impact on the charity. They consider how the current systems of internal control might be further enhanced to mitigate major risks.

Reserves Policy

Where possible and feasible, it is the charity's policy to maintain unrestricted funds in savings that equate to 2 or 3 months of anticipated resources expended. At this level the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the short term, in the event of a significant drop in funding.

Rev P A Venner
Chairman

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Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE NORWICH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper undertaking of the accounts to be reached.

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ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE NORWICH					
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024					
	Notes	General Fund		Total	Total
		(Unrestricted)	(Restricted)	2024	2023
Income Receipts					
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts	2	£129,040	£0	£129,040	£109,171
Operating activities	3	£0	£0	£0	£142
Total receipts		£129,040	£0	£129,040	£109,313
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4	£111,704	£0	£111,704	£108,599
Management and Administration	5	£4,172	£0	£4,172	£4,705
Total payments		£115,876	£0	£115,876	£113,304
				Total	Total
				2024	2023
Net receipts/ (payments) for the year		£13,164	£0	£13,164	-£3,991
b/f Cash and Bank balances on 6 April		£19,311	£0	£19,311	£23,302
Cash on hand at 5 April		£989	£0	£989	£0
TOTAL Cash and Bank balances at 5 April		£33,464	£0	£33,464	£19,311

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2 Donations, Legacies and other similar receipts		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
General Fund					
	Tithes and Offerings - non Gift Aid	£51,567	£0	£51,567	£34,112
	Tithes and Offerings - Gift Aid	£60,983	£0	£60,983	£48,333
	Gift Aid Refund	£16,149	£0	£16,149	£17,093
	Interest Received	£341	£0	£341	£83
	Special Offerings	£0	£0	£0	£9,148
	Missions	£0	£0	£0	£402
		£129,040	£0	£129,040	£109,171
3 Operating activities to further Charity's objects		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
General Fund					
	Sundries	£0	£0	£0	£142
		£0	£0	£0	£142

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4	Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General Fund				
	Bank Charges	£527	£0	£527	£110
	Catering (Supplies & Food)	£1,742	£0	£1,742	£956
	Centre Maintenance and Running Costs	£7,956	£0	£7,956	£4,662
	Cleaning	£5,262	£0	£5,262	£4,096
	Communion Supplies	£474	£0	£474	£0
	Computer Software, Consumables and Website Costs	£1,057	£0	£1,057	£1,331
	Equipment & Furniture	£1,933	£0	£1,933	£9,453
	Insurance	£1,602	£0	£1,602	£1,626
	Lighting, Heating and Water	£3,478	£0	£3,478	£2,896
	Manse Rent	£12,000	£0	£12,000	£12,000
	Ministry expenses (guests)	£2,076	£0	£2,076	£500
	Missions	£3,856	£0	£3,856	£4,364
	Music, Media and Online Church Service Costs	£2,260	£0	£2,260	£2,518
	Pastor expenses	£460	£0	£460	£34
	Printing	£192	£0	£192	£0
	Special Events	£940	£0	£940	£1,518
	Special Gifts	£1,528	£0	£1,528	£0
	Stationery	£273	£0	£273	£233
	Staff Costs	£59,263	£0	£59,263	£58,021
	Student Ministry	£680	£0	£680	£0
	Sundries	£483	£0	£483	£1,262
	Telephone	£1,944	£0	£1,944	£1,730
	Training & Conferences	£1,470	£0	£1,470	£650
	Travel expenses	£0	£0	£0	£189
	Youth/Children Ministry	£248	£0	£248	£450
		£111,704	£0	£111,704	£108,599
5	Management and Administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General Fund				
	Independent examiner's fees	£200	£0	£200	£200
	AOG Contribution	£2,520	£0	£2,520	£2,880
	Payroll Services	£524	£0	£524	£836
	Subscriptions and Licences	£928	£0	£928	£789
		£4,172	£0	4,172	4,705

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Organisation

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Review of activities and results

This year has seen the church growing with many new students, families, and couples joining, and a boost to our number of musicians and members of other important departments.

Our Sunday services are once again. The Sunday worship time continues to be vibrant, engaging and uplifting and is a tremendous part of our church culture.

Our online service has been streamlined to now only include the weekly message in video format. The format is working well and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Connect Groups have continued mostly online, but this is slowly changing. Plans are in place to open more groups in the 2023-2024 year.

Our childrens and Teens work on a Sunday is running very smoothly and is well attended. However the Sunday Creche remains a challenge due to lack of volunteers.

The students continue to thrive as a group, meeting together for socials, prayer, worship and fundraising on their own for various community projects.

So far as monthly income is concerned, there has been an improvement after some challenging messages from the pastors. We have had to dip into our Savings reserves to pay monthly bills. We continue to pray into this and look at ways to encourage the church members to give financially to the 'store house'.

However we took up our annual 'Heart for the House' offering in October 2022 which was very well supported financially. This offering was to fund replacement of the music technical equipment and instruments. We are happy to report that this is in progress and should be completed by summer 2023.

Discipleship School was once again successfully run online and well attended. This popular format will continue.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Men's and Ladies Groups have met numerous times for socials and this has proved as popular as ever. We continue to look for ideas and ways for people to connect in person in a social context.

Our Senior Pastor continues to have a strong influence in many local schools due to the counselling that he does with the pupils. The church continues to support this important community work.

We trust God for another great year and are grateful for all He has done this past year.

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
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2 Donations, Legacies and other similar receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
General Fund				
General Offerings	£34,112	£0	£34,112	£35,873
Gift Aided Offerings	£48,333	£0	£48,333	£46,165
Gift Aid Refund	£17,093	£0	£17,093	£11,565
Interest Received	£83	£0	£83	£2
Special Offerings	£9,148	£0	£9,148	£24
Missions	£0	£402	£402	£0
	£108,769	£402	£109,171	£93,629

3 Operating activities to further Charity's objects	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
General Fund				
Sundries	£142	£0	£142	£0
	£142	£0	£142	£0

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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

4 Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
General Fund				
Bank Charges	£110	£0	£110	£249
Catering (Supplies & Food)	£956	£0	£956	£619
Centre Maintenance and Running Costs	£4,662	£0	£4,662	£4,000
Cleaning	£4,096	£0	£4,096	£3,088
Computer Software, Consumables and Website Costs	£1,331	£0	£1,331	£1,131
Equipment & Furniture Purchased	£9,453	£0	£9,453	£1,143
Insurance	£1,626	£0	£1,626	£1,581
Lighting, Heating and Water	£2,896	£0	£2,896	£2,994
Manse Rent	£12,000	£0	£12,000	£12,000
Ministry	£500	£0	£500	£1,100
Missions	£3,964	£400	£4,364	£3,864
Music, Media and Online Church Service Costs	£2,518	£0	£2,518	£3,957
Pastor expenses	£34	£0	£34	£0
Printing	£0	£0	£0	£51
Special Events	£1,518	£0	£1,518	£137
Special Gifts	£0	£0	£0	£614
Stationery	£233	£0	£233	£214
Staff and Pensions	£58,021	£0	£58,021	£60,325
Students	£0	£0	£0	£70
Sundries	£1,262	£0	£1,262	£1,598
Telephone	£1,730	£0	£1,730	£1,798
Training & Conferences	£650	£0	£650	£0
Travel	£189	£0	£189	£49
Youth/Children (Sunday)	£450	£0	£450	£84
	£108,199	£400	£108,599	£100,666
5 Management and Administration				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
General Fund				
Independent examiner's fees	£200	£0	200	£200
AOG Contribution	£2,880	£0	2,880	£2,880
Payroll Services	£836	£0	836	£864
Subscriptions & Licences	£789	£0	789	£1,115
	£4,705	£0	4,705	5,059

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- (iii) The furtherance of the work of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the Doctrines and Articles and the promotion of religious observances that manifest such Doctrines and Articles.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church or any of them.

Organisation

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Review of activities and results

This financial year started with England in a national lockdown once again and these restrictions were slowly eased from May 2021 onwards. Church in-person meetings remained closed at the opening of the year and we continued to operate online. In-person services resumed on Sunday 17th May 2021 with our 'Homecoming Service' and have continued since then. It has once again been a challenging year for Eternity Church as we navigated coming out of another lockdown and started to slowly resume normal life after the coronavirus pandemic. By the end of this financial year we have returned to a fairly normal state of social interaction and in-person meetings, activities, etc.

We have had a fair number of people not return to in-person meetings but have also had a large amount of new families and students join since the summer of 2021. By Spring 2022 Church services were once again full and people are engaging in the life of the church.

We have continued to pre-record and stream an Online Church Service as there is still demand and the trustees felt that it is now a permanent part of our local and global outreach. We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of this.

The increase in people attending has not translated into an increase in donations received but God has been faithful. While our income remains lower than previous years we have been able to meet all of our financial obligations and continue to support missionaries and various ministries. The monies in our savings account has helped in those months when cashflow has been stretched.

Our children's work re-opened in September 2021 at the church premises and continues to function well.

Fuel, the Students Group has continued to meet. We have a large group of students in the congregation who engage with the life of the church.

We still do not run the Parent/Toddler Group due to a lack of volunteers.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Connect Groups continued online for the most part, people being nervous to meet in-person in each other's homes. However, by the end of this year, as we move towards Spring 2022, people are more confident and starting to meet in homes again.

Discipleship School was successfully run online again during the year. This format has been very successful and will continue for the foreseeable future.

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Risk Management

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Where possible and feasible, it is the charity's policy to maintain unrestricted funds in savings that equate to 2 or 3 months of anticipated resources expended. At this level the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the short term, in the event of a significant drop in funding.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE NORWICH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
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ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE NORWICH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

2 Donations, Legacies and other similar receipts		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
General Fund					
	General Offerings	£35,873	£0	£35,873	£27,196
	Gift Aided Offerings	£46,165	£0	£46,165	£63,089
	Gift Aid Refund	£11,565	£0	£11,565	£16,457
	Interest Received	£2	£0	£2	£0
	Special Offerings	£0	£24	£24	£0
	Missions	£0	£0	£0	£0
		£93,605	£24	£93,629	£106,743
Operating activities to further Charity's objects					
3		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
General Fund					
	Eternity Downham Market - contribution to staff	£0	£0	£0	£4,683
	Training	£0	£0	£0	£90
	Sundries	£0	£0	£0	£16,003
		£0	£0	£0	£20,775

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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

4 Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
General Fund				
Bank Charges	£249	£0	£249	£237
Catering (Supplies & Food)	£619	£0	£619	£192
Centre Maintenance and Running Costs	£4,000	£0	£4,000	£7,549
Cleaning	£3,088	£0	£3,088	£1,120
Computer Software, Consumables and Website Costs	£1,131	£0	£1,131	£1,046
Equipment & Furniture Purchased	£1,143	£0	£1,143	£1,534
Insurance	£1,581	£0	£1,581	£1,584
Lighting, Heating and Water	£2,994	£0	£2,994	£1,902
Manse Rent	£12,000	£0	£12,000	£12,000
Ministry	£1,100	£0	£1,100	£403
Missions	£3,864	£0	£3,864	£4,379
Music, Media and Online Church Service Costs	£3,957	£0	£3,957	£7,674
Pastor expenses	£0	£0	£0	£172
Printing	£51	£0	£51	£114
Special Events	£137	£0	£137	£18
Special Gifts	£614	£0	£614	£0
Stationery	£214	£0	£214	£489
Staff and Pensions	£60,325	£0	£60,325	£60,981
Students	£70	£0	£70	£60
Sundries	£1,574	£24	£1,598	£2,487
Telephone	£1,798	£0	£1,798	£1,981
Training & Conferences	£0	£0	£0	£602
Travel	£49	£0	£49	£208
Youth/Children (Sunday)	£84	£0	£84	£114
	£100,642	£24	£100,666	£106,846
5 Management and Administration				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
General Fund				
Independent examiner's fees	£200	£0	200	£190
AOG Contribution	£2,880	£0	2,880	£2,880
Payroll Services	£864	£0	864	£864
Subscriptions & Licences	£1,115	£0	1,115	£810
	£5,059	£0	5,059	4,744

ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1054416

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Address of Charity

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Mr A Kpodo
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ETERNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE NORWICH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Constitution and objects

Eternity Christian Centre Norwich (also formerly known as Earlham (Norwich) Christian Centre) was founded in 1991, the governing constitution adopted on 29 September 1993 and became registered as a charity on 9 April 1996 (registration number 1054416). The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- (i) The advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Essential Doctrines and Articles of belief of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Doctrines and Articles).
- (ii) The furtherance of the other charitable work of the Church consistently with the Doctrines and Articles.
- (iii) The furtherance of the work of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the Doctrines and Articles and the promotion of religious observances that manifest such Doctrines and Articles.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church or any of them.

Organisation

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Review of activities and results

This financial year started with the worldwide church in lockdown and ended with the church still closed for the same reason – the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been a very challenging year for Eternity Church but we are emerging from it with strength. We have had obstacles to negotiate but God has been faithful and our income, while down, has been such that we have never been unable to pay all our financial obligations. Finances started off strongly but did tail off and we are in the midst of a downward trend, but we believe God will remain faithful and the church members will remain financially committed. We did receive a lumpsum payment during this year which has also helped to keep us moving forward financially into the 2022 financial year.

This year sadly also saw the end of our long collaboration with Eternity Downham Market. They have always been a separate charity and decided at the beginning of 2020, for various reasons, that they would like to make their own way. The separation was amicable although understated due to the national lockdown that was in place when the collaboration came to an end in April 2020.

Due to the coronavirus lockdowns across the year and government rules in place, the Church Services have been pre-recorded and streamed online. We appointed an independent person to manage all live media and social media expressions which included creating and streaming the online services. Church Services have remained online only throughout the year, except for the month of October 2020 which also saw us meeting again in-person in the church building, albeit under strict social distancing rules. This was a tentative trial which only lasted 1 month due to another national lockdown in November 2020. Subsequent to that we decided to keep the church in-person services closed until further notice. Although the government allowed places of worship to open under strict guidelines we felt that attendance would be poor and the risk to people's health too great, due to a surge in covid-19 cases across the UK. We await to see how the national vaccination programme unfolds, with a view to re-opening in the Spring or early summer of 2021.

Our children's work (KidzRock) went online until September 2020 but has not been able to restart since then.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

We have seen our global reach increase hugely and people have tuned in from all around the world to our online Sunday services and Pastor Paddy's daily live-stream.

Connect Groups, Destiny, Fuel students, Men's Group, Ladies Group have continued to meet throughout the year via online formats. There was also a period over the summer months of 2020 when lockdown rules were eased and the congregation and small groups were able to meet up in public spaces outdoors. We had 3 church 'socially-distanced' picnics. These were well attended and it was wonderful to be able to talk to each other in-person. Sadly this stopped again in the autumn due to further government lockdowns which were in place until at least the end of this financial year.

Discipleship School was successfully run online via Zoom twice during this year.

We said goodbye to Matt Gardiner from the Visionary Team and we appointed Davidson Devadoss to the Visionary Team.

Church will not be the same again and we now await God's revelation for His way forward as churches start drawing up plans to commence in-person services again.

We choose to praise Him and remain steadfast throughout.

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Gift Aided Offerings		£63,089	£0	£63,089	£50,572
Gift Aid Refund		£16,457	£0	£16,457	£15,493
Interest Received		£0	£0	£0	£28
Special Offerings		£0	£0	£0	£5,316
Missions		£0	£0	£0	£0
		£106,743	£0	£106,743	£94,798
3 Operating activities to further Charity's objects		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
General Fund					
Eternity Downham Market - contribution to expenses		£0	£0	£0	£3,000
Eternity Downham Market - contribution to staff		£4,683	£0	£4,683	£25,096
Training		£90	£0	£90	£0
Sundries		£16,003	£0	£16,003	£0
Special Events		£0	£0	£0	£268
CD's		£0	£0	£0	£0
		£20,775	£0	£20,775	£28,364
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