

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH NEATH ABBEY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1071105

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1998-08-19

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH -PORT TALBOT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO AREA IN CONDITIONS OF HARDSHIP OR WHO AGED OR SICK TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.C) TO PROMOTE AND FULFILL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: The advance of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in the county of Neath Port Talbot and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NEATH- PORT TALBOT AND SUCH OTHERS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT.
- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£84,320	£63,093	-	-
2024-04-30	£65,120	£67,306	-	-
2023-04-30	£66,511	£71,360	-	-
2022-04-30	£61,809	£72,664	-	-
2021-04-30	£53,131	£63,360	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr PHILLIP LIONEL DAVIS	Chair	
Dr PHILIP WILLIAM JONES		
EUNICE WALTERS		2016-05-24
WILLIAM DAVID CHRISTOPHER		

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH NEATH ABBEY TRUST

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Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025
for
Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

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Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

Introduction

There has been little change in the established pattern of meetings over the past year. The daytime prayer meeting has become well-established to cater for those who are unable to attend in the evenings and the Toddler Group and Prayer Meetings have moved to slightly earlier start times in response to a number of requests. Attendance at most meetings/services has been fairly constant with greater numbers attending Sunday evening services - sometimes approaching 40. However the long term illness of some members plus the move of a number of members/regular attenders into care homes has impacted Sunday morning services which are now relatively poorly attended.

People

The number of members has remained static during the year, but one very elderly and long-standing and faithful friend, who had moved away to be near to family, did pass away. One brighter event was seeing one of our young people being baptised.

Accommodation

There have been some problems with leakage from the baptistry into a downstairs storeroom, work is in progress to rectify the situation. In the meanwhile a great deal of Toddler Group material has been stored elsewhere. There had been call for improved lighting on the driveway and this has now been taken care of.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting relating to this period was held on 3 July 25. As there were no matters to be put to a vote the number required for a quorum was 16 and the attendance was 16.

The Trustees meetings and Pastor and Trustee meetings were conducted at the chapel, broadly on a monthly basis, and covered many matters ranging from the Pastor's salary (Trustees only) through a wide range of premises items, financial issues and safeguarding.

Sunday services. As indicated above there is a disparity between the numbers attending the Sunday morning services and the evening ones. However the numbers in both are fairly constant.

Weekday and weeknight services The Prayer Meetings are now held upstairs and the leader of the meeting uses a tie-mic for the benefit of those who are hard of hearing. This is not a complete answer to their problem because it is not practicable for other participants to have use of it. An additional prayer meeting is held once a month on a Thursday morning, to cater for those who cannot get along to the evening meetings.

Missionary reports or reports by representatives of mission organisations are usually given on a Thursday evening on an ad hoc basis.

The ladies' group meets in the chapel twice a month during the school year. It has also become customary for the ladies to have a craft evening approaching Christmas, when such things as Christmas wreaths will be made. This usually results in a good number of ladies who do not usually attend becoming involved.

The parent and toddler group has now become well established again after a fairly lean period in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Poor attendance at the youth and children's groups means that these have now been discontinued.

Other Activities

Apart from the regular services there are other activities which take place several times a year, some as social gatherings of the church, such as fish and chip suppers and others which are outreach orientated such as quizzes (some of which are church focussed) and men's breakfasts.

The church also hosts the Itinerant Preachers Network meetings three times a year.

The church aims to support the Neath food bank by collecting contributions in the form of food and other necessities as well as cash, three times a year - at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. These contributions have been much appreciated.

The church gives out 'goody bags' in the immediate vicinity of the church and again published its own calendar with texts and views mainly of the locality and other parts of South Wales. Over 2,000 of these were distributed before Christmas and the responses received have been very favourable, so much so that the church has become known to some as 'the church that gives out calendars!' This has not yet resulted in an increase in attendance but remains an important part of our impact on the neighbourhood.

Missionary Support

The church continues to have contact with a number of missionaries and missionary organisations and financial support for these has been ongoing throughout the year. Twelve such individuals and organisations are supported during the course of the year and each month a report is given on the 'mission of the month' and all are given an opportunity to donate to that particular work, adding to the gift the church makes. The church also supports a missionary family in Uganda.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23/1/26 and signed on its behalf by:

P.L. Davis

Dr P L Davis - Trustee

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net surplus of £21,227 (2024: £2,186 deficit). The charity had unrestricted incoming resources for the year of £84,320 (2024: £65,120) and nil restricted incoming resources. At the end of the financial year the level of unrestricted funds stood at £526,888 (2024: £505,661).

It is the policy of the charity to work towards accumulating available reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets) representing six months of expenditure, which has been valued to a target of approximately £40,000. At this level the trustees consider that they could continue with the activities of the charity in the event of a sudden drop in funding.

The available reserves are currently £66,970 (2024: £44,607) which exceeds the current target.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Ebenezer Evangelical Church Neath Abbey is an autonomous organisation with its own church constitution and is a registered charity, number 1071105.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are appointed by the members of the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The organisation is administered by trustees:

Dr P L Davis

Mr W D Christopher

Dr P W Jones

Mrs E Walters

The trustees meet on a regular basis to manage its affairs. There is also an Annual General Meeting of Ebenezer Evangelical Church's individual members.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are offered initial training on the background to the organisation and their role in its management.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1071105

Principal address

c/o 7 Primrose Lane
Rhos
Pontardawe
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Trustees

Dr P L Davis
W D Christopher
Dr P W Jones
Mrs E Walters

Independent Examiner

Clive Edwards FCA
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Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
Neath Business Park

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ebenezer Evangelical Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebenezer Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ebenezer Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Clive Edwards FCA

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Date: 16 February 2026

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	84,320	-	84,320	65,120
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3				
Faith, relief and charitable		62,824	-	62,824	67,037
Other		269	-	269	269
Total		63,093	-	63,093	67,306
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		21,227	-	21,227	(2,186)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		505,661	144,909	650,570	652,756
Total funds carried forward		526,888	144,909	671,797	650,570

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet
30 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	8	269	-	269	538
Tangible assets	9	459,649	144,909	604,558	605,425
		<u>459,918</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>604,827</u>	<u>605,963</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		68,002	-	68,002	45,610
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,032)	-	(1,032)	(1,003)
		<u>66,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,970</u>	<u>44,607</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>66,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,970</u>	<u>44,607</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
		<u>526,888</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>671,797</u>	<u>650,570</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>526,888</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>671,797</u>	<u>650,570</u>
Funds					
	11			526,888	505,661
Unrestricted funds				144,909	144,909
Restricted funds				<u>671,797</u>	<u>650,570</u>
Total funds					
				<u>671,797</u>	<u>650,570</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/1/26 and were signed on its behalf by:


P L Davis - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church is a charity registered in England and Wales. The charity registered number and principal address can be found in the reference and administrative details within the Report of the Trustees.

Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.

(ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the statement of financial activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the would have had to pay to acquire them.

(iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the date of receipt and are calculated based on donations received in the previous financial year. Tax reclaims are recorded within other donations per note 2.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- Not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

The only intangible assets are website design costs, amortised over 5 years on a straight line basis.

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

1. Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
General offering	27,448	29,911
Covenant giving	40,282	21,782
Other donations	16,590	13,427
	84,320	65,120

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Faith, relief and charitable	60,926	1,898	62,824
	60,926	1,898	62,824

4. Direct costs of charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rates and water	1,093	960
Insurance	1,564	1,426
Light and heat	2,012	2,709
Telephone	1,020	726
Postage and stationery	1,410	1,424
Advertising	-	203
Sundries	7,349	4,426
Computer software	192	312
Missionary giving	10,635	13,805
Visiting ministers	730	455
Minister's Salary	34,921	38,807
	60,926	65,253

5. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

6. Staff costs

The only employee is the church pastor. Total employee costs (including employer's pension) totalled £44,661 (2024: £42,699).

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	65,120	-	65,120
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Faith, relief and charitable	67,037	-	67,037
Other	269	-	269
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>67,306</u>	<u> </u>	<u>67,306</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,186)	-	(2,186)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	507,847	144,909	652,756
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>505,661</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>650,570</u>

8. Intangible fixed assets

	Website design £
Cost	
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	1,344
	<u> </u>
Amortisation	
At 1 May 2024	806
Charge for year	269
	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2025	1,075
	<u> </u>
Net book value	
At 30 April 2025	269
	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2024	538
	<u> </u>

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	600,179	14,805	602	615,586
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2024	-	9,559	602	10,161
Charge for year	-	867	-	867
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2025	-	10,426	602	11,028
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net book value				
At 30 April 2025	600,179	4,379	-	604,558
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2024	600,179	5,246	-	605,425
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2025	2024
		£	£
Other creditors		<u>1,032</u>	<u>1,003</u>

11. Movement in funds		Net movement in funds	At
	At 1.5.24	in funds	30.4.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	505,661	21,227	526,888
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>650,570</u>	<u>21,227</u>	<u>671,797</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	84,320	(63,093)	21,227
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,320</u>	<u>(63,093)</u>	<u>21,227</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	30.4.24
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	507,847	(2,186)	505,661
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>652,756</u>	<u>(2,186)</u>	<u>650,570</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,120	(67,306)	(2,186)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,120</u>	<u>(67,306)</u>	<u>(2,186)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

11. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	507,847	19,041	526,888
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	652,756	19,041	671,797

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,440	(130,399)	19,041
TOTAL FUNDS	149,440	(130,399)	19,041

The building fund relates to donations and offerings made for specific use on the construction of the new church building.

12. Related party disclosures

During the year, 4 Trustees donated a total of £39,635 (2024: £14,089) to the Church.

13. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

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Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Introduction

This year saw the full return to the normal pattern of activities and services in the church and, despite several people having considerable health problems, attendance generally has been good and broadly on an upward path.

People

The membership of one individual was terminated due to his long-term failure to attend or correspond with the church, and it was known that he had been in attendance at another church in the area. The termination was made public at the AGM which took place after the period covered by this report, but had been in hand well before, and it was only delayed because of communication difficulties. Another member had moved to another church and had tendered her resignation.

One member, who had been a long-term resident in a care home, moved to a similar institution in Cardiff and remains a 'member living out of the area'.

One regular attendee at the coffee mornings passed away during the year and the family requested that the funeral be held at Ebenezer.

Accommodation

Apart from the very start of the period covered by this report, a full programme of services and activities has been followed. Most things have returned to normal levels of attendance or better. We are constantly alert to the need to cater for the needs of individuals and seek to minimise the effects of any inadequacies of the premises. One example of this has been the decision to hold prayer meetings and RBT (read the Bible together) in the main auditorium and in the downstairs schoolroom on alternate months because people with hearing problems find the upstairs acoustics more amenable while some with mobility problems find downstairs more accessible! Inevitably other issues have appeared as a result!

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting was held on 29 June 23. The number required for a quorum was 18 and the attendance was 19. In the event no issues were raised which required a vote and the meeting was largely a report-giving opportunity. The trustees meetings and Pastor and Trustee meetings were conducted mainly at the chapel and covered a wide range of issues.

Sunday services were mainly well-attended and despite the loss of two members during the year the overall numbers have not diminished.

Weekday and weeknight services all returned to full 'normality' at the chapel during the year. As indicated above, the arrangements for prayer meetings and RBT now seek to cater for various people's needs by alternating between upstairs and downstairs. The attendance at RBT meetings is, however, disappointing.

The ladies' group resumed meetings in the chapel during the year.

There has been no resumption of regular meetings in an old people's home, but opportunities have been taken as they have arisen.

The parent and toddler group resumed during the year, but the toddlers have taken some time to reach previous numbers due to many of the earlier group having started school.

The young people's work is now confined to two groups: 11 - 16 year olds and over 16s. This is due to the fact that those from the younger group have now either left or become of age for the 11 - 16 group. There have been no younger ones coming in though it is still our desire to see such contacts developing.

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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Date: 28 January 2025

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	65,120	-	65,120	66,511
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3				
Faith, relief and charitable		67,037	-	67,037	71,091
Other		269	-	269	269
Total		67,306	-	67,306	71,360
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,186)	-	(2,186)	(4,849)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		507,847	144,909	652,756	657,605
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The notes form part of these financial statements

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet
30 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	8	538	-	538	806
Tangible assets	9	460,516	144,909	605,425	603,788
		<u>461,054</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>605,963</u>	<u>604,594</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		45,610	-	45,610	49,135
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,003)	-	(1,003)	(973)
		<u>44,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,607</u>	<u>48,162</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>44,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,607</u>	<u>48,162</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
		<u>505,661</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>650,570</u>	<u>652,756</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>505,661</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>650,570</u>	<u>652,756</u>
Funds					
	11			505,661	507,847
Unrestricted funds				144,909	144,909
Restricted funds				<u>650,570</u>	<u>652,756</u>
Total funds					
				<u>650,570</u>	<u>652,756</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29/1/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


P L Davis - Trustee

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church is a charity registered in England and Wales. The charity registered number and principal address can be found in the reference and administrative details within the Report of the Trustees.

Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.

(ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the statement of financial activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount they would have had to pay to acquire them.

(iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the date of receipt and are calculated based on donations received in the previous financial year. Tax reclaims are recorded within other donations per note 2.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- Not Depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

The only intangible assets are website design costs, amortised over 5 years on a straight line basis.

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

2. Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
General offering	29,911	32,143
Covenant giving	21,782	21,555
Other donations	13,427	12,813
	65,120	66,511

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Faith, relief and charitable	65,253	1,784	67,037

4. Direct costs of charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rates and water	960	1,217
Insurance	1,426	2,014
Light and heat	2,709	1,539
Telephone	726	633
Postage and stationery	1,424	1,307
Advertising	203	30
Sundries	4,426	3,897
Computer software	312	156
Missionary giving	13,805	14,219
Visiting ministers	455	390
Minister's Salary	38,807	44,071
	65,253	69,473

5. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

6. Staff costs

The only employee is the church pastor. Total employee costs for year ended 30 April 2024 were £38,807 (30 April 2023: £44,071)

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	66,511	-	66,511
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Faith, relief and charitable	71,091	-	71,091
Other	269	-	269
Total	71,360	-	71,360

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,849)	-	(4,849)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	512,696	144,909	657,605
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>507,847</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>652,756</u>

8. Intangible fixed assets

	Website design £
Cost	
At 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	1,344
Amortisation	
At 1 May 2023	538
Charge for year	268
	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2024	806
Net book value	
At 30 April 2024	538
	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2023	806
	<u> </u>

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 May 2023	600,179	12,386	602	613,167
Additions	-	2,419	-	2,419
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2024	600,179	14,805	602	615,586
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2023	-	8,777	602	9,379
Charge for year	-	782	-	782
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2024	-	9,559	602	10,161
Net book value				
At 30 April 2024	600,179	5,246	-	605,425
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 April 2023	600,179	3,609	-	603,788
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

10.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Other creditors	1,003	973
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11.	Movement in funds		Net
		At 1.5.23	movement
		£	in funds
			£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	507,847	(2,186)
			505,661
	Restricted funds		
	Building fund	144,909	-
			144,909
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>652,756</u>	<u>(2,186)</u>
			<u>650,570</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,120	(67,306)	(2,186)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,120</u>	<u>(67,306)</u>	<u>(2,186)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.22	Net	At
	£	movement	30.4.23
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	512,696	(4,849)	507,847
Restricted funds			
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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2024

11. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	512,696	(7,035)	505,661
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	657,605	(7,035)	650,570

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	131,631	(138,666)	(7,035)
TOTAL FUNDS	131,631	(138,666)	(7,035)

The building fund relates to donations and offerings made for specific use on the construction of the new church building.

12. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2024.

13. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH NEATH ABBEY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1071105

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1071105

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2023
for
Ebenezer Evangelical Church**

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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The aims and objectives are:

(a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the County of Neath-Port Talbot and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

(b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

(c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

The charity reviews its aims, objective and activities each year, looking at what it achieved and the outcomes of its work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and helps ensure the aims, objectives and activities remain up to date. The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been referred to when reviewing aims and objectives in planning future activities to ensure they conform to that guidance.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Introduction

This year saw the full return to the normal pattern of activities and services in the church and, despite several people having considerable health problems, attendance generally has been good and broadly on an upward path.

People

The membership of one individual was terminated due to his long-term failure to attend or correspond with the church, and it was known that he had been in attendance at another church in the area. The termination was made public at the AGM which took place after the period covered by this report, but had been in hand well before, and it was only delayed because of communication difficulties. Another member had moved to another church and had tendered her resignation.

One member, who had been a long-term resident in a care home, moved to a similar institution in Cardiff and remains a 'member living out of the area'.

One regular attendee at the coffee mornings passed away during the year and the family requested that the funeral be held at Ebenezer.

Accommodation

Apart from the very start of the period covered by this report, a full programme of services and activities has been followed. Most things have returned to normal levels of attendance or better. We are constantly alert to the need to cater for the needs of individuals and seek to minimise the effects of any inadequacies of the premises. One example of this has been the decision to hold prayer meetings and RBT (read the Bible together) in the main auditorium and in the downstairs schoolroom on alternate months because people with hearing problems find the upstairs accoustics more amenable while some with mobility problems find downstairs more accessible! Inevitably other issues have appeared as a result!

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting was held on 29 June 23. The number required for a quorum was 18 and the attendance was 19. In the event no issues were raised which required a vote and the meeting was largely a report-giving opportunity.

The trustees meetings and Pastor and Trustee meetings were conducted mainly at the chapel and covered a wide range of issues.

Sunday services were mainly well-attended and despite the loss of two members during the year the overall numbers have not diminished.

Weekday and weeknight services all returned to full 'normality' at the chapel during the year. As indicated above, the arrangements for prayer meetings and RBT now seek to cater for various people's needs by alternating between upstairs and downstairs. The attendance at RBT meetings is, however, disappointing.

The ladies' group resumed meetings in the chapel during the year.

There has been no resumption of regular meetings in an old people's home, but opportunities have been taken as they have arisen.

The parent and toddler group resumed during the year, but the toddlers have taken some time to reach previous numbers due to many of the earlier group having started school.

The young people's work is now confined to two groups: 11 - 16 year olds and over 16s. This is due to the fact that those from the younger group have now either left or become of age for the 11 - 16 group. There have been no younger ones coming in though it is still our desire to see such contacts developing.

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for the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

Trustees

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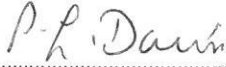
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Date: 16 January 2024

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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Other		269	-	269	269
Total		<u>71,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,360</u>	<u>72,664</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,849)	-	(4,849)	(10,855)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		512,696	144,909	657,605	668,460
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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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30 April 2023

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Fixed assets					
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Tangible assets	9	458,879	144,909	603,788	604,430
		<u>459,685</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>604,594</u>	<u>605,505</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		49,135	-	49,135	52,985
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(973)	-	(973)	(885)
Net current assets		<u>48,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,162</u>	<u>52,100</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>507,847</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>652,756</u>	<u>657,605</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>507,847</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>652,756</u>	<u>657,605</u>
Funds	11				
Unrestricted funds				507,847	512,696
Restricted funds				144,909	144,909
Total funds				<u>652,756</u>	<u>657,605</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8/11/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

1. Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting

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Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
General offering	32,143	31,866
Covenant giving	21,555	18,756
Other donations	12,813	11,187
	<u>66,511</u>	<u>61,809</u>

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Faith, relief and charitable	69,473	1,618	71,091
	<u>69,473</u>	<u>1,618</u>	<u>71,091</u>

4. Direct costs of charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rates and water	1,217	1,083
Insurance	2,014	1,282
Light and heat	1,539	1,688
Telephone	633	612
Postage and stationery	1,307	1,316
Advertising	30	402
Sundries	3,897	3,028
Computer software	156	-
Missionary giving	14,219	19,890
Visiting ministers	390	520
Minister's Salary	44,071	41,028
	<u>69,473</u>	<u>70,849</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

6. Staff costs

The only employee is the church pastor. Total employee costs for year ended 30 April 2023 were £44,071 (30 April 2022: 41,028).

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	61,809	-	61,809
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Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Faith, relief and charitable	72,395	-	72,395
Other	269	-	269
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Total	72,664	-	72,664
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(10,855)	-	(10,855)
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Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	523,551	144,909	668,460
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Total funds carried forward	512,696	144,909	657,605
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8. Intangible fixed assets

	Website design £
Cost	
At 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023	1,344
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Amortisation	
At 1 May 2022	269
Charge for year	269
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At 30 April 2023	538
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Net book value	
At 30 April 2023	806
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At 30 April 2022	1,075
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023	600,179	12,386	602	613,167
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2022	-	8,135	602	8,737
Charge for year	-	642	-	642
At 30 April 2023	-	8,777	602	9,379
Net book value				
At 30 April 2023	600,179	3,609	-	603,788
At 30 April 2022	600,179	4,251	-	604,430

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	973	885

11. Movement in funds

	At 1.5.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	512,696	(4,849)	507,847
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	657,605	(4,849)	652,756

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,511	(71,360)	(4,849)
TOTAL FUNDS	66,511	(71,360)	(4,849)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

11. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	523,551	(10,855)	512,696
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>668,460</u>	<u>(10,855)</u>	<u>657,605</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,809	(72,664)	(10,855)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,809</u>	<u>(72,664)</u>	<u>(10,855)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	523,551	(15,704)	507,847
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>668,460</u>	<u>(15,704)</u>	<u>652,756</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	128,320	(144,024)	(15,704)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,320</u>	<u>(144,024)</u>	<u>(15,704)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2023**

11. Movement in funds - continued

The building fund relates to donations and offerings made for specific use on the construction of the new church building.

12. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2023.

13. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

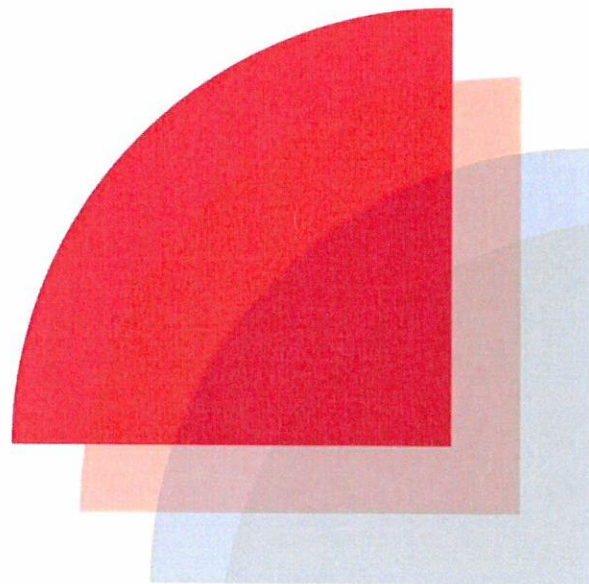
EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH NEATH ABBEY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1071105

Accounts

**Ebenezer Evangelical Church
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited
Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 April 2022
Registered Charity Number: 1071105



Ebenezer Evangelical Church

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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The aims and objectives are:

(a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the County of Neath-Port Talbot and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

(b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

(c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

The charity reviews its aims, objective and activities each year, looking at what it achieved and the outcomes of its work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and helps ensure the aims, objectives and activities remain up to date. The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been referred to when reviewing aims and objectives in planning future activities to ensure they conform to that guidance.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Introduction

The period of this report covers the gradual return to a more 'normal' pattern of church life after the worst excesses of COVID19 and its attendant restrictions. Initially services were conducted at the chapel on Sunday mornings only while evening services were live-streamed and prayer meetings continued for a time on Zoom. However, by the end of the period morning and evening services were conducted at the chapel and prayer meetings were resumed in the chapel school-room. A thorough risk assessment was undertaken before these developments took place. In fact it was noted that we moved more slowly than some other churches in the area.

People

One member passed away during the period, but at the time when there were very few COVID restrictions, and the service was well attended with no reports of any spread of COVID as a result!

Though membership did not increase during the period attendance has steadily increased, though actual numbers vary.

Accommodation

Apart from Sunday services and prayer meetings, there was little activity at the church - the children and youth meetings did not resume, nor did ladies' meetings or coffee mornings. However these things were kept under constant review at the regular (monthly) Pastor and trustees' meetings.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23 June but there was no quorum, some members still feeling nervous about the risks of COVID19. However the agenda did not contain any items needing to be put to a vote and the meeting was an opportunity to inform members of various activities and proposed developments in ministry as well as financial issues as well as an opportunity to praise God for his blessings during a very difficult period. The Trustees meetings and Pastor and Trustee meetings were conducted by Zoom, and later mainly at the Pastor's home. They continued to follow a broadly monthly timetable. Sunday services were resumed at the chapel during the course of this period, and, as mentioned above, they started with morning services only before moving to the familiar morning and evening services. Weeknight services were also resumed at the chapel during this period, but after taking risks into consideration and the nature of the prayer meetings and Bible studies (Reading the Bible Together) it was decided that these meetings should be conducted in the schoolroom in a large circle to avoid risks of infection. The ladies' group continued through Zoom meetings. There was no opportunity to resume work in the old people's home during the year. The parent and toddler group were not resumed during the year but the youth group continued by Zoom. Prospects of resuming school contact as in pre-COVID days have been dealt a blow in that the schools nearest the church (one immediately opposite) have now been moved onto another site at a greater distance giving rise to some practical issues that will need to be resolved.

Other Activities

The church aims to support the Neath food bank by collecting contributions in the form of food and other necessities as well as cash, three times a year - at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. These contributions have been much appreciated. The church again published its own calendar with texts and views mainly of the locality and other parts of South Wales. Over 2,000 of these were distributed before Christmas and the responses received have been very favourable.

Missionary Support

The church continues to have contact with a number of missionaries and missionary organisations and financial support for these has been ongoing throughout the year. Chief amongst these has been support for a missionary worker who has been in Albania for a number of years and who was commended to the work by the church and who remains a member. Presently he and his wife are engaged in Christian ministries in Canada. In addition the church supports a missionary in Uganda engaged in a church plant there. However due to financial concerns which are evident in the report it has become apparent that the church cannot continue to maintain this level of support at present and the Pastor and trustees have been reviewing the situation carefully.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit of £10,855 (2021: £10,229 deficit). The charity had unrestricted incoming resources for the year of £61,809 (2021: £53,131) and nil restricted incoming resources. At the end of the financial year the level of unrestricted funds stood at £512,696 (2021: £523,551).

It is the policy of the charity to work towards accumulating available reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) representing six months of expenditure, which has been valued to a target of approximately £40,000. At this level the trustees consider that they could continue with the activities of the charity in the event of a sudden drop in funding.

The available reserves are currently £52,100 (2021: £66,971) which exceeds the current target.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Ebenezer Evangelical Church Neath Abbey is an autonomous organisation with its own church constitution and is a registered charity, number 1071105.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are appointed by the members of the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The organisation is administered by trustees:

Dr P L Davis

Mr W D Christopher

Dr P W Jones

Mrs E Walters

The trustees meet on a regular basis to manage its affairs. There is also an Annual General Meeting of Ebenezer Evangelical Church's individual members.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are offered initial training on the background to the organisation and their role in its management.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1071105

Principal address

c/o 7 Primrose Lane
Rhos
Pontardawe
Swansea
SA8 3ES

Trustees

Dr P L Davis

W D Christopher

Dr P W Jones

Mrs E Walters

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

Reference and administrative details

Independent Examiner

Clive Edwards FCA
Haines Watts Wales LLP
7 Neptune Court
Vanguard Way
Cardiff
CF24 5PJ

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
Neath Business Park

Approved by order of the board of trustees on17/1/23..... and signed on its behalf by:

P-L Davis

.....
Dr P L Davis - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ebenezer Evangelical Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebenezer Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ebenezer Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Clive Edwards FCA
Haines Watts Wales LLP
7 Neptune Court
Vanguard Way
Cardiff
CF24 5PJ

Date: 31 January 2023

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	<u>61,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,809</u>	<u>53,131</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	3				
Faith, relief and charitable		72,395	-	72,395	63,360
Other		<u>269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>72,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,664</u>	<u>63,360</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,855)	-	(10,855)	(10,229)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		523,551	144,909	668,460	678,689
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>512,696</u></u>	<u><u>144,909</u></u>	<u><u>657,605</u></u>	<u><u>668,460</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet
30 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	9	1,075	-	1,075	-
Tangible assets	10	459,521	144,909	604,430	601,489
		<u>460,596</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>605,505</u>	<u>601,489</u>
Current assets					
Cash at bank		52,985	-	52,985	67,771
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(885)	-	(885)	(800)
		<u>52,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,100</u>	<u>66,971</u>
Net current assets					
		<u>52,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,100</u>	<u>66,971</u>
Total assets less current liabilities					
		<u>512,696</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>657,605</u>	<u>668,460</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>512,696</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>657,605</u>	<u>668,460</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	12			512,696	523,551
Restricted funds				144,909	144,909
Total funds					
				<u>657,605</u>	<u>668,460</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/1/23 and were signed on its behalf by:

P L Davis

P L Davis - Trustee

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

1. Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are those unrestricted amounts set aside and held for purposes which are to be expended in the future for particular purposes. The nature of these funds is set out in note 12 to the accounts. The levels of these funds are regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note 12.

2. Donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
General offering	31,866	29,426
Covenant giving	18,756	17,500
Other donations	11,187	6,205
	<u>61,809</u>	<u>53,131</u>

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (see note 4)	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Faith, relief and charitable	70,849	1,546	72,395
	<u>70,849</u>	<u>1,546</u>	<u>72,395</u>

4. Direct costs of charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rates and water	1,083	868
Insurance	1,282	1,231
Light and heat	1,688	1,312
Telephone	612	453
Postage and stationery	1,316	1,436
Advertising	402	28
Sundries	3,028	3,748
Missionary giving	19,890	12,130
Hire & storage	-	250
Visiting ministers	520	-
Minister's Salary	41,028	40,792
	<u>70,849</u>	<u>62,248</u>

Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

5. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2022 nor for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2022 nor for the year ended 30 April 2021.

6. Staff costs

The only employee is the church pastor. Total employee costs for year ended 30 April 2022 were £41,028 (30 April 2021: £40,792).

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	53,131	-	53,131
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Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Faith, relief and charitable	63,360	-	63,360
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(10,229)	-	(10,229)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	533,780	144,909	678,689
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Total funds carried forward	<u>523,551</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>668,460</u>

8. Independent examiner remuneration

During the year, total remuneration paid to the independent examiner amounted to £884 (2021: £800).

9. Intangible fixed assets

	Website design £
Cost	
Additions	1,344
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Amortisation	
Charge for year	269
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Net book value	
At 30 April 2022	1,075
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At 30 April 2021	-
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Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 May 2021	600,179	8,788	602	609,569
Additions	-	3,598	-	3,598
At 30 April 2022	<u>600,179</u>	<u>12,386</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>613,167</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2021	-	7,494	586	8,080
Charge for year	-	641	16	657
At 30 April 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>8,135</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>8,737</u>
Net book value				
At 30 April 2022	<u>600,179</u>	<u>4,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,430</u>
At 30 April 2021	<u>600,179</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>601,489</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>885</u>	<u>800</u>

12. Movement in funds

	At 1.5.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	523,551	(10,855)	512,696
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>668,460</u>	<u>(10,855)</u>	<u>657,605</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,809	(72,664)	(10,855)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,809</u>	<u>(72,664)</u>	<u>(10,855)</u>

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12. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	533,780	(10,229)	523,551
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>678,689</u>	<u>(10,229)</u>	<u>668,460</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,131	(63,360)	(10,229)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>53,131</u>	<u>(63,360)</u>	<u>(10,229)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	533,780	(21,084)	512,696
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>678,689</u>	<u>(21,084)</u>	<u>657,605</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,940	(136,024)	(21,084)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>114,940</u>	<u>(136,024)</u>	<u>(21,084)</u>

The building fund relates to donations and offerings made for specific use on the construction of the new church building.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2022.

14. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

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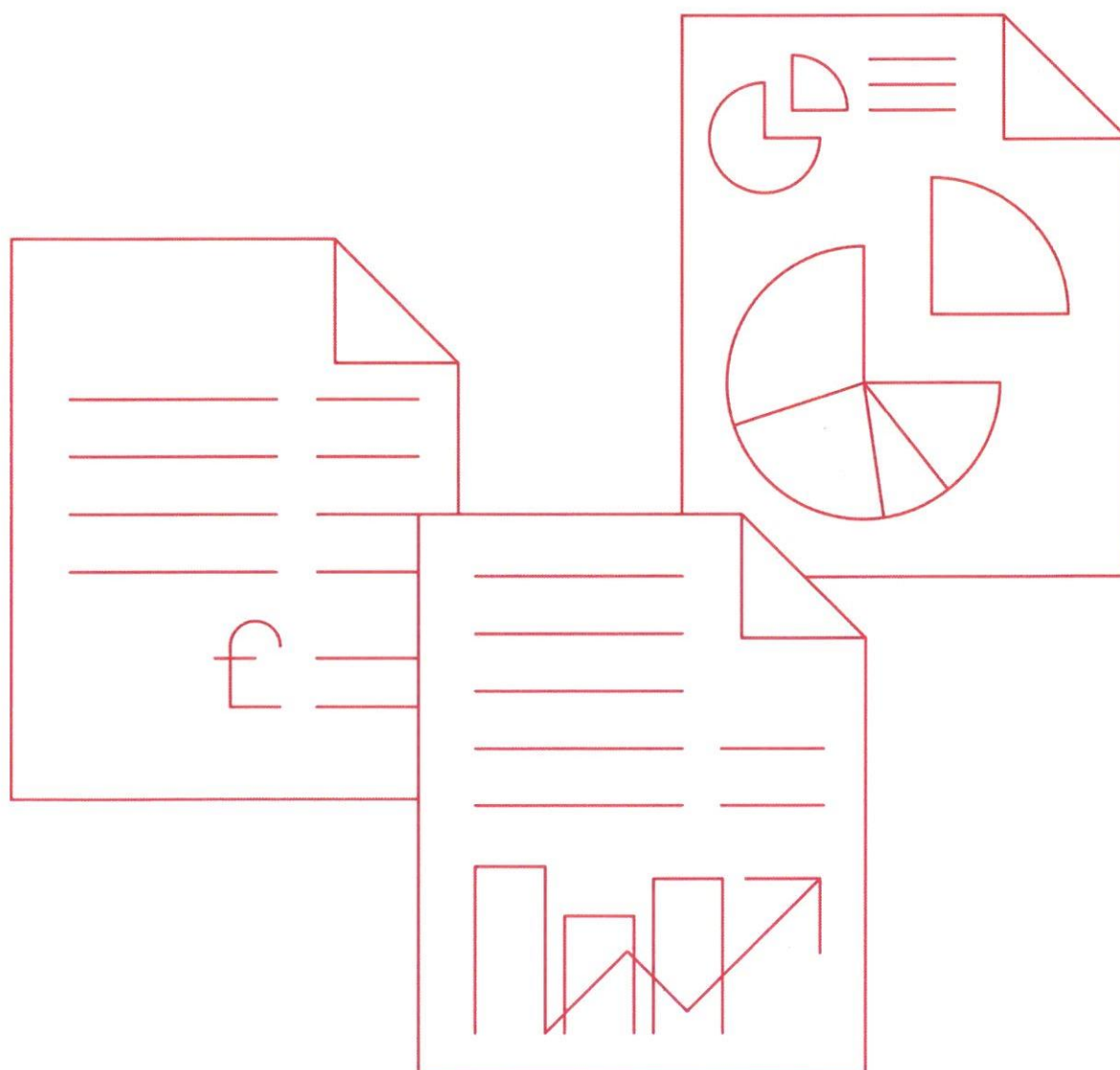
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Accounts

Ebenezer Evangelical Church **Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**

Year Ended 30 April 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1071105





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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The aims and objectives are:

- (a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the County of Neath-Port Talbot and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.
- (b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.
- (c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said area and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

The charity reviews its aims, objective and activities each year, looking at what it achieved and the outcomes of its work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and helps ensure the aims, objectives and activities remain up to date. The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been referred to when reviewing aims and objectives in planning future activities to ensure they conform to that guidance.



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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

People

Although face to face contact was almost non-existent for the whole period, many members, not only the leadership, took the initiative in telephoning one another. Unsurprisingly there was no growth in membership or other contacts during this period. Communication with all was ensured by Pastor's letters and occasional news sheets which were distributed to all the church members and others who attended - even if only to coffee mornings.

Accommodation

As indicated above, very little took place on site before all services fell victim to lock-down restrictions.

Meetings

It was not possible to hold an Annual General Meeting but all the information which would have been dealt with, including reports on various activities and the financial report, were mailed to all members with the invitation to comment.

The Trustees meetings and Pastor and Trustee meetings were conducted by Zoom, broadly on a monthly basis, and usually, though not always as Pastor and Trustee meetings. Sunday services were pre-recorded and uploaded to YouTube and Facebook. CD recordings were also made and distributed to those who could not access these facilities. Other meeting information includes:

- Weeknight services at the chapel were suspended as the pandemic restrictions were imposed, but the prayer meetings were continued on Zoom. Regular Bible studies came to an end, but periodic Bible studies continued, on Zoom, as the church progressed through the 'Reading the Bible Together Scheme'.
- The ladies' group also continued through Zoom meetings.
- There was no opportunity to resume work in the old people's home during the year.
- The parent and toddler group on Friday mornings, as well as the children's meetings on Friday evenings, fell victim to the constraints, but the youth group has continued by Zoom. Numbers fluctuate, but are never great at this stage.
- While the usual contact with the schools has been interrupted, contact has been maintained, albeit by telephone conversations, and the hope of resuming the previous level of contact is very much in view

Other Activities

The church aims to support the Neath food bank by collecting contributions in the form of food and other necessities as well as cash, three times a year - at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. These contributions have been much appreciated.

The church again published its own calendar with texts and views mainly of the locality and other parts of South Wales. Over 2,000 of these were distributed before Christmas and the responses received have been very favourable.

Missionary Support

The church continues to have contact with a number of missionaries and missionary organisations and financial support for these has been ongoing throughout the year. Chief amongst these has been support for a missionary worker who has been in Albania for a number of years and who was commended to the work by the church and who remains a member. Presently he and his wife are engaged in Christian ministries in Canada.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit of £10,229 (2020: £12,764 surplus). The charity had unrestricted incoming resources for the year of £53,131 (2020: £52,275) and nil restricted incoming resources. At the end of the financial year the level of unrestricted funds stood at £523,551 (2020: £533,780.)

It is the policy of the charity to work towards accumulating unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets representing six months of expenditure, which has been valued to a target of approximately £40,000. At this level the trustees consider that they could continue with the activities of the charity in the event of a sudden drop in funding.

The available reserves are currently £66,971 (2020: £76,886) which exceeds the current target.



Ebenezer Evangelical Church
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Ebenezer Evangelical Church Neath Abbey is an autonomous organisation with its own church constitution and is a registered charity, number 1071105.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are appointed by the members of the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The organisation is administered by trustees:

Dr P L Davis

Mr W D Christopher

Dr P W Jones

Mrs E Walters

The trustees meet on a regular basis to manage its affairs. There is also an Annual General Meeting of Ebenezer Evangelical Church's individual members.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are offered initial training on the background to the organisation and their role in its management.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1071105

Principal address

c/o 7 Primrose Lane
Rhos
Pontardawe
Swansea
SA8 3ES

Trustees

Dr P L Davis
W D Christopher
Dr P W Jones
Mrs E Walters

Independent Examiner

Clive Edwards FCA
Haines Watts Wales LLP
7 Neptune Court
Vanguard Way
Cardiff
CF24 5PJ

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC
Neath Business Park

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13/12/21 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr P L Davis - Trustee



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Ebenezer Evangelical Church**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebenezer Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ebenezer Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Clive Edwards FCA
Haines Watts Wales LLP
7 Neptune Court
Vanguard Way
Cardiff
CF24 5PJ

Date: 20 December 2021



Ebenezer Evangelical Church

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments from Donations and legacies	2	53,131	-	53,131	52,275
Expenditure on Charitable activities Faith, relief and charitable	3	63,360	-	63,360	39,511
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(10,229)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,229)</u>	<u>12,764</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		533,780	144,909	678,689	665,925
Total funds carried forward		<u>523,551</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>668,460</u>	<u>678,689</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



Ebenezer Evangelical Church

Balance Sheet
30 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9	456,580	144,909	601,489	601,803
Current assets					
Cash at bank		67,771	-	67,771	77,655
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(800)	-	(800)	(769)
Net current assets		<u>66,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,971</u>	<u>76,886</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>523,551</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>668,460</u>	<u>678,689</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>523,551</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>668,460</u>	<u>678,689</u>
Funds	11				
Unrestricted funds				523,551	533,780
Restricted funds				144,909	144,909
Total funds				<u>668,460</u>	<u>678,689</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
13/12/21 and were signed on its behalf by:


P L Davis - Trustee



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustees have tested their cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on the charity of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, alongside the measures that they can take to mitigate the impact. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Ebenezer Evangelical Church is a charity registered in England and Wales. The charity registered number and principal address can be found in the reference and administrative details within the Report of the Trustees.

Income

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.

(ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the statement of financial activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount they would have had to pay to acquire them.

(iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount they would have had to pay to acquire them.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the date of receipt and are calculated based on donations received in the previous financial year. Tax reclaims are recorded within other donations per note 2.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- not provided
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.



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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

1. Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are those unrestricted amounts set aside and held for purposes which are to be expended in the future for particular purposes. The nature of these funds is set out in note 9 to the accounts. The levels of these funds are regularly reviewed by the trustees.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in note 11.

2. Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
General offering	29,426	25,166
Covenant giving	17,500	16,838
Other donations	6,205	10,271
	<u>53,131</u>	<u>52,275</u>

3. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs (see note 4) £	Support costs £	Totals £
Faith, relief and charitable	<u>62,248</u>	<u>1,112</u>	<u>63,360</u>

4. Direct costs of charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Rates and water	868	2,584
Insurance	1,231	1,533
Light and heat	1,312	1,342
Telephone	453	-
Postage and stationery	1,436	2,071
Advertising	28	28
Sundries	3,748	5,094
Missionary giving	12,130	8,180
Hire & storage	250	7,197
Visiting ministers	-	810
Minister's Salary	40,792	9,558
	<u>62,248</u>	<u>38,397</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2021 nor for the year ended 30 April 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2021 nor for the year ended 30 April 2020.



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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. Staff costs

The only employee is the church pastor. Total employee costs for year ended 30 April 2021 were £40,792 (30 April 2020: £9,558).

7. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	52,275	-	52,275
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Faith, relief and charitable	39,511	-	39,511
NET INCOME	<u>12,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,764</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	521,016	144,909	665,925
Total funds carried forward	<u>533,780</u>	<u>144,909</u>	<u>678,689</u>

8. Independent examiner remuneration

During the year, total remuneration paid to the independent examiner amounted to £800 (2020: £800).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021	<u>600,179</u>	<u>8,788</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>609,569</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2020	-	7,212	554	7,766
Charge for year	-	282	32	314
At 30 April 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>7,494</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>8,080</u>
Net book value				
At 30 April 2021	<u>600,179</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>601,489</u>
At 30 April 2020	<u>600,179</u>	<u>1,576</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>601,803</u>



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10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2021	2020
		£	£
Other creditors		800	769
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. Movement in funds			Net movement in funds	At 30.4.21
	At 1.5.20		£	£
	£			
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	533,780	(10,229)		523,551
Restricted funds				
Building fund	144,909	-		144,909
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	678,689	(10,229)		668,460
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,131	(63,360)	(10,229)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	53,131	(63,360)	(10,229)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.5.19	Net movement in funds	At 30.4.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	521,016	12,764	533,780
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	665,925	12,764	678,689
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	52,275	(39,511)	12,764
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	52,275	(39,511)	12,764
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

11. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.5.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	521,016	2,535	523,551
Restricted funds			
Building fund	144,909	-	144,909
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>665,925</u>	<u>2,535</u>	<u>668,460</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,406	(102,871)	2,535
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>105,406</u>	<u>(102,871)</u>	<u>2,535</u>

The building fund relates to donations and offerings made for specific use on the construction of the new church building.

12. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2021.

13. Ultimate controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees.



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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	2021	2020
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
General offering	29,426	25,166
Covenant giving	17,500	16,838
Other donations	6,205	10,271
	<u>53,131</u>	<u>52,275</u>
Total incoming resources	53,131	52,275
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Rates and water	868	2,584
Insurance	1,231	1,533
Light and heat	1,312	1,342
Telephone	453	-
Postage and stationery	1,436	2,071
Advertising	28	28
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Hire & storage	250	7,197
Visiting ministers	-	810
Minister's Salary	40,792	9,558
	<u>62,248</u>	<u>38,397</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Fixtures and fittings	282	282
Computer equipment	32	32
	<u>314</u>	<u>314</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	798	800
Total resources expended	<u>63,360</u>	<u>39,511</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(10,229)</u>	<u>12,764</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements