



DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Registered Charity No. 1077832

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES REPORT

During 2023 the trustees were:

- Nigel Jones (chair of trustees & elder)
- Roger Cresswell
- Phillip Bounds
- Edward Neat (appointed 24/01/2023)

The officers of the church were:

- Andrew Knox (Pastor & elder)
- Stephen Titterton (Assistant pastor & elder)
- Nigel Jones (elder)
- Michael Campbell (chair of deacons)
- Malcolm Hall (till October 2023)
- Ema Chillingworth (Treasurer & deacon)
- Jenny Wilson (Church Secretary)
- David Hulse
- Linda Cornfield

The pastor and elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church and the deacons the fabric and practical work of the church.

Church priorities

In fulfilling our objectives, the leadership set the priorities for 2023 as:

- To be a church people that love our Lord Jesus Christ and grow in Him through worship, prayer and Bible exposition.
- To be a church people that welcomes all and seeks to share our faith through practical demonstration of God's love.
- To develop our work amongst children, teens and beyond
- To reach out to our immediate area especially to the new homes being built
- To seek to support others in the UK and around the world, who equally share our Christian values and purpose.

The church membership on 31st December was 47, the same as in 2022, although 3 members went to be with the Lord and 3 more were welcomed into membership.

Church Ministries

Sunday morning worship services continued through the year, some of which were all age services and others where the children had their own groups including a creche and school age youngsters. A teens work called Route 66 (66 books in the Bible) was commenced in the Spring and met around twice per month. Once a month communion was included as part of the service. Numbers attending have increased encouragingly to about 80, with several families from different cultures attending regularly. Services were generally recorded – audio and video with audio copies made available to any of the house bound and the video uploaded to the church website.

An evening communion service was held twice a month.

The Tuesday ladies fellowship continued throughout 2023 with the evening Women Together group being held once a month. Wednesday evenings were either a church prayer meeting at the church, a visiting mission or speaker, or home groups held in 4 locations in the city. The Parent/Toddlers group in the morning and café over lunchtime, were held on a Thursday. The cafe ministry had some attenders staying on for a Bible Study.

The church continued to use the Zoom platform for prayer times.

Other events

The church was involved in Derby Bible Week in April, with many folk attending either morning or evening meetings held at Christ Church or Allestree Woodlands Church respectively, benefiting from the Bible ministry.

There were a number of funerals and thanksgiving services for those who went to be with the Lord.

Bring and share lunches were restarted during the year with different homegroups responsible for overseeing the events, held most months after morning worship. These were a great time of fellowship and were well attended by all age groups.

A number of folks in the church enjoy walking and a DPRamblers group, open to all, met several times for strolls, walk. There was good fellowship.

The pastors organised a 3 day / 2 night camp in August on a site near Ashbourne which was attended by a reasonable number; some others also came as day visitors. It was a time of encouragement through bible ministry, as well as recreational activities together.

A ladies Saturday morning book group commenced, and they were able to encourage and share with each other.

A men's games night was held in July for a time of fun and fellowship with the intention of being repeated periodically.

The ladies meeting held special meetings with the Slavic Gospel Association particularly with their hospice ministry in Romania. This was both in-person and online Zoom meetings.

The harvest weekend in October started with a supper on the Friday evening followed by harvest thanksgiving services on the Sunday. The produce was shared between Derby City Mission and Caring for Life (Leeds) to help their relief work with needy people.

The deacons organised a workday with the congregation helping clean, clear and maintain the property inside and out. This was partly in response to a detailed survey of the building and the identification of a list of tasks needed.

Carols in the car park was able to be held in December and was a worthwhile outreach to the local community. On the Sunday before Christmas, we held a family carol service in the morning and carols by candlelight in the evening. Numbers at the Christmas meetings were not as high as previous years.

Outreach and Mission

The church positively encourages the congregation to speak and share their faith taking every opportunity given. As well as the opportunities in the various meetings and events, the church provide copies of the Good News newspaper, as well as other gospel tracts, to act as an aid in opening conversations. The Good News newspaper is also delivered to around 375 local homes each month by 8 volunteers, a ministry that has grown through 2023. The planned building of over 400 new homes on an old Rolls Royce factory site has given a new opportunity for outreach. By the end of 2023 nearly 90 homes were occupied and a “welcome” pack including a letter, details of services and meetings, a New Testament plus a copy of the Good News paper, were delivered and homes visited. The church was grateful to use a grant from FIEC towards the cost of this ministry.

The list of missions and individuals the leadership set as those the church supported through 2023 were:

Slavic Gospel Association, Derby City Mission, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Kevin Still (New Tribes Mission), Railway Mission, Jem & Sue Hudson (Foundation Matters/Pine Lake Camp), Clive & Cath Barker (Serving in Mission, Pakistan), Barnabas Fund, Caring for Life, Open Air Mission, The Christian Institute, Open Doors and SASRA.

The church maintained its active membership of the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) and benefitted from their regular advice.

Public Benefit

As well as the weekly café and welfare event where homeless and those in physical, mental, emotional, financial, and spiritual need are helped, the church were also active in the following areas:

- Personal counselling, and where necessary, support for individuals in desperate need
- Financial support for Mission Aviation Fellowship, Caring for Life, Slavic Gospel Association, SIM International and Barnabas Fund in their relief work around the world including disaster responses and humanitarian relief in Ukraine.
- Prison visitation and support of Christian literature being sent to prison chaplains.
- Donation of the harvest gifts to Derby City Mission and Caring for Life
- The giving of financial help in disaster areas of the world e.g. the Syria/Turkey earthquake

Safeguarding

Working through “Thirtyone:eight” (previously Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) the church ensured all workers with children and vulnerable adults, were DBS checked and provided attendance at on-line training courses for individuals. The lead coordinator is Mrs Pat Hulse.

Data Protection

The church maintained a data protection policy and the church secretary, as data protection coordinator ensured best practice was maintained and that all details currently held were up to date and accurate.

Communication

The church web site, www.davenportroadchurch.org.uk provides a wealth of information about the church, it's activities, audio messages, the church diary and provided weekly communication and prayer requests from, and to, the congregation. A bi-monthly news sheet was reintroduced during the year.

Church Business meetings

The elders met as frequently as needed, usually each month or sooner.

The deacons met 5 times in the year.

Three Church members' meetings were held in March (the AGM), June and September.

Church Finance and Fabric (see also the finance report)

The church was grateful to God and the congregation for continued giving. The 2023 budget planned a deficit for the year of £6,254 met from reserves, largely to continue to employ the assistant pastor. The surplus at the end of the year was £10,883, considerably better than the budget, for which we thank God and His people.

The church insurance with Congregational (through Kingdom Bank Ltd) was reviewed and maintained under a long-term commitment.

2024 Priorities

These will be much as 2023 –

- To be a church people that love our Lord Jesus Christ and grow in Him through worship, prayer and Bible exposition.
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The practical and fabric work planned includes general maintenance and decoration.

Rising energy costs have been, and will continue to be, a challenge and efficiency measures have been taken to reduce costs.

Summary

The Trustees are grateful to God and all the congregation for help and contributions in so many ways during 2023. The accounts, independently examined by Mr M Saunders FCA, have been accepted and show a surplus for the year. We are confident, that with God's help and the congregations support, we can continue to meet all aims for 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Duncan Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nigel Duncan Jones (Chair of Trustees)

29th January 2024

DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DERBY
Registered charity No. 1077833
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>MRF</u>	<u>Property Account</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2022</u>
Offerings	£87,973.46				£87,973.46	£77,351.10
Tax reclaim	£17,904.37				£17,904.37	£18,182.47
Gifts - Designated	£4,791.30				£4,791.30	£5,498.66
Interest	£766.57				£766.57	£259.41
Equity buy Back			£4,800.00		£4,800.00	£4,800.00
Other income	£1,273.68	£0.00			£1,273.68	£1,401.01
	<u>£112,709.38</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£4,800.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£117,509.38</u>	<u>£107,492.65</u>

<u>Expenses</u>						
Employment Costs	£67,370.68				£67,370.68	£57,026.83
Missionary (support & gifts)	£14,180.00				£14,180.00	£17,130.00
Utilities (electric, gas, phone, water)	£3,868.21				£3,868.21	£6,047.07
Speakers	£235.00				£235.00	£245.00
Copying, printing, post	£384.44	£3.00			£387.44	£344.11
Youth	£276.50				£276.50	£232.99
Outreach	£1,245.40	£79.00			£1,324.40	£1,418.85
Insurance	£2,961.43				£2,961.43	£2,644.12
Gifts - designated	£5,180.41				£5,180.41	£6,834.48
Fabric & Equipment	£2,332.06				£2,332.06	£7,529.84
Equity Buy-Back				£4,800.00	£4,800.00	£4,800.00
Miscellaneous	£3,709.80				£3,709.80	£4,136.53
	<u>£101,743.93</u>	<u>£82.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£4,800.00</u>	<u>£106,625.93</u>	<u>£108,389.82</u>

Income - expenses	£10,965.45	-£82.00	£4,800.00	-£4,800.00	£10,883.45	-£897.17
Opening balances	£81,893.69	£499.11	£22,100.00	£57,900.00	£162,392.80	£163,289.97
End of year balances	<u>£92,859.14</u>	<u>£417.11</u>	<u>£26,900.00</u>	<u>£53,100.00</u>	<u>£173,276.25</u>	<u>£162,392.80</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Santander Current A/C	£5,469.81	£2,060.28
Santander Savings A/C	£84,726.81	£71,644.41
Kingdom Bank	£30,879.42	£30,695.25
Share of Property	£53,100.00	£57,900.00
Petty Cash	£967.21	£92.86
Cheques in Post	-£1,867.00	£0.00
	<u>£173,276.25</u>	<u>£162,392.80</u>

Non-Monetary Assets

Church premises in Davenport Road purchased in 1972 at a cost of £12,278 and held by the Church Trustees as Custodian Trustees. The building is currently insured in the sum of £4,626,419 and the fixtures, fittings and equipment for £182,976

Treasurer

E Chillingworth



Date

20/3/2024

Hon. Examiner

Michael Saunders FCA



Date

20/3/2024

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Charity Name: DAVENPORT ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH TRUST

Charity No. 1077832

Accounts for year ending: 31st DECEMBER 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity above ("the Trust") for the year stated above.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The charities gross income did not exceed £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the independent examination being a qualified accountant and a FCA.

I have completed my examination. This involved examination of bank statements, computer records, invoices, receipts, cheque and paying to bank stubs together with explanations. 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. The 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,
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts as 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 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. The accounts are presented, as permitted by the Act, as simple receipts and payments accounts.

Signed 

Date 20/3/2024

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Disclosure

Only to be completed if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).