

Evangel Church (Durham)

**Evangel Church (Durham)
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2020**

Registered Charity No. 1081574

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Legal and administrative information

Status: Declaration of Trust dated 18th September 1988

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Charitable Objects

The objects are "to advance Christian Religion, in particular to continue an existing work as a church in Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham and in such other place or places as shall be decided upon, the furtherance of other charitable work of the Church consistently with the doctrines by proclaiming and furthering the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God ('The Gospel') consistently with the statement of faith ("the Doctrine") set forth in the Schedule hereto".

These objects are self-explanatory, but have been, and are being, satisfied by the maintaining of a congregation and church structure among a group of believers centred in the church at Durham Road, Chester-le-Street.

Organisational Structure

The Charity is a Trust governed by a Board of Trustees, which meets approximately quarterly, its decisions are made by the unanimous agreement of the Trustees. Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing Trustees. It is an autonomous legal entity.

Review of activities and achievements

This year has been a difficult one as since March we have been unable to hold church services due to Covid 19 restrictions.

However, the visitation team led by Peter Luckman has continued ministering both practically and spiritually the disadvantaged, elderly and sick members.

3 virtual telephone services have taken place each week with over 2800 callers taking part up to the end of the year. Walk and wave, newsletters, emails, and phone calls have ensured that we have maintained fellowship with one another, and that the gospel has been proclaimed.

Work has been progressed on the building with the tower being renovated and now awaiting painting. Funds have been raised for further repair and decoration to take place in 2021 in preparation for reopening the building.

Visitors have attended the Church, and some have made a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Missions giving has been maintained.

We have continued to provide Durham Christian Partnership with space for the Durham Food Bank at cost; next year the space will be used for food bank distribution, debt counselling, and work with recovering addicts.

My personal thanks go again to our Elders and Trustees and indeed to all members for their wholehearted support and love,

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Reserves

The policy on reserves is to leave sufficient reserves in the unrestricted funds to meet planned objectives, and to have three months' expenditure in hand after allowing for current liabilities. At 31st December 2020 net current assets were £10,350 of which £1,668 was attributable to restricted funds, leaving £8,682 unrestricted.

Also comprised within unrestricted funds are the church building with a written down value of £107,084 and equipment with a written down value of £5,994

As at 31/12/2020 the reserves of the Charity were:

Restricted for building improvements	1,668
Unrestricted funds	<u>121,760</u>
	<u>123,428</u>

At 30th April 2021 the net current assets of the unrestricted fund was £10,360 and of the restricted fund £6,539, making a total of £16,899. None of the Restricted Funds have been spent during 2021. In the period from 1st January 2021 to 30th April 2021 the net income of the unrestricted funds was £995, and of the Restricted Fund was £4,897. A substantial commitment (as yet unquantifiable but believed to be in excess of £3,000) has been incurred on urgent repairs to the roof and removing a small tree growing out to the porch roof, which work will start on 10th, May 2021. There are major works due in restoring and redecorating the Sanctuary, the tower, and other parts of the building, including replastering and redecorating the ceiling squares in the Sanctuary and a quotation has been accepted of £11,940, with small variances if more of the ceiling needs repairing; this work to start in August. The total cost is therefore in the region of £15,000, of which £2,000 is not covered by Restricted and Designated Funds.

Going Concern

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity can continue to operate for the foreseeable future and the going concern basis of accounting is therefore appropriate.

Investment powers, policy and performance

Funds not immediately needed are invested on short term deposit.

Grant making policy

The charity makes grants exclusively to ministries or ministers in response to needs personally known to the Trustees, and they do not consider applications from fund-raisers.

Governance and internal control

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,

make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed in the financial statements, and,

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 25/5/21 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev J C Walton

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Evangel Church Durham

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

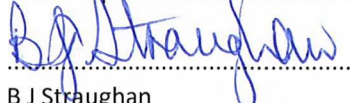
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (accounts and reports) Regulation 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 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.



B J Straughan

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Date

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	2	27970	5618	33588	34969
Investment income		2	1	3	4
Other	3	3500	0	3500	3880
Total		31472	5619	37091	38853
Expenditure on Charitable activities:					
Grants payable	4	2430	0	2430	2653
Premises, teaching and worship and pastoral costs	5	19987	0	19987	19993
Support costs	6	3482	0	3482	3228
Management and administration	7	3599	0	3599	4334
Total		29498	0	29498	30208
Net income		1974	5619	7593	8645
Transfers between funds		6219	-6219	0	0
Net movement in funds		8193	-600	7593	8645
Total funds brought forward		113567	2268	115835	107190
Total funds carried forward		121760	1668	123428	115835

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible asset	9		113078		110421
Current assets					
Debtors	10	495		911	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>11546</u>		<u>6400</u>	
		12041		7311	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>-1691</u>		<u>-1897</u>	
Net current assets			10350		5414
Net assets			<u>123428</u>		<u>115835</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		121760		113567
Restricted funds	14		<u>1668</u>		<u>2268</u>
			<u>123428</u>		<u>115835</u>

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Notes to the financial statements

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1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1st January 2016.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

b) Incoming resources

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

c) Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold premises - none before 2011, additions thereafter, 4 - 20% straight line

PA and video	20% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% straight line
Piano	10% straight line

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	2020			2019		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 Total
2 Donations						
Tithes and Offerings except gift aided	14069	0	14069	9589	0	9589
Gift aided donations	13679	3598	17277	17479	4370	21849
Wedding and funerals	150	0	150	0	0	0
Income from voluntary fund raising activities	72	0	72	384	0	384
Special gifts	0	2020	2020	0	3147	3147
	27970	5618	33588	27452	7517	34969
3 Other						
Gifts from outside organisations for use of premises:						
Foodbank	3500	0	3500	3500	0	3500
Polling station fee	0	0	0	380	0	380
	3500	0	3500	3880	0	3880
4 Grants payable						
Gifts to visiting preachers	0	0	0	100	0	100
Gifts against poverty	0	0	0	55	0	55
Gifts to missionaries and other institutions	1260	0	1260	1560	0	1560
DCMCH Childrens Home	840	0	840	840	0	840
Ministry to sick or elderly	330	0	330	98	0	98
	2430	0	2430	2653	0	2653
5 Premises, teaching and worship, and pastoral costs						
Premises						
Light, heat and water	2651	0	2651	3234	0	3234
Repairs and maintenance	644	0	644	813	0	813
Teaching and worship						
Church supplies and small gifts	247	0	247	524	0	524
Virtual services	275	0	275	0	0	0
Children	105	0	105	120	0	120
Hospitality	96	0	96	329	0	329
Wedding and funerals	200	0	200	0	0	0
Pastoral						
Staff costs (note 8)	13800	0	13800	12824	0	12824
Travel by Elders	1969	0	1969	2149	0	2149
	19987	0	19987	19993	0	19993
6 Support cost						
Depreciation of office equipment, PA and piano and buildings	3482	0	3482	3228	0	3228
	3482	0	3482	3228	0	3228

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	2020			2019		
7 Management and administration	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 Total
Publicity	133		133	113	0	113
Insurances	1446		1446	1191	0	1191
Printing, postage and stationery	338		338	155	0	155
Independent examiner's fee	580		580	500	0	500
Independent examiner's fee overprovision 2018	0		0	-60	0	-60
Payroll and software	174		174	169	0	169
Pastor's office expenses	288		288	208	0	208
Treasurer's office expenses	0		0	330	0	330
Internet services	528		528	528	0	528
Legal and Professional	112		112	1200	0	1200
	3599	0	3599	4334	0	4334

8 Trustees' emoluments

During the year, Pastor J.C. Walton earned £11,400 for his services as a Pastor and was reimbursed £529 for travelling expenses and £288 for the use of his home as an office and for the use of his telephone. There were also payments totalling £2,400 into his pension plan.

9 Tangible fixed assets	Freehold land and buildings	Furniture Fixtures and Fittings	PA and Video	Piano	Total
Cost					
At 1st January 2020	112925	16253	808	1889	131875
Additions	5153	986	0	0	6139
At 31st December 2020	118078	17239	808	1889	138014
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2020	9066	9691	808	1889	21454
Charge for year	1928	1554	0	0	3482
At 31st December 2020	10994	11245	808	1889	24936
Net book values					
At 31st December 2020	107084	5994	0	0	113078
At 31st December 2019	103859	6562	0	0	110421

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10 Debtors	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Trade Debtors	0		0	200
Income tax recoverable	238		238	449
Prepayments	257		257	262
	495	0	495	911

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Creditors	168		168	375
PAYE and social security costs	582		582	506
Sundry creditors and accruals	941		941	1016
	1691	0	1691	1897

12 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total
Fund balances at 31st December 2020, represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	113078	0	113078
Current assets	10373	1668	12041
Current liabilities	-1691	0	-1691
	121760	1668	123428

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13 Unrestricted funds

	As at 01/01/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer between Funds	As at 31/12/2020
General resources	113467	31472	29498	2519	117960
Designated fund contingency	100	0	0	200	300
Designated building fund	0	0	0	3500	3500
	113568	31472	29498	6219	121760

Purposes of designated funds:

Designated fund : contingency. A fund is maintained should a need arise within the Church, eg any member in financial need. Following the death of Rev John Levy, whose teaching ministry was operated under the name of Nehemiah Project, the fund has been maintained at £25.00 per calendar month.

Designated fund: building,. When unrestricted funds exceed £6000, we have maintained a fund to use the excess for future building work. It is expected to be exhausted by works by the end of May 2021.

14 Restricted funds

	As at 01/01/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer between Funds	As at 31/12/2020
Building expansion fund	2268	5619		-6219	1668
	2268	5619	0	-6219	1668

Purposes of restricted funds:

The building expansion fund is to meet the cost of proposed works where the donors have specifically required it to be so used and it is maintained out of such donations, any grants from external sources and repayments received under gift aid since the fund was set up.

14 Related Party transaction

In the previous year a company wholly owned by a relative of a trustee K J Parsons, David Parsons Limited, did building work for the Charity, to the extent of £160

During the year a relative of a trustee Joseph Corry Walton , Mrs Walton was reimbursed telephone costs of £275 incurred in the provision of virtual services.