

Evangel Church (Durham)

**Evangel Church (Durham)
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2022**

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

We have held a morning and an evening service every Sunday throughout the year, including Christmas day, providing worship, Holy Communion and Biblical teaching and presentation of the Gospel of Salvation, and a meeting on Thursday evenings

We have continued our telephone services on Sunday afternoons, particularly for those unable to attend church and this has been well supported.

Our visiting team, being Peter Luckman one of our elders, and Shirley Lewis our deacon, have continued ministering practically and spiritually to disadvantaged, elderly and sick members.

Small Christmas gifts were distributed to all our members. New members have been added to the church and a baptism service has been held.

We have continued to provide Durham Christian Partnership with space at cost, this area houses their various expanding community-oriented ministries including food bank distribution, and, since 2022, debt and addiction counselling.

Overseas ministries continued to be supported in India, the Philippines, and Russia to the extent of £2100.

Following last year's decoration of the Sanctuary, we have redesigned and rebuilt the platform and baptistry, and new carpeting and wood effect flooring have been fitted, the cost of these improvements in 2022 being approximately £23,000.

Other minor repairs and maintenance have been carried out including repairs to the garden wall and roof.

As at 30th September 2023 the restricted fund for building work stood at £11,195, which will be absorbed in necessary re-roofing the back hall

As always, my personal thanks go to the whole church membership, trustees and officers for their unwavering support and love in what has been a difficult year for myself and my wife

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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 2022 net current assets were £7,470 of which £5,894 was attributable to restricted funds, leaving £1,576 unrestricted.

Also comprised within unrestricted funds are the church building with a written down value of £105,222 and equipment with a written down value of £5,235

As at 31/12/2022 the reserves of the Charity were:

Restricted for building improvements	5,894
Unrestricted funds	108,251
	<u>114,145</u>

At 30th September 2023 the net balances in the funds were :

Unrestricted	£10,255
Contingency	£724
Building Fund	<u>£11,195</u>
Total	<u>£22,174</u>

Total income 01/01/2023 to 30/09/2023 was	<u>£37,766</u>
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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 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev J C Walton

Evangel Church (Durham)

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 2022 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.

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B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants

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Date

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	2	36337	4627	40964	42629
Investment income		0	0	0	1
Other	3	5300	0	5300	3660
Total		41637	4627	46264	46290
Expenditure on Charitable activities:					
Grants payable	4	2286	0	2286	2923
Premises, teaching and worship and pastoral costs	5	29602	17014	46616	34492
Support costs	6	3782	0	3782	3503
Management and administration	7	4456	0	4456	3779
Total		40126	17014	57140	44697
Net income		1511	-12387	-10876	1593
Transfers between funds		-17183	17183	0	0
Net movement in funds		-15672	4796	-10876	1593
Total funds brought forward		123923	1098	125021	123428
Total funds carried forward		108251	5894	114145	125021

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 2022

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		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		106675		110457
Current assets					
Debtors	10	1966		1141	
Cash at bank and in hand		9303		15332	
		<u>11269</u>		<u>16473</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>-3799</u>		<u>-1909</u>	
Net current assets			7470		14564
Net assets			<u>114145</u>		<u>125021</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	13		108251		123923
Restricted funds	14		5894		1098
			<u>114145</u>		<u>125021</u>

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2022

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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	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total
2 Donations						
Tithes and Offerings except gift aided	14341	0	14341	21125	0	21125
Gift aided donations	19110	0	19110	12876	3520	16396
Income from voluntary fund raising activities	1233	0	1233	453	0	453
Special gifts	3260	3020	6280	0	4655	4655
	37944	3020	40964	34454	8175	42629
3 Other						
Gifts from outside organisations for use of premises:						
Foodbank	5300		5300	3500	0	3500
Polling station fee	0		0	160	0	160
	5300	0	5300	3660	0	3660
4 Grants payable						
Gifts against poverty	0	0	0	50	0	50
Gifts to missionaries and other institutions	960	0	960	1260	0	1260
DCMCH Childrens Home	840	0	840	840	0	840
Ministry to sick or elderly	186	0	186	248	0	248
Gift to Misionary to Russia	300	0	300	525	0	525
	2286	0	2286	2923	0	2923
5 Premises, teaching and worship, and pastoral costs						
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total
Premises						
Light, heat and water	4612	0	4612	3138	0	3138
Repairs and maintenance	6078	17014	23092	5400	8745	14145
Teaching and worship						
Church supplies and small gifts	1266	0	1266	285	0	285
Virtual services	110	0	110	120	0	120
Children	136	0	136	128	0	128
Hospitality	77	0	77		0	0
Wedding and funerals	280	0	280	410	0	410
Pastoral						
Staff costs (note 8)	15603	0	15603	14325	0	14325
Travel by Elders	1440	0	1440	1941	0	1941
	29602	17014	46616	25747	8745	34492
6 Support cost						
Depreciation of office equipment, PA and piano and buildings	3782	0	3782	3503	0	3503
	3782	0	3782	3503	0	3503

Notes to the financial statements (continued)
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total
7 Management and administration						
Publicity	202		202	124		124
Insurances	1458		1458	1397		1397
Printing, postage and stationery	148		148	162		162
Independent examiner's fee	941		941	706		706
Staff training and reference material	0		0	29		29
Payroll and software	129		129	288		288
Pastor's office expenses	312		312	312		312
Treasurer's office expenses	312		312	234		234
Internet services	528		528	527		527
Legal and Professional	426		426	0		0
	4456	0	4456	3779	0	3779

8 Trustees' emoluments

During the year, Pastor J.C. Walton earned £12,668 for his services as a Pastor and was reimbursed £535.50 for travelling expenses and £312 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.

	Freehold land and buildings	Furniture Fixtures and Fittings	PA and Video	Piano	Total
9 Tangible fixed assets					
Cost					
At 1st January 2022	118960	17239	808	1889	138896
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2022	118960	17239	808	1889	138896
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2022	13738	12004	808	1889	28439
Charge for year	2744	1038	0	0	3782
At 31st December 2022	16482	13042	808	1889	32221
Net book values					
At 31st December 2022	102478	4197	0	0	106675
At 31st December 2021	105222	5235	0	0	110457

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10 Debtors	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
Other Debtors	0	0	0	606
Income tax recoverable	1260	617	1877	300
Prepayments	89	0	89	235
	<u>1349</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1141</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
Creditors	1295	0	1295	413
PAYE and social security costs	716	0	716	399
Sundry creditors and accruals	1788	0	1788	1097
	<u>3799</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3799</u>	<u>1909</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total
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Fund balances at 31st December 2022, represented by:

Tangible fixed assets	106675	0	106675
Current assets	5375	5894	11269
Current liabilities	-3799	0	-3799
	<u>108251</u>	<u>5894</u>	<u>114145</u>

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13 Unrestricted funds

	As at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer between Funds	As at 31/12/2021
General resources	123898	40862	40126	0	124634
Designated fund contingency	25	775	0	0	800
Designated building fund	0	0		0	0
	123923	41637	40126	0	125434

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 plus gifts from Church members.

14 Restricted funds

	As at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer between Funds	As at 31/12/2021
Building expansion fund	1098	4627	17014	17183	5894
	1098	4627	17014	17183	5894

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

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 £970