

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1091578

Details

Other names BLACKBURN E.P.C.

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-04-10

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

Contact

Address 121 Westley Road
Bury St. Edmunds
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Activities

Objects: THE PROPAGATION AND PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS DESCRIBED IN THE HISTORIC CONFESSIONS SUCH AS THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH OF THE WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST ALL OF WHICH CAN BE SUMMARISED AS EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY.

Activities: Providing services of Christian worship. Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching Christian doctrine. Providing means to allow believers to practise their faith and apply Christian doctrine. Making available literature explaining the Christian faith and how to find out more about it. Distribution of copies of the Holy Bible. Showing practical Christian charity to those in need.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BLACKBURN AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£22,923	£40,419	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,766	£37,195	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,854	£37,318	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,849	£35,173	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,359	£36,418	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev NORMAN GREEN	Chair	2001-03-12
DR MICHAEL MENG SAY TAN		2012-11-19
KEVIN MCGRANE		2012-11-19

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

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K McGrane (Secretary)
M M S Tan (Treasurer)

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Independent Examiner

D McCallum

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Total incoming resources of £25,766 (2022/23, £30,854) for the year include donations of £24,035 and Gift Aid tax refunds of £1,731. As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the total expenditure of £37,195 (2022/23, £37,318) relates to stipend and ministerial support.

Resources expended exceeded incoming resources by £11,429 (2022/23 £6,464), the deficit being funded from reserves.

Investment assets are invested for capital gains, to be liquidated to fund expected future deficits. To support cashflow, cash proceeds of £11,486 were banked during the accounting period from the sale of investment assets.

Reserves Policy

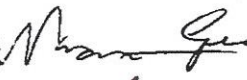
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Separation from EPCEW

Blackburn EPC was one of the five founding congregations of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW), and the Rev. Green was its first Moderator of Presbytery. However, due to serious downgrades in that denomination over recent years, members of the church resolved unanimously that the church should not continue within it. On January 10, 2024, Blackburn EPC seceded from the EPCEW by Deed of Separation, with sorrow testifying that 'the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales has departed from the founding principles of the Church and her historic practices, and has violated the fundamental principles embodied in her constitution, and has undermined longstanding Presbyterian church polity, biblical church government, and the principles of natural and biblical justice; and is disturbing the peace, purity and unity of her congregations.'

The EPCEW has no entitlements to or interest in the Trust's property or funds.

Signed by all trustees:

N Green  Date: 10/12/2024

K McGrane  Date: 10/12/2024

M M S Tan  Date: 10/12/2024

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31/03/2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary receipts					
Grants and gifts received	2	24,035	-	24,035	28,504
Gift Aid recovered		1,731	-	1,731	2,350
Investment income					
	3	-	-	-	-
Other	4	-	-	-	-
Gross income		25,766	-	25,766	30,854
Resources Expended					
Direct costs	5	37,195	-	37,195	37,318
Grants paid	6	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		37,195	-	37,195	37,318
Excess income over expenditure		(11,429)	-	(11,429)	(6,464)
Receipts from sale of assets	10	11,486	-	11,486	7,989
Payments for purchase of assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts over total payments		57	-	57	1,525
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash balance at 1 Apr 2023		4,550	175	4,925	3,400
Cash balance at 31 Mar 2024		4,807	175	4,982	4,925

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31/03/2024

	Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
1. Fixed Assets			
Buildings and equipment	9	<u>592,982</u>	<u>559,140</u>
		592,982	559,140
2. Cash Balances			
Held at Bank			
Instant Access		4,982	4,925
Bonds and notice accounts		-	-
Less Unpresented cheques		-	-
Plus Cash awaiting banking		-	-
Cash float		-	-
		<u>4,982</u>	<u>4,925</u>
3. Investments			
Listed investments	10	<u>94,661</u>	<u>117,447</u>
		94,661	117,447
4. Other Assets			
Gift Aid tax recoverable		<u>2,777</u>	<u>1,730</u>
		2,777	1,730
5. Liabilities			
HMRC quarterly tax payment		1,173	1,018
Employee mileage expenses		-	-
		<u>1,173</u>	<u>1,018</u>

Financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr M M S Tan – Trustee

Date: December 10, 2024

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31/03/2024

1. Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
2. Grants and gifts received					
Weekly collections		24,035	-	24,035	25,504
Other gifts		-	-	-	-
Legacy income		-	-	-	-
Grant received	7	-	-	-	3,000
		24,035	-	24,035	28,504
3. Investment income					
Bond interest		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
4. Other income					
		-	-	-	-
5. Direct costs					
Employment costs	8	31,620	-	31,620	31,000
Heat, light, power, water		3,683	-	3,683	4,223
Insurance		983	-	983	756
Maintenance		-	-	-	-
Advertising and outreach		85	-	85	147
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	-
Books		-	-	-	-
Travel costs		-	-	-	-
Consumables		-	-	-	-
Teaching materials and aids		-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Compliance		687	-	687	1,024
Other costs (bank charges)		137	-	137	168
		37,195	-	37,195	37,318

6. Grants paid

No grants were paid during the accounting period.

7. Grants received

No grants were received during the accounting period

8. Employment

During the accounting period the charity had one paid office holder, The Rev. Norman Green, trustee, who received a stipend in his capacity as full-time Minister of the church.

9. Buildings and equipment

The Blackburn property value is shown as insurance value.

10. Investments

Listed investments are valued at mid-market price.

Cash proceeds of £11,486 from the sale of listed investments were banked during the accounting period.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blackburn Evangelical Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

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 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Douglas McCallum



Address: 3 Strangeways Road, Cambridge, CB1 8PR

Date:

10th December 2024

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Total incoming resources of £30,854 (2021/22, £26,849) for the year include donations of £28,504 (including a grant of £3,000) and Gift Aid tax refunds of £2,350. As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the total expenditure of £37,318 (2021/22, £35,173) relates to stipend and ministerial support.

Resources expended exceeded incoming resources by £6,464 (2021/22 £8,324), the deficit being funded from reserves.

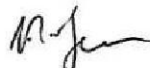
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Signed by all Trustees

N Green



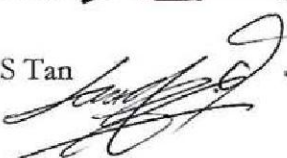
Date: 6/1/2024

K McGrane



Date: 6.1.24

M M S Tan



Date: 06/01/2024

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31/03/2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2021/22 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary receipts					
Grants and gifts received	2	28,504	-	28,504	24,198
Gift Aid recovered		2,350	-	2,350	2,651
Investment income	3	-	-	-	-
Other	4	-	-	-	-
Gross income		30,854	-	30,854	26,849
Resources Expended					
Direct costs	5	37,318	-	37,318	35,173
Grants paid	6	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		37,318	-	37,318	35,173
Excess income over expenditure		(6,464)	-	(6,464)	(8,324)
Receipts from sale of assets	10	7,989	-	7,989	5,989
Payments for purchase of assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts over total payments		1,525	-	1,525	(2,335)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash balance at 1 Apr 2022		3,225	175	3,400	5,735
Cash balance at 31 Mar 2023		4,750	175	4,925	3,400

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31/03/2023

	Notes	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
1. Fixed Assets			
Buildings and equipment	9	<u>559,140</u>	<u>486,439</u>
		559,140	486,439
2. Cash Balances			
Held at Bank			
Instant Access		4,925	3,446
Bonds and notice accounts		-	-
Less Unpresented cheques		-	(46)
Plus Cash awaiting banking		-	-
Cash float		-	-
		<u>4,925</u>	<u>3,400</u>
3. Investments			
Listed investments	10	<u>117,447</u>	<u>175,854</u>
		117,447	175,854
4. Other Assets			
Gift Aid tax recoverable		<u>1,730</u>	<u>2,350</u>
		1,730	2,350
5. Liabilities			
HMRC quarterly tax payment		1,018	1,018
Employee mileage expenses		-	-
		<u>1,018</u>	<u>1,018</u>

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Date: 06/01/2024

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Weekly collections		25,504	-	25,504	19,698
Other gifts		-	-	-	-
Legacy income		-	-	-	-
Grant received	7	3,000	-	3,000	4,500
		28,504	-	28,504	24,198
3. Investment income					
Bond interest		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
4. Other income					
		-	-	-	-
5. Direct costs					
Employment costs	8	31,000	-	31,000	31,000
Heat, light, power, water		4,223	-	4,223	1,975
Insurance		756	-	756	691
Maintenance		-	-	-	-
Advertising and outreach		147	-	147	144
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	100
Books		-	-	-	91
Travel costs		-	-	-	112
Consumables		-	-	-	-
Teaching materials and aids		-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Compliance		1,024	-	1,024	1,016
Other costs (bank charges)		168	-	168	44
		37,318	-	37,318	35,173

6. Grants paid

There were no grants paid during the accounting period.

7. Grants received

During the accounting period the charity received a grant from De Verre Naasten, the executive of Deputies Mission, Ecumenical support & Training of the Reformed Churches (liberated) in the Netherlands.

8. Employment

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9. Buildings and equipment

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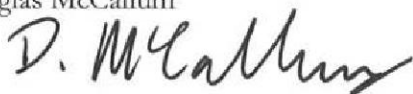
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Resources expended exceeded incoming resources by £8,324 (2020/21 £8,059), the deficit being funded from reserves.

Investment assets are invested for capital gains, to be liquidated to fund expected future deficits. To support cashflow, investments to the value of £5,989 were sold during the accounting period.

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Signed by all Trustees

N Green



Date: January 19, 2023

K McGrane



Date: January 19, 2023

M M S Tan



Date: January 19, 2023

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31/03/2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary receipts					
Grants and gifts received	2	24,198	-	24,198	25,552
Gift Aid recovered		2,651	-	2,651	2,807
Investment income					
	3	-	-	-	-
Other	4	-	-	-	-
Gross income		26,849	-	26,849	28,359
Resources Expended					
Direct costs	5	35,173	-	35,173	36,418
Grants paid	6	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		35,173	-	35,173	36,418
Excess income over expenditure		(8,324)	-	(8,324)	(8,059)
Receipts from sale of assets	10	5,989	-	5,989	5,977
Payments for purchase of assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts over total payments		(2,335)	-	(2,335)	(2,082)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash balance at 1 Apr 2021		5,560	175	5,735	7,817
Cash balance at 31 Mar 2022		3,225	175	3,400	5,735

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31/03/2022

	Notes	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
1. Fixed Assets			
Buildings and equipment	9	<u>486,439</u>	<u>452,011</u>
		486,439	452,011
2. Cash Balances			
Held at Bank			
Instant Access		3,446	5,735
Bonds and notice accounts		-	-
Less Unpresented cheques		(46)	-
Plus Cash awaiting banking		-	-
Cash float		-	-
		<u>3,400</u>	<u>5,735</u>
3. Investments			
Listed investments	10	<u>175,854</u>	<u>165,266</u>
		175,854	165,266
4. Other Assets			
Gift Aid tax recoverable		<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,652</u>
		2,350	2,652
5. Liabilities			
HMRC quarterly tax payment		1,018	1,018
Employee mileage expenses		-	113
		<u>1,018</u>	<u>1,131</u>

Financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr K. McGrane - Trustee

Date: 19/01/22

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31/03/2022

1. Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
2. Grants and gifts received					
Weekly collections		19,698	-	19,698	19,552
Other gifts		-	-	-	-
Legacy income		-	-	-	-
Grant received	7	4,500	-	4,500	6,000
		24,198	-	24,198	25,552
3. Investment income					
Bond interest		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
4. Other income					
		-	-	-	-
5. Direct costs					
Employment costs	8	31,000	-	31,000	31,085
Heat, light, power, water		1,975	-	1,975	1,630
Insurance		691	-	691	696
Maintenance		-	-	-	-
Advertising and outreach		144	-	144	144
Pulpit supply		100	-	100	-
Books		91	-	91	-
Travel costs		112	-	112	1,846
Consumables		-	-	-	-
Teaching materials and aids		-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-
Compliance		1,016	-	1,016	1,017
Other costs (bank charges)		44	-	44	-
		35,173	-	35,173	36,418

6. Grants paid

There were no grants paid during the accounting period.

7. Grants received

During the accounting period the charity received a grant from De Verre Naasten, the executive of Deputies Mission, Ecumenical support & Training of the Reformed Churches (liberated) in the Netherlands.

8. Employment

During the accounting period the charity had one paid office holder, The Rev. Norman Green, trustee, who received a stipend in his capacity as full-time Minister of the church.

9. Buildings and equipment

The Blackburn property value is shown as insurance value.

10. Investments

Listed investments are valued at mid-market price.

Investments to the value of £5989 were sold during the accounting period.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blackburn Evangelical Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

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 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Douglas McCallum



Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address: 3 Strangeways Road, Cambridge, CB1 8PR

Date:

20/01/2023

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1091578

Accounts

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

Registered Charity Number

1091578

Address for Charity Correspondence

121 Westley Road
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP33 3SA

Charity Trustees

N Green (Chairman)
K McGrane (Secretary)
M M S Tan (Treasurer)

Trustees for the Charity

N Green, R Beckett, A Woolsey, K McDonald

Independent Examiner

D McCallum ACA

Governing Document

The Charity is a trust constituted under a Trust Deed dated November 15, 2001 as amended by a deed dated January 6, 2013.

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

Objects

The objects of the Charity are the propagation and practice of the Christian Faith as described in the historic Reformed confessions such as the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Activities

In planning activities the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. For the Charity to achieve its objects satisfying public benefit requirements, the trustees have determined that the Charity's principal activities necessitate gathering in person for the provision of charitable services.

Blackburn Evangelical Presbyterian Church ("Blackburn EPC") is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and serve the living God, and to be instructed in the Christian faith. Services of public worship are open to all without charge, and are prominently advertised on the noticeboard outside the church building in Blackburn, and in the Christian press. Recordings of sermons are regularly uploaded and freely available to all via the Internet.

To facilitate this work it is important that the fabric of its premises is maintained.

To conduct the full range of its activities the church relies extensively on volunteer support.

Achievements and Performance

As noted above under 'Activities', the Charity's principal activities necessitate gathering in person, but from the beginning of the year the Charity was restricted from conducting public services of worship due to the imposition of government Coronavirus regulations. Blackburn was a particular geographical 'hotspot' and remained under varying degrees of national and local restrictions for much of the year, but services of public worship were held whenever possible. Audio recordings from its premises uploaded to the internet maintained the propagation of the Word of God when public worship was not possible.

Pastoral visitation was undertaken by the minister, the Rev. Norman Green, being the only trustee who is also a paid office holder.

The three charity trustees are also Elders of the church and attend regular meetings of the Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, of which this congregation is a member.

Financial Review

Accounts have been prepared on a cash accounting basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, reporting receipts and payments with a statement of assets and liabilities. Under this convention, asset sales and purchases are classified as receipts and payments, but not as incoming and expended resources.

Total incoming resources of £28,359 (2019/20, £31,871) for the year include donations of £25,552 (including a grant of £6,000) and Gift Aid tax refunds of £2,807. As is usual for a charity of this type and size, a significant proportion of the total expenditure of £36,418 (2019/20, £37,481) relates to stipend and ministerial support.

Resources expended exceeded incoming resources by £8,059 (2019/20 £5,610), the deficit being funded from reserves.

Investment assets are invested for capital gains, to be liquidated to fund expected future deficits. To support cashflow, investments to the value of £5,977 were sold during the accounting period.

The increase in value of the listed investments throughout the year represents recovery from a significant drop in market valuation in March 2020 in reaction to Coronavirus measures.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the trustees is not to accumulate reserves but to use reserves in the promotion of the Charity's objects, and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments to cover unforeseen situations that may arise from time to time. In light of the main risks facing the Charity, the trustees consider the current level of reserves and their use (as required) to fund annual deficits satisfactory.

Signed by all Trustees

N Green



Date:

02/01/2022

K McGrane



Date:

05/01/2022

M M S Tan



Date:

31/12/2021

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31/03/2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2019/20 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary receipts					
Grants and gifts received	2	25,552	-	25,552	27,943
Gift Aid recovered		2,807	-	2,807	3,925
Investment income	3	-	-	-	3
Other	4	-	-	-	-
Gross income		28,359	-	28,359	31,871
Resources Expended					
Direct costs	5	36,418	-	36,418	37,481
Grants paid	6	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		36,418	-	36,418	37,481
Excess income over expenditure		(8,059)	-	(8,059)	(5,610)
Receipts from sale of assets	10	5,977	-	5,977	3,000
Payments for purchase of assets		-	-	-	-
Total receipts over total payments		(2,082)	-	(2,082)	(2,610)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash balance at 1 Apr 2020		7,642	175	7,817	10,427
Cash balance at 31 Mar 2021		5,560	175	5,735	7,817

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31/03/2021

	Notes	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
1. Fixed Assets			
Buildings and equipment	9	452,011 <u>452,011</u>	437,712 <u>437,712</u>
2. Cash Balances			
Held at Bank			
Instant Access		5,735	4,955
Bonds and notice accounts		-	2,862
Less Unpresented cheques		-	-
Plus Cash awaiting banking		-	-
Cash float		-	-
		<u>5,735</u>	<u>7,817</u>
3. Investments			
Listed investments	10	165,266 <u>165,266</u>	141,123 <u>141,123</u>
4. Other Assets			
Gift Aid tax recoverable		2,652 <u>2,652</u>	2,807 <u>2,807</u>
5. Liabilities			
HMRC quarterly tax payment		1,018	1,103
Employee mileage expenses		113 <u>1,131</u>	1,351 <u>2,454</u>

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Dr M M S Tan - Trustee

Date: 31/12/2021

BLACKBURN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grant received	7	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
		25,552	-	25,552	27,943
3. Investment income					
Bond interest		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		-	-	-	3
		-	-	-	3
4. Other income					
		-	-	-	-
5. Direct costs					
Employment costs	8	31,085	-	31,085	31,151
Heat, light, power, water		1,630	-	1,630	2,761
Insurance		696	-	696	629
Maintenance		-	-	-	-
Advertising and outreach		144	-	144	144
Pulpit supply		-	-	-	200
Books		-	-	-	224
Travel costs		1,846	-	1,846	1,109
Consumables		-	-	-	122
Teaching materials and aids		-	-	-	101
Extraordinary items (microphone)		-	-	-	40
Compliance		1,017	-	1,017	982
Other costs		-	-	-	18
		36,418	-	36,418	37,481

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Name: Douglas McCallum



Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

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Date: 22 January 2022