THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EVANGELICAL COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1104514

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2004-06-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BELIEFS AND DOCTRINES SET OUT IN THE BASIS OF FAITH AND THE ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS.

Activities: Promotion of consultation between Evangelical Anglican Leaders, to examine and comment on key issues, to encourage and interact with evangelicals within the Church of England, especially Diocesan Evangeical Fellowships / Unions

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE ENGLAND
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£363,033	£356,128	-	-
2024-03-31	£417,896	£284,725	-	-
2023-03-31	£229,528	£269,844	-	-
2022-03-31	£176,240	£171,582	-	-
2021-03-31	£113,986	£68,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Alldritt		2025-03-20
Edward Jonathan James Shaw		2021-02-24
Julian Henderson		2015-01-13
Rev Elisabeth Ann Goddard		2021-02-24
Sarah Louise Tett		2021-02-24

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1104514

Company Registration No. 04910075 (England & Wales)

The Church of England Evangelical Council

(Limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Annual report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

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The Church of England Evangelical Council

Trustees' report
For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC' or 'the Council') is a private company, limited by guarantee ('the company'), and a charity registered in England & Wales ('the charity').

The company and the charity are controlled by a Constitution (most recently updated and approved in January 2022) and by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

As set out therein, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, comply with the Council's Constitution, the requirements of relevant UK company and charity law, and the accounting and reporting requirements of UK registered charities.

Administrative details

Registered charity name	The Church of England Evangelical Council
Charity registration number	1104514
Company registration number	04910075
Registered office address	Azets Audit Services, 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph. LL17 0JG

Trustees

The trustees who served during the period and at the date of approval were as follows:

The Right Reverend Julian Henderson (President) (re-appointed by the Council at the AGM on 22 January 2025 for a further term of three years)

The Revd Lis Goddard (Co-chair)

Ed Shaw (Co-chair)

Stephen Hofmeyr KC (Treasurer) (re-appointed by the Council at the AGM on 22 January 2025 for a further one year term)

Claire Alldritt (Co-treasurer) (appointed 20 March 2025)

Sarah Tett (Secretary)

Company Secretary	Sarah Tett
Independent examiner	Azets Audit Services, 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph. LL17 0JG
Bank	CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4JQ

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Object

The object of CEEC is the advancement of the Christian religion incorporating the beliefs and doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith within its Constitution.

Constitution and aims

CEEC was first created by the Revd Dr John Stott CBE, sometime Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, Chaplain to HM The Queen and leading evangelical theologian, to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England. CEEC was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

As set out in its Constitution, CEEC aims are:

- To promote effective consultation between Anglican Evangelical leaders in order that the evangelical heritage as expressed in the Basis of Faith may be applied to contemporary opportunities and problems in church and nation.
- To seek primarily to identify key issues, to work for the development of a common mind and concerted action on each, and should this not prove possible, to map out the different views held.
- To seek to relate to, interact with, and encourage diocesan evangelical fellowships, societies and other groups working within the evangelical constituency, and those working within the formal structures of the Church of England.
- To act as the English agent for the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).
- To be a channel for establishing and maintaining relationships with evangelicals in other churches.

CEEC exists as an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. Diocesan evangelical fellowship (DEFs) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC is particularly concerned to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

CEEC is also the representative body for EFAC in England.

Governance and organisation

Trustees

CEEC currently has six officers, a president (normally a diocesan bishop), two co-chairs, a secretary and two co-treasurers. The officers are the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity. The trustees are appointed either by the Council for a fixed term, which may be renewed, or by the trustees, for subsequent approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Council. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity under the direction of the Council; they are also responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity, with the help and advice of the Working Group.

Governance and organisation (continued)

The trustees ensure that (i) the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Constitution, (ii) the charity is in compliance with the Constitution and UK charity law, (iii) the charity's assets and resources are appropriately safeguarded and only used to support or carry out CEEC's purposes, and (iv) there is appropriate oversight and accountability of any staff and committees regarding their activities and decisions.

The trustees met six times in the year ended 31 March 2025.

Council

The entire Council meets residentially, once a year, and at other times as required, with the subsequent outworking and implementation of policy being delegated to a Working Group appointed by the Council.

The Council's membership comprises some 40 to 50 representatives from across the evangelical constituency of the Church of England: the College of Bishops, the Evangelical Group of the General Synod (EGGS), theological education institutions, Evangelical organisations (Christianity Explored, Church Society, CMS, Count Everyone In, CPAS, Crosslinks, Fellowship of Word and Spirit, Fulcrum, JAEC, Junia Network, Latimer Trust, Living Out, New Wine and Re*New*) and diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs). Up to ten members can be co-opted to ensure further breadth of representation.

Upon admission to membership of the Council, each member affirms their agreement with CEEC's Object and Basis of Faith, including the two additional declarations. These are set out in the Constitution, full details of which are available at www.ceec.info.

Working Group

The Working Group has responsibility for outworking and implementation of policy agreed by the Council between the Council's annual meetings. The Group is appointed by the Council and comprises 6 to 10 members, of whom at least one-third should be lay people.

Staff

Until the retirement on 1 May 2024 of the Rt Revd Julian Henderson as Working President, and following the the appointment of the Revd Charmaine Muir as Project Lead, and of Simon Byrne as Ephesian Fund Administrative Manager at the end of the prior year, CEEC had a staff team of 6 during 2024/25, the other staff team members being the Revd Canon Dunnett, Jo Foster (Administration Manager) and Helen Catt (Communications Director).

As National Director, John was a member of the Working Group and attended meetings of the Council. Jo Foster attends, and provides administrative support, to both the Working Group and the Council. Charmaine Muir and Helen Catt also attend meetings of both the Working Group and the Council.

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Public benefit

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities towards public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Christian faith that CEEC professes – and which underpins everything that CEEC does – is for the common good of every member of society. We therefore believe that CEEC fulfils the public benefit test required of charities.

Whilst some of CEEC's work is of specific benefit to the charity's individual, church and organisation members, CEEC is an outward-looking organisation, committed to the positive transformation of all people in society. CEEC therefore strives to ensure that the benefits worked for are not exclusive to its members or to evangelical Anglicans.

The trustees firmly believe that following Christ changes lives for the better. However, they accept the right of individuals to have, and to express, differing beliefs or no belief. A central part of the Christian faith is the desire to see justice for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sex, class or religion. To this end, CEEC advances the Christian religion by enabling and supporting biblically faithful fellowship, teaching and mission in England.

Key activities and outcomes

Activities during the financial year 2024-2025

The Council met by Zoom in May, July and October 2024 and in-person for the Council's annual three-day residential meeting in January 2025, to discuss matters of concern to evangelicals in the Church of England. During these meetings, the Council:

- received bible readings and spent time in prayer
- received a report from the Working Group for 2024
- held their annual AGM: appointed trustees; approved a budget for 2025; agreed a proposal to move to become a CIO; approved the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024; and re-appointed Azets Audit Services as CEEC's independent examiners; confirmed its consideration that CEEC's activities are in accordance with its objects and for the public benefit
- heard from other Anglicans within the British Isles
- met with representatives from the Evangelical Alliance and GAFCON International
- became a mission partner organisation of the GSFA and welcomed a visit by ++Justin Badi, chairman of the GSFA
- received reports concerning DEFs and EGGS
- held discussion sessions or received updates on:
    - *Living in Love and Faith* and *Prayers of Love and Faith*, focussing on key theological, ecclesial and methodological issues, the need for visible differentiation with the Church of England and the work of the Alliance
    - *Culture, Power and Abuse* in the light of the recently issued Makin Report. This included engaging with Elly Hanson's appendix to the report, sharing in a service of lament and hearing from John Wyatt about his book *Transforming Friendship*

Key activities and outcomes (continued)

- *Discipleship,* in consideration of starting a new workstream in this area across the breadth of the evangelical constituency
- several CEEC workstreams including *Privilege, Class and Poverty; Evangelism; Education and Patronage*

- elected a Working Group for 2025 and agreed a vision for the Working Group for 2025

Objectives and plans for 2025
At its meeting in January 2025, the Council set the following priorities for the Working Group and Staff (giving the Working Group permission to prioritise items within their discretion):

Strategic priorities

- *Fostering unity*, through
  - representation of CEEC's diversity (networks, clergy/laity, male/female, ethnicity) across CEEC bodies
  - engagement with evangelical bishops
  - participation in the initiatives of the 'Alliance'
  - engagement with the Evangelical Alliance
  - providing support, standing with and finding ways of helping any evangelicals (in the CofE / British Isles as a whole), who find themselves in impaired fellowship, or creating disturbance, as a result of their orthodox preaching/ pastoring, to remain within the Church of England, or retain options to rejoin
- *PLF and differentiation/provision*
  - provide leadership and resources for the evangelical constituency (inc in General Synod) to enable a robust response to any changes to doctrine, liturgy, discipline or practice proposed by the House of Bishops, whilst maintaining evangelical unity
  - provide or enable temporary provision or structures and relational connections which support orthodox clergy and congregations to remain in the Church of England with integrity during uncertainty and transition, including, but not limited to:
    - support for handling financial stewardship (Ephesian Fund and other)
    - alternative spiritual oversight for incumbents, chaplains and curates without orthodox episcopal oversight
    - development of pipelines for orthodox ordinands, officers (lay and ordained)
    - fellowship – locally, nationally and globally
  - to continue to promote and seek permanent structural provision, considering the ecclesial implications and including differentiation options, taking account of different parochial contexts and structures
- *Culture, power and abuse*
  - Respond to Scolding & Makin reports
  - Consider particular issues for evangelical churches/ groups (theological, discipling, governance/ accountability)

Key activities and outcomes (continued)

- *Patronage*
    - develop a strategy to diminish the dilution of patronage influence in pastoral reorganisations
    - support evangelical patrons to preserve orthodox patronage
- *Christian education + RSE*
    - safeguarding Christian values and supporting a Christian ethos in CofE schools
    - encouraging orthodox Christian teachers/ headteachers in Church schools
- *Evangelism*
    - encouraging evangelism in every parish, preaching a gospel of repentance and faith afresh in this generation
- *Discipleship*
    - Enabling networks to learn from each other in making disciples in our generation, in the current cultural context and the need for future mature ministers
- *Privilege, class + poverty*
    - finalising, communicating and gathering support for strategies for enabling churches to support ministry in deprived areas – rural and urban – in meaningful and contextually appropriate ways
- *DEF – establishment, engagement & support*
    - regular engagement with and encouragement of DEFs
    - national in-person DEF meeting(s)
    - formation of new DEFs and, as applicable, encouraging DEFs to adopt constitutions based on the CEEC Basis of Faith and Declarations
- *Watching briefs*
    - Address emerging issues
    - Identify potential future leaders
    - Relationships beyond England
- *Consider a pipeline of potential future workstreams*

Operational priorities

- Council affairs, including filling membership vacancies and planning for the 2026 residential
- Develop proposals to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Build national e-bulletin subscriber base
- Communications – build this strategy
- Administration, finance and risk management
- Fundraising

The financial results for the CEEC are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11. The principal funding source for the charity is voluntary income from donors.

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Financial review

During 2024/25, CEEC had total income of £363,033 (2023/24 – £417,896), comprising donations and grants of £350,251 (2023/24 – £412,788) and investment income of £12,782 (2023/24 – £5,108), as detailed in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements respectively. Donations included amounts totalling £36,750 (2023/24 - £36,750) specifically to support the work of CEEC's Theological Consultant and £10,000 (2023/24 - £nil) specifically to cover legal costs in relation to the CIO transition.

Total expenditure on charitable activities was £356,128 (2023/24 - £284,725), as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements, including £36,000 (2023/24 - £34,800) in respect of CEEC's Theological Consultant and £10,000 (2023/24 - £nil) in respect of CIO transition legal costs.

After investment losses of £4,650 (2023/24 – gains of £8,955), CEEC had net incoming funds for the year of £2,255 (2023/24 – net incoming funds of £142,126). As a result, at the end of the financial year, CEEC had net assets of £297,124 (2024 - £294,869), as detailed in the balance sheet set out on page 11. The principal assets of the charity were investments of £103,324 (2024- £107,974) and cash of £190,196 (2024 – £180,862).

Investment policy and objectives

To provide a stable return on investment, the charity has invested its available resources with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Further resources have been placed in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, to balance the availability of the resources and the return on the investment.

Reserves policy

CEEC's free reserves at 31 March 2025 totalled £272,370 (2024 - £270,865), comprising the charity's total unrestricted funds. The trustees review the level of free reserves annually and have established a policy to ensure that the level of uncommitted, unrestricted funds held by the charity are sufficient to meet a range of unpredictable expenditure, including a significant drop in funding. The Trustees keep this reserves policy under regular review and communicate it annually to the Council.

Financial plans for 2025-2026

The Trustees are continuing to focus on developing regular financial income streams from network members, trusts, churches and individual supporters. Until there is greater certainty concerning future income, it will be necessary to manage day-to-day operations carefully to ensure that the charity's cash flow is appropriately controlled.

Gratitude for donors' support

During 2024/25, God has continued to be generous in His provision for us. We believe that if we act as responsible stewards of the gifts that He has given to us, He will continue to provide for CEEC's ministry in 2025 and beyond.

Principal risks

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which CEEC is exposed and are satisfied that appropriate processes are in place to mitigate those risks. The key risk to which the charity is exposed is the lack of a regular stream of income from donors and the consequent risk of being able to maintain the level of current operations.

A management subcommittee of the secretary, co-treasurers, chair of the Working Group and National Director meets as required and at least twice a year outside of trustees meeting to review the risk register and appropriate mitigations, and to bring any recommendations to the trustees. The risk register is updated after each review by trustees and risk is a standing item on trustee agendas.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements for CEEC in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the charity's trusts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (continued)

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)".

Signed on behalf of the Trustees who approved this report on 18 Dec 2025

Sarah Tett

Secretary

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Church of England Evangelical Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Council are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the council as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records;
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Since the charity's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Jonathan Ward FCA
for and on behalf of
Azets Audit Services, 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park St Asaph LL17 0JG

22/12/2025

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Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Year ended 31 March 2024 Total Funds £
		------Year ended 31 March 2025------			
Income					
Donations and grants received	2	303,501	46,750	350,251	412,788
Investment income	3	12,782	-	12,782	5,108
Total income		316,283	46,750	363,033	417,896
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	(310,128)	(46,000)	(356,128)	(284,725)
Net income/(expenditure)		6,155	750	6,905	133,171
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	(4,650)	-	(4,650)	8,955
Net incoming funds for the year		1,505	750	2,255	142,126
Funds at beginning of year		270,865	24,004	294,869	152,743
Funds at end of year	10	272,370	24,754	297,124	294,869

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised the year and complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Investments	7	103,324	107,974
Debtors and prepayments	8	4,710	11,162
Cash at bank	12	190,196	457,641
		298,230	576,777
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,106)	(5,129)
Other creditors	12	-	(276,779)
Net current assets, being net assets		297,124	294,869
Funds			
Unrestricted funds - general	10	272,370	270,865
Restricted funds	10	24,754	24,004
		297,124	294,869

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hofmeyr KC
Treasurer

Sarah Tett
Secretary

18 December 2025

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

The Church of England Evangelical Council is a private company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph LL17 0JG.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Council has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any constraints regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Details of the restricted funds are provided in note 10.

(d) Donations, grants and legacies

Donations, grants and legacies are recognised when the entitlement to the economic benefit has passed to the charity and its monetary value can be measured reliably. Amounts receivable under forms of planned giving are only recognised when received from the donor. Grants and legacies are accounted for when entitlement is notified, the amount receivable is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is probable. Income tax recoverable on donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the claim.

(e) Investment income

Dividend and interest income from investments are recognised on an accruals basis upon receipt from the investment managers.

(f) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(g) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses are recognised upon the disposal of investments. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the year end and are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(i) Financial instruments

The Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Council's balance sheet when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities: Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no critical accounting estimates and judgements in the year to 31 March 2025.

Notes to the financial statements
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2. Donations and grants receivable

	--------Year ended 31 March 2025-------			Year ended 31 March 2024
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Churches	47,177	-	47,177	55,804
Individuals	163,445	25,000	188,445	233,007
Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs)	2,405	-	2,405	2,830
Trusts	59,700	18,000	77,700	72,585
Council meeting donations	13,112	-	13,112	11,320
Gift Aid	16,098	3,750	19,848	27,971
Other	1,564	-	1,564	9,271
	303,501	46,750	350,251	412,788

3. Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income from investments	10,068	4,674
Interest receivable	2,714	434
	12,782	5,108

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	------ Year ended 31 March 2025 ------			Year ended 31 March 2024
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs				
• salaries	154,611	-	154,611	122,370
• pension contributions	5,776	-	5,776	3,149
• Social Security costs	9,831	-	9,831	6,869
	170,217	-	170,217	123,388
Theological Consultant (Note 10)	-	36,000	36,000	34,800
Other consultants	340	-	340	17,667
Office equipment and supplies	762	-	762	217
IT, communications and website	30,098	-	30,098	7,519
Staff meetings, travel and accommodation	21,474	-	21,474	31,218
Working Group and trustee costs	858	-	858	631
Council meeting costs	23,525	-	23,525	11,781
Other travel costs	-	-	-	36
Grant to Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Development of resources for DEFs and CEEC member networks	4,362	-	4,362	6,011
Professional and advisory fees (Note 10)	41,807	10,000	51,807	30,597
Insurance	5,320	-	5,320	764
Books, publications and subscriptions	1,298	-	1,298	992
Bank charges	67	-	67	104
	310,128	46,000	356,128	284,725

5. Trustees' Expenses

Payments made to the trustees, as reimbursements for travel costs, amounted to £81 for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024 - £1,305).

6. Staff costs

There were 5 employees during the year (2024: 4 employees). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in 2024/25 or the prior year.

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7. Current asset investments

The Council holds 4,639.98 Income Shares (2024: 4,639.98) in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at beginning of year	107,974	99,019
Additions	-	-
(Losses)/gains during the year	(4,650)	8,955
Market value at end of year	103,324	107,974

8. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments to suppliers	4,588	8,908
Other receivables	122	2,254
	4,710	11,162

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	1,106	5,129
	1,106	5,129

10. Funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	270,865	316,283	(310,128)	(4,650)	272,370
Restricted funds					
Theological Consultant	24,004	36,750	(36,000)	-	24,754
CIO legal advice	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Total funds, represented by net current assets	294,869	363,033	(356,128)	(4,650)	297,124

The restricted funds comprise income donated specifically to fund payments to the Revd Dr Martin Davie in his role as the Council's Theological Consultant and income donated to cover legal costs relating to the CIO transition.

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11. Prior year statement of financial activities

		------Year ended 31 March 2024------		
		Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income				
Donations and grants received	2	376,038	36,750	412,788
Investment income		5,108	-	5,108
Total income		381,146	36,750	417,896
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	4	(249,925)	(34,800)	(284,725)
Net income		131,221	1,950	133,171
Net gains on investments		8,955	-	8,955
Net incoming funds for the year		140,176	1,950	142,126
Funds at beginning of year		130,689	22,054	152,743
Funds at end of year		270,865	24,004	294,869

12. Related party transactions

EFAC received a grant of £10,000 from the CEEC (a national group of the Fellowship) to be used to further its charitable aims. This grant was recommended by the trustees and approved by the Council. Stephen Hofmeyr who is a common trustees of both charities took no part in either discussion or vote.

Julian Henderson, Trustee, was a paid employee for a separate role within the charity until 1 May 2024. Permission was obtained from the Charity Commission for him to receive his salary of £1,561 (2024: £14,667).

Andrew Goddard, husband of trustee, Lis Goddard, was paid £340 (2024: £270) on a contractual basis for Theological Consultancy work.

Included in Cash at Bank at 31 March 2024 was an amount of £276,779 held on behalf of the Ephesian Fund, a separate entity and now a CIO in its own right (registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, no. 1206489). The CEEC held these funds temporarily, as a bank repository, while the Ephesian Fund obtained their own bank account. A corresponding amount was held in Other creditors, owed to the Ephesian Fund as at 31 March 2024. This was paid during the reporting period.

12. Related party transactions (continued)

During the reporting period, the CEEC paid for costs relating to the Ephesian Fund totalling £46,197 including payroll, IT, telephone, admin, website, insurance and legal costs. In addition, the CEEC received donations totalling £20,000 during the reporting period from a third-party donor, The Relay Trust, which has provided 'Seed Funding' to support the set-up and initial operational costs of the Ephesian Fund. These amounts have been applied in full for that purpose.

The CEEC and the Ephesian Fund shared one common trustee during the reporting period. The National Director of the CEEC also served as a trustee of the Ephesian Fund.

There is no contractual or constructive obligation for the Ephesian Fund to repay any amounts in respect of the services or the donated funds.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EVANGELICAL COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1104514

Accounts

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The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC)

(Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Church of England Evangelical Council

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The Church of England Evangelical Council

Trustees' report
31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC' or 'the Council') is a private company, limited by guarantee (registered no. 04910075) ('the company'), and a charity registered in England & Wales (registered no. 1104514) ('the charity').

The company and the charity are controlled by a Constitution (most recently updated and approved in January 2022) and by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

As set out therein, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, comply with the Council's Constitution, the requirements of relevant UK company and charity law, and the accounting and reporting requirements of UK registered charities.

Object

The object of CEEC is the advancement of the Christian religion incorporating the beliefs and doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith within its Constitution.

Constitution and aims

CEEC was first created by the Revd Dr John Stott CBE, sometime Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, Chaplain to HM The Queen and leading evangelical theologian, to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England. CEEC was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

As set out in its Constitution, CEEC aims are:

- To promote effective consultation between Anglican Evangelical leaders in order that the evangelical heritage as expressed in the Basis of Faith may be applied to contemporary opportunities and problems in church and nation.
- To seek primarily to identify key issues, to work for the development of a common mind and concerted action on each, and should this not prove possible, to map out the different views held.
- To seek to relate to, interact with, and encourage diocesan evangelical fellowships, societies and other groups working within the evangelical constituency, and those working within the formal structures of the Church of England.
- To act as the English agent for the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).
- To be a channel for establishing and maintaining relationships with evangelicals in other churches.

CEEC exists as an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. Diocesan evangelical fellowship (DEFs) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC is particularly concerned to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

CEEC is also the representative body for EFAC in England.

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31 March 2024

Governance and organisation

Trustees

CEEC currently has five officers, a president (normally a diocesan bishop), two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. The officers are the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity. The officers are appointed by CEEC for a term of four years and may be available for re-election.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity under the direction of the Council; they are also responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity, with the help and advice of the Working Group.

The trustees ensure that (i) the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Constitution, (ii) the charity is in compliance with the Constitution and UK charity law, (iii) the charity's assets and resources are appropriately safeguarded and only used to support or carry out CEEC's purposes, and (iv) there is appropriate oversight and accountability of any staff and committees regarding their activities and decisions.

During the year ended 31 March 2024 and to the date of this report, the Trustees of CEEC were as follows:

- Rt Revd Julian Henderson (President)
- Revd Elisabeth Goddard (Co-chair)
- Ed Shaw (Co-chair)
- Sarah Tett (Secretary)
- Stephen Hofmeyr KC (Treasurer)

Council

The entire Council meets residentially, once a year, and at other times as required, with the subsequent outworking and implementation of policy being delegated to a Working Group appointed by the Council.

The Council's membership comprises some 40 to 50 representatives from across the evangelical constituency of the Church of England: the College of Bishops, the Evangelical Group of the General Synod (EGGS), theological education institutions, Evangelical organisations (Christianity Explored, Church Society, CMS, Count Everyone In, CPAS, Crosslinks, Fulcrum, JAEC, Junia Network, Latimer Trust, Living Out, New Wine and Re*New*) and diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs). Up to ten members can be co-opted to ensure further breadth of representation.

Upon admission to membership of the Council, each member affirms their agreement with CEEC's Object and Basis of Faith, including the two additional declarations. These are set out in the Constitution, full details of which are available at www.ceec.info.

Working Group

The Working Group has responsibility for outworking and implementation of policy agreed by the Council between the Council's annual meetings. The Group is appointed by the Council and comprises 6 to 10 members, of whom at least one-third should be lay people.

Staff

Following the appointment on 2 May 2023 of the Rt Revd Julian Henderson as Working President for a one year term, CEEC had a staff team of 4 during 2023/4, the other staff team members being the Revd Canon

Dunnett (who resigned from the role of Strategy and Operations Director to be appointed as National Director on 1 May 2023), Jo Foster (Administration Manager) and Helen Catt (Communications Director).

As National Director, John was a member of the Working Group and attended meetings of the Council. Jo Foster attends, and provides administrative support, to both the Working Group and the Council. Julian Henderson and Helen Catt also attend meetings of both the Working Group and the Council. Julian is also a trustee and consent was obtained from the Charity Commission prior to him taking up the role of Working President.

Public benefit

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities towards public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Christian faith that CEEC professes – and which underpins everything that CEEC does – is for the common good of every member of society. We therefore believe that CEEC fulfils the public benefit test required of charities.

Whilst some of CEEC's work is of specific benefit to the charity's individual, church and organisation members, CEEC is an outward-looking organisation, committed to the positive transformation of all people in society. CEEC therefore strives to ensure that the benefits worked for are not exclusive to its members or to evangelical Anglicans.

The trustees firmly believe that following Christ changes lives for the better. However, they accept the right of individuals to have, and to express, differing beliefs or no belief. A central part of the Christian faith is the desire to see justice for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sex, class or religion. To this end, CEEC advances the Christian religion by enabling and supporting biblically faithful fellowship, teaching and mission in England.

Key activities and outcomes

Activities during the financial year 2023-2024

The Council met by Zoom in May and September 2023, and in February 2024 and in-person for the Council's annual two-day residential meeting in January 2024, to discuss matters of concern to evangelicals in the Church of England. During these meetings, the Council:

- received bible readings and spent time in prayer
- co-opted additional members to the Council and appointed additional members to the Working Group
- received a report from the Working Group for 2023
- received reports from Dr Martin Davie (CEEC's Theological Consultant), EFAC and the Welsh and Scottish branches of EFAC
- received reports concerning DEFs and EGGS
- were briefed and trained by the Revd David Short from Vancouver and the Revd Steve Midgley of Biblical Counselling UK
- held discussion sessions on:
    - *Living in Love and Faith* and *Prayers of Love and Faith*, focussing on key theological, ecclesial and methodological issues and the potential need for visible differentiation with the Church of England

Key activities and outcomes (contd)

- *Global South Fellowship of Anglicans Churches (GSFA)* and voted to apply for mission partner status
- several CEEC workstreams including *Privilege, Class and Poverty; Evangelism; Education; and Culture, Power and Abuse*

- considered plans for CEEC's development in terms of organisation, management, staffing and finance
- approved a budget for CEEC for 2024
- approved the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023
- re-appointed Azets Audit Services as CEEC's independent examiners
- elected a Working Group for 2024 and agreed a vision for the Working Group for 2024

Objectives and plans for 2024

At its meeting in January 2024, the Council set the following priorities for the Working Group and Staff (giving the Working Group permission to prioritise items within their discretion):

Strategic priorities

- *Fostering unity*, through
  - representation of CEEC's diversity (networks, clergy/laity, male/female, ethnicity) across CEEC bodies
  - engagement with evangelical bishops
  - participation in the initiatives of the 'Alliance'
  - engagement with the Evangelical Alliance
  - providing support, standing with and finding ways of helping any evangelicals (in the CofE / British Isles as a whole), who find themselves in impaired fellowship, or creating disturbance, as a result of their orthodox preaching/ pastoring, to remain within the Church of England, or retain options to rejoin
- *PLF and differentiation/provision*
  - provide leadership and resources for the evangelical constituency (inc in General Synod) to enable a robust response to any changes to doctrine, liturgy, discipline or practice proposed by the House of Bishops, whilst maintaining evangelical unity
  - provide or enable temporary provision or structures and relational connections which support orthodox clergy and congregations to remain in the Church of England with integrity during uncertainty and transition, including, but not limited to:
    - alternative structures for giving and offering parish share (including the launch of the Ephesian Fund as a charitable trust)
    - alternative spiritual oversight for incumbents, chaplains and curates without orthodox episcopal oversight
    - development of pipelines for orthodox ordinands, officers (lay and ordained)
    - fellowship – locally, nationally and globally
  - explore potential future relationship for CEEC with GFSA
- *Patronage*
  - develop a strategy to diminish the dilution of patronage influence in pastoral reorganisations
  - support evangelical patrons to preserve orthodox patronage

- *Christian education + RSE*
    - safeguarding Christian values and supporting a Christian ethos in CofE schools
    - encouraging orthodox Christian teachers/ headteachers in Church schools
- *Evangelism*
    - encouraging evangelism in every parish, preaching a gospel of repentance and faith afresh in this generation
- *Privilege, class + poverty*
    - finalising, communicating and gathering support for strategies for enabling churches to support ministry in deprived areas – rural and urban – in meaningful and contextually appropriate ways
- *DEF – establishment, engagement & support*
    - regular engagement with and encouragement of DEFs
    - national in-person DEF meeting(s)
    - formation of new DEFs and, as applicable, encouraging DEFs to adopt constitutions based on the CEEC Basis of Faith and Declarations
- *Watching briefs*
    - Address emerging issues
    - Identify potential future leaders
    - Culture, power and abuse
    - Relationships beyond England
- *Consider a pipeline of potential future workstreams*

Operational priorities

- Council affairs, including filling membership vacancies and planning for the 2025 residential
- Develop proposals to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Build national e-bulletin subscriber base
- Communications – build this strategy
- Administration, finance and risk management
- Fundraising

Financial review

The financial results for the CEEC are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The principal funding source for the charity is voluntary income from donors.

During 2023/24, CEEC had total income of £417,896 (2022/23 – £229,528), comprising donations and grants of £412,788 (2022/23 – £226,095) and investment income of £5,108 (2022/23 – £3,433), as detailed in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements respectively. Donations included amounts totalling £36,750 (2022/23 - £21,250) specifically to support the work of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

Total expenditure on charitable activities was £284,725 (2022/23 - £269,844), as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements, including £34,800 (2022/23 - £31,096) in respect of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

After investment gains of £8,955 (2022/23 – losses of £3,648), CEEC had net incoming funds for the year of £142,126 (2022/23 – net outgoing funds of £43,964). As a result, at the end of the financial year, CEEC had net assets of £294,869 (2023 - £152,743), as detailed in the balance sheet set out on page 9. The principal assets of the charity were investments of £107,974 (2023- £99,019) and cash of £180,862 (2023 – £48,283).

Financial review (contd)

Investment policy and objectives

To provide a stable return on investment, the charity has invested its available resources with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Further resources have been placed in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, to balance the availability of the resources and the return on the investment.

Reserves policy

CEEC's free reserves at 31 March 2024 totalled £270,865 (2023 - £130,689), comprising the charity's total unrestricted funds. The trustees review the level of free reserves annually and have established a policy to ensure that the level of uncommitted, unrestricted funds held by the charity are sufficient to meet a range of unpredictable expenditure, including a significant drop in funding. The Trustees keep this reserves policy under regular review.

Financial plans for 2024-2025

The Trustees are continuing to focus on developing regular financial income streams from network members, trusts, churches and individual supporters. Until there is greater certainty concerning future income, it will be necessary to manage day-to-day operations carefully to ensure that the charity's cash flow is appropriately controlled.

Gratitude for donors' support

During 2023/24, God has continued to be generous in His provision for us. We believe that if we act as responsible stewards of the gifts that He has given to us, He will continue to provide for CEEC's ministry in 2024 and beyond.

Principal risks

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which CEEC is exposed and are satisfied that appropriate processes are in place to mitigate those risks. The key risk to which the charity is exposed is the lack of a regular stream of income from donors and the consequent risk of being able to maintain the level of current operations.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements for CEEC in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (contd)

• state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

• 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the charity's trusts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Advisers

Bankers	CAF Bank
Investment Managers	CBF Church of England Investment Fund; CBF Church of England Deposit Fund,
Independent Examiner	Azets Audit Services, 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph LL17 0JG
Registered office	1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph LL17 0JG
Website	The charity's website address is www.ceec.info

Signed on behalf of the Trustees who approved this report on 19 Sept 2024

Sarah Tett
Secretary

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Church of England Evangelical Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Council are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005, which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
31 March 2024

Jonathan Ward FCA
for and on behalf of
Azets Audit Services
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11/12/2024

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds (Note 9) £
		------Year ended 31 March 2024------			
Income					
Donations and grants received	2	376,038	36,750	412,788	226,095
Investment income	3	5,108		5,108	3,433
Total income		381,146	36,750	417,896	229,528
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	(249,925)	(34,800)	(284,725)	(269,844)
Net income/(expenditure)		131,221	1,950	133,171	(40,316)
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	8,955		8,955	(3,648)
Net incoming funds for the year		140,176	1,950	142,126	(43,964)
Funds at beginning of year		130,689	22,054	152,743	196,707
Funds at end of year		270,865	24,004	294,869	152,743

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised the year and complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Investments	7	107,974	99,019
Debtors and prepayments	8	11,162	6,778
Cash at bank	12	457,641	48,283
		576,777	154,080
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,129)	(1,337)
Other creditors	12	(276,779)	-
Net current assets, being net assets		294,869	152,743
Funds			
Unrestricted funds - general	10	270,865	130,689
Restricted funds	10	24,004	22,054
		294,869	152,743

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hofmeyr KC
Treasurer

Sarah Tett
Secretary

11 December 2024

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The Church of England Evangelical Council is a private company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1st Floor, 55 Ffordd William Morgan, St Asaph Business Park, St Asaph LL17 0JG.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Council has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any constraints regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Details of the restricted funds are provided in note 10.

(d) Donations, grants and legacies

Donations, grants and legacies are recognised when the entitlement to the economic benefit has passed to the charity and its monetary value can be measured reliably. Amounts receivable under forms of planned giving are only recognised when received from the donor. Grants and legacies are accounted for when entitlement is notified, the amount receivable is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is probable. Income tax recoverable on donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the claim.

(e) Investment income

Dividend and interest income from investments are recognised on an accruals basis upon receipt from the investment managers.

(f) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(g) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses are recognised upon the disposal of investments. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the year end and are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2024

Accounting policies (contd)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(i) Financial instruments

The Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Council's balance sheet when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities: Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There were no critical accounting estimates and judgments in the year to 31 March 2024.

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Year ended 31 March 2024

2. Donations and grants receivable

	--------Year ended 31 March 2024-------			2022/3
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Churches	55,804		55,804	20,635
Individuals	218,007	15,000	233,007	156,828
Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs)	2,830		2,830	2,778
Trusts	54,585	18,000	72,585	22,445
Council meeting donations	11,320		11,320	8,416
Gift Aid	24,221	3,750	27,971	14,633
Other	9,271		9,271	360
	376,038	36,750	412,788	226,095

In the year to 31 March 2023 restricted income totalled £21,250.

3. Investment income

	2023/4	2022/3
	£	£
Income from investments	4,674	2,867
Interest receivable	434	566
	5,108	3,433

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	------- Year ended 31 March 2024 -------			2022/3
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs				
• salaries	122,370	-	122,370	118,359
• pension contributions	3,149	-	3,149	2842
• Social Security costs	6,869	-	6,869	6898
	132,388	-	132,388	128,099
Theological Consultant (Note 10)		34,800	34,800	31,096
Other consultants	17,667	-	17,667	7,539
Office equipment and supplies	217	-	217	572
IT, communications and website	7519	-	7519	8,312
Staff meetings, travel and accommodation	31,218	-	31,218	20,843
Working Group and trustee costs	631	-	631	897
Council meeting costs	11,781	-	11,781	14,956
Other travel costs	36	-	36	441
Grant to Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Development of resources for DEFs and CEEC member networks	6,011	-	6,011	32,283
Professional and advisory fees	30,597	-	30,597	13,170
Insurance	764	-	764	721
Books, publications and subscriptions	992	-	992	835
Bank charges	104	-	104	80
	249,925	34,800	284,725	269,844

5. Trustees' Expenses

Payments made to the trustees, as reimbursements for travel costs, amounted to £1,305.45 for the year ended 31 March 2024 (2022/3 - £69.09).

6. Staff costs

There were 4 employees during the year (2023/2024). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in 2023/24 or the prior year.

7. Current asset investments

The Council holds 4,639.98 (2023 – 4,639.98) Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at beginning of year	99,019	102,667
Additions	-	-
(Losses)/gains during the year	8,955	(3,648)
Market value at end of year	107,974	99,019

8. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments to suppliers	8,908	5,318
Other receivables	2,254	1,460
	11,162	6,778

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	281,908	1,337
	281,908	1,337

10. Funds

	1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expend-iture £	Gains/ (losses) £	31 March 2024 £
			2023/24		
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	130,689	381,146	(249,925)	8,955	270,865
Restricted funds					
Theological Consultant	22,054	36,750	(34,800)	-	24,004
Total funds, represented by net current assets	152,743	417,896	(284,725)	8,955	294,869

The restricted fund comprises income donated specifically to fund payments to the Revd Dr Martin Davie in his role as the Council's Theological Consultant.

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11. Prior year statement of financial activities

	------Year ended 31 March 2023------		
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations and grants received	204,845	21,250	226,095
Investment income	3,433	-	3,433
Total income	208,278	21,250	229,528
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	(238,748)	(31,096)	(269,844)
Net income	(30,470)	(9,846)	(40,316)
Net gains on investments	(3,648)	-	(3,648)
Net outgoing in funds for the year	(34,118)	(9,846)	(43,964)
Funds at beginning of year	164,807	31,900	196,707
Funds at end of year	130,689	22,054	152,743

12. Related party transactions

EFAC received a grant of £10,000 from CEEC. This grant was decided by a separate working group of council members excluding Stephen Hofmeyr, who is a common trustee of both charities.

Julian Henderson, Trustee, was also a paid employee in the year for a separate role within the charity. Permission was obtained from Charity Commission for him to receive his salary of £14,667.

Andrew Goddard, husband of Trustee Lis Goddard, was paid £270 on a contractual basis for Theological Consultancy work.

Included in Cash at Bank is an amount of £276,778.61 held on behalf of the Ephesian Fund. The Ephesian Fund is a separate entity, and CEEC held these funds temporarily while the Ephesian Fund were waiting for their own bank account to be operational. Included in other creditors is a balance of £276,778.61 owed to the Ephesian Fund at year end.

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The Church of England Evangelical Council

Trustees' report
31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC' or 'the Council') is a private company, limited by guarantee (registered no. 04910075) ('the company'), and a charity registered in England & Wales (registered no. 1104514) ('the charity').

The company and the charity are controlled by a Constitution (most recently updated and approved in January 2022) and by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

As set out therein, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, comply with the Council's Constitution, the requirements of relevant UK company and charity law, and the accounting and reporting requirements of UK registered charities.

Object

The object of CEEC is the advancement of the Christian religion incorporating the beliefs and doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith within its Constitution.

Constitution and aims

CEEC was first created by the Revd Dr John Stott CBE, sometime Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, Chaplain to HM The Queen and leading evangelical theologian, to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England. CEEC was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

As set out in its Constitution, CEEC's aims are:

- To promote effective consultation between Anglican Evangelical leaders in order that the evangelical heritage as expressed in the Basis of Faith may be applied to contemporary opportunities and problems in church and nation.
- To seek primarily to identify key issues, to work for the development of a common mind and concerted action on each, and should this not prove possible, to map out the different views held.
- To seek to relate to, interact with, and encourage diocesan evangelical fellowships, societies and other groups working within the evangelical constituency, and those working within the formal structures of the Church of England.
- To act as the English agent for the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).
- To be a channel for establishing and maintaining relationships with evangelicals in other churches.

CEEC exists as an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on a common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. Diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC is particularly concerned to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

CEEC is also the representative body for EFAC in England.

Governance and organisation

Trustees

CEEC currently has five officers, a president (normally a diocesan bishop), two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. The officers are the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity. The officers are appointed by CEEC for a term of four years and may be available for re-election.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity under the direction of the Council; they are also responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity, with the help and advice of the Working Group and staff.

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Governance and organisation (contd)

Trustees (contd)

The trustees ensure that (i) the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Constitution, (ii) the charity is in compliance with the Constitution and UK charity law, (iii) the charity's assets and resources are appropriately safeguarded and only used to support or carry out CEEC's purposes, and (iv) there is appropriate oversight and accountability of any staff and committees regarding their activities and decisions.

During the year ended 31 March 2023 and to the date of this report, the Trustees of CEEC were as follows:

- Rt Revd Julian Henderson, *Bishop of Blackburn* (President)
- Revd Elisabeth Goddard (Co-chair)
- Ed Shaw (Co-chair)
- Sarah Tett (Secretary)
- Stephen Hofmeyr KC (Treasurer)

Council

The entire Council meets residentially, once a year, and at other times as required, with the subsequent outworking and implementation of policy being delegated to a Working Group appointed by the Council.

The Council's membership comprises some 40 to 50 representatives from across the evangelical constituency of the Church of England: the College of Bishops, the Evangelical Group of the General Synod (EGGS), theological education institutions,), evangelical organisations (Christianity Explored, Church Society, CMS, Count Everyone In, CPAS, Crosslinks, Fellowship of Word and Spirit, Fulcrum, JAEC, Junia Network, Latimer Trust, Living Out, New Wine and Re*New*) and diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs). Up to ten members can be co-opted to ensure further breadth of representation.

Upon admission to membership of the Council, each member affirms their agreement with CEEC's Object and Basis of Faith, including the two additional declarations. These are set out in the Constitution, full details of which are available at www.ceec.info.

Working Group

The Working Group has responsibility for the outworking and implementation of policy agreed by the Council between the Council's annual meetings. The Group is appointed by the Council and comprises 6 to 10 members, of whom at least one-third should be lay people.

Staff

Following the appointment in February 2022 of the Revd Canon John Dunnett as Strategy & Operations Director, CEEC had a staff team of 4 during 2022/3, the other staff team members being the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair (National Director), Jo Foster (Administration Manager) and Helen Catt (Communications Director).

As National Director, Bishop Keith was a member of the Working Group and attended meetings of the Council. Jo Foster attends, and provides administrative support, to both the Working Group and the Council. John Dunnett and Helen Catt also attend meetings of both the Working Group and the Council.

Subsequent to 31 March 2023, Bishop Keith retired as National Director and was succeeded by John Dunnett.

Public benefit

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities towards public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Christian faith that CEEC professes – and which underpins everything that CEEC does – is for the common good of every member of society. We therefore believe that CEEC fulfils the public benefit test required of charities.

Public benefit (contd)

Whilst some of CEEC's work is of specific benefit to the charity's individual, church and organisation members, CEEC is an outward-looking organisation, committed to the positive transformation of all people in society. CEEC therefore strives to ensure that the benefits worked for are not exclusive to its members or to evangelical Anglicans.

The trustees firmly believe that following Christ changes lives for the better. However, they accept the right of individuals to have, and to express, differing beliefs or no belief. A central part of the Christian faith is the desire to see justice for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sex, class or religion. To this end, CEEC advances the Christian religion by enabling and supporting biblically faithful fellowship, teaching and mission in England.

Key activities and outcomes

Activities during the financial year 2022-2023

The Council met by Zoom in May and October 2022and in-person for the Council's annual two-day residential meeting in January 2023, to discuss matters of concern to evangelicals in the Church of England. During these meetings, the Council:

- received bible readings and spent time in prayer
- co-opted additional members to the Council and appointed additional members to the Working Group
- oversaw the four-yearly elections to the Council (for 2023-2026) held in the summer of 2022
- received a report from the Working Group for 2022-23
- received reports from Dr Martin Davie (CEEC's Theological Consultant), the evangelical bishops' group, EFAC and the Welsh and Scottish branches of EFAC
- received reports concerning DEFs and EGGS
- held discussion sessions on:
    - *Living in Love and Faith* and *Prayers of Love and Faith*, focussing on key theological, ecclesial and methodological issues and the potential need for visible differentiation with the Church of England
    - *Lambeth Conference* held in summer 2022, including relationships with GSFA and GAFCON
    - several CEEC workstreams including *Privilege, Class and Poverty; Evangelism; and Culture, Power and Abuse*
- elected trustees for the 4-year term 2023-2026
- considered plans for CEEC's development in terms of organisation, management, staffing and finance
- approved a budget for CEEC for 2023-2024
- approved the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022
- re-appointed Azets Audit Services as CEEC's independent examiners
- elected a Working Group for 2023-2024 and agreed a vision for the Working Group for 2023-2024

Objectives and plans for 2023-2024

At its meeting in January, the Council set the following priorities for the Working Group and Staff (giving the Working Group permission to prioritise items within their discretion):

Strategic priorities

- *Fostering unity*, through
    - engagement with, and support of, evangelical bishops through regular engagement
    - representation of CEEC's diversity (networks, clergy/laity, male/female, ethnicity) across CEEC bodies
    - engagement with the Evangelical Alliance
    - providing support, standing with and finding ways of helping any evangelicals (in the CofE / British Isles as a whole) who find themselves 'out on a limb' as a result of their orthodox preaching/pastoring

Key activities and outcomes (contd)

Objectives and plans for 2023-2024 (contd)

Strategic priorities (contd)

- *LLF and differentiation*
    - provide leadership and resources for the evangelical constituency (inc in General Synod) to enable a robust response to any changes to doctrine, liturgy, discipline or practice proposed by the House of Bishops following LLF, whilst maintaining evangelical unity
    - develop scenarios for different outcomes and consider ecclesial implications, including differentiation options (ref Visibly Different), taking account of different parochial contexts and structures
    - explore potential future relationship for CEEC with GFSA
- *Patronage and diocesan pastoral reorganisations* to provide support for clergy/parishes in diocesan pastoral reorganisations, inc poorer parishes in urban/rural contexts and to develop a strategy to diminish the dilution of patronage influence in pastoral reorganisations
- *Christian education + RSE,* how to safeguard Christian values in education and make a Christian ethos in CoE schools a reality, and how to encourage orthodox Christian teachers and headteachers in Church schools
- *Evangelism,* to consider how to implement CEEC's vision
- *Privilege, class + poverty,* strategies for greater evangelical engagement in poorer urban and rural contexts
- *Provide responses to emerging issues,* including conversion therapy

Operational priorities

- Regular engagement with, and support of, DEFs
- Council + Working Group membership
- Communications
- Staffing, administration, finance and fundraising
- Planning for the Council (residential) meeting in January 2024
- Engagement with EFAC

Financial review

The financial results for the CEEC are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8. The principal funding source for the charity is voluntary income from donors.

During 2022/23, CEEC had total income of £229,528 (2021/22 – £176,240), comprising donations and grants of £226,095 (2021/22 – £174,445) and investment income of £3,433 (2021/22 – £1,795), as detailed in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements respectively. Donations included amounts totalling £21,250 (2021/22 - £37,500) specifically to support the work of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

Total expenditure on charitable activities was £269,844 (2021/22 - £171,582), as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements, including £31,096 (2021/22 - £31,200) in respect of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

After investment losses of £3,648 (2021/22 – gains of £4,565), CEEC had net outgoing funds for the year of £43,964 (2021/22 – net incoming funds of £9,223). As a result, at the end of the financial year, CEEC had net assets of £152,743 (2022 - £196,707), as detailed in the balance sheet set out on page 9. The principal assets of the charity were investments of £99,019 (2022- £102,667) and cash of £48,283 (2022 – £92,078).

Investment policy and objectives

To provide a stable return on investment, the charity has invested its available resources with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Further resources have been placed in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, to balance the availability of the resources and the return on the investment.

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Financial review (contd)

Reserves policy

CEEC's free reserves at 31 March 2023 totalled £130,689 (2022 - £164,807), comprising the charity's total unrestricted funds. The trustees review the level of free reserves annually and have established a policy to ensure that the level of uncommitted, unrestricted funds held by the charity are sufficient to meet a range of unpredictable expenditure, including a significant drop in funding. The Trustees keep this reserves policy under regular review.

Financial plans for 2023-2024

The Trustees are continuing to focus on developing regular financial income streams from network members, trusts, churches and individual supporters. Until there is greater certainty concerning future income, it will be necessary to manage day-to-day operations carefully to ensure that the charity's cash flow is appropriately controlled.

Gratitude for donors' support

During 2022/23, God has continued to be generous in His provision for us. We believe that if we act as responsible stewards of the gifts that He has given to us, He will continue to provide for CEEC's ministry in 2023 and beyond.

Principal risks

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which CEEC is exposed and are satisfied that appropriate processes are in place to mitigate those risks. The key risk to which the charity is exposed is the lack of a regular stream of income from donors and the consequent risk of being able to maintain the level of current operations.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements for CEEC in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

• observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);

• make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

• state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

• 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the charity's trusts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

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31 March 2023

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (contd)

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Advisers

Bankers	CAF Bank
Investment Managers	CBF Church of England Investment Fund; CBF Church of England Deposit Fund,
Independent Examiner	Azets Audit Services, Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell CH8 7RD
Registered office	Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD
Website	The charity's website address is www.ceec.info

Signed on behalf of the Trustees who approved this report on 19 December 2023

Sarah Tett
Secretary

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Church of England Evangelical Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Council are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the council as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records;
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Susanna Cassey FCA
for and on behalf of
Azets Audit Services
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19 December 2023

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Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	------Year ended 31 March 2023------ Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds (Note 9) £
Income					
Donations and grants received	2	204,845	21,250	226,095	174,445
Investment income	3	3,433	-	3,433	1,795
Total income		208,278	21,250	229,528	176,240
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	(238,748)	(31,096)	(269,844)	(171,582)
Net income/(expenditure)		(30,470)	(9,846)	(40,316)	4,658
Net (losses)/gains on investments	7	(3,648)	-	(3,648)	4,565
Net incoming funds for the year		(34,118)	(9,846)	(43,964)	9,223
Funds at beginning of year		164,807	31,900	196,707	187,484
Funds at end of year		130,689	22,054	152,743	196,707

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised the year and complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Investments	7	99,019	102,667
Debtors and prepayments	8	6,778	2,132
Cash at bank		48,283	92,078
		154,080	196,877
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,337)	(170)
Net current assets, being net assets		152,743	196,707
Funds			
Unrestricted funds - general	10	130,689	164,807
Restricted funds	10	22,054	31,900
		152,743	196,707

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hofmeyr QC
Treasurer

Sarah Tett
Secretary

19 December 2023

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Church of England Evangelical Council is a private company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Council has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any constraints regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Details of the restricted funds are provided in note 10.

(d) Donations, grants and legacies

Donations, grants and legacies are recognised when the entitlement to the economic benefit has passed to the charity and its monetary value can be measured reliably. Amounts receivable under forms of planned giving are only recognised when received from the donor. Grants and legacies are accounted for when entitlement is notified, the amount receivable is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is probable. Income tax recoverable on donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the claim.

(e) Investment income

Dividend and interest income from investments are recognised on an accruals basis upon receipt from the investment managers.

(f) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(g) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses are recognised upon the disposal of investments. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the year end and are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1. Accounting policies (contd)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(i) Financial instruments

The Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Council's balance sheet when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities: Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2. Donations and grants receivable

	--------Year ended 31 March 2023--------			2021/2
	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds (Note 11) £
Churches	20,635	-	20,635	16,583
Individuals	151,828	5,000	156,828	99,257
Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs)	2,778	-	2,778	1,750
Trusts	7,445	15,000	22,445	43,955
Council meeting donations	8,416	-	8,416	3,486
Gift Aid	13,383	1,250	14,633	9,414
Other	360		360	-
	204,845	21,250	226,095	174,445

3. Investment income

	2022/3 £	2021/2 £
Income from investments	2,867	1,708
Interest receivable	566	87
	3,433	1,795

Notes to the financial statements
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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	------- Year ended 31 March 2023 -------			2021/2
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs				
• salaries	118,359	-	118,359	60,756
• pension contributions	6,898	-	6,898	1,183
• Social Security costs	2,842	-	2,842	1,231
	128,099	-	128,099	63,170
Theological Consultant (Note 10)	-	31,096	31,096	31,200
Other consultants	7,539	-	7,539	860
Office equipment and supplies	572	-	572	2,224
IT, communications and website	8,312	-	8,312	3,166
Staff meetings, travel and accommodation	20,843	-	20,843	3,637
Working Group and trustee costs	897	-	897	650
Council meeting costs	14,956	-	14,956	6,874
DEF travel costs	441	-	441	-
Grant to Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Development of resources for DEFs and CEEC member networks	32,283	-	32,283	35,432
Professional and advisory fees	13,170	-	13,170	13,403
Insurance	721	-	721	560
Books, publications and subscriptions	835	-	835	310
Bank charges	80	-	80	96
	238,748	31,096	269,844	171,582

5. Trustees' Expenses

Payments made to the trustees, as reimbursements for travel costs, amounted to £69.09 for the year ended 31 March 2023 (2021/22 - £218).

6. Staff costs

There were 4 employees during the year (2021/22 – 4). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in 2022/23 or the prior year.

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7. Current asset investments

The Council holds 4,639.98 (2022 – 4,639.98) Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at beginning of year	102,667	58,102
Additions	-	40,000
(Losses)/gains during the year	(3,648)	4,565
Market value at end of year	99,019	102,667

8. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments to suppliers	5,318	2,077
Other receivables	1,460	55
	6,778	2,132

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	1,337	170
	1,337	170

10. Funds

	1 April 2022 £	Income £	-------- 2022/23 -------- Expend-iture £	Gains/ (losses) £	31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	164,807	208,278	(238,748)	(3,648)	130,689
Restricted funds					
Theological Consultant	31,900	21,250	(31,096)	-	22,054
Total funds, represented by net current assets	196,707	229,528	(269,844)	(3,648)	152,743

The restricted fund comprises income donated specifically to fund payments to the Revd Dr Martin Davie in his role as the Council's Theological Consultant.

Notes to the financial statements
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11. Prior year statement of financial activities

	------Year ended 31 March 2022------		
	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
Donations and grants received	136,945	37,500	174,445
Investment income	1,795	-	1,795
Total income	138,740	37,500	176,240
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	(140,382)	(31,200)	(171,582)
Net income	(1,642)	6,300	4,658
Net gains on investments	4,565	-	4,565
Net outgoing in funds for the year	2,923	6,300	9,223
Funds at beginning of year	161,884	25,600	187,484
Funds at end of year	164,807	31,900	196,707

12. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year or the prior year.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EVANGELICAL COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 1104514

Accounts

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The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2022

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The Church of England Evangelical Council

Trustees' report
31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC' or 'the Council')) is a private company, limited by guarantee (registered no. 04910075) ('the company'), and a charity registered in England & Wales (registered no. 1104514) ('the charity').

The company and the charity are controlled by a Constitution (most recently updated and approved in June 2014) and by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

As set out therein, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, comply with the Council's Constitution, the requirements of relevant UK company and charity law, and the accounting and reporting requirements of UK registered charities.

Object

The object of CEEC is the advancement of the Christian religion incorporating the beliefs and doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith within its Constitution.

Constitution and aims

CEEC was first created by the Revd Dr John Stott CBE, sometime Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, Chaplain to HM The Queen and leading evangelical theologian, to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England. CEEC was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

As set out in its Constitution, CEEC aims are:

- To promote effective consultation between Anglican Evangelical leaders in order that the evangelical heritage as expressed in the Basis of Faith may be applied to contemporary opportunities and problems in church and nation.
- To seek primarily to identify key issues, to work for the development of a common mind and concerted action on each, and should this not prove possible, to map out the different views held.
- To seek to relate to, interact with, and encourage diocesan evangelical fellowships, societies and other groups working within the evangelical constituency, and those working within the formal structures of the Church of England.
- To act as the English agent for the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).
- To be a channel for establishing and maintaining relationships with evangelicals in other churches.

CEEC exists as an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. Diocesan evangelical fellowship (DEFs) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC is particularly concerned to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

CEEC is also the representative body for EFAC in England.

Governance and organisation

Trustees

CEEC currently has five officers, a president (normally a diocesan bishop), two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. The officers are the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity. The officers are appointed by CEEC for a term of four years and may be available for re-election.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity under the direction of the Council; they are also responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity, with the help and advice of the Working Group.

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Governance and organisation (contd)

Trustees (contd)

The trustees ensure that (i) the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Constitution, (ii) the charity is in compliance with the Constitution and UK charity law, (iii) the charity's assets and resources are appropriately safeguarded and only used to support or carry out CEEC's purposes, and (iv) there is appropriate oversight and accountability of any staff and committees regarding their activities and decisions.

During the year ended 31 March 2022 and to the date of this report, the Trustees of CEEC were as follows:

- Rt Revd Julian Henderson, *Bishop of Blackburn* (President)
- Revd Elisabeth Goddard (Co-chair)
- Ed Shaw (Co-chair)
- Sarah Tett (Secretary)
- Stephen Hofmeyr QC (Treasurer)

Council

The entire Council meets residentially, once a year, and at other times as required, with the subsequent outworking and implementation of policy being delegated to a Working Group appointed by the Council.

The Council's membership comprises some 40 to 50 representatives from across the evangelical constituency of the Church of England: the College of Bishops, the Evangelical Group of the General Synod (EGGS), theological education institutions, mission societies (including CMS, CPAS and Crosslinks), evangelical networks (including Church Society, Fulcrum, Junia Network and New Wine) and diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs).

Upon admission to membership of the Council, each member affirms their agreement with CEEC's Object and Basis of Faith, including the two additional declarations. These are set out in the Constitution, full details of which are available at www.ceec.info.

Working Group

The Working Group has responsibility for outworking and implementation of policy agreed by the Council between the Council's annual meetings. The Group is appointed by the Council and comprises 6 to 10 members, of whom at least one-third should be lay people.

Staff

During 2021, CEEC began the process of employing a staff team. In January 2021, Jo Foster joined CEEC as Administration Manager. Subsequently, in April 2021, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair joined CEEC in the role of National Director following his retirement from the See of Birkenhead. Helen Catt joined CEEC as Communications Director in November 2021 and then, in February 2022, Revd Canon John Dunnett joined CEEC as Strategy & Operations Director.

As National Director, Bishop Keith is a member of the Working Group and attends meetings of the Council. Jo Foster attends, and provides administrative support, to both the Working Group and the Council. John Dunnett and Helen Catt also attend meetings of both the Working Group and the Council.

Public benefit

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities towards public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Christian faith that CEEC professes – and which underpins everything that CEEC does – is for the common good of every member of society. We therefore believe that CEEC fulfils the public benefit test required of charities.

Whilst some of CEEC's work is of specific benefit to the charity's individual, church and organisation members, CEEC is an outward-looking organisation, committed to the positive transformation of all people in society. CEEC therefore strives to ensure that the benefits worked for are not exclusive to its members or to evangelical Anglicans.

Public benefit (contd)

The trustees firmly believe that following Christ changes lives for the better. However, they accept the right of individuals to have, and to express, differing beliefs or no belief. A central part of the Christian faith is the desire to see justice for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sex, class or religion. To this end, CEEC advances the Christian religion by enabling and supporting biblically faithful fellowship, teaching and mission in England.

Key activities and outcomes

Activities during the financial year 2021-2022

The Council met by Zoom in May and September 2021 and in-person for the Council's annual two-day residential meeting in January 2022, to discuss matters of concern to evangelicals in the Church of England. During these meetings, the Council:

- received bible readings and spent time in prayer
- co-opted four additional members to the Council and appointed four additional members to the Working Group
- considered plans for the four-yearly elections to the Council (for 2023-2026) to be held in the summer of 2022
- received a report from the Working Group for 2021-22
- received reports from Dr Martin Davie (CEEC's Theological Consultant), the evangelical bishops' group, EFAC and the Welsh and Scottish branches of EFAC
- received reports concerning DEFs, EGGS and the 2021 General Synod elections
- held discussion sessions on:
    - *Living in Love and Faith*, focussing on key theological and methodological issues and the potential need for visible differentiation with the Church of England
    - *Culture, power & abuse*, commendation of liturgical and other resources
- elected trustees for 2022-2023
- considered plans for CEEC's development in terms of organisation, management, staffing and finance
- approved a budget for CEEC for 2022-2023
- approved the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021
- re-appointed Azets Audit Services as CEEC's independent examiners
- elected a Working Group for 2022-2023 and agreed a vision for the Working Group for 2022-2023

Objectives and plans for 2022-2023

At its meetings in January and May 2022, the Council set the following priorities for the Working Group and Staff (giving the Working Group permission to prioritise items within their discretion):

Strategic priorities

- *Fostering unity*, through
    - engagement with, and support of, evangelical bishops through regular engagement
    - representation of CEEC's diversity (networks, clergy/laity, gender, ethnicity) across CEEC bodies
    - engagement with the Evangelical Alliance
    - providing support, standing with and finding ways of helping any evangelicals (in the CofE / British Isles as a whole) who find themselves 'out on a limb' as a result of their orthodox preaching/pastoring
- *LLF engagement and differentiation,* providing feedback to the LLF Next Steps Group and developing scenarios for different outcomes and considering ecclesial implications, including differentiation options
- *Patronage and diocesan pastoral reorganisations,* to provide support for clergy/parishes in diocesan pastoral reorganisations, inc poorer parishes in urban/rural contexts and to develop a strategy to diminish the dilution of patronage influence in pastoral reorganisations
- *Christian education + RSE,* how to safeguard Christian values in education and make a Christian ethos in CoE schools a reality, and how to encourage orthodox Christian teachers and headteachers in Church schools
- *Evangelism,* to consider how to implement CEEC's vision

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Key activities and outcomes (contd)

Strategic priorities (contd)

- *Privilege, class + poverty,* strategies for greater evangelical engagement in poorer urban and rural contexts
- *Provide responses to emerging issues,* including Holy Communion in both kinds and conversion therapy

Operational priorities

- Regular engagement with, and support of, DEFs
- Establishment of national CEEC mailing list
- Council + Working Group membership
- Communications
- Staffing, administration, finance and fundraising
- Planning for the Council (residential) meeting in January 2023
- Engagement with EFAC, particularly with regard to planning for the 2022 Lambeth Conference

Financial review

The financial results for the CEEC are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7. The principal funding source for the charity is voluntary income from donors.

During 2021/22, CEEC had total income of £176,240 (2020/21 – £115,716), comprising donations and grants of £174,445 (2020/21 – £113,986) and investment income of £1,795 (2020/21 – £1,730), as detailed in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements respectively. Donations included amounts totalling £37,500 (2020/21 - £47,100) specifically to support the work of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

Total expenditure on charitable activities was £171,582 (2020/21 - £68,395), as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements, including £31,200 (2020/21 - £31,200) in respect of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

After investment gains of £4,565 (2020/21 - £9,982), CEEC had net incoming funds for the year of £9,223 (2020/21 - £57,303). As a result, at the end of the financial year, CEEC had net assets of £196,707 (2021 - £187,484), as detailed in the balance sheet set out on page 8. The principal assets of the charity were investments of £102,667 (2021- £58,102) and cash of £92,078 (2021 – £121,765).

Investment policy and objectives

To provide a stable return on investment, the charity has invested its available resources with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Further resources have been placed in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, to balance the availability of the resources and the return on the investment.

Reserves policy

CEEC's free reserves at 31 March 2022 totalled £164,807 (2021 - £161,884), comprising the charity's total unrestricted funds. The trustees review the level of free reserves annually and have established a policy to ensure that the level of uncommitted, unrestricted funds held by the charity are sufficient to meet a range of unpredictable expenditure, including a significant drop in funding. The Trustees keep this reserves policy under regular review.

Financial plans for 2022-2023

The Trustees are continuing to focus on developing regular financial income streams from network members, trusts, churches and individual supporters. Until there is greater certainty concerning future income, it will be necessary to manage day-to-day operations carefully to ensure that the charity's cash flow is appropriately controlled.

Gratitude for donors' support

During 2021/22, God has continued to be generous in His provision for us. We believe that if we act as responsible stewards of the gifts that He has given to us, He will continue to provide for CEEC's ministry in 2022 and beyond.

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Principal risks

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which CEEC is exposed and are satisfied that appropriate processes are in place to mitigate those risks. The key risk to which the charity is exposed is the lack of a regular stream of income from donors and the consequent risk of being able to maintain the level of current operations.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements for CEEC in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the charity's trusts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Advisers

Bankers	CAF Bank
Investment Managers	CBF Church of England Investment Fund; CBF Church of England Deposit Fund,
Independent Examiner	Azets Audit Services, Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell CH8 7RD
Registered office	Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD
Website	The charity's website address is www.ceec.info

Signed on behalf of the Trustees who approved this report on 29 November 2022

Sarah Tett
Secretary

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Church of England Evangelical Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Council are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the council as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records;
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Melanie Langton Davies ACA FCCA
for and on behalf of
Azets Audit Services
Brynford House
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Flintshire
CH8 7RD

8 Dec 2022

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds (Note 9) £
		-----Year ended 31 March 2022-----			
Income					
Donations and grants received	2	136,945	37,500	174,445	113,986
Investment income	3	1,795	-	1,795	1,730
Total income		138,740	37,500	176,240	115,716
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	(140,382)	(31,200)	(171,582)	(68,395)
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,642)	6,300	4,658	47,321
Net gains on investments	7	4,565	-	4,565	9,982
Net incoming funds for the year		2,923	6,300	9,223	57,303
Funds at beginning of year		161,884	25,600	187,484	130,181
Funds at end of year		164,807	31,900	196,707	187,484

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised the year and complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Balance sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Investments	7	102,667	58,102
Debtors	8	2,132	18,190
Cash at bank		92,078	121,765
		196,877	198,057
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(170)	(10,573)
Net current assets, being net assets		196,707	187,484
Funds			
Unrestricted funds - general	10	164,807	161,884
Restricted funds	10	31,900	25,600
		196,707	187,484

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hofmeyr QC
Treasurer

Sarah Tett
Secretary

29 November 2022

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

The Church of England Evangelical Council is a private company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Council has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any constraints regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Details of the restricted funds are provided in note 10.

(d) Donations, grants and legacies

Donations, grants and legacies are recognised when the entitlement to the economic benefit has passed to the charity and its monetary value can be measured reliably. Amounts receivable under forms of planned giving are only recognised when received from the donor. Grants and legacies are accounted for when entitlement is notified, the amount receivable is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is probable. Income tax recoverable on donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the claim.

(e) Investment income

Dividend and interest income from investments are recognised on an accruals basis upon receipt from the investment managers.

(f) Expenditure

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Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses are recognised upon the disposal of investments. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the year end and are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1. Accounting policies (contd)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

(i) Financial instruments

The Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Council's balance sheet when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities: Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2022

2. Donations and grants receivable

	Year ended 31 March 2022			2020/21
	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds (Note 11) £
Churches	16,583	-	16,583	19,501
Individuals	95,257	4,000	99,257	30,095
Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs)	1,750	-	1,750	1,400
Trusts	11,455	32,500	43,955	49,000
Council meeting donations	3,486	-	3,486	-
Gift Aid	8,414	1,000	9,414	13,990
	136,945	37,500	174,445	113,986

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Income from investments	1,708	1,658
Interest receivable	87	72
	1,795	1,730

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2022

4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Year ended 31 March 2022			2020/21
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs				
• salaries	60,756	-	60,756	5,616
• pension contributions	1,183	-	1,183	168
• Social Security costs	1,231	-	1,231	-
	63,170	-	63,170	5,784
Theological Consultant (Note 10)	-	31,200	31,200	31,200
Other consultants	860	-	860	3,099
Office equipment and supplies	2,224	-	2,224	1,071
IT, communications and website	3,166	-	3,166	279
Staff meetings, travel and accommodation	3,637	-	3,637	-
Working Group and trustee costs	650	-	650	335
Council meeting costs	6,874	-	6,874	200
Grant to Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Development of resources for DEFs and CEEC member networks	35,432	-	35,432	15,860
Professional and advisory fees	13,403	-	13,403	498
Insurance	560	-	560	-
Books, publications and subscriptions	310	-	310	-
Bank charges	96	-	96	69
	140,382	31,200	171,582	68,395

5. Trustees' Expenses

Payments made to the trustees, as reimbursements for travel costs, amounted to £218 for the year ended 31 March 2022. (2021; nil).

6. Staff costs

There were 4 employees during the year (2020/21 – 1). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in 2021/22 or the prior year.

7. Current asset investments

The Council holds 4,639.98 (2021 – 2,847.22) Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value at beginning of year	58,102	48,120
Additions	40,000	-
Gains during the year	4,565	9,982
Market value at end of year	102,667	58,102

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8. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments to suppliers	2,077	-
Gift Aid receivable	55	13,990
Donation receivable	-	4,200
	2,132	18,190

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Donation payable to EFAC	-	10,000
Accruals	170	573
	170	10,573

10. Funds

		2021/22			
	1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expend-iture £	Gains/ (losses) £	31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	161,884	138,740	(140,382)	4,565	164,807
Restricted funds					
Theological Consultant	25,600	37,500	(31,200)	-	31,900
Total funds, represented by net current assets	187,484	176,240	(171,582)	4,565	196,707

The restricted fund comprises income donated specifically to fund payments to the Revd Dr Martin Davie in his role as the Council's Theological Consultant.

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2022

11. Prior year statement of financial activities

	-----Year ended 31 March 2021-----		
	Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
Donations and grants received	66,886	47,100	113,986
Investment income	1,730	-	1,730
Total income	68,616	47,100	115,716
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	(37,195)	(31,200)	(68,395)
Net income	31,421	15,900	47,321
Net gains on investments	9,982	-	9,982
Net outgoing in funds for the year	41,403	15,900	57,303
Funds at beginning of year	120,481	9,700	130,181
Funds at end of year	161,884	25,600	187,484

12. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year or the prior year.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EVANGELICAL COUNCIL

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The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2021

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The Church of England Evangelical Council

Trustees' report
31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC' or 'the Council')) is a private company, limited by guarantee (registered no. 04910075) ('the company'), and a charity registered in England & Wales (registered no. 1104514) ('the charity').

The company and the charity are controlled by a Constitution (most recently updated and approved in June 2014) and by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

As set out therein, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, comply with the Council's Constitution, the requirements of relevant UK company and charity law, and the accounting and reporting requirements of UK registered charities.

Object

The object of CEEC is the advancement of the Christian religion incorporating the beliefs and doctrines set out in the Basis of Faith within its Constitution.

Constitution and aims

CEEC was first created by the Revd Dr John Stott CBE, sometime Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, Chaplain to HM The Queen and leading evangelical theologian, to provide a "collective" evangelical voice within the Church of England. CEEC was registered as a UK charity in December 1969 and incorporated in September 2003.

As set out in its Constitution, CEEC aims are:

- To promote effective consultation between Anglican Evangelical leaders in order that the evangelical heritage as expressed in the Basis of Faith may be applied to contemporary opportunities and problems in church and nation.
- To seek primarily to identify key issues, to work for the development of a common mind and concerted action on each, and should this not prove possible, to map out the different views held.
- To seek to relate to, interact with, and encourage diocesan evangelical fellowships, societies and other groups working within the evangelical constituency, and those working within the formal structures of the Church of England.
- To act as the English agent for the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC).
- To be a channel for establishing and maintaining relationships with evangelicals in other churches.

CEEC exists as an overarching group to which evangelical organisations, networks, institutions and churches can belong, based on common understanding of the Christian faith and its Anglican expression, and united by a common vision to promote and maintain orthodox evangelical theology, ethics and liturgy at the heart of the Church of England. Diocesan evangelical fellowship (DEFs) are the de facto representative bodies of CEEC in each diocese.

CEEC is particularly concerned to encourage evangelism, bible-based and Christ-centred formation of discipleship, evangelical leadership within the Church of England, and evangelical unity within and outside Anglicanism.

CEEC is also the representative body for EFAC in England.

Governance and organisation

Trustees

CEEC has four officers, a president (normally a diocesan bishop), a chair, a secretary and a treasurer. The officers are the directors of the company and the trustees of the charity. The officers are appointed by CEEC for a term of four years and may be available for re-election.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity under the direction of the Council; they are also responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity, with the help and advice of the Working Group.

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Governance and organisation (contd)

Trustees (contd)

The trustees ensure that (i) the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit in accordance with its Constitution, (ii) the charity is in compliance with the Constitution and UK charity law, (iii) the charity's assets and resources are appropriately safeguarded and only used to support or carry out CEEC's purposes, and (iv) there is appropriate oversight and accountability of any staff and committees regarding their activities and decisions.

During the year ended 31 March 2021 and to the date of this report, the Trustees of CEEC were as follows:

- Rt Revd Julian Henderson, *Bishop of Blackburn* (President)
- Revd Elisabeth Goddard (Co-chair) *appointed February 2021*
- Ed Shaw (Co-chair) *appointed February 2021*
- Sarah Tett (Secretary) *appointed February 2021*
- Stephen Hofmeyr QC (Treasurer) *formerly Secretary until February 2021*
- Revd George Curry (Treasurer) *resigned February 2021*
- Revd Hugh Palmer (Chairman) *resigned January 2021*

Council

The entire Council meets residentially, once a year, and at other times as required, with the subsequent outworking and implementation of policy being delegated to a Working Group appointed by the Council.

The Council's membership comprises some 40 to 50 representatives from across the evangelical constituency of the Church of England: the College of Bishops, the Evangelical Group of the General Synod (EGGS), theological education institutions, mission societies (including CMS, CPAS and Crosslinks), evangelical networks (including Church Society, Fulcrum, Junia Network and New Wine) and diocesan evangelical fellowships (DEFs).

Upon admission to membership of the Council, each member affirms their agreement with CEEC's Object and Basis of Faith, including the two additional declarations. These are set out in the Constitution, full details of which are available at www.ceec.info.

Working Group

The Working Group has responsibility for outworking and implementation of policy agreed by the Council between the Council's annual meetings. The Group is appointed by the Council and comprises 6 to 10 members, of whom at least one-third should be lay people.

Staff

During 2021, CEEC began the process of employing a staff team. In January 2021, Jo Foster joined CEEC as Administration Manager. Subsequently, in April 2021, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair joined CEEC in the role of National Director following his retirement from the See of Birkenhead.

As National Director, Bishop Keith is a member of the Working Group and attends meetings of the Council. Jo Foster attends, and provides administrative support, to both the Working Group and the Council.

Public benefit

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities towards public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the Christian faith that CEEC professes – and which underpins everything that CEEC does – is for the common good of every member of society. We therefore believe that CEEC fulfils the public benefit test required of charities.

Whilst some of CEEC's work is of specific benefit to the charity's individual, church and organisation members, CEEC is an outward-looking organisation, committed to the positive transformation of all people in society. CEEC therefore strives to ensure that the benefits worked for are not exclusive to its members or to evangelical Anglicans.

Public benefit (contd)

The trustees firmly believe that following Christ changes lives for the better. However, they accept the right of individuals to have, and to express, differing beliefs or no belief. A central part of the Christian faith is the desire to see justice for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, sex, class or religion. To this end, CEEC advances the Christian religion by enabling and supporting biblically faithful fellowship, teaching and mission in England.

Key activities and outcomes

Activities during the financial year

The Council met once during the financial year, by Zoom in January 2021, to discuss matters of concern to evangelicals in the Church of England. During this meeting, the Council:

- received bible readings and spent time in prayer
- received a report from the Working Group for 2020-21
- received reports from Dr Martin Davie (CEEC's Theological Consultant), the evangelical bishops' group, EFAC and the Welsh and Scottish branches of EFAC
- received reports concerning DEFs, EGGS and the 2021 General Synod elections
- held discussion sessions on:
    - *Living in Love and Faith*, focussing on key theological and methodological issues
    - *Culture, power & abuse*, a theological and strategic consideration of issues for evangelicals
    - *Christian education + RSE*, initiating a debate on key issues of concern
- elected trustees for 2021-2022 and considered plans for CEEC's development in terms of organisation, management and finance
- re-appointed Azets Audit Services as CEEC's independent examiners
- elected a Working Group for 2020-2021
- agreed a vision for the Working Group for 2021-2022

Subsequent to the annual meeting in January, the Council approved the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020, appointed Stephen Hofmeyr QC as Treasurer, and approved the co-option of three new members to the Council by email in February 2021.

Objectives and plans for 2021

At the January 2021 meeting, the Council set the following priorities for the Working Group (giving the Working Group permission to prioritise items within their discretion):

Strategic priorities

- *General Synod 2021 Elections*
- *Fostering unity*, through
    - engagement with, and support of, evangelical bishops through regular engagement
    - representation of CEEC's diversity (networks, clergy/laity, gender, ethnicity) across CEEC bodies
    - engagement with the Evangelical Alliance
    - providing support, standing with and finding ways of helping any evangelicals (in the CofE / British Isles as a whole) who find themselves 'out on a limb' as a result of their orthodox preaching/pastoring
- *LLF engagement and differentiation,* including developing scenarios for different outcomes and consider ecclesial implications, including differentiation options
- *Culture, power & abuse*, based on a biblical theology
- *Christian education + RSE*
    - how to safeguard Christian values in education and make a Christian ethos in CoE schools a reality
    - how to encourage orthodox Christian teachers and headteachers in Church schools
- *Provide responses to emerging issues,* including Holy Communion in both kinds and conversion therapy

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Key activities and outcomes (contd)

Operational priorities

- Regular engagement with, and support of, DEFs
- Establishment of national CEEC mailing list
- Refreshing Council + Working Group membership
- Communications
- Staffing and finance
- Fundraising
- Planning for the Council (residential) meeting in January 2022
- Planning for effective CEEC participation in 100th anniversary of John Stott's birth (27 April 2021)
- Engagement with EFAC, particularly with regard to planning for the 2022 Lambeth Conference

Financial review

The financial results for the CEEC are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 7.

The principal funding source for the charity is voluntary income from donors.

During 2020/21, CEEC had total income of £115,716 (2019/20 – £100,544), comprising donations and grants of £113,986 (2019/20 – £98,765) and investment income of £1,730 (2019/20 – £1,779), as detailed in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements respectively. Donations included amounts totalling £47,100 (2019/20 - £25,000) specifically to support the work of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

Total expenditure on charitable activities was £68,395 (2019/20 - £47,424), as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements, including £31,200 (2019/20 - £31,304) in respect of CEEC's Theological Consultant.

After investment gains of £9,982 (2019/20 - £842 losses), CEEC had net incoming funds for the year of £57,303 (2019/20 - £52,278). As a result, at the end of the financial year, CEEC had net assets of £187,484 (2020 - £130,181), as detailed in the balance sheet set out on page 8. The principal assets of the charity were investments of £58,102 (2020 - £48,120) and cash of £121,765 (2020 – £82,163).

Investment policy and objectives

To provide a stable return on investment, the charity has invested its available resources with The CBF Church of England Investment Fund. Further resources have been placed in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, to balance the availability of the resources and the return on the investment.

Reserves policy

CEEC's free reserves at 31 March 2021 totalled £161,884 (2020 - £120,481), comprising the charity's total unrestricted funds. The trustees review the level of free reserves annually and have established a policy to ensure that the level of uncommitted, unrestricted funds held by the charity are of a sufficient magnitude to meet a range of unpredictable expenditure and other emergencies, such as a significant drop in funding. The Trustees keep this reserves policy under regular review.

Financial plans for 2021-2022

The Trustees are continuing to focus on developing regular financial income streams from network members, trusts, churches and individual supporters. Until there is greater certainty concerning future income, it will be necessary to manage day-to-day operations carefully to ensure that the charity's cash flow is appropriately controlled.

Gratitude for donors' support

During 2020/21, God has continued to be generous in His provision for us. We believe that if we act as responsible stewards of the gifts that He has given to us, He will continue to provide for CEEC's ministry in 2021 and beyond.

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Principal risks

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which CEEC is exposed and are satisfied that appropriate processes are in place to mitigate those risks. The key risk to which the charity is exposed is the lack of a regular stream of income from donors and the consequent risk of being able to maintain the level of current operations.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements for CEEC in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the charity's trusts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)".

Advisers

Bankers	CAF Bank
Investment Managers	CBF Church of England Investment Fund; CBF Church of England Deposit Fund,
Independent Examiner	Azets Audit Services, Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell CH8 7RD
Registered office	Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD
Website	The charity's website address is www.ceec.info

Signed on behalf of the Trustees who approved this report on 30 November 2021

Sarah Tett
Secretary

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Independent Examiner's report
31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Church of England Evangelical Council ('the Council') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Council (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Council are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the council as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
- the financial statements do not accord with those records;
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

M J Langton-Davies

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for and on behalf of
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30 November 2021

The Church of England Evangelical Council

Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	------Year ended 31 March 2021------ Unrestricted Funds (General) £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds (Note 9) £
Income					
Donations and grants received	2	66,886	47,100	113,986	98,765
Investment income	3	1,730	-	1,730	1,779
Total income		68,616	47,100	115,716	100,544
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	4	(37,195)	(31,200)	(68,395)	(47,424)
Net income		31,421	15,900	47,321	53,120
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	9,982	-	9,982	(842)
Net incoming funds for the year		41,403	15,900	57,303	52,278
Funds at beginning of year		120,481	9,700	130,181	77,903
Funds at end of year		161,884	25,600	187,484	130,181

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised the year and complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Investments	7	58,102	48,120
Debtors	8	18,190	90
Cash at bank		121,765	82,163
		198,057	130,373
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,573)	(192)
Net current assets, being net assets		187,484	130,181
Funds			
Unrestricted funds - general	10	161,884	120,481
Restricted funds	10	25,600	9,700
		187,484	130,181

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

Stephen Hofmeyr QC
Treasurer

Sarah Tett
Secretary

30 November 2021

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Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

The Church of England Evangelical Council is a private company, limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brynford House, 21 Brynford Street, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7RD.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)". The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Council has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value.

(b) Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

(c) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any constraints regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific purpose. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Details of the restricted funds are provided in note 10.

(d) Donations, grants and legacies

Donations, grants and legacies are recognised when the entitlement to the economic benefit has passed to the charity and its monetary value can be measured reliably. Amounts receivable under forms of planned giving are only recognised when received from the donor. Grants and legacies are accounted for when entitlement is notified, the amount receivable is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt is probable. Income tax recoverable on donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the claim.

(e) Investment income

Dividend and interest income from investments are recognised on an accruals basis upon receipt from the investment managers.

(f) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(g) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses are recognised upon the disposal of investments. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on the revaluation of investments at the year end and are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies (contd)

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities: Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Council's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2. Donations and grants receivable

	--------Year ended 31 March 2021--------			2019/20
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Churches	19,501	-	19,501	-
Individuals	20,895	9,200	30,095	-
Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships (DEFs)	1,400	-	1,400	1,150
Trusts	14,000	35,000	49,000	25,000
Council meeting donations	-	-	-	2,343
Gift Aid	11,090	2,900	13,990	-
Other	-	-	-	683
	66,886	47,100	113,986	98,765

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2021/20	2020/19
	£	£
Income from investments	1,658	1,610
Interest receivable	72	169
	1,730	1,779

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4. Expenditure on charitable activities

	------- Year ended 31 March 2021 -------			2019/20
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds (Note 11)
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs				
• salaries	5,616	-	5,616	-
• pension contributions	168	-	168	-
• Social Security costs	-	-	-	-
	5,784	-	5,784	-
Theological Consultant (Note 10)	-	31,200	31,200	31,304
Other consultants	3,099	-	3,099	-
Office costs	1,350	-	1,350	-
Working Group and trustee costs	335	-	335	1,440
Council meeting costs	200	-	200	4,410
Grant to Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC)	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Development of resources for DEFs and CEEC member networks	15,860	-	15,860	-
Professional fees	498	-	498	210
Bank charges	69	-	69	60
	37,195	31,200	68,395	47,424

5. Trustees

None of the trustees, nor any persons connected to them, received any remuneration or benefits from the Council in respect of the year or the prior year.

6. Staff costs

There was 1 employee during the year (2019/20 – nil). No employee received emoluments above £60,000 in 2020/21.

7. Current asset investments

The Council holds 2,847.22 (2020 – 2,847.22) Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value at beginning of year	48,120	48,962
Gains/(losses) during the year	9,982	(842)
Market value at end of year	58,102	48,120

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8. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid receivable	13,990	-
Donation receivable	4,200	
Other debtors	-	90
	18,190	90

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Donation payable to EFAC in respect of 2020/1	10,000	-
Other accruals	573	192
	10,573	192

10. Funds

		-------- 2020/21 --------			
	1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expend-iture £	Gains/ (losses) £	31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	120,481	68,616	(37,195)	9,982	161,884
Restricted funds					
Theological Consultant	9,700	47,100	(31,200)	-	25,600
Total funds, represented by net current assets	130,181	115,716	(68,395)	9,982	187,484

The restricted fund comprises income donated specifically to fund payments to the Revd Dr Martin Davie in his role as the Council's Theological Consultant.

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11. Prior year statement of financial activities

	------Year ended 31 March 2020------		
	Unrestricted Funds (General)	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income			
Donations and grants received	73,765	25,000	98,765
Investment income	1,779	-	1,779
Total income	75,544	25,000	100,544
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	(16,224)	(31,200)	(47,424)
Net income/(expenditure)	59,320	(6,200)	53,120
Net losses on investments	(842)	-	(842)
Net outgoing in funds for the year	58,478	(6,200)	52,278
Funds at beginning of year	62,003	15,900	77,903
Funds at end of year	120,481	9,700	130,181

12. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year or the prior year.