

Registered Charity Number 1113793

**COMMUNITY CHURCH EASTBOURNE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**



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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Address**

St Anthony's Centre  
557A Seaside  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN23 6NH

**Trustees**

Aldila Dsouza  
Adrian Hewitt  
Jonathan Oakey

**Elders**

Aldila Dsouza

**Charity Number**

1113793

**Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**Independent Examiner**

Mr C Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA  
Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House  
22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES'**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**1 Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in Eastbourne and other parts of the United Kingdom and the world, to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby, and to advance education in Eastbourne and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world including but not by way of limitation the provision of life skills training.

A wide range of activities are undertaken under the banner of Community Church Eastbourne to carry out its objectives.

These include Christian worship every Sunday, adult and family small groups, and activities among the wider community like a parent and toddler group called Acorns. Further activities across Eastbourne include two community centres and involvement in helping people in crisis particularly through organisations like Foodbank, Street Pastors, Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team, Hope into Action and Kingdom Way Trust. The Church also supports other charities and mission organisations.

**2 Public Benefit**

The Trustees consider that the objectives as described above fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

**3 Structure, governance and management**

The Trust is a registered Charity, number 1113793, and is constituted under a trust deed dated 8 March 2006.

The Church is run on a day to day basis by the Church Elder, Aldila Dsouza supported by a Senior Leadership Team, together with Task Group Leaders who head up the different departments of the Church. They report to the Trustees, who are appointed by a majority of the existing Trustees and meet from time to time and have general oversight. The Trustees who served during the year were:

Jonathan Oakey  
Adrian Hewitt  
Aldila Dsouza (appointed on 13 November 2023)  
Christopher Chapman (resigned as trustee 13 December 2023)  
Phil Hunt (resigned as trustee on 29 December 2023)

Philip Hunt was appointed as a trustee on 20 June 2023 and resigned as a trustee on 29 December 2023.

The Church is a member of the National Pioneer Network of Churches and a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

**4 Financial review**

There was a surplus for the year of £5,684 (2023: deficit of £10,128). Total funds at the year end were £33,147 (2023: £27,463)

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' (CONTINUED)**

**5 Review of activities**

This review covers the year to 5 April 2024.

A wide range of activities are undertaken under the banner of Community Church Eastbourne to carry out its objectives. These include Christian worship every Sunday, adult and family groups and activities among the wider community.

The church has continued all its usual activities including the running of its two Centres, Bridgemere & St Anthony's. The centres are charities in their own right, but management and resources come from the church. A number of local organisation used these Centres for their own activities, including indoor carpet bowls, Happy Jacks, the Performance Factory, as well as other Churches.

The church has built on the success of its long running successful parents and toddlers group, Acorns, that ran on a Wednesday at the St Anthony's Centre and Thursday at the Bridgemere Centre.

Carol Services and a number of special events including an Easter event, a BBQ and a Christmas event were enjoyed by a significant number of visitors from the wider community. Members of the church are extremely active in caring for family, friends and others in the community.

**6 Reserves Policy**

The Church seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of the work of the Church. Unrestricted cash funds at 5 April 2024 amounted to £30,014.

**7 Risk Management**

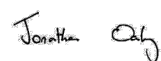
The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the Trust faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

**8 The Church's accountant is C Dadswell of Caladine Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants of Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1BF who has carried out the Independent Examination.**

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Date: 27/1/2025

On behalf of the Trustees



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**J Oakley**  
 Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY CHURCH EASTBOURNE**

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Community Church Eastbourne ('the Charity') for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.



**Mr C Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA**  
Caladine Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 27/01/2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	Year end 5 April <u>2024</u> £	Year end 5 April <u>2023</u> £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Church giving				
Gift aid giving	24,405	-	24,405	21,363
Income tax recovered	6,384	7	6,391	5,578
Collection box	3,529	-	3,529	3,347
Other gifts	7,835	-	7,835	7,242
Special projects	-	827	827	1,142
Grants from the St Anthony's Foundation	5,528	-	5,528	5,382
Other grants	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	376	-	376	103
	<u>48,057</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>48,891</u>	<u>44,157</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Local mission activities	979	-	979	1,526
Donations to St Anthony's Centre	6,000	-	6,000	7,500
Donations to Tollgate School	500	-	500	500
Donations to Mission Organisations	2,691	834	3,525	3,520
Staffing and related costs	25,227	-	25,227	33,998
Teaching and preaching	595	-	595	404
General and administration expenses	2,401	-	2,401	2,471
Accountancy and Independent Examination	1,080	-	1,080	1,020
Payroll services	480	-	480	516
Subscriptions	492	-	492	485
Equipment purchases and repairs	247	-	247	2,272
Bank charges	61	-	61	73
Legal fees	1,620	-	1,620	-
	<u>42,373</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>43,207</u>	<u>54,285</u>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>(10,128)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at start of year	24,313	3,150	27,463	37,591
<b>Cash funds at the year end</b>	<b><u>29,997</u></b>	<b><u>3,150</u></b>	<b><u>33,147</u></b>	<b><u>27,463</u></b>

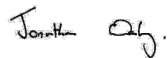
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b><u>Cash funds</u></b>	<b><u>5 April</u></b> <b><u>2024</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>5 April</u></b> <b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
Bank balances and cash	<u>33,147</u>	<u>27,463</u>
<b><u>Other monetary assets</u></b>		
Gift aid recoverable	7,078	6,391
	<u>7,078</u>	<u>6,391</u>
<b><u>Non monetary assets retained for the charity's own use</u></b>		
Fixtures and equipment (insurance value)	<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,755</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Accountancy and Independent Examination fee	<u>1,110</u>	<u>1,080</u>

27/1/2025

Approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by



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**J Oakey**  
Trustee



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

**1.1 Donations**

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Trust.

**1.2 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate category.

**1.3 Unrestricted funds:**

The Church operates a General Fund for the day to day activities which incorporates small donated gifts.

**Restricted funds:**

Youth worker

The sum of £3,000 has been received and held to support a future Youth Worker.

Restricted donations for other charities

Monies collected in support of these charities are added to these funds along with any associated gift aid with amounts paid over being deducted. Any balance held at the year end will be passed on during the next accounting period.

**1.4 Fixtures and equipment**

The combined Fixtures and equipment held at the Bridgemere and St Anthony's Centres have been included at their insurance values. The comparative figures have been updated to reflect this.

**2 Funds**

	Balance at 06-Apr-22 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 06-Apr-23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 05-Apr-24 £
<u>Unrestricted</u>							
General fund	34,441	43,328	(53,456)	24,313	48,057	(42,373)	29,997
				-			
<u>Restricted</u>							
Pioneer Grant (equipment)	-			-			-
Youth Worker Fund	3,000			3,000			3,000
New Room	150			150			150
Restricted donations for other charities	-	829	(829)	-	834	(834)	0
	3,150	829	(829)	3,150	834	(834)	3,150
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>37,591</b>	<b>44,157</b>	<b>(54,285)</b>	<b>27,463</b>	<b>48,891</b>	<b>(43,207)</b>	<b>33,147</b>

**3 Trustee and Related Party Transactions**

St Anthony's Centre, charity no. 1113781, is the community centre where the Community Church Eastbourne meets. Community Church's trustees are also trustees of St Anthony's Centre. Donations to and from St Anthony's Centre are detailed in the Receipts and Payments account on page 5.

Christopher Chapman who served as a Trustee and Elder during the year received remuneration of £24,527 (2023: £31,108) and the Church made pension contributions of £700 (2023: £2,800) on his behalf during the year. This remuneration was in respect to his role as lead elder of the Church. This payment is authorised within the Church's constitution.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the Trustees received any remuneration or were re-imbursed any out of pocket expenses during the year.

Donations by Trustees in the period were £5,540 (2023: £5,950).