

Registered Charity Number 1113793

COMMUNITY CHURCH EASTBOURNE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025



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CHURCH INFORMATION

<u>Address</u>	St Anthony's Centre 557A Seaside Eastbourne East Sussex BN23 6NH
<u>Trustees</u>	Aldila Dsouza Adrian Hewitt Jonathan Oakey
<u>Elders</u>	Aldila Dsouza
<u>Charity Number</u>	1113793
<u>Bankers</u>	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Mr C Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA Caladine Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

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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 2025.

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

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 £41,219 (2024: £5,684). Total funds at the year end were £74,366 (2024: £33,147).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' (CONTINUED)

5 Review of activities

This review covers the year to 5 April 2025.

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 organisations used these Centres for their own activities, including indoor carpet bowls, Happy Jacks, the Underwired Productions, 1st Seaside Scout Group, 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 Thursday at the Bridgemere Centre and runs a parent and toddler group on a Wednesday at the St Anthony's Centre.

A number of special events including events at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer 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 2025 amounted to £62,416.

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: 27/1/2026

On behalf of the Trustees

Jonathan Oakey

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J Oakey
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 2025, 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: 27/01/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year end 5 April 2025 £	Year end 5 April 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Church giving				
Gift aid giving	17,130	-	17,130	24,405
Income tax recovered	7,035	52	7,087	6,391
Collection box	3,925	-	3,925	3,529
Legacy	2,000	-	2,000	-
Other gifts	11,087	8,800	19,887	7,835
Special projects	57	120	177	827
Grants from the St Anthony's Foundation	5,776	-	5,776	5,528
Bank interest	924	-	924	376
	47,934	8,972	56,906	48,891
<u>Payments</u>				
Local mission activities	904	-	904	979
Donations to St Anthony's Centre	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Donations to Bridgemere Centre	1,300	-	1,300	-
Donations to Tollgate School	500	-	500	500
Donations to Mission Organisations	1,690	172	1,862	3,525
Staffing and related costs	-	-	-	25,227
Teaching and preaching	682	-	682	595
General and administration expenses	2,456	-	2,456	2,401
Accountancy and Independent Examination	1,110	-	1,110	1,080
Payroll services	-	-	-	480
Subscriptions	364	-	364	492
Equipment purchases and repairs	449	-	449	247
Bank charges	60	-	60	61
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,620
	15,515	172	15,687	43,207
Net receipts/(payments)	32,419	8,800	41,219	5,684
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at start of year	29,997	3,150	33,147	27,463
Cash funds at the year end	62,416	11,950	74,366	33,147

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

<u>Cash funds</u>	<u>5 April</u> <u>2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>5 April</u> <u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
Bank balances and cash	<u>74,366</u>	<u>33,147</u>
<u>Other monetary assets</u>		
Gift aid recoverable	5,301	7,078
	<u>5,301</u>	<u>6,391</u>
<u>Non monetary assets retained for the charity's own use</u>		
Fixtures and equipment (insurance value)	<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,755</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accountancy and Independent Examination fee	<u>1,164</u>	<u>1,110</u>

27/1/2026

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on its behalf by

Jonathan Oakey
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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.

Capital Fund

The sum of £8,800 has been received and held to support future capital expenditure.

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-23 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 06-Apr-24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance at 05-Apr-25 £
<u>Unrestricted</u>							
General fund	24,313	48,057	(42,373)	29,997	47,934	(15,515)	62,416
				-			
<u>Restricted</u>							
Youth Worker Fund	3,000			3,000			3,000
New Room	150			150			150
Capital fund					8,800		8,800
Restricted donations for other charities	-	829	(829)	-	172	(172)	-
	3,150	829	(829)	3,150	8,972	(172)	11,950
Total funds	27,463	48,886	(43,202)	33,147	56,906	(15,687)	74,366

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.

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

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 £6,450 (2024: £5,540).