



Oromo Evangelical Church of London

C/o West Green Baptist Church, West Green Road, London N15 5AF

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 January 2023 To 31 December 2023

Charity name: OROMO EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF LONDON

Charity registration number: 1120061

Objectives and Activities

1.1 Constitution: The Oromo Evangelical Church of London adapted its current constitution on 7th August 2006.

1.2 Trustees: Trustees are elected to their respective roles every two years by the members at the Annual General Meeting. They are comprised of the chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and a member.

2. Objectives and activities

2.1 Charitable Purpose: To worship the Lord our God and creator, preach and spread the Gospel in our own God-given Oromo language, Afaan Oromoo, and to provide holistic service to fellow Oromos and others.

2.2 Summary of Activities

2.21 Conducting regular Sunday Worship programmes at our current address at Westgreen Baptist Church, Westgreen Road London N15 5AF.

2.22 Helping to instil Christ character in individuals, marriages and in families through regular, systematic Bible study prayer sessions.

2.23 Leading every person to put his/her faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord to love him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

2.24 Helping each believer discern his/her place of ministry and assist him/her to exercise their spiritual gifts within the fellowship of our Church family.

2.25 In-house training sessions on the use of musical instruments such as the keyboard.

3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

3.1 Regular Sunday Worship and Spiritual Conferences

The Church continued conducting regular Sunday worship programmes. It also delivered two successful Spiritual conferences - Easter Celebration with special prayerful remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and Christmas Celebration commemorating the birth of Our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

3.2 Baptism

We have been greatly blessed as we were able to baptise 4 children and dedicate them to the household of the family of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

3.3 Faith confirmation

5 children and one adult completed their Faith confirmation classes that they attended for over 6 months became communicant members of the Church.

3.4 Holy matrimony

A couple have made their vows and joined in holy matrimony as husband and wife at a wedding ceremony organised by the Church at the end of November 2023 and were added to the family of the Lord in marriage.

3.5 Special Prayer sessions

Continued conducting fortnightly fasting and prayer sessions that started in September 2020, an intersession programme for the continued atrocities taking place back home in Oromia regional state, in northern Ethiopia and elsewhere.

3.6 Youth ministry

Continued organised youth group Bible Study and prayer sessions that also take place every two weeks on Wednesday evenings.

3.7 Women ministry

Women group of the Church continued regular prayer meetings during which time they organise visits to newly arrived Oromo refugees suffering from isolation and traumas they encountered during their long journey to reach the UK.

3.8 Special Events

Celebrated Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day decorated with cultural dresses and special speeches to address the roles of each (mums & dads) in a family life followed by fellowship and social time on both days of the year. Non-church members also invited to both sessions.

3.9 Day Trip

Organised a retreat session at seaside in which members of the Church and community members benefited from the joy of the social time, sharing the Word of God, singing with the Choir and sharing meal together at seaside; planned to go to Southend in the 3rd week of July. Unfortunately, this trip was cancelled as some members had to pull out due to an

overlapping commitment elsewhere. The trustees have promised hold this event in summer 2024.

3.10 Partnerships

The Church is a member of the Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe and also works closely with West Green Baptist Church where it is based. Three representatives including the Trustee chair, deputy chair and a member attended the 13th Annual Spiritual Conference of the Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe held in Stockholm 4-6th August 2023 preceded by the Council meeting on 3rd August. Although this will appear in our subsequent report, our Church has been privileged to host the 14th Annual Spiritual Conference of the Union from 2nd to 4th August 2024 at Westgreen Baptist Church, N15 5AF here in London.

4.0 PUBLIC BENEFIT

The above activities provide significant public benefit in line with the guidance from the Charities Commission as also described in the objects of the Church's constitution. Services are open to all who originally come from East Africa and speak Oromo Language (Afaan Oromoo).

Providing regular Sunday worship: Teaching Christian faith through sermons, workshops and small group Bible study sessions as well as Sunday school lessons for the children.

5.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the period was £26,880 and the total expenditure for the period was £10,890 and the surplus for the period was £15,990. The main source of funding for the Church is from the regular donations of its members and collections during regular Church services throughout the year.

The main outgoing for this financial period is for the rent premises for the regular Sunday services and hall hiring for special events such as Spiritual conferences.

The church aims to reclaim Gift Aid in the upcoming financial year. Therefore, the Church is expecting some additional income in the next financial year, which is owing from HMRC for this year's giving.

6.0 RESERVES POLICY

The church's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient free reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall to allow the church to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer to ensure continuity of the activities of the Church.

Approved By Trustees on 25th September 2024


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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Oromo Evangelical Church of London

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1120061

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oromo Evangelical Church of London for year ended 31 December 2023, Charity number 1120061.

The charity trustees 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

18/09/2024

Name:

Tesfahun F Duguma

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

BSC (Hons) in Accounting and Finance / Part Qualified ACCA

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Recommendations for Future Recording:

1. The evidence of documents showing hall hire for events should be recorded separately from rent.
2. All backup documents or receipts should be filed electronically to prevent the loss of documents.
3. Costs for volunteers and visiting preachers should be supported by evidence.
4. The costs for spiritual conferences should be recorded electronically and clearly marked to ensure proper tracking.

Oromo Evangelical Church Of London
Notes to the Financial Statements (SOFA) - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 DONATIONS	2023	2022
	£	£
Tithes and Offerings	21751	25942
Gift Aid	2754	3687
	24505	29629
3 INVESTMENT INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	1375	226
4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
Direct Charitable Activities	£	£
Rent and Hall Hire	7319	7949
Volunteers and Visiting Preachers	300	1411
Holy Bibles and other Spiritual materials		616
Spiritual Conference	1184	2115
Other Ministry Expenditures		4704
Depreciation	191	231
Total Charitable expenditure	10890	17008
6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Musical Equipment	
	£	£
COST		
At 31 December 2023	7405	7405
DEPRECIATION	5682	5277
Charge for year	191	741
At 31 December 2023	5873	6018
7 NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2023	1723	1387
At 31 December 2022	1915	2128
8 DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Tax receivables	2754	3687
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued Liability		
Womens group savings	1255	4015

	9 STATEMENT OF FUNDS					
			Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Carried Forward
			£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds		116531	25880	10890	131521
	Total funds		116531	25880	10890	131521
	10 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS					
			2023	2022		
			£	£		
			Unrestricted	Unrestricted		
			funds	funds		
	Tangible fixed assets		1723	1915		
	Debtors		2754	3687		
	Cash at bank		128767	114944		
	Creditors		1255	4015		
	Total funds		131521	116531		

Oromo evangelical church of london
Charity No. 1120061
STATEMENT OF FINACIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2023

			2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
	Notes			
Incoming resources				
Charitable activities	2	24505	29629	
Investment income	3	1375	226	
Total Income Resources		25880	29855	
Resource expended				
Charitable activities:				
Direct charitable activities	4	10890	17008	
Total Resources Expended		10890	17008	
Net Incoming		14990	12847	
Total funds brought forward				
At 01 January 2023		116531	103684	
Total funds carried forward				
At 31 December 2023	9	131521	116531	

Oromo Evangelical Church of London	
Charity No. 1120061	
Balance Sheet 31st December 2023	

		2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	1723	1915
		1723	1915
Current Asset:			
Debtors	7	2754	3687
Cash at bank and in hand		128767	114944
		131521	118631
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	1255	4015
Net Assets		131989	116531
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	9		
General		131989	116531
Total Funds		131989	116531