



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 To

31 March 2024

Charity name: Fords Lane Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1125658

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith in the UK and abroad but primarily in the area surrounding Bramhall, Stockport; and such other charitable purposes as shall in the opinion of the Elders further the work of the Church
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The focus of our activities has been and continues to be the preaching and teaching of the Christian Faith, conducting weekly services of worship and prayer, our weekly clubs and activities for children and youth and the provision of facilities and secular activities all for the benefit of the community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at all Elders' meetings the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>1. We continued links with the village youth club, the Mill, and through its leaders with the local High School and Primary Schools. We did this both financially and via a part-time youth leader, who spent time working with young people at the Mill and a weekly lunchtime group at the local high school. We continued to host children from two local primary schools for half-day sessions to learn what Christians believe about Christmas and Easter.</p> <p>2. Our children's groups have continued this year, including the club for primary-age children called Sparks. We opened a weekly club for secondary age young people called Ignite. Children and young people from inside and outside the church membership have attended and benefited and both groups have grown numerically. Our weekly group for pre-school children and their parents/carers, which mainly serves families outside the church, continues to thrive with a lengthy waiting list.</p> <p>3. One of our church members continues to serve as trustee for 'Press Red', a Manchester-based initiative to help women suffering from domestic violence and abuse, which extended its training reach across England.</p> <p>4. Our monthly lunch club for the over 60's across the area continues to offer a low-cost hot meal, friendship and transport if required. Numbers continued to grow. We also resumed a craft club which enables attendees to develop their artistic talents and is a place for mutual support and encouragement.</p> <p>5. Our previous pastor, Jonathan Dawson, continued to work in Ecuador alongside his wife Susan. Jonathan supports adults spiritually through leading a Bible school and Susan leads work to support poor children in the neighbourhood. The church continues to</p>

		<p>support all this work.</p> <p>6. The elders of the church continued to provide pastoral support for the whole church membership. A number of them are vulnerable adults, whom we assist with transport, shopping and friendship. We have established a Pastoral Team to oversee this.</p> <p>7. The flow of foreign nationals, including some of the Hong Kong diaspora, continues. We have carried on supporting these new arrivals practically by advising on and helping them integrate into British life and running monthly meals, friendship and teaching group to help them become more proficient in English language and culture. This group continues to grow in number.</p> <p>8. We remain a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) partner with another church in the town. We offer debt advice and practical support to anyone in the area who contacts CAP and wants to become debt-free. This has included providing Christmas hampers of food and food vouchers.</p> <p>9. We have continued broadcasting and live-streaming our services over the Internet, continuing to reach much larger numbers than pre-Covid came through the doors. For more vulnerable and housebound people, this continues to be a way of keeping in touch and contributing markedly to emotional well-being.</p> <p>10. We have opened a monthly group for men both inside and outside the church. It meets over a meal with the opportunity for men to discuss issues facing them. We planned a group weekend away for spring 2024</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity was solvent at the end of the financial year. Income showed a marked increase on the previous year but this was due to a gift from the legatees of one of our deceased members; if this is discounted income remained almost the same as the previous year. There was an increase in expenditure much of this due to the planned installation of a lift to allow disabled access to the first floor of the church hall. The accounts show a healthy reserve of funds but some of these are ringfenced for improvements to the church buildings as stipulated by the donors of specific gifts. The planned improvements to the buildings will commence in the next financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to accumulate income to set aside for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure including unforeseen expenditure that may occur, for example repairs or extensions to buildings, for such period not exceeding that permitted by law. We aim to hold up to £40,000 in reserves for the year end.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£208,999.74
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unicorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Each elder acts as trustee and elders are appointed by the elders for the time being

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fords Lane Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1125658
Charity's principal address	Fords Lane Bramhall Stockport SK7 1DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	C T Thornton	Pastor		The Elders
2	N Wilson			The Elders
3	P E Harper MBE			The Elders
4	D R Webb			The Elders
5	T K Ayebare			The Elders
6	M Wilson		1/4/23 – 21/7/23	The Elders
7	P Parsons		21/7/23 – 31/3/24	The Elders
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	(sgnd)	(sgnd)
Full name(s)	Paul Harper	Chris Thornton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Pastor
Date	29/12/2024	

**Fords Lane Evangelical Church
Account for the year ended 31st March 2024**

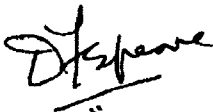
GRAND TOTAL

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts	282,380.67	155,989.50
Payments	-192,910.52	-145,072.88
Net Receipts	89,470.15	10,916.62
Opening Balance	119,529.59	108,612.97
Closing Balance	208,999.74	119,529.59

RECONCILIATION

Bank Account: Royal Bank of Scotland - Current Account	11,819.65	35,734.67
Royal Bank of Scotland - Deposit Account	167,108.35	48,594.83
Royal Bank of Scotland - Maintenance Account	30,071.74	35,200.09
Total Bank	208,999.74	119,529.59

Examined and found correct according to the books and records presented to me.



Independent examiner
23rd August 2024

Fords Lane Evangelical Church
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

INCOME	£ 2024	£ 2023
1 Gift Aid	47715.00	53,270.00
2 Gift Aid HMRC	13,640.21	15,969.27
3 Donations	192,105.32	72,467.05
4 Weekly Offerings	2,585.00	3,097.22
5 GADS	3,390.00	3,325.00
6 Regan Donations (Gift Aid)	3,525.00	0.00
7 Regan Donations	2,965.00	0.00
8 Other Income		
Burns Night	275.28	0.00
Church Weekend Receipts	8,116.40	0.00
Craft Wookshop	273.00	150.00
Earthquake Appeal	0.00	1,836.01
Friendship and Food	270.00	0.00
Hire of Hall	875.00	447.50
Hursthead School	360.00	128.00
Lift Project	620.00	3,799.00
Men's Evening	885.50	0.00
Moss Hey School	100.00	0.00
Mukinge	0.00	820.00
Rebate	150.00	150.00
Turkey Car	0.00	150.00
Bank Interest	4529.96	380.45
TOTAL INCOME	282,380.67	155,989.50

Fords Lane Evangelical Church		
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	£	£
EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Ministry and Mission		
1 Salary	35850.55	31177.41
2 Pension	4166.04	2822.72
3 Expenses	1620.67	909.62
4 Missionary	47317.43	50305.00
5 Outreach Expenses	164.00	400.00
	89118.69	85614.75
Buildings		
6 Council Tax	2731.24	2116.31
7 Insurance	3861.56	3553.11
8 Water Rates	438.21	602.71
	7031.01	6272.13
Repairs/Equipment		
9 Church Buildings	1345.95	16693.87
10 Equipment	5294.41	2087.54
11 Lift Costs	44843.19	5880.00
	51483.55	24661.41
Heating/Lighting		
12 Electricity/Gas	5911.57	5019.84
Sundry Payments		
13 Bank Charges	200.38	0.00
14 Building Project	800.00	0.00
15 CAP	2550.00	1600.00
16 Catering	2324.84	1024.45
17 CCN Donation	240.00	240.00
18 Cleaning	1350.14	1730.50
19 Church Weekend	10994.00	500.00
20 Communion Costs	59.82	0.00
21 Crafting for Fun	219.45	0.00
22 Earthquake Relief	0.00	3090.00
23 Fees	3852.20	2340.32
24 Festival Manchester	0.00	1000.00
25 Flowers	200.00	147.48
26 Gifts	6740.00	7972.75
27 Men's Evening	1237.00	0.00
28 MIX	312.66	0.00
29 Mukinge Gift	250.00	0.00
30 Other Service Expenses(inc Admin Costs)	2774.83	1281.87
31 Photocopier/Broadband	558.65	445.69
32 Printing /Publications	196.44	735.85
33 Regan Costs	2300.00	0.00
34 Subscriptions	22.00	22.00
35 Training	0.00	250.00
36 Youth Work (inc DBS)	2183.29	1123.84
	39365.70	23504.75
Total Expenditure	192910.52	145072.88

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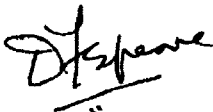
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