



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Hebron Evangelical Church, Dowlais

Other names charity is known by Hebron, Dowlais

Registered charity number (if any) 1129362

Charity's principal address High Street

Caeharris

Merthyr Tydfil

Postcode

CF48 3PH

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	Rev James Allan	Chairman		
2	Mr Eric Kelly			
3	Mr Philip Cushen			
4	Mr Kendal Smith			
5	Mr Robert Bates			
6	Mr Gareth Morgan			Church members, as per Church Rules
7	Mr Jeremai Smith			Church members, as per Church Rules
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Designated by Church Rules

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Hebron is an independent Baptist church, governed by the elders in accordance with the Church Rules.

The Managing Trustees of the Charity are appointed according to office held in the church, as specified in the Church Rules.

The church is a member of the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales, which provides close links on a local, regional and all-Wales level. Close links are also maintained with the Evangelical Movement of Wales.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Dowlais and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Managing Trustees further the work of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In the following matters the Trustees declare that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The members of the church have covenanted together in part to seek earnestly to spread the gospel of God's grace, persuading people to believe in Jesus Christ as their only Lord and Saviour. In addition, they seek to put into practice the love, compassion, etc. expected of those who have experienced God's saving grace. To that end, the following activities, amongst others, are undertaken:

Presentations of the Christian faith on the church premises at meetings open to the general public.

Meetings for children and young people on the church premises

Sessions for 'Mothers & Toddlers' on the church premises.

Lunchtime sessions and timetabled classes for children in local primary schools.

Regular meetings at Senior Citizens' Homes.

Donation of money and/or goods for the relief of spiritual and physical need, e.g. poverty and famine relief, both chronic and acute.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Other than the Minister and occasional visiting speakers, all contributions to the activities of the church and charity are by members of the church (and a few non-members) on an unpaid and voluntary basis.

Grants (regular and emergency) are made to and through organisations and individuals known to and approved by the church officers and members.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The appearance and spread of Covid-19 within the UK, along with the various restrictions imposed by UK and Welsh governments, had very great effects upon the life and ministry of the church. No meetings on our premises were held until 26th July, when Sunday worship services (morning only at first) resumed, with further gaps during the October/November 'firebreak' and December 'lockdown'. These services were conducted with the required restrictions (2m distancing, etc.) in place. Other than these Sunday services, no other meetings were held (Toddlers groups, Coffee Mornings, etc.) due to compulsory restrictions and other practical considerations. During the period when no meetings were held on the premises, recourse was had to 'services' recorded by the Minister of the church at home, which were uploaded to YouTube, and also made available in audio form, accessible via landline telephone, for those without internet access. It was notable that the numbers of 'viewers' and 'listeners' were far higher than the normal congregational attendance.

Persistent efforts were made to have a telephone line installed so that 'live streaming' could take place from the premises, with new equipment purchased to enable that streaming once an internet connection was established. Unfortunately, by the time these things were in place, there was another 'lockdown', meaning that it was thought to be inappropriate to have even a small group on the premises to 'live stream'. Only when services were once again permitted was it possible to broadcast services live from the premises.

When Sunday meetings did take place, no singing took place, with recordings from past meetings being played as an inferior but necessary substitute.

1 Meetings for worship and the presentation of the Christian faith:

As indicated above, there were severe limitations on our Sunday meetings, with some not able or willing to attend even when this was permissible. Older members in particular were concerned to remain isolated during the pandemic, or were unhappy to attend with all windows left open and face-coverings required.

In order to minimise meetings on the premises, the main prayer meeting took place using Zoom Meetings. Despite many older members only being able to join via their landline telephones, it continued to be well 'attended', with three members also praying together on Saturday evenings by telephone.

It was thought impracticable to meet monthly to study and discuss Spurgeon's Catechism, either in the building or online.

2 Children's and young people's activities:

Towards the end of 2020, occasional Zoom mid-week meetings for young people took place, with some recorded material placed on YouTube in lieu of Sunday school.

The schools work under the auspices of I.C.E. Wales, could not take place on school premises, largely due to the closure and subsequent irregular opening of schools. As a substitute, I.C.E. Wales provided recorded material to be used as required by schools.

In addition, just before Christmas, the Minister placed some appropriate recorded material on YouTube for our local school.

'Mothers & Toddlers' were unable to meet throughout the year. As there were consequently no voluntary contributions made, the church funds

were used to donate to Morning Star Children's Centre for the sponsorship of a little boy.

Our usual Easter Holiday Club could not be held on the premises, but the minister produced a Virtual Holiday Club on YouTube, for 6th-9th April.

3 Voluntary contributions:

Because there was a very long period when services could not be held on the premises, it was expected that weekly giving would decrease, as many older members, without access to online giving, and attending only irregularly even when meetings were permitted, were unable to give in cash as they were accustomed to. However, instead, weekly giving actually increased. Members and others still donated generously towards the good causes supported by the church, such as Support for Romania, Morning Star Children's Centre (South Africa, for children with HIV/AIDS), and Christian missionary societies such as the Africa Inland Mission, the European Missionary Fellowship, UFM, Barnabas Fund, etc., though the giving decreased in comparison with normal years, probably because the majority is normally donated via monthly collections.

4 Community involvement

The monthly coffee mornings and weekly English conversation classes could not take place.

As in previous years, nearly two thousand copies of a coloured wall calendar were distributed to homes in the area, with the distribution made this year by a delivery firm, rather than by our members.

No meetings could be held at Senior Citizens' Homes, but a 'Christmas video' was delivered, as very much a second-best alternative.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Leslie Cushen	Eric Kelly
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Elder	Elder

Date

16th November 2021



Charity Name HEBRON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DOWLAIS	No (if any) 1129362
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	54,688	-	-	54,688	51,217
Missions	4,861	-	-	4,861	7,927
Other Income exc Interest	6,830	-	-	6,830	3,444
Interest	19	-	-	19	109
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	66,398	-	-	66,398	62,696
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,398	-	-	66,398	62,696
A3 Payments					
Ministry	43,074	-	-	43,074	47,449
Missions	4,861	-	-	4,861	8,259
Maintenance	5,653	-	-	5,653	9,680
Children's Work	300	-	-	300	492
Other Expenses	2,359	-	-	2,359	5,899
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	56,247	-	-	56,247	71,780
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	56,247	-	-	56,247	71,780
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,150	-	-	10,150	- 9,084
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,676	-	-	35,676	44,760
Cash funds this year end	45,826	-	-	45,826	35,676

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	16,642	-	-
	Deposit Account	3,825	-	-
	High Interest Bond	25,359	-	-
	Total cash funds	45,826	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

PHILIP L. CUSHEN

3/12/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

HEBRON EVANGELICAL CHURCH

15 MARCH 2021

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

1129362

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and basis
of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2020.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

3/12/21

Name:

STEPHEN MARRIOTT

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

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	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	