



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2022 Period start date To: 31st March 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Hebron Evangelical Church, Dowlais

Charity registration number: 1129362

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 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 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Meetings for children and young people on the church premises. Sessions for 'Toddlers' and Seniors Coffee mornings on the church premises. Lunchtime sessions and timetabled classes for children in local primary schools. Provision of money and/or goods for the relief of spiritual and physical need, e.g. poverty and famine relief, both chronic and acute.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In the matters mentioned in Para 1.17 and 1.19 the Trustees declare that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission 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	Grants (regular and emergency) are made to and through organisations and individuals known to and approved by the church officers and members.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Other than the Minister and occasional visiting speakers, all contributions to the activities of the church and charity are mainly by members of the church on an unpaid and voluntary basis
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) Meetings for worship and the presentation of the Christian faith:</p> <p>Weekly morning and evening services were held on Sunday and a weekly prayer meeting.</p> <p>In addition to these usual meetings, the church held:</p> <p>A monthly meeting to discuss Pilgrim's Progress, Annual Welsh Night, Bi-monthly AECW cluster meetings A week of prayer in March. Toddler group every Monday, A Harvest service, One-off events, Preaching seminars</p> <p>During 2022-23 additional members were added to the church.</p> <p>2) Children's and young people's activities</p>

		<p>There are 5 main workers involved in Toddlers. Numbers have averaged 18 to 25 per week. The church had a well-attended Holiday Club (3rd – 6th April) where over 40 children from the community came along. Children continue to meet for Sunday School.</p> <p>The church continues to reach out to children and young people through the work of Toddlers and ICE Wales, assemblies at Dowlais and Pant primaries, working with Hope for the Valleys each week with football at the Engine House and a visit to Cyfartha High School as part of the GSUS live initiative. The church also visited Pant Primary and Dowlais Primary for a day of Sports ministry.</p> <p>The young people of the church have attended the monthly Youth Links. Some attended some of the Younte meetings organised by churches in Cardiff. Six of the young people attended the Good News Autumn Camp.</p> <p>3) Voluntary contributions:</p> <p>The church received generous donations towards many good causes supported by the church, such as Romanian Ministries, 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, London Seminary, UFM, Barnabas Fund.</p> <p>4) Community involvement</p> <p>A Seniors coffee morning continues to be well attended by member of the community. As in previous years, nearly two thousand copies of a coloured wall calendar were distributed to homes in the area.</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	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		
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	<p>The bank balance has increased by £28k because of increased weekly giving. Income tax refund has increased as since covid restrictions have ended; we have again been able to make a claim on cash donations.</p> <p>During 2022-23 the church received 4 large donations amounting to £30k to support the church's work. A grant of £9k was obtained for the repair of a wall within the grounds. The repair was carried out at a cost of £11k.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is always a risk of significant building costs, so some contingency is required
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Designated by Church Rules

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	Hebron is an independent Baptist church, governed by the elders in accordance with the Church Rules.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Managing Trustees of the Charity are appointed according to office held in the church, as specified in the Church Rules.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	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
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hebron Evangelical Church, Dowlais
Other name the charity uses	Hebron, Dowlais
Registered charity number	1129362

Charity's principal address	High Street Caeharris Merthyr Tydfi 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	Pastor		
2	Eric Kelly	Elder		
3	Philip Cushen	Elder	To March 2023	
4	Kendal Smith	Elder		
5	Robert Bates	Finance Officer		
6	Gareth Morgan	Deacon		Church members, as per Church Rules
7	Ian Burgum	Deacon		
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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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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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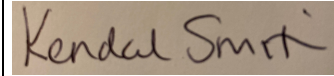
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Kendal Smith	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	25/01/2024	



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 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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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	60,155	-	-	60,155	54,922
Missions	8,514	-	-	8,514	8,989
Other Income exc Interest	40,710	-	-	40,710	7,514
Interest	146	-	-	146	6
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	109,524	-	-	109,524	71,430
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	109,524	-	-	109,524	71,430
A3 Payments					
Ministry	45,142	-	-	45,142	43,209
Missions	11,147	-	-	11,147	10,291
Maintenance	21,006	-	-	21,006	10,923
Children's Work	98	-	-	98	25
Other Expenses	4,519	-	-	4,519	3,158
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	81,913	-	-	81,913	67,605
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,913	-	-	81,913	67,605
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,611	-	-	27,611	3,825
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,651	-	-	49,651	45,826
Cash funds this year end	77,262	-	-	77,262	49,651

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	47,926	-	-
	Deposit Account	3,832	-	-
	High Interest Bond	25,503	-	-
	Total cash funds	77,262	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
	Kendal Smith	Kendal Smith	25/01/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

HEBRON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DOWLAIS

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1129362

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts

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 31 / 03 / 2023.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

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.

Signed: E Williams

Date: 26/01/2024

Name: Elisabeth Williams

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

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