

THORNTON HEATH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1130780

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2009-07-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN CROYDON AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND (2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF [THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING] [THE MANAGING TRUSTEES] FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Advancement of the Christian faith and promotion of the evangelical protestant religion, through: Sunday services for Divine Worship Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Monthly Growth groups Children and Young People's meetings Ladies meeting Open Door advice sessions

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Croydon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£181,584	£149,719	-	-
2023-12-31	£160,581	£147,075	-	-
2022-12-31	£167,788	£158,344	-	-
2021-12-31	£130,149	£159,557	-	-
2020-12-31	£146,577	£175,610	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Patrick John Ridgeway	Chair	2020-09-01
BRICE FRANCK VICTOR HADJARD		2014-04-30
Benjamin Clifford Harries		2024-07-17
DAVID ANTHONY BRISTOW		2014-04-30
DIPAK CHIMANLAL DAMANI		2014-04-30
EDGAR CONRAD POWELL		2011-06-12
Gary Calvin George Orlebar		2024-07-17
IAN EDWARD WHYBROW		2011-06-12
Lucio Dente		2019-04-24
PHILIP JOHN TAYLOR		
Randy Obaze		2024-07-17
SIMON MARK HARRIS		2014-04-30

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Report and Financial Statements

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Mr SPJ Ridgeway (Pastor)
Mr DA Bristow
Mr DC Damani
Mr L Dente
Mr BFV Hadjard
Mr B Harries (Appointed 17/07/2024)
Mr SM Harris
Mr R Obaze (Appointed 17/07/2024)
Mr G Orlebar (Appointed 17/07/2024)
Mr EC Powell
Mr PJ Taylor
Mr IE Whybrow

Charity registration number:

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Independent examiner:

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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Church was originally constituted by a Trust Deed dated 20 October 1904 with the object of promoting religion on evangelical protestant lines. In 2009, the Church was registered under the Charities Act 2006, having previously been excepted from registration. The Church adopted a constitution and Church Rules on 22nd October 2008 (ratified on 28th January 2009 as required under the original church rules) and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th July 2009.

The Church officers (Pastor, Elders, and Deacons) are Managing Trustees under the constitution and are responsible for directing the affairs of the Church in accordance with the aims set out in the constitution and they meet regularly to review the activities of the Church.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as Church officers as laid down in Section 6 of the constitution, subject to them not being disqualified from being trustees by Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011. Church officers are appointed by the Church membership at a Church Business Meeting, in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Church Rules.

The Trustees who served during 2024 and those in office at the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The Trustees are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the church.

Objectives and activities

The Church was established with the aim of the advancement of the Christian faith and promoting the evangelical protestant religion. The church seeks to serve the Thornton Heath community through encouraging wholehearted discipleship of Jesus Christ, firstly knowing Him as their Saviour, and also through their love and service for Him. This is continued primarily through public worship each Sunday morning and evening, prayer and Bible study, and through other weekly meetings and activities, including activities for children and young people and a weekly Bible study meeting for women. All of these services and ministries are carried out at its premises in London Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Achievements and performance

The regular services and activities of the Church have continued running throughout the year, namely: the Sunday morning service; Sunday evening service; midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Parents and Toddlers group; TEFL (conversational English) classes; Ladies afternoon Bible Study, Open Door twice a week; Door-to-door visitation in the local neighbourhood; Wayfinders (3–10 year-olds); Engage (11 years +); Bi-monthly Men's and Ladies Breakfasts

The Church continues to be encouraged seeing new attendees at the Sunday services and has also had the joy of welcoming additional people into church membership during the year.

In accordance with the objectives outlined above, the public services continue to be an encouragement to the congregation through the preaching of the Bible each week, to seek to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to love and serve Him.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance.

The Trustees believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives and thereby has a great benefit on the wider society in general, and particularly to the people of the local area where the members of a particular church are located. Therefore, the Church continues to provide a public benefit in providing weekly Sunday services for Divine Worship, a mid-week meeting for those who wish to meet for prayer and to study the Bible and meetings for women, children and young people and ministries for the local community.

Risks

The Trustees normally meet each month and review the principal risks facing the church and any new risks that become apparent. The church has a Health and Safety Policy in place, which is subject to annual review.

The Church also has a “Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults” in place.

Trustees training

New trustees are provided with relevant guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The current Church Treasurer is a member of the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers (ACAT) and attends relevant courses from time to time to keep his knowledge of applicable Charity accounting and trustee related requirements up to date.

Financial review

The attached financial statements disclose the financial position of the Church at 31 December 2024. The Trustees again acknowledge the provision and goodness of God in providing for the ongoing financial needs of the Church. In 2024, there was an overall surplus of income over expenditure across the funds of the Church.

In general, the policy of the Trustees is to distribute substantially all of the income of the Restricted Funds during the year subject to suitable needs being identified and to retain a working balance within the General Account and the Missionary Fund to provide a contingency to meet routine expenditure in the event of a reduction in offerings.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves of the equivalent of three month's general account expenditure. This equates to about £30,000. The unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £2,253,944 of which £2,210,615 represent fixed and net current assets held in the Capital Fund. At the end of the year the cash balances were £241,920.

The trustees will continue to review the reserves during this year and intend to produce a new documented Reserves Policy.

Grant Making Policy

The Church makes discretionary grants to institutions and individuals.

The amount and duration of grants are considered at the discretion of the Trustees. Where such grants are for a significant amount, or granted on regular basis, these are agreed by the Church members at a Church Business Meeting.

The Church primarily supports Missionary work and other Christian institutions and Christian workers whose beliefs and practices accord with the Church's aims and objectives.

On occasions, the Church also provides humanitarian aid as well as helping in cases of individual financial hardship. This will be either given directly to beneficiaries or channelled through a trusted intermediary Church or other organisation.

Plans for the future

At the date of this report the Church intends to carry on its normal activities of public worship and providing the ministries already mentioned in this report. The country continues to face serious economic issues, including a relatively high inflation rate, which means recent increased costs to the Church are now embedded in regular expenditure, and also pressure on future income if donors have to cut back on their donations to the church. The trustees continue to monitor and look for ways to reduce expenditure, as the aspiration of the trustees is still to be able to employ an assistant pastor in the future.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the church continues to operate as a going concern. The trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient reserves to cover future expenditure in the short to medium term.

Responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 18/09/2025

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thornton Heath Evangelical Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Church's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

Miriam Hickson CTA FCA
JCS Accountants Limited
5 Robin Hood Lane
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SM1 2SW

Date: 24th September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total
		General	Capital	Restricted	2024	General	Capital	Restricted	2023
		Account	Fund	Funds	£	Account	Fund	Funds	£
		£	£	£		£	£	£	
Income from:									
Donations and Legacies (Inc. Gift Aid recovered)		153,206	-	21,232	174,438	129,899	5,000	19,639	154,538
Other Income:									
Other income		845	5,195	1,106	7,146	-	4,467	1,576	6,043
Total Income		154,051	5,195	22,338	181,584	129,899	9,467	21,215	160,581
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	2	109,233	-	39,098	148,331	103,725	-	41,774	145,499
Other expenditure		-	282	1,106	1,388	-	-	1,576	1,576
Total Expenditure		109,233	282	40,204	149,719	103,725	-	43,350	147,075
Net Income/(Expenditure)		44,818	4,913	(17,866)	31,865	26,174	9,467	(22,135)	13,506
Transfers:									
Transfers between funds	3	(17,625)	-	17,625	-	(20,705)	-	20,705	-
Movement in Funds		27,193	4,913	(241)	31,865	5,469	9,467	(1,430)	13,506
Funds brought forward (1st January 2024)		16,136	2,205,702	1,683	2,223,521	10,667	2,196,235	3,113	2,210,015
Funds carried forward (31st December 2024)		43,329	2,210,615	1,442	2,255,386	16,136	2,205,702	1,683	2,223,521

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

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Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,006,890	2,006,890
Current assets			
Stocks		2,000	2,000
Debtors	5	7,757	12,348
Cash at bank and in hand		241,920	204,895
		<u>251,677</u>	<u>219,243</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,181)	(2,612)
Net current assets		<u>248,496</u>	<u>216,631</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,255,386	2,223,521
Creditors falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	<u>2,255,386</u>	<u>2,223,521</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds			
General account		43,329	16,136
Capital fund		<u>2,210,615</u>	<u>2,205,702</u>
		2,253,944	2,221,838
Restricted funds	3	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,683</u>
Total funds		<u>2,255,386</u>	<u>2,223,521</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees on 18th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 18/09/2025

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Cash Flow Statement Year Ending 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	37,025	7,790
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Property: Net sale proceeds		-
Financing: Loan repayments within the year		-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	37,025	7,790
Net cash resources at 1 st January	204,895	197,105
Net cash resources at 31st December	241,920	204,895

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the year	31,865	13,506
Depreciation of Stock	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	4,591	(5,557)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	569	(159)
Net cash flow from operating activities	37,025	7,790

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds

The General Account includes Sunday offerings, electronic payments received from regular donors and other unrestricted gifts which may be used for any purpose within the terms of the constitution. Other gifts received for specified purposes are recorded in a Restricted Fund. The main Church premises, bookroom stock, legacies and interest received are all recognised in the Capital Fund. The General Account and the Capital Fund are unrestricted funds.

(c) Property

The main church property is included in the Balance Sheet at the original estimate of the value of the original main Church, plus the actual rebuilding costs paid during the rebuilding of the new halls and foyer in the period 2013/2014. The original estimate for the main Church has not been valued by an independent expert. On transition to FRS 102, this carrying value was treated as deemed cost going forward.

Freehold land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings where their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying amount.

(d) Stock

The value of the book-room stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income

Offerings and donations are accounted for on receipt. Legacies are accounted for when notified and confirmed as probable by a competent executor, and the church has been supplied with a realistic estimate with sufficient accuracy of the value of the legacy.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for as amounts fall due.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Church. Governance costs comprise expenditure related to the cost of compliance with statutory requirements.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(g) Grants

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount payable. A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effects of discounting is material.

(h) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(i) Cash at bank and at hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Local ministry costs	62,206	53,130
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	11,340	11,152
Telephone, postage, printing and stationery	6,440	5,644
Heating	7,180	4,526
Insurance	4,736	4,611
Sundry expenditure	14,890	13,452
Bank charges	241	130
Governance costs: Independent Examination	2,200	2,080
Missionary Furlough Costs	-	9,000
	<u>109,233</u>	<u>103,725</u>
Grants: (See note 3)	<u>39,098</u>	<u>41,774</u>
	<u>148,331</u>	<u>145,499</u>

Employee information

Included in Charitable expenditure above are the following employee costs:

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	65,802	61,831
Employer's National Insurance	-	667
Employer Pension Contributions	2,938	2,758
	<u>68,740</u>	<u>65,256</u>
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

There were no employees who earned £60,000 or more in the year.
Employers NI due was fully offset by the Employment Allowance.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3 Restricted funds

	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2024 £	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2023 £
Missionary	1	16,965	34,590	17,625	1	388	14,853	35,945	20,705	1
Inasmuch	241	36	150	-	127	1,012	229	1,000	-	241
Inasmuch (Food bank)	1,181	80	42	-	1,219	1,200	-	19	-	1,181
Harvest	-	4,151	4,151	-	-	-	4,557	4,557	-	-
Evangelism	260	-	165	-	95	513	-	253	-	260
Suspense	-	1,106	1,106	-	-	-	1,576	1,576	-	-
Total	1,683	22,338	40,204	17,625	1,442	3,113	21,215	43,350	20,705	1,683

The Restricted funds were established for the following purposes:

Missionary - to support missionary work in the UK and overseas. The transfer during the year from the General Account was to cover the shortfall of income to the fund.

Inasmuch - to assist members of the Church and other Christians financially as the need arises.

Inasmuch (Food bank) – to provide visitors and those in need with food parcels.

Spring and Harvest Thank Offerings - to support a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries as decided by a Church meeting each year: In 2024, there was a Spring offering (£1,170) to assist one of the Church's own missionary couples, Gordon and Sandra Bull. A harvest offering (£2,981) was given to European Mission Fellowship, for gospel work and humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Evangelism – to provide funds relating to the church's outreach and evangelism activities.

Suspense – funds that are not specifically part of the charitable activities the church, but for which the funds are passed through the church accounts. These funds include ET and EN personal subscriptions by members and friends, and personal gifts placed in the offering which are then distributed.

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Significant distributions from the Missionary and Harvest funds amounting to £1,000 or more:

Operation Mobilisation	11,550
Mission Africa	12,000
SIM UK	10,000
European Mission Fellowship (Harvest Thank Offering)	2,981
Gordon and Sandra Bull (Spring Thank Offering)	1,170

Total grants included in resources expended:

	Number	£
Individuals	15	1,526
Institutions	10	37,572
	25	39,098

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4 Tangible fixed assets

Asset cost	Freehold land & buildings £	Total 2024 £
At 1 January 2024	2,006,890	2,006,890
Additions:	-	-
Disposals:	-	-
At 31 December 2024	2,006,890	2,006,890

5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	7,757	12,348
	<u>7,757</u>	<u>12,348</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	3,181	2,612
	<u>3,181</u>	<u>2,612</u>

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890
Net current assets	43,329	203,725	1,442	248,496	16,136	198,812	1,683	216,631
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>43,329</u>	<u>2,210,615</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>2,255,386</u>	<u>16,136</u>	<u>2,205,702</u>	<u>1,683</u>	<u>2,223,521</u>

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8 Trustee Disclosures

The Trustees below were paid for services as employees, other than those of a Trustee, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. These trustees are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where their salary for the following tax year is agreed.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stephen Ridgeway (Pastor)		
Salary	39,855	38,265
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,993	1,913
Lucio Dente (Community outreach co-ordinator)		
Salary	10,287	9,912
Employer's Pension Contributions	514	496

No Trustee was reimbursed for expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the business of the Church in his capacity as a Trustee (2023 - £Nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

The following related parties were paid for services as employees, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. Those Trustees related to the employees below are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where the salaries for the following tax year are agreed.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Mrs TM Harris (wife of Mr SM Harris) Office Administrator		
Salary	8,625	6,987
Employer's Pension Contributions	431	349
Mrs F Hadjard (wife of Mr BFV) Cleaner		
Hadjard)		
Salary (Jul-Dec)	3,600	5,315
Mr J Harris (son of SM Harris) Cleaner		
Salary (Jan-Jun)	3,435	1,352

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10 Financial Commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	788	2,961
Between one and five years	-	4,443
	788	7,404
The operating lease charges for the year were:		
Photocopier	3,010	3,010
Total	3,010	3,010

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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Achievements and performance

The regular services and activities of the Church have continued running throughout the year, namely: the Sunday morning service; Sunday evening service; midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Parents and Toddlers group; TEFL (conversational English) classes; Ladies afternoon Bible Study, Open Door twice a week; Wayfinders (3–10 year-olds); Engage (11 years +); Bi-monthly Men's and Ladies Breakfasts. In addition, a small team has started going out each week doing Door-to-Door calls in the neighbourhood.

The Church continues to be encouraged seeing new attendees at the Sunday services and has also had the joy of welcoming additional people into church membership during the year.

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The Church makes discretionary grants to institutions and individuals.

The amount and duration of grants are considered at the discretion of the Trustees. Where such grants are for a significant amount, or granted on regular basis, these are agreed by the Church members at a Church Business Meeting.

The Church primarily supports Missionary work and other Christian institutions and Christian workers whose beliefs and practices accord with the Church's aims and objectives.

On occasions, the Church also provides humanitarian aid as well as helping in cases of individual financial hardship. This will be either given directly to beneficiaries or channelled through a trusted intermediary Church or other organisation.

Plans for the future

At the time of this report the Church intends to carry on its normal activities of public worship and providing the ministries already mentioned in this report. The country continues to face serious economic issues, including a previous high inflation rate, which means recent increased costs to the Church are now embedded in regular expenditure, and also pressure on future income if donors have to cut back on their donations to the church. The trustees continue to monitor and look for ways to reduce expenditure, as the aspiration of the trustees is to be able to employ an assistant pastor in the future.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the church continues to operate as a going concern. The trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient reserves to cover future expenditure in the short to medium term.

Responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 05/09/2024

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thornton Heath Evangelical Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Church's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

Miriam Hickson CTA FCA
Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
5 Robin Hood Lane
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Surrey
SM1 2SW

Date: 02/10/2024

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total
		General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £
Income from:									
Donations and Legacies (Inc. Gift Aid recovered)		129,899	5,000	19,639	154,538	129,445	-	36,043	165,488
Other Income:									
Other income		-	4,467	1,576	6,043	-	804	1,496	2,300
Total Income		129,899	9,467	21,215	160,581	129,445	804	37,539	167,788
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	2	103,725	-	41,774	145,499	120,742	500	35,606	156,848
Other expenditure		-	-	1,576	1,576	-	-	1,496	1,496
Total Expenditure		103,725	-	43,350	147,075	120,742	500	37,102	158,344
Net Income/(Expenditure)		26,174	9,467	(22,135)	13,506	8,703	304	437	9,444
Transfers:									
Transfers between funds	3	(20,705)	-	20,705	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Funds		5,469	9,467	(1,430)	13,506	8,703	304	437	9,444
Funds brought forward (1st January 2023)		10,667	2,196,235	3,113	2,210,015	1,964	2,195,931	2,676	2,200,571
Funds carried forward (31st December 2023)		16,136	2,205,702	1,683	2,223,521	10,667	2,196,235	3,113	2,210,015

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Balance sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,006,890	2,006,890
Current assets			
Stocks		2,000	2,000
Debtors	5	12,348	6,791
Cash at bank and in hand		204,895	197,105
		<u>219,243</u>	<u>205,896</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,612)	(2,771)
Net current assets		<u>216,631</u>	<u>203,125</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,223,521	2,210,015
Creditors falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	<u>2,223,521</u>	<u>2,210,015</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds			
General account		16,136	10,667
Capital fund		<u>2,205,702</u>	<u>2,196,235</u>
		2,221,838	2,206,902
Restricted funds	3	<u>1,683</u>	<u>3,113</u>
Total funds		<u>2,223,521</u>	<u>2,210,015</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees on 5th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 05/09/2024

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Cash Flow Statement Year Ending 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	7,790	9,300
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Property: Net sale proceeds		-
Financing: Loan repayments within the year		-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	7,790	9,300
Net cash resources at 1 st January	197,105	187,805
Net cash resources at 31st December	204,895	197,105

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the year	13,506	9,444
Depreciation of Stock	-	500
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,557)	(849)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(159)	205
Net cash flow from operating activities	7,790	9,300

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds

The General Account includes Sunday offerings, electronic payments received from regular donors and other unrestricted gifts which may be used for any purpose within the terms of the constitution. Other gifts received for specified purposes are recorded in a Restricted Fund. The main Church premises, bookroom stock, legacies and interest received are all recognised in the Capital Fund. The General Account and the Capital Fund are unrestricted funds.

(c) Property

The main church property is included in the Balance Sheet at the original estimate of the value of the original main Church, plus the actual rebuilding costs paid during the rebuilding of the new halls and foyer in the period 2013/2014. The original estimate for the main Church has not been valued by an independent expert. On transition to FRS 102, this carrying value was treated as deemed cost going forward.

Freehold land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings where their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying amount.

(d) Stock

The value of the book-room stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income

Offerings and donations are accounted for on receipt. Legacies are accounted for when notified and confirmed as probable by a competent executor, and the church has been supplied with a realistic estimate with sufficient accuracy of the value of the legacy.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for as amounts fall due.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Church. Governance costs comprise expenditure related to the cost of compliance with statutory requirements.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(g) Grants

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount payable. A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effects of discounting is material.

(h) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(i) Cash at bank and at hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Local ministry costs	53,130	74,804
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	11,152	9,474
Telephone, postage, printing and stationery	5,644	4,751
Heating	4,526	4,658
Insurance	4,611	4,327
Sundry expenditure	13,452	11,615
Bank charges	130	123
Governance costs: Independent Examination	2,080	1,990
Depreciation of Bookroom stock	-	500
Missionary Furlough Costs	9,000	9,000
	<u>103,725</u>	<u>121,242</u>
Grants: (See note 3)	41,774	35,606
	<u>145,499</u>	<u>156,848</u>

Employee information

Included in Charitable expenditure above are the following employee costs:

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	61,831	80,791
Employer's National Insurance	667	1,308
Employer Pension Contributions	2,758	3,743
	<u>65,256</u>	<u>85,842</u>
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

There were no employees who earned £60,000 or more in the year.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3 Restricted funds

	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2023 £	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2022 £
Missionary	388	14,853	35,945	20,705	1	1	28,937	28,550	-	388
Inasmuch	1,012	229	1,000	-	241	1,023	393	404	-	1,012
Inasmuch (Food bank)	1,200	-	19	-	1,181	1,340	-	140	-	1,200
Harvest	-	4,557	4,557	-	-	-	6,512	6,512	-	-
Evangelism	513	-	253	-	260	312	201	-	-	513
Suspense	-	1,576	1,576	-	-	-	1,496	1,496	-	-
Total	3,113	21,215	43,350	20,705	1,683	2,676	37,539	37,102	-	3,113

The Restricted funds were established for the following purposes:

Missionary - to support missionary work in the UK and overseas. The transfer during the year from the General Account was to cover the shortfall of income to the fund.

Inasmuch - to assist members of the Church and other Christians financially as the need arises.

Inasmuch (Food bank) – to provide visitors and those in need with food parcels.

Spring and Harvest Thank Offerings - to support a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries as decided by a Church meeting each year: In 2023, there was a Spring offering (£1,441) to assist one of the Church's own missionary couples, David and Maribel Easton. A harvest offering (£3,116) was given to Church missionary Ana van Brakel to assist her in set up costs in the Ivory Coast.

Evangelism – to provide funds relating to the church's outreach and evangelism activities.

Suspense – funds that are not specifically part of the charitable activities the church, but for which the funds are passed through the church accounts. These funds include ET and EN personal subscriptions by members and friends, and personal gifts placed in the offering which are then distributed.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Significant distributions from the Missionary and Harvest funds amounting to £1,000 or more:

Operation Mobilisation	12,400
Mission Africa	12,000
SIM UK	10,000
David & Maribel Easton (Spring Thank Offering)	1,441
Ana van Brakel (Harvest Thank Offering)	3,116

Total grants included in resources expended:

	Number	£
Individuals	17	5,904
Institutions	13	35,870
	30	41,774

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4 Tangible fixed assets

Asset cost	Freehold land & buildings £	Total 2023 £
At 1 January 2023	2,006,890	2,006,890
Additions:	-	-
Disposals:	-	-
At 31 December 2023	2,006,890	2,006,890

5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	-	-
Other debtors	12,348	6,791
	<u>12,348</u>	<u>6,791</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	2,612	2,771
	<u>2,612</u>	<u>2,771</u>

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890
Net current assets	16,136	198,812	1,683	216,631	10,667	189,345	3,113	203,125
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

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8 Trustee Disclosures

The Trustees below were paid for services as employees, other than those of a Trustee, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. These trustees are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where their salary for the following tax year is agreed.

	2023 £	2022 £
Stephen Ridgeway (Pastor)		
Salary	38,265	37,510
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,913	1,876
Lucio Dente (Community outreach co-ordinator)		
Salary	9,912	9,594
Employer's Pension Contributions	496	480

No Trustee was reimbursed for expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the business of the Church in his capacity as a Trustee (2022 - £Nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

The following related parties were paid for services as employees, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. Those Trustees related to the employees below are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where the salaries for the following tax year are agreed.

	2023 £	2022 £
Mrs TM Harris (wife of Mr SM Harris) Office Administrator		
Salary	6,987	6,717
Employer's Pension Contributions	349	336
Mrs F Hadjard (wife of Mr BFV) Cleaner		
Hadjard)		
Salary (Jan-Oct)	5,315	5,940
Mr J Harris (son of SM Harris) Cleaner		
Salary (Oct-Dec)	1,352	-

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

10 Financial Commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	2,961	2,961
Between one and five years	4,443	7,404
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>10,365</u>
The operating lease charges for the year were:		
Photocopier	3,010	3,010
Total	<u>3,010</u>	<u>3,010</u>

THORNTON HEATH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Mr SPJ Ridgeway (Pastor)
Mr DA Bristow
Mr DC Damani
Mr L Dente
Mr DWJ Easton (resigned 15/09/2022)
Mr BFV Hadjard
Mr SM Harris
Mr EC Powell
Mr PJ Taylor
Mr IE Whybrow

Charity registration number:

1130780

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Plans for the future

At the time of this report the Church intends to carry on its normal activities of public worship and providing the ministries already mentioned in this report. The country has continued to recover from the Covid pandemic, but continues to face serious economic issues, including a high inflation rate, which will mean increased costs to the Church, and could potentially affect future income if donors have to cut back on their donations to the church. The trustees continue to monitor and look for ways to reduce expenditure, as continued deficits as seen in previous years are unsustainable in the mid to long term.

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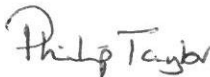
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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 29/06/2023

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thornton Heath Evangelical Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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').

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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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.



Miriam Hickson CTA FCA
Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
5 Robin Hood Lane
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SM1 2SW

Date: 3 July 2023

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	--Unrestricted Funds--			--Unrestricted Funds--			Total 2022 £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
		General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £					
Income from:												
Donations and Legacies (Inc. Gift Aid recovered)		129,445	-	36,043	107,830	-	21,227	165,488	-			129,057
Other Income:												
Other income		-	804	1,496	220	184	688	2,300				1,092
Total Income		129,445	804	37,539	108,050	184	21,915	167,788	184	21,915		130,149
Expenditure on:												
Charitable activities	2	120,742	500	35,606	126,704	500	31,665	156,848				158,869
Other expenditure		-	-	1,496	-	-	688	1,496				688
Total Expenditure		120,742	500	37,102	126,704	500	32,353	158,344	500	32,353		159,557
Net Income/(Expenditure)		8,703	304	437	(18,654)	(316)	(10,438)	9,444	(316)	(10,438)		(29,408)
Transfers:												
Transfers between funds	3	-	-	-	19,000	(26,811)	7,811	-				-
Movement in Funds		8,703	304	437	346	(27,127)	(2,627)	9,444	(27,127)	(2,627)		(29,408)
Funds brought forward (1st January 2022)		1,964	2,195,931	2,676	1,618	2,223,058	5,303	2,200,571				2,229,979
Funds carried forward (31st December 2022)		10,667	2,196,235	3,113	1,964	2,195,931	2,676	2,210,015	2,195,931	2,676		2,200,571

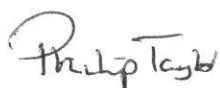
All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

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Balance sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,006,890	2,006,890
Current assets			
Stocks		2,000	2,500
Debtors	5	6,791	5,942
Cash at bank and in hand		197,105	187,805
		<u>205,896</u>	<u>196,247</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,771)	(2,566)
Net current assets		<u>203,125</u>	<u>193,681</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,210,015	2,200,571
Creditors falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	<u>2,210,015</u>	<u>2,200,571</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds			
General account		10,667	1,964
Capital fund		<u>2,196,235</u>	<u>2,195,931</u>
		2,206,902	2,197,895
Restricted funds	3	<u>3,113</u>	<u>2,676</u>
Total funds		<u>2,210,015</u>	<u>2,200,571</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees on 15th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by



P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 29/06/2023

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Cash Flow Statement Year Ending 31st December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	9,300	(28,971)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Property: Net sale proceeds	-	-
Financing: Loan repayments within the year	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	9,300	(28,971)
Net cash resources at 1 st January	187,805	216,776
Net cash resources at 31st December	197,105	187,805

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the year	9,444	(29,408)
Depreciation of Stock	500	500
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(849)	(223)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	205	160
Net cash flow from operating activities	9,300	(28,971)

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds

The General Account includes Sunday offerings, electronic payments received from regular donors and other unrestricted gifts which may be used for any purpose within the terms of the constitution. Other gifts received for specified purposes are recorded in a Restricted Fund. The main Church premises, bookroom stock, legacies and interest received are all recognised in the Capital Fund. The General Account and the Capital Fund are unrestricted funds.

(c) Property

The main church property is included in the Balance Sheet at the original estimate of the value of the original main Church, plus the actual rebuilding costs paid during the rebuilding of the new halls and foyer in the period 2013/2014. The original estimate for the main Church has not been valued by an independent expert. On transition to FRS 102, this carrying value was treated as deemed cost going forward.

Freehold land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings where their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying amount.

(d) Stock

The value of the book-room stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income

Offerings and donations are accounted for on receipt. Legacies are accounted for when notified and confirmed as probable by a competent executor, and the church has been supplied with a realistic estimate with sufficient accuracy of the value of the legacy.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for as amounts fall due.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Church. Governance costs comprise expenditure related to the cost of compliance with statutory requirements.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(g) Grants

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount payable. A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effects of discounting is material.

(h) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(i) Cash at bank and at hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Local ministry costs	74,804	81,720
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	9,474	10,705
Telephone, postage, printing and stationery	4,751	4,244
Heating	4,658	4,362
Insurance	4,327	4,106
Sundry expenditure	11,615	10,568
Bank charges	123	99
Governance costs: Independent Examination	1,990	1,900
Depreciation of Bookroom stock	500	500
Missionary Furlough Costs	9,000	9,000
	<u>121,242</u>	<u>127,204</u>
Grants: (See note 3)	<u>35,606</u>	<u>31,665</u>
	<u>156,848</u>	<u>158,869</u>

Employee information

Included in Charitable expenditure above are the following employee costs:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	80,791	86,512
Employer's National Insurance	1,308	2,587
Employer Pension Contributions	3,743	4,038
	<u>85,842</u>	<u>93,137</u>
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

There were no employees who earned £60,000 or more in the year.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3 Restricted funds

	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2022 £	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2021 £
Missionary	1	28,937	28,550	-	388	3,146	14,644	25,600	7,811	1
Inasmuch	1,023	393	404	-	1,012	475	563	15	-	1,023
Inasmuch (Food bank)	1,340	-	140	-	1,200	1,340	-	-	-	1,340
Harvest	-	6,512	6,512	-	-	-	6,020	6,020	-	-
Evangelism	312	201	-	-	513	342	-	30	-	312
Suspense	-	1,496	1,496	-	-	-	688	688	-	-
Total	2,676	37,539	37,102	-	3,113	5,303	21,915	32,353	7,811	2,676

The Restricted funds were established for the following purposes:

Missionary - to support missionary work in the UK and overseas.

Inasmuch - to assist members of the Church and other Christians financially as the need arises.

Inasmuch (Food bank) – to provide visitors and those in need with food parcels.

Harvest/Appeals - to support a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries as decided by a Church meeting each year: In 2022, there was a spring offering (£2,888) for the needs in Ukraine and sent via the European Mission Fellowship. A harvest offering (£3,624) offering was given to Grace House, in The Gambia.

Evangelism – to provide funds relating to the church's outreach and evangelism activities.

Suspense – funds that are not specifically part of the charitable activities the church, but for which the funds are passed through the church accounts. These funds include ET and EN personal subscriptions by members and friends, and personal gifts placed in the offering which are then distributed.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Significant distributions from the Missionary and Harvest funds amounting to £1,000 or more:	
Operation Mobilisation	13,400
Mission Africa	12,000
SIM UK	2,500
European Mission Fellowship	2,888
Grace House, The Gambia	3,624

Total grants included in resources expended:

	Number	£
Individuals	12	544
Institutions	9	35,062
	21	35,606

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4 Tangible fixed assets

Asset cost	Freehold land & buildings £	Total 2022 £
At 1 January 2022	2,006,890	2,006,890
Additions:	-	-
Disposals:	-	-
At 31 December 2022	2,006,890	2,006,890

5 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	-	192
Other debtors	6,791	5,750
	<u>6,791</u>	<u>5,942</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	2,771	2,566
	<u>2,771</u>	<u>2,566</u>

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890
Net current assets	10,667	189,345	3,113	203,125	1,964	189,041	2,676	193,681
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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

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8 Trustee Disclosures

The Trustees below were paid for services as employees, other than those of a Trustee, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. These trustees are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where their salary for the following tax year is agreed.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stephen Ridgeway (Pastor)		
Salary	37,510	37,000
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,876	1,850
Lucio Dente (Community outreach co-ordinator)		
Salary	9,594	9,504
Employer's Pension Contributions	480	475
David Easton (Youth Worker)		
Salary	21,030	27,720
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,052	1,386

No Trustee was reimbursed for expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the business of the Church in his capacity as a Trustee (2021 - £Nil).

9 Related Party Transactions

The following related parties were paid for services as employees, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. Those Trustees related to the employees below are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where the salaries for the following tax year are agreed.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mrs TM Harris (wife of Mr SM Harris) Office Administrator		
Salary	6,717	6,528
Employer's Pension Contributions	336	326
Mrs F Hadjard (wife of Mr BFV Cleaner Hadjard)		
Salary	5,940	5,760

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

10 Financial Commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	2,961	2,961
Between one and five years	7,404	10,365
	10,365	13,326

The operating lease charges for the year were:

Photocopier	3,010	3,010
Total	3,010	3,010

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Mr SPJ Ridgeway (Pastor)
Mr DA Bristow
Mr DC Damani
Mr L Dente
Mr DWJ Easton
Mr BFV Hadjard
Mr SM Harris
Mr EC Powell
Mr PJ Taylor
Mr IE Whybrow

Charity registration number:

1130780

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Independent examiner:

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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Church was originally constituted by a Trust Deed dated 20 October 1904 with the object of promoting religion on evangelical protestant lines. In 2009, the Church was registered under the Charities Act 2006, having previously been excepted from registration. The Church adopted a constitution and Church Rules on 22nd October 2008 (ratified on 28th January 2009 as required under the original church rules) and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th July 2009.

The Church officers (Pastor, Elders, and Deacons) are Managing Trustees under the constitution and are responsible for directing the affairs of the Church in accordance with the aims set out in the constitution and they meet regularly to review the activities of the Church.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as Church officers as laid down in Section 6 of the constitution, subject to them not being disqualified from being trustees by Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011. Church officers are appointed by the Church membership at a Church Business Meeting, in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Church Rules.

The Trustees who served during 2021 and those in office at the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The Trustees are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the church.

Objectives and activities

The Church was established with the aim of the advancement of the Christian faith and promoting the evangelical protestant religion. The church seeks to serve the Thornton Heath community through encouraging wholehearted discipleship of Jesus Christ, firstly knowing Him as their Saviour, and also through their love and service for Him. This is continued primarily through public worship each Sunday morning and evening, prayer and Bible study, and through other weekly meetings and activities, including activities for children and young people and a weekly a weekly Bible study meeting for women. All of these services and ministries are carried out at its premises in London Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Achievements and performance

During 2021 and following the easing of restrictions relating to the Covid19 pandemic, a number of ministries have continued or have now restarted. The church has reverted back to one Sunday morning service, an evening service and a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Singing during services has also been restarted, and there is no longer a requirement to book for services. The Sunday services sermons are still recorded and placed on the church's YouTube channel. Wayfinders (for children in school years 1 to 6) and Impact (for teenagers) are now running during school term time. The women's meeting for Bible Study restarted in March 2022.

The Open Door ministry has re-started and is available for those who wish to come into the church to talk or seek spiritual advice or be pointed to other agencies if their need is of a more practical nature.

The Pastor is now able to make pastoral visits without any restrictions and Church Business Meetings have returned to normal in-person meetings.

In accordance with the objectives outlined above, the public services continue to be an encouragement to the congregation through the preaching of the Bible each week, to seek to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to love and serve Him.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance.

The Trustees believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives and thereby has a great benefit on the wider society in general, and particularly to the people of the local area where the members of a particular church are located. Therefore, the Church continues to provide a public benefit in providing weekly Sunday services for Divine Worship, a mid-week meeting for those who wish to meet for prayer and to study the Bible and meetings for women, children and young people.

Risks

The Trustees normally meet each month and review the principal risks facing the church and any new risks that become apparent. The church has a Health and Safety Policy in place, which is to be subject to annual review.

The Church also has a “Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults” in place.

Trustees training

New trustees are provided with relevant guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The current Church Treasurer is a member of the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers (ACAT) and attends relevant courses from time to time to keep his knowledge of applicable Charity accounting and trustee related requirements up to date.

Financial review

The attached financial statements disclose the financial position of the Church at 31 December 2021. The Trustees again acknowledge the provision and goodness of God in providing for the ongoing financial needs of the Church.

In general, the policy of the Trustees is to distribute substantially all of the income of the Restricted Funds during the year subject to suitable needs being identified and to retain a working balance within the General Account and the Missionary Fund to provide a contingency to meet routine expenditure in the event of a reduction in offerings.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves of the equivalent of three month's general account expenditure. This equates to about £30,000. The unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £2,197,895 of which £2,195,931 represent fixed and net current assets held in the Capital Fund. At the end of the year the cash balances were £187,805.

The trustees will continue to review the reserves during this year, as there was a reduction in income in 2021 compared to 2020.

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The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the church continues to operate as a going concern. Due to the previous restriction on public gatherings, cash income has reduced, although this has partly been offset by donations via electronic channels. However, the trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient reserves to cover the reduction in income in the short term.

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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 24th September 2022

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

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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.

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Date: 28th September 2022

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total
		General	Capital	Restricted	2021	General	Capital	Restricted	2020
		Account	Fund	Funds	£	Account	Fund	Funds	£
		£	£	£		£	£	£	
Income from:									
Donations and Legacies (Inc. Gift Aid recovered)		107,830	-	21,227	129,057	111,384	4,988	24,385	140,757
Other Income:									
Other income		220	184	688	1,092	1,620	158	4,042	5,820
Total Income		108,050	184	21,915	130,149	113,004	5,146	28,427	146,577
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	2	126,704	500	31,665	158,869	117,364	27,745	26,304	171,413
Other expenditure			-	688	688	-	155	4,042	4,197
Total Expenditure		126,704	500	32,353	159,557	117,364	27,900	30,346	175,610
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(18,654)	(316)	(10,438)	(29,408)	(4,360)	(22,754)	(1,919)	(29,033)
Transfers:									
Transfers between funds	3	19,000	(26,811)	7,811	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in Funds		346	(27,127)	(2,627)	(29,408)	(4,360)	(22,754)	(1,919)	(29,033)
Funds brought forward (1st January 2021)		1,618	2,223,058	5,303	2,229,979	5,978	2,245,812	7,222	2,259,012
Funds carried forward (31st December 2021)		1,964	2,195,931	2,676	2,200,571	1,618	2,223,058	5,303	2,229,979

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Balance sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,006,890	2,006,890
Current assets			
Stocks		2,500	3,000
Debtors	5	5,942	5,719
Cash at bank and in hand		187,805	216,776
		<u>196,247</u>	<u>225,495</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,566)	(2,406)
Net current assets		<u>193,681</u>	<u>223,089</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,200,571	2,229,979
Creditors falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	<u>2,200,571</u>	<u>2,229,979</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds			
General account		1,964	1,618
Capital fund		<u>2,195,931</u>	<u>2,223,058</u>
		2,197,895	2,224,676
Restricted funds	3	<u>2,676</u>	<u>5,303</u>
Total funds		<u>2,200,571</u>	<u>2,229,979</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees on 15th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 24th September 2022

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Cash Flow Statement Year Ending 31st December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(28,971)	(899)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Property: Net sale proceeds	-	-
Financing: Loan repayments within the year	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	(28,971)	(899)
Net cash resources at 1 st January	<u>216,776</u>	<u>217,675</u>
Net cash resources at 31st December	<u>187,805</u>	<u>216,776</u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the year	(29,408)	(29,033)
Depreciation of Stock	500	500
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(223)	27,796
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>160</u>	<u>(162)</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(28,971)</u>	<u>(899)</u>

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds

The General Account includes Sunday offerings, electronic payments received from regular donors and other unrestricted gifts which may be used for any purpose within the terms of the constitution. Other gifts received for specified purposes are recorded in a Restricted Fund. The main Church premises, bookroom stock, legacies and interest received are all recognised in the Capital Fund. The General Account and the Capital Fund are unrestricted funds.

(c) Property

The main church property is included in the Balance Sheet at the original estimate of the value of the original main Church, plus the actual rebuilding costs paid during the rebuilding of the new halls and foyer in the period 2013/2014. The original estimate for the main Church has not been valued by an independent expert. On transition to FRS 102, this carrying value was treated as deemed cost going forward.

Freehold land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings where their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying amount.

(d) Stock

The value of the book-room stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income

Offerings and donations are accounted for on receipt. Legacies are accounted for when notified and confirmed as probable by a competent executor, and the church has been supplied with a realistic estimate with sufficient accuracy of the value of the legacy.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for as amounts fall due.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Church. Governance costs comprise expenditure related to the cost of compliance with statutory requirements.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(g) Grants

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount payable. A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effects of discounting is material.

(h) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(i) Cash at bank and at hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Local ministry costs	81,720	74,868
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	10,705	8,984
Telephone, postage, printing and stationery	4,244	4,950
Heating	4,362	3,977
Insurance	4,106	4,349
Sundry expenditure	10,568	12,486
Bank charges	99	60
Apprenticeship costs	-	27,245
Governance costs: Independent Examination	1,900	1,840
Depreciation of Bookroom stock	500	500
Missionary Furlough Costs	9,000	5,850
	<u>127,204</u>	<u>145,109</u>
Grants: (See note 3)	<u>31,665</u>	<u>26,304</u>
	<u>158,869</u>	<u>171,413</u>

Employee information

Included in Charitable expenditure above are the following employee costs:

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	86,512	100,695
Employer's National Insurance	2,587	1,978
Employer Pension Contributions	4,038	4,748
	<u>93,137</u>	<u>107,421</u>
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>3</u>	<u>4.5</u>

There were no employees who earned £60,000 or more in the year.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3 Restricted funds

	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2021 £	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2020 £
Missionary	3,146	14,644	25,600	7,811	1	5,131	19,015	21,000	-	3,146
Inasmuch	475	563	15	-	1,023	-	475	-	-	475
Inasmuch (Food bank)	1,340	-	-	-	1,340	1,334	20	14	-	1,340
Harvest	-	6,020	6,020	-	-	-	4,875	4,875	-	-
Evangelism	342	-	30	-	312	757	-	415	-	342
Suspense	-	688	688	-	-	-	4,042	4,042	-	-
Total	5,303	21,915	32,353	7,811	2,676	7,222	28,427	30,346	-	5,303

The Restricted funds were established for the following purposes:

Missionary - to support missionary work in the UK and overseas. The transfer from unrestricted funds during the year, was made to cover restricted expenditure in excess of restricted income.

Inasmuch - to assist members of the Church and other Christians financially as the need arises.

Inasmuch (Food bank) – to provide visitors and those in need with food parcels.

Harvest - to support a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries as decided by a Church meeting each year: In 2021, the offering (£6,020) was given to Barnabas Fund to support projects in Ethiopia and India.

Evangelism – to provide funds relating to the church's outreach and evangelism activities.

Suspense – funds that are not specifically part of the charitable activities the church, but for which the funds are passed through the church accounts. These funds include ET and EN personal subscriptions by members and friends, and personal gifts placed in the offering which are then distributed.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Significant distributions from the Missionary and Harvest funds amounting to £1,000 or more:

Operation Mobilisation	13,400
Mission Africa	12,000
Barnabas Fund	6,020

Total grants included in resources expended:

	Number	£
Individuals	10	45
Institutions	4	31,620
	14	31,665

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4 Tangible fixed assets

Asset cost	Freehold land & buildings £	Total 2021 £
At 1 January 2021	2,006,890	2,006,890
Additions:	-	-
Disposals:	-	-
At 31 December 2021	2,006,890	2,006,890

5 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	192	324
Other debtors	5,750	5,395
	<u>5,942</u>	<u>5,719</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	2,566	2,406
	<u>2,566</u>	<u>2,406</u>

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890
Net current assets	1,964	189,041	2,676	193,681	1,618	216,168	5,303	223,089
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,964</u>	<u>2,195,931</u>	<u>2,676</u>	<u>2,200,571</u>	<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,223,058</u>	<u>5,303</u>	<u>2,229,979</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

8 Trustee Disclosures

The Trustees below were paid for services as employees, other than those of a Trustee, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. These trustees are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where their salary for the following tax year is agreed.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Stephen Ridgeway (Pastor from 01/09/20)		
Salary	37,000	12,333
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,850	617
Gordon Bull (Pastor to 31/08/20)		
Salary	-	21,782
Employer's Pension Contributions	-	1,089
Provision of Manse (Paid by church to landlord)	-	8,800
Lucio Dente (Community outreach co-ordinator)		
Salary	9,504	9,457
Employer's Pension Contributions	475	473
David Easton (Apprenticeship scheme to 31/08/20) (Youth Worker from 01/09/2020)		
Salary	27,720	17,540
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,386	877
William Bismark (Apprenticeship scheme to 31/08/20)		
Salary	-	8,300
Employer's Pension Contributions	-	415

One Trustee was reimbursed a total of £Nil (2020: £166) for expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the business of the Church in his capacity as a Trustee.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9 Related Party Transactions

The following related parties were paid for services as employees, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. Those Trustees related to the employees below are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where the salaries for the following tax year are agreed.

		2021	2020
		£	£
Mrs SM Bull (wife of Mr GJS Bull)	Women's worker (to 31/08/20)		
Salary		-	8,637
Employer's Pension Contributions		-	432
Mrs TM Harris (wife of Mr SM Harris)	Office Administrator		
Salary		6,528	6,495
Employer's Pension Contributions		326	325
Mrs M Easton (wife of Mr DWJ Easton)	Apprenticeship Scheme (to 31/10/20)		
Salary		-	10,420
Employer's Pension Contributions		-	521
Mrs F Hadjard (wife of Mr BFV Hadjard)	Cleaner		
Salary		5,760	5,730

10 Financial Commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	2,961	3,172
Between one and five years	10,365	12,688
	13,326	15,860
The operating lease charges for the year were:		
Photocopier	3,010	3,172
Total	3,010	3,172

THORNTON HEATH EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Report and Financial Statements

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Mr SPJ Ridgeway (Pastor)(Appointed 01/09/2020)
Mr GJS Bull (Pastor) (Resigned 31/08/2020)
Mr CE Appleton (Resigned 01/08/2020)
Mr WN Bismark (Resigned 31/08/2020)
Mr DA Bristow
Mr DC Damani
Mr L Dente
Mr PA Dunn (Resigned 10/08/2020)
Mr DWJ Easton
Mr BFV Hadjard
Mr SM Harris
Mr EC Powell
Mr PJ Taylor
Mr IE Whybrow

Charity registration number:

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Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)).

Structure, governance and management

The Church was originally constituted by a Trust Deed dated 20 October 1904 with the object of promoting religion on evangelical protestant lines. In 2009, the Church was registered under the Charities Act 2006, having previously been excepted from registration. The Church adopted a constitution and Church Rules on 22nd October 2008 (ratified on 28th January 2009 as required under the original church rules) and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28th July 2009.

The Church officers (Pastor, Elders, and Deacons) are Managing Trustees under the constitution and are responsible for directing the affairs of the Church in accordance with the aims set out in the constitution and they meet regularly to review the activities of the Church.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are the persons appointed as Church officers as laid down in Section 6 of the constitution, subject to them not being disqualified from being trustees by Section 178 of the Charities Act 2011. Church officers are appointed by the Church membership at a Church Business Meeting, in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Church Rules.

The Trustees who served during 2020 and those in office at the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The Trustees are considered to be the Key Management Personnel of the church.

Objectives and activities

The Church was established with the aim of the advancement of the Christian faith and promoting the evangelical protestant religion. The church seeks to serve the Thornton Heath community through encouraging wholehearted discipleship of Jesus Christ, firstly knowing Him as their Saviour, and also through their love and service for Him. This is continued primarily through public worship each Sunday morning and evening, prayer and Bible study, and through other weekly meetings and activities, including activities for children and young people. In addition, there would normally be a weekly Bible study meeting for women, a monthly meeting for retired men and a monthly lunch provided for elderly members of the congregation and those in the neighbourhood. The Church would also carry out other evangelistic and outreach ministries. Most of these ministries are carried out at its premises in London Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Achievements and performance

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, there has been considerable disruption to church life. When churches have been permitted to open, the church has run two Sunday morning services (to be able to manage numbers expected to attend), a Sunday evening service and a midweek Bible study and prayer meeting. When churches have been required to close, services have been recorded for viewing on the church's YouTube channel. A midweek morning devotional for those who can attend has been run on Zoom for the duration of the pandemic. A children's online activity has also been recorded for YouTube and is published on Friday afternoons during term

time. In keeping with the government guidance for places of worship, the seating in the main church was re-arranged to facilitate social distancing, services were limited to one hour's duration and no congregational singing was permitted. The church has been using an online booking system to regulate numbers and for use with the Test and Trace program. The Pastor has continued to make pastoral visits within the permitted guidance, and those on social media have been updated with requests for prayer. In place of the normal quarterly business meetings, the trustees have sent out letters to church members with information they would normally receive in such meetings, including a quarterly financial summary.

One significant change in 2020 was a change of Pastor, the previous incumbent taking a teaching role in a Bible college overseas. The new Pastor had already been identified and appointed earlier in 2020 and there was handover of responsibilities at the end of August.

In accordance with the objectives outlined above, the public services continue to be an encouragement to the congregation through the preaching of the Bible each week, to seek to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and to love and serve Him.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance.

The Trustees believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives and thereby has a great benefit on the wider society in general, and particularly to the people of the local area where the members of a particular church are located. Therefore, the Church continues to provide a public benefit in providing weekly Sunday services for Divine Worship, and a mid-week meeting for those who wish to meet for prayer and to study the Bible.

Sadly, most of the other activities of the church have had to be put on hold during the pandemic. However, it is the trustees desire that many of these activities re-commence as soon as possible once the church is permitted to do so, and subject to appropriate risk assessments.

Risks

The Trustees meet each month and review the principal risks facing the church and any new risks that become apparent. The church has a Health and Safety Policy in place, which is to be subject to annual review.

The Church also has a "Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults" in place.

Trustees training

New trustees are provided with relevant guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

The current Church Treasurer is a member of the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers (ACAT) and attends relevant courses from time to time to keep his knowledge of applicable Charity accounting and trustee related requirements up to date.

Financial review

The attached financial statements disclose the financial position of the Church at 31 December 2020. The Trustees again acknowledge the provision and goodness of God in providing for the ongoing financial needs of the Church.

In general, the policy of the Trustees is to distribute substantially all of the income of the Restricted Funds during the year subject to suitable needs being identified and to retain a working balance within the General Account and the Missionary Fund to provide a contingency to meet routine expenditure in the event of a reduction in offerings.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves of the equivalent of three month's general account expenditure. This equates to about £30,000. The unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £2,224,676 of which £2,223,058 represent fixed and net current assets held in the Capital Fund. At the end of the year the cash balances were £216,776.

The trustees will continue to review the reserves during this year, as there has been a reduction in income towards the end of 2020, and there will be a need to fund future missionary support.

Grant Making Policy

The Church makes discretionary grants to institutions and individuals.

The amount and duration of grants are considered at the discretion of the Trustees. Where such grants are for a significant amount, or granted on regular basis, these are agreed by the Church members at a Church Business Meeting.

The Church primarily supports Missionary work and other Christian institutions and Christian workers whose beliefs and practices accord with the Church's aims and objectives.

On occasions, the Church also provides humanitarian aid as well as helping in cases of individual financial hardship. This will be either given directly to beneficiaries or channelled through a trusted intermediary Church or other organisation.

Plans for the future

At the time of this report the country continues to go through a period of uncertainty due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Although the church is meeting again for Sunday and midweek services, there remains uncertainty regarding some of the other activities and ministries that the church has previously engaged in. The trustees continue to monitor the situation together with the government advice as it is released.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the church continues to operate as a going concern. Due to the restriction on public gatherings, cash income has reduced, although this has partly been offset by donations via electronic channels. There has also been a reduction in income due to a number of substantial donors having moved away within the last year. However, the trustees are satisfied that the church has sufficient reserves to cover the reduction in income in the short term.

In May 2018, the Church appointed a Community Outreach Co-ordinator which was initially for a period of three years. The trustees will review the position during the year.

The apprenticeship program ended in the summer of 2020. One of the apprentices was appointed as the church Youth Worker from September 2020, and another took a position on the ministry team at another church in North London. There are no plans to take on new apprentices in the short term.

Responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 19/07/2021

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Heath Evangelical Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Thornton Heath Evangelical Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Church's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

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Date: 20/07/2021

Thornton Heath Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total	--Unrestricted Funds--			Total
		General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2020 £	General Account £	Capital Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2019 £
Income from:									
Donations and Legacies (Inc. Gift Aid recovered)		111,384	4,988	24,385	140,757	113,569	26,689	25,640	165,898
Other Income:									
Other income		1,620	158	4,042	5,820	915	543	1,109	2,567
Total Income		113,004	5,146	28,427	146,577	114,484	27,232	26,749	168,465
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities	2	117,364	27,745	26,304	171,413	116,252	36,081	34,124	186,457
Other expenditure		-	155	4,042	4,197	-	-	1,109	1,109
Total Expenditure		117,364	27,900	30,346	175,610	116,252	36,081	35,233	187,566
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(4,360)	(22,754)	(1,919)	(29,033)	(1,768)	(8,849)	(8,484)	(19,101)
Transfers:									
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	(776)	-	776	-
Movement in Funds		(4,360)	(22,754)	(1,919)	(29,033)	(2,544)	(8,849)	(7,708)	(19,101)
Funds brought forward (1st January 2020)		5,978	2,245,812	7,222	2,259,012	8,522	2,254,661	14,930	2,278,113
Funds carried forward (31st December 2020)		1,618	2,223,058	5,303	2,229,979	5,978	2,245,812	7,222	2,259,012

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

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Balance sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,006,890	2,006,890
Current assets			
Stocks		3,000	3,500
Debtors	5	5,719	33,515
Cash at bank and in hand		216,776	217,675
		<u>225,495</u>	<u>254,690</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,406)	(2,568)
Net current assets		<u>223,089</u>	<u>252,122</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		2,229,979	2,259,012
Creditors falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets	7	<u>2,229,979</u>	<u>2,259,012</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds			
General account		1,618	5,978
Capital fund		<u>2,223,058</u>	<u>2,245,812</u>
		2,224,676	2,251,790
Restricted funds	3	<u>5,303</u>	<u>7,222</u>
Total funds		<u>2,229,979</u>	<u>2,259,012</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees on 15th July 2021 and signed on their behalf by

(Original signed copy held by the charity)

P J Taylor
Trustee

Date: 19/07/2021

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Cash Flow Statement Year Ending 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(899)	(44,949)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Property: Net sale proceeds	-	-
Financing: Loan repayments within the year	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	(899)	(44,949)
Net cash resources at 1 st January	<u>217,675</u>	<u>262,624</u>
Net cash resources at 31st December	<u>216,776</u>	<u>217,675</u>

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Net movement in funds for the year	(29,033)	(19,101)
Depreciation of Stock	500	500
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	27,796	(26,478)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(162)</u>	<u>130</u>
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>(899)</u>	<u>(44,949)</u>

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) Funds

The General Account includes Sunday offerings, electronic payments received from regular donors and other unrestricted gifts which may be used for any purpose within the terms of the constitution. Other gifts received for specified purposes are recorded in a Restricted Fund. The main Church premises, bookroom stock, legacies and interest received are all recognised in the Capital Fund. The General Account and the Capital Fund are unrestricted funds.

(c) Property

The main church property is included in the Balance Sheet at the original estimate of the value of the original main Church, plus the actual rebuilding costs paid during the rebuilding of the new halls and foyer in the period 2013/2014. The original estimate for the main Church has not been valued by an independent expert. On transition to FRS 102, this carrying value was treated as deemed cost going forward.

Freehold land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings where their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying amount.

(d) Stock

The value of the book-room stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income

Offerings and donations are accounted for on receipt. Legacies are accounted for when notified and confirmed as probable by a competent executor, and the church has been supplied with a realistic estimate with sufficient accuracy of the value of the legacy.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for as amounts fall due.

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Church. Governance costs comprise expenditure related to the cost of compliance with statutory requirements.

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(g) Grants

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled conditions attaching to that grant are outside the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount payable. A provision for a multi-year grant is recognised at its present value where settlement is due over more than one year from the date of the award, there are no unfulfilled performance conditions under the control of the charity that would permit the charity to avoid making the future payment(s), settlement is probable, and the effects of discounting is material.

(h) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(i) Cash at bank and at hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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2 Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Local ministry costs	74,868	71,799
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	8,984	9,408
Telephone, postage, printing and stationery	4,950	5,877
Heating	3,977	4,851
Insurance	4,349	4,217
Sundry expenditure	12,486	13,273
Bank charges	60	60
Apprenticeship costs	27,245	35,581
Governance costs: Independent Examination	1,840	1,735
Depreciation of Bookroom stock	500	500
Missionary Furlough Costs	5,850	5,032
	<u>145,109</u>	<u>152,333</u>
Grants: (See note 3)	<u>26,304</u>	<u>34,124</u>
	<u>171,413</u>	<u>186,457</u>

Employee information

Included in Charitable expenditure above are the following employee costs:

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries	100,695	98,133
Employer's National Insurance	1,978	1,841
Employer Pension Contributions	4,748	4,192
	<u>107,421</u>	<u>104,166</u>
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	<u>4.5</u>	<u>5.5</u>

There were no employees who earned £60,000 or more in the year.

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3 Restricted funds

	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2020 £	Balance B/Fwd 01/01/2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/Fwd 31/12/2019 £
Missionary	5,131	19,015	21,000	-	3,146	9,271	16,060	20,200	-	5,131
Inasmuch	-	475	-	-	475	1,266	330	2,372	776	-
Inasmuch (Food bank)	1,334	20	14	-	1340	1,395	-	61	-	1,334
Harvest	-	4,875	4,875	-	-	-	7,250	7,250	-	-
Evangelism	757	-	415	-	342	1,198	-	441	-	757
African Pastors Conference	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	1,800	-	-
Apprenticeship Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Suspense	-	4,042	4,042	-	-	-	1,109	1,109	-	-
Total	7,222	28,427	30,346	-	5,303	14,930	26,749	35,233	776	7,222

The Restricted funds were established for the following purposes:

Missionary - to support missionary work in the UK and overseas

Inasmuch - to assist members of the Church and other Christians financially as the need arises.

Inasmuch (Food bank) – to provide visitors and those in need with food parcels.

Harvest - to support a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries as decided by a Church meeting each year: In 2020, the offering (£4,875) was given to World Orphans to support their work in Guatemala.

Evangelism – to provide funds relating to the church’s outreach and evangelism activities.

African Pastors Conference – to provide funding towards a pastor’s conference being run by “The Word For The World” in 2017, at which the Pastor was expected to be attending. This fund closed in 2019.

Apprenticeship – Funds donated to support the church’s Apprenticeship scheme. The fund closed at the end of 2019.

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Suspense – funds that are not specifically part of the charitable activities the church, but for which the funds are passed through the church accounts. These funds include ET and EN personal subscriptions by members and friends, and personal gifts placed in the offering which are then distributed.

Significant distributions from the Missionary and Harvest funds amounting to £1,000 or more:

Mission Africa	12,000
AIM International	3,200
Operation Mobilisation	4,400
World Orphans	4,875

Total grants included in resources expended:

	Number	£
Individuals	54	429
Institutions	6	25,875
	50	26,304

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4 Tangible fixed assets

Asset cost	Freehold land & buildings £	Total 2020 £
At 1 January 2020	2,006,890	2,006,890
Additions:	-	-
Disposals:	-	-
At 31 December 2020	2,006,890	2,006,890

5 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	324	-
Other debtors	5,395	33,515
	<u>5,719</u>	<u>33,515</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	2,406	2,568
	<u>2,406</u>	<u>2,568</u>

7 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £	General £	Capital £	Restricted £	Total 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890	-	2,006,890
Net current assets	1,618	216,168	5,303	223,089	5,978	238,922	7,222	252,122
Creditors due after more than one year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,618</u>	<u>2,223,058</u>	<u>5,303</u>	<u>2,229,979</u>	<u>5,978</u>	<u>2,245,812</u>	<u>7,222</u>	<u>2,259,012</u>

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8 Trustee Disclosures

The Trustees below were paid for services as employees, other than those of a Trustee, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. These trustees are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where their salary for the following tax year is agreed.

	2020 £	2019 £
Stephen Ridgeway (Pastor from 01/09/20)		
Salary	12,333	-
Employer's Pension Contributions	617	-
Gordon Bull (Pastor to 31/08/20)		
Salary	21,782	29,340
Employer's Pension Contributions	1,089	1,323
Provision of Manse (Paid by church to landlord)	8,800	13,200
Lucio Dente (Community outreach co-ordinator)		
Salary	9,457	9,261
Employer's Pension Contributions	473	418
David Easton (Apprenticeship scheme to 31/08/20) (Youth Worker from 01/09/2020)		
Salary	17,540	11,865
Employer's Pension Contributions	877	536
William Bismark (Apprenticeship scheme to 31/08/20)		
Salary	8,300	11,865
Employer's Pension Contributions	415	536

One Trustee was reimbursed a total of £166 (2019: £0) for expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the business of the Church in his capacity as a Trustee.

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9 Related Party Transactions

The following related parties were paid for services as employees, as permitted by the terms of the constitution. Those Trustees related to the employees below are absent from that part of the Trustees meeting where the salaries for the following tax year are agreed.

		2020 £	2019 £
Mrs SM Bull (wife of Mr GJS Bull)	Women's worker (to 31/08/20)		
Salary		8,637	12,347
Employer's Pension Contributions		432	557
Mrs TM Harris (wife of Mr SM Harris)	Office Administrator		
Salary		6,495	6,357
Employer's Pension Contributions		325	287
Mrs M Easton (wife of Mr DWJ Easton)	Apprenticeship Scheme (to 31/10/20)		
Salary		10,420	11,865
Employer's Pension Contributions		521	536
Mrs F Hadjard (wife of Mr BFV Hadjard)	Cleaner		
Salary		5,730	5,233

10 Financial Commitments

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	3,172	3,379
Between one and five years	12,688	1,689
	15,860	5,068
The operating lease charges for the year were:		
Photocopier	3,172	3,379
Total	3,172	3,379