

# WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (FORMERLY BETHEL CHAPEL WELWYN)

England & Wales · Charity number 1135832

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2010-05-06

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLES OF FAITH. THE CHARITY MAY ALSO CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

**Activities:** The advancement of the Christian religion both in the Welwyn area and elsewhere achieved by regular meetings for public worship and for Bible teaching financial support for our pastor and others so that they can devote themselves to the ministry of preaching teaching and pastoral care evangelistic activities production of Christian literature practical help to those in need

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£124,202	£109,296	-	-
2024-09-30	£110,182	£119,147	-	-
2023-09-30	£111,788	£108,940	-	-
2022-09-30	£95,559	£102,083	-	-
2021-09-30	£97,656	£93,478	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW DAVID WARD		2023-11-15
Anthony Martin Hendley		2016-04-20
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL POUNTNEY		2013-06-13
Jamie Porteous Campbell		2024-08-01
NIGEL DAVID POUNTNEY		
Stephen John Coombes		2023-11-15

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# Accounts

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Report and Accounts  
Year ended 30th September 2025

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1135832	
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jamie Campbell Christopher Pountney Nigel Pountney Anthony Hendley Andrew Ward Stephen Coombes	Elder and Pastor Elder Deacon Deacon Deacon Deacon
HOLDING TRUSTEES	Wendy Evers Andrew Ward Carolyn Clark Simon Barfoot	
BANKERS	Barclays Bank The Welwyn Group 12/12A The Howard Centre Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6ER	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB	

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## WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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The Church took an active interest in missionary work at home and overseas by prayer and financial support.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

#### **Financial review**

Unrestricted voluntary receipts were just over £107,400, which is slightly higher than the previous year.

Restricted voluntary receipts were lower at £3,400. Receipts from charitable activities were slightly lower than the previous year at £700. A sum of approx £12,800 was received from interest on investments. Overall, the total receipts increased by £14,000 compared to the previous year.

Direct charitable activity payments were lower than the previous year by £6,400 at just over £90,800.

Grants paid were lower at £18,500. Overall, total voluntary receipts exceeded total payments by £14,900.

The capital proceeds from the sale of the Program related investment of £341,040 are being held for a similar purpose to enable the new Pastor to complete the purchase of a property in Welwyn.

Note - This purchase was completed on the 31st October 2025 using £290,000 of the capital.

#### **Future Plans**

The key strategies for the church are to remain the same.

#### **Grants Policy**

In keeping with the Aims of the Charity, the Church supported a number of institutions and individuals both at home and overseas. The Church business meeting determined those causes to which grants are made, based upon either an annual review of previous recipients or as a new cause. No ongoing commitment is given to any recipient prior to renewal.

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The Deacons have pursued an investment policy which provides shorter and longer term returns in vehicles specifically set up for Charities. Risk is reduced by spreading across different schemes.

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The Officers have agreed a policy on reserves such that unrestricted funds are maintained at a level to:

- a) Cover ministerial, care, local outreach, administration and support costs without which the Church could not function.
- b) Provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice.

At the year end, the unrestricted net reserves were in the region of £427,000. This sum is being held to provide funds for future use, including a program related investment of £290,000, unplanned maintenance projects, and for the ministry. The trustees believe the charity will need £427,000 to meet these requirements.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Charity Trustees twice annually.

## Governance

The names of the Trustees who served since 1st October 2024 are listed on Page 2. They were elected by a majority of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents. The Trustees meet regularly to monitor and review activities in accordance with existing policy and decisions, and propose new or modifications to existing policy and decisions for adoption at the Church members meeting.

## Organisational structure

All Members subscribe to *the Rules of Practice*, which cover the administration of the Church and its Officers. The roles of Elders and Deacons within the Church are described in that document and are based on the New Testament teaching. The scope of the authority of the Church Officers in the discharge of their legal responsibilities is documented in *the Procedures for the management and administration of the Church as a charity, Fifth Edition (March 2024)* as amended.

## Risk statement

All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and employers' insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the Church's ability to fulfil its objectives.

A review is undertaken during the year of the major risks to which the church is exposed. The officers have taken appropriate steps to mitigate these risks. One safeguarding issue was recorded and managed in accordance with the Church's safeguarding policy.

## Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jamie Campbell  
Jamie Campbell (Mar 20, 2026 16:26:16 GMT)

Jamie Campbell

Date: Mar 20, 2026

N.D. Pountney  
N.D. Pountney (Mar 21, 2026 09:22:46 GMT)

Nigel Pountney

Date: Mar 21, 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Welwyn Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 September 2025 on pages 6 to 10 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin  
Sarah Crispin (Mar 31, 2026 10:17:35 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA  
Stewardship  
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LONDON  
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Date: Mar 31, 2026

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> General Funds £	<u>Restricted</u> Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b><i>Income receipts</i></b>					
Gifts and Donations		88,414	3,420	91,834	87,662
Gift aid tax receipts		18,960	-	18,960	18,466
Legacies		-	-	-	1,000
Government grants		-	-	-	-
Other grants		-	-	-	-
Income from events		625	-	625	471
Income from literature sales		34	-	34	14
Interest received		12,750	-	12,750	2,069
Other		-	-	-	500
		<u>120,782</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>124,202</u>	<u>110,182</u>
<b><i>Capital and similar receipts</i></b>					
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Sale of investments		341,040	-	341,040	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-
		<u>341,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>341,040</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>461,822</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>465,242</u>	<u>110,182</u>
<b><i>Payments</i></b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	90,837	-	90,837	97,286
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	14,487	3,971	18,458	21,860
		<u>105,324</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>109,296</u>	<u>119,147</u>
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-
Loans made		-	-	-	-
		<u>105,324</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>109,296</u>	<u>119,147</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		356,498	(551)	355,947	(8,965)
Transfers between funds	5	(711)	711	0	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>355,787</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>355,947</u>	<u>(8,965)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		71,844	300	72,144	81,109
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>427,631</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>428,091</u>	<u>72,144</u>

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> General funds £	<u>Restricted</u> funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access		25,113	460	25,573	21,925
Notice deposits		52,461	-	52,461	50,203
Investments		350,010	-	350,010	-
Petty cash - bookstall		47	-	47	16
		<u>427,631</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>428,091</u>	<u>72,144</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Book Stock - valuation at cost		181	-	181	215
Gift aid due to charity		3,248	-	3,248	2,914
Other debtors		-	-	-	22
		<u>3,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,429</u>	<u>3,151</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Loans		-	-	-	-
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-
Taxes due		985	-	985	4,111
Fee for Independent Examination		960	-	960	950
Accrued expenses		206	-	206	428
		<u>2,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>5,489</u>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Loans		-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,151</u>	<u>5,489</u>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Current value £	
Freehold Property		General	100,000	-	
Refurbishments and improvements		General	136,000	-	
Machinery/Equipment		General	30,200	-	
		Totals	<u>266,200</u>	<u>-</u>	

Current values have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available.

## E Investment assets

A Program Related Investment in the form of an advance was made in September 1999 for £100,000 on a property for the then Pastor who held the registered title. The church made available an additional sum of £15,000 in March 2006 towards part-equity in the property extension. Subsequently, the new evaluation and redistribution in the share of ownership was calculated as 55.08% of the proceeds of sale in favour of the church. In March 2016 the Pastor increased his share of ownership by paying the church £35,000, thereby reducing the church's share to 48.72%. In Summer 2024, the Pastor advised the church that he would be putting the property up for sale on the open market. On completion of the sale on December 11th 2024, the Legal Charge was discharged and the church received £341,040. It incurred costs and fees of £956.

The Trustees are confident that the current market value of the freehold property is above cost.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Jamie Campbell*  
Jamie Campbell (Mar 20, 2026 16:28:16 GMT)

Jamie Campbell

Date: Mar 20, 2026

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**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received

	<u>Unrestricted</u> General funds £	<u>Restricted</u> Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>				
Employment costs (see note 4)	61,630	-	61,630	70,518
Youth/Adult work	1,377	-	1,377	632
Local Evangelism	1,989	-	1,989	2,445
Church Teaching & Pastoral	3,913	-	3,913	5,721
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	5,988	-	5,988	5,325
Utilities	6,676	-	6,676	8,210
Insurance	2,004	-	2,004	1,898
Independent examination	924	-	924	943
Administration	1,962	-	1,962	1,593
Legal fees	4,374	-	4,374	-
	<u>90,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,837</u>	<u>97,286</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Grants for:				
European Mission Fellowship	5,097	-	5,097	5,760
Mercy Ships	-	-	-	4,535
Mombasa Mission	-	3,971	3,971	-
The Christian Institute	320	-	320	-
Soldiers and Aviators Scripture Readers Association	330	-	330	-
The Gaius Trust	320	-	320	-
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	2,292	-	2,292	2,625
United For Mission	2,298	-	2,298	5,100
Gospel Grace Church, Sri Lanka	2,050	-	2,050	2,500
Pastors Academy	1,780	-	1,780	1,340
	<u>14,487</u>	<u>3,971</u>	<u>18,458</u>	<u>21,860</u>

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**4 Transactions with related parties**

The Church has one employee, the Pastor (2024:1), with most of the church's activities being carried out by volunteers. The Pastor, JP Campbell, is both a church leader and a trustee. His gross salary, paid in his role as a church leader, is allowed by the governing document, and was within a salary band of £50,000 to £60,000.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them. No trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	71,844	461,822	(105,324)	(711)	427,631
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Harvest 24 - Mombasa Mission	300	2,960	(3,971)	711	-
Harvest 25 - Farming Christian Link	-	460	-	-	460
	<u>300</u>	<u>3,420</u>	<u>(3,971)</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>460</u>
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The transfer was made from General Funds equal to the Gift Aid Tax to be recovered on donations

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# Accounts

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**Welwyn**  
Evangelical Church

# Report and Accounts

year ended 30 September 2024

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Grants paid were lower at £21,900. Unrestricted support costs were higher by £2,200 over the year.

Overall, total payments exceeded total receipts by nearly £9,000.

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At the year end, the unrestricted net reserves were in the region of £69,000. This sum is being held to

to provide funds for future use, including £20,000 for maintenance projects, and £20,000 for the ministry. The trustees believe the charity should aim to hold £69,000 to meet these requirements.

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Jamie Campbell  Mar 21, 2025  
Jamie Campbell (Mar 21, 2025 06:29 GMT)

Nigel Pountney  Mar 21, 2025  
N. D. Pountney (Mar 21, 2025 16:33 GMT)

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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (Mar 24, 2025 14:40 GMT)

Archie McDowall BA, CA

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Date: Mar 24, 2025

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received	2a	103,045	4,083	107,128	110,276
		103,045	4,083	107,128	110,276
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		2,069	-	2,069	923
Charitable activities	2b	485	500	985	589
Sale of Assets		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		105,599	4,583	110,182	111,788
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct charitable activity	3	78,817	500	79,317	69,286
Grants paid	3	17,325	4,535	21,860	23,906
Support costs	3	17,970	-	17,970	15,747
Total Payments		114,112	5,035	119,147	108,940
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		(8,512)	(453)	(8,965)	2,848
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	6	(753)	753	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		(9,265)	300	(8,965)	2,848
Cash funds as at last year end		81,109	-	81,109	78,261
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>		71,844	300	72,144	81,109

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these accounts.

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>1. Cash Funds</b>				
Barclays Bank General Account	21,625	300	21,925	32,973
Cambridge & Counties Bank deposits	50,203	-	50,203	48,134
Petty Cash - Bookstall	16	-	16	2
	<u>71,844</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>72,144</u>	<u>81,109</u>
<b>2. Other monetary assets</b>				
Book Stock - valuation at cost	215	-	215	215
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,914	-	2,914	2,952
Other debtors	22	-	22	7
	<u>3,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,151</u>	<u>3,173</u>
<b>3. Liabilities</b>				
Employment costs due to HMRC	4,111	-	4,111	1,867
Fee for Independent Examination	950	-	950	840
Other creditors	-	-	-	10
Accrued expenses	428	-	428	612
	<u>5,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,489</u>	<u>3,329</u>

**4. Assets retained for charity's own use**

The value of the assets owned are:	£	
Freehold Building	100,000	Historic cost as of 30/09/2024
Refurbishments and improvements	130,200	At cost
Plant/Machinery/Equipment	30,100	At cost
Program related investment	<u>80,000</u>	See note below
	<u>340,300</u>	

The Freehold property above comprises the Church premises at Fulling Mill Lane.

The Program Related Investment is an advance made in September 1999 for £100,000 on a property for the Pastor who holds the registered title. The church made available an additional sum of £15,000 in March 2006 towards part-equity in the property extension. Subsequently, the new evaluation and redistribution in the share of ownership was calculated as 55.08% of the proceeds of sale in favour of the church. In March 2016 the Pastor increased his share of ownership by paying the church £35,000, thereby reducing the church's share to 48.72%. In Summer 2024, the Pastor advised the church that he would be selling the property, and at the current time the property is in the process of being conveyed. The expected return is approximately £340,000.

The Trustees are confident that the current market value of the property is above cost.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

Jamie Campbell  Mar 21, 2025  
Jamie Campbell (Mar 21, 2025 06:29 GMT)

Nigel Pountney  Mar 21, 2025  
N. D. Pountney (Mar 21, 2025 16:33 GMT)

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these accounts.

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

**2. Incoming Resources**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Voluntary income</i>				
Gifts and donations	83,579	4,083	87,662	91,310
Tax recovered	18,466	-	18,466	18,966
Bequests received	1,000	-	1,000	-
	<u>103,045</u>	<u>4,083</u>	<u>107,128</u>	<u>110,276</u>
<i>(b) Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
Literature sales	14	-	14	101
Youth Work/ Ladies events	471	-	471	487
Sundry income	-	500	500	-
	<u>485</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>589</u>

**3. Charitable activity costs**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>				
Ministry	70,518	-	70,518	60,934
Church Teaching & Pastoral	5,221	500	5,721	5,374
Local Evangelism	2,445	-	2,445	2,397
Youth/Adult work	632	-	632	582
	<u>78,817</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>79,317</u>	<u>69,286</u>
<i>Grants (see note 4)</i>				
UK Missionary	14,825	4,535	19,360	19,245
International Missionary	2,500	-	2,500	4,661
	<u>17,325</u>	<u>4,535</u>	<u>21,860</u>	<u>23,906</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Support costs</i>				
Property and repairs	15,433	-	15,433	13,488
Governance costs	943	-	943	878
Other administration	1,593	-	1,593	1,381
	<u>17,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,970</u>	<u>15,747</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>114,112</u>	<u>5,035</u>	<u>119,147</u>	<u>108,940</u>

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**4. Grants Paid**

	Institutions	Individuals	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Gospel Work	8,965	500	9,465	11,471
Missionary Work	7,020	-	7,020	4,950
Ministerial Training	1,340	-	1,340	1,275
Medical Provision	4,535	-	4,535	125
Hardship Relief	-	-	-	6,085
	<u>21,860</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>22,360</u>	<u>23,906</u>

The major grants paid in the year were:

European Mission Fellowship	£5,760	(Support of a Pastor in Spain and a Pastor in Italy who are leading church work, and for a conference in Ukraine)
Mercy Ships	£4,535	(Medical provision in Africa)
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	£2,625	(Gospel Work in Taiwan)
United For Mission	£5,100	(Gospel work in the UK and France, support of a Pastor in France)
Gospel Grace Church, Sri Lanka	£2,500	(Church planting work in Sri Lanka)
Pastors Academy	£1,340	(Ministerial training in the UK)

**5. Employees**

The Church has one employee, the Pastor (2023:1), with most of the church's activities being carried out by volunteers. The Pastor, JM Roberts, is both a church leader and a trustee, and retired from that role in July 2024. His gross salary, paid in his role as a church leader, is allowed by the governing document, and was within a salary band of £50,000 to £60,000.

The Pastor Elect, JP Campbell, started employment in June 2024, and from August 2024 became the Pastor. He is both a church leader and a trustee. His gross salary, paid in his role as a church leader, is allowed by the governing document, and was within a salary band of £50,000 to £60,000.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them. No trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

**5. Movement of funds**

	Balance at 30 Sept 2023	Receipts	Transfers	Payments	Balance at 30 Sept 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Harvest 2023 - Mercy Ships	-	3,783	753	4,535	-
Sundry income	-	500	-	500	-
Harvest 2024 - Mombasa Mission	-	300	-	-	300
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,583</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>5,035</u>	<u>300</u>

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH ( FORMERLY BETHEL CHAPEL WELWYN)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135832

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WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

# Report and Accounts

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WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT	With effect from 6th May 2010, the Church was registered with the Charity Commission (reg. No. 1135832). It is governed by a new Constitution dated 11th July 2009, (as updated by amendment dated 20 February 2019), and revised Rules of Practice which were adopted by the church in November 2009 and May 2022. Prior to this the church was an excepted charity, governed by the Trust deed dated 12 November 1892, and the associated schedule of Articles of Faith, The Rules of Practice, and The Procedures for the management and administration of the church as a charity.	
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1135832	
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mostyn Roberts Chris Pountney Nigel Pountney Anthony Hendley Matt Jones Andy Ward Stephen Coombes	Elder and Pastor Elder Deacon Deacon Deacon Deacon (from Nov 23) Deacon (from Nov 23)
HOLDING TRUSTEES	Wendy Evers Andy Ward Carolyn Clark Simon Barfoot	
BANKERS	Barclays Bank The Welwyn Group 12/12A The Howard Centre Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6ER	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	

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## WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

#### Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a *Constitution* and is constituted as a Trust.

The church's principal object, as set out in its governing document, is the advancement of the Christian religion as defined by the *Schedule of Articles of Faith*, both in the Welwyn area and elsewhere.

This purpose is achieved by:

- a) Regular meetings for public worship and for Bible teaching
- b) Financial support for our pastor and others so that they can devote themselves to the ministry of preaching, teaching and pastoral care; this includes support to train others for this work
- c) Evangelistic activities in the community
- d) Production and distribution of Christian literature
- e) Practical help to those in need, especially to fellow believers

#### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church continued to meet for worship and "teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ".

It placed a strong emphasis on all the means of grace and regularly met for prayer and Bible study. The Sunday services were also Livestreamed and the midweek Bible Studies and prayer meetings used Zoom to include folk who were unable to attend. During the year, the church premises were used for the teaching programme including Sunday Bible classes, and weekday evening activities for children and young people. A number of other activities for different interest groups was arranged, and the Church continued to evangelise and to show the love of Christ to the local community.

The Church took an active interest in missionary work at home and overseas by prayer and financial support.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### Financial review

Unrestricted voluntary receipts were over £103,000, which is much higher than in the previous year.

Restricted voluntary receipts were lower at just under £7,000. Receipts from charitable activities were similar to the previous year at just under £600. A sum of £900 was received from interest on investments.

Overall, the total receipts reduced by £6,300 compared to the previous year.

Direct charitable activity payments were higher than the previous year by £5,000 at just over £69,000.

Grants paid were lower at £23,900. Unrestricted support costs were lower by £4,200 over the year.

Overall, total receipts exceeded total payments by nearly £3,000.

#### Future Plans

The key strategies for the church are to remain the same.

#### Grants Policy

In keeping with the Aims of the Charity, the Church supported a number of institutions and individuals both at home and overseas. The Church business meeting determined those causes to which grants are made, based upon either an annual review of previous recipients or as a new cause. No ongoing commitment is given to any recipient prior to renewal.

#### Investments Policy

The Deacons have pursued an investment policy which provides shorter and longer term returns in vehicles specifically set up for Charities. Risk is reduced by spreading across different schemes.

#### Policy on Reserves

The Officers have agreed a policy on reserves such that unrestricted funds are maintained at a level to:

- a) Cover ministerial, care, local outreach, administration and support costs without which the Church could not function.
- b) Provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice.

At the year end, the unrestricted net reserves were in the region of £81,000. This sum is being held to

to provide funds for future use, including £10,000 for maintenance projects, and £45,000 for the ministry, eg the succession plan for the incumbent Pastor.  
The trustees believe the charity should aim to hold £81,000 to meet these requirements.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Charity Trustees twice annually.

#### **Governance**

The names of the Trustees who served since 1st October 2022 are listed on Page 1. They were elected by a majority of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents. The Trustees meet regularly to monitor and review activities in accordance with existing policy and decisions, and propose new or modifications to existing policy and decisions for adoption at the Church members meeting.

#### **Organisational Structure**

All Members subscribe to *the Rules of Practice*, which cover the administration of the Church and its Officers. The roles of Elders and Deacons within the Church are described in that document and are based on the New Testament teaching. The scope of the authority of the Church Officers in the discharge of their legal responsibilities is documented in *the Procedures for the management and administration of the Church as a charity, Fourth Edition (June 2012)* as amended.

#### **Risk Management**

All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and employers' insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the Church's ability to fulfil its objectives.

A review is undertaken during the year of the major risks to which the church is exposed. The officers have taken appropriate steps to mitigate these risks.

#### **Trustees Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

#### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

...Mostyn Roberts...Dated...20/3/24...

...NDPountney...Dated...20 March 2024...

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of**

**Welwyn Evangelical Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Welwyn Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2023 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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Date: 27 March 2024

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received	2a	103,455	6,821	110,276	105,741
		103,455	6,821	110,276	105,741
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		923	-	923	307
Charitable activities	2b	589	-	589	579
Sale of Assets		-	-	-	11,500
Total Receipts		104,966	6,821	111,788	118,127
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct charitable activity	3	69,286	-	69,286	64,242
Grants paid	3	15,865	8,041	23,906	25,555
Support costs	3	15,747	-	15,747	19,961
Sale of Assets	3	-	-	-	2,782
Total Payments		100,898	8,041	108,940	112,540
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		4,068	(1,220)	2,848	5,586
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		4,068	(1,220)	2,848	5,586
Cash funds as at last year end		77,041	1,220	78,261	72,675
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>		81,109	0	81,109	78,261

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these accounts.

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>1. Cash Funds</b>				
Barclays Bank General Account	32,973	-	32,973	51,041
Cambridge & Counties Bank deposits	48,134	-	48,134	27,211
Petty Cash - Bookstall	2	-	2	10
	<u>81,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,109</u>	<u>78,261</u>
<b>2. Other monetary assets</b>				
Book Stock - valuation at cost	215	-	215	215
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,952	-	2,952	3,371
Other debtors	7	-	7	-
	<u>3,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,173</u>	<u>3,585</u>
<b>3. Liabilities</b>				
Employment costs due to HMRC	1,867	-	1,867	1,723
Fee for Independent Examination	840	-	840	770
Other creditors	10	-	10	-
Accrued expenses	612	-	612	1,022
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>3,515</u>

**4. Assets retained for charity's own use**

	£	
The value of the assets owned are:		
Freehold Building	100,000	Historic cost as of 30/09/2023
Refurbishments and improvements	130,200	At cost
Plant/Machinery/Equipment	30,100	At cost
Program related investment	80,000	See note below
	<u>340,300</u>	

The Freehold property above comprises the Church premises at Fulling Mill Lane.

The Program Related Investment is an advance made in September 1999 for £100,000 on a property for the Pastor who holds the registered title. The church made available an additional sum of £15,000 in March 2006 towards part-equity in the property extension. Subsequently, the new evaluation and redistribution in the share of ownership was calculated as 55.08% of the proceeds of sale in favour of the church. In March 2016 the Pastor increased his share of ownership by paying the church £35,000, thereby reducing the church's share to 48.72%. The Trustees are confident that the current market value of the property is above cost.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

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**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

**2. Incoming Resources**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Voluntary income</i>				
Gifts and donations	85,584	5,726	91,310	89,143
Tax recovered	17,871	1,095	18,966	16,597
Bequests received	-	-	-	-
	103,455	6,821	110,276	105,741
<i>(b) Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
Literature sales	101	-	101	35
Youth Work/ Ladies events	487	-	487	370
Sundry income	-	-	-	173
	589	-	589	579

**3. Charitable activity costs**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>				
Ministry costs	60,934	-	60,934	56,244
Church teaching etc	5,374	-	5,374	3,170
Local Evangelism	2,397	-	2,397	3,635
Youth/Adult work	582	-	582	1,193
	69,286	-	69,286	64,242
<i>Grants (see note 4)</i>				
UK Missionary	13,035	6,210	19,245	19,544
International Missionary	2,830	1,831	4,661	6,011
	15,865	8,041	23,906	25,555
<i>Support costs</i>				
Property and repairs	13,488	-	13,488	16,631
Governance costs	878	-	878	780
Other administration	1,381	-	1,381	2,550
	15,747	-	15,747	19,961
<i>Sale of Assets</i>	-	-	-	2,782
	-	-	-	2,782
<b>Total</b>	100,898	8,041	108,940	112,540

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**4. Grants Paid**

	Institutions	Individuals	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Gospel Work	11,471	-	11,471	9,275
Missionary Work	4,950	-	4,950	4,623
Ministerial Training	1,275	-	1,275	1,200
Medical Provision	125	-	125	3,615
Hardship Relief	6,085	-	6,085	6,843
	<u>23,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,906</u>	<u>25,555</u>

The major grants paid in the year were:

European Mission Fellowship	£9,658	(Support of a Pastor in Spain and a Pastor in Italy who are leading church work, and for hardship relief in Ukraine)
ReachAcross	£125	(Medical provision in Central Asia)
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	£2,120	(Gospel Work in Taiwan)
United For Mission	£4,850	(Gospel work in the UK and France, support of a Pastor in France)
Gospel Grace Church, Sri Lanka	£4,661	(Church planting work and a church conference in Sri Lanka)
Pastors Academy	£1,275	(Ministerial training in the UK)
New Zion Fellowship	£1,217	(Hardship relief in the UK)

**5. Employees**

The Church has one employee (2022: 1), with most of the church's activities being carried out by volunteers.

The Pastor, JM Roberts, is both a church leader and a trustee. His gross salary, paid in his role as a church leader, is allowed by the governing document, and was within a salary band of £50,000 to £60,000.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them. No trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

**6. Movement of Restricted Funds**

	Balance at 30 Sept 2022	Receipts	Transfers	Payments	Balance at 30 Sept 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Harvest 22 (EMF/ NZF Foodbank)	1,095	4,990	-	6,085	-
Sri Lanka GGC Conference	-	1,831	-	1,831	-
Harvest 21 (ReachAcross)	125	-	-	125	-
	<u>1,220</u>	<u>6,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,041</u>	<u>-</u>

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH ( FORMERLY BETHEL CHAPEL WELWYN)**

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WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1135832	
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mostyn Roberts Chris Pountney Nigel Pountney Anthony Hendley Matt Jones	Elder and Pastor Elder Deacon Deacon Deacon
HOLDING TRUSTEES	Wendy Evers Andrew Ward Carolyn Clark Simon Barfoot	
BANKERS	Barclays Bank The Welwyn Group 12/12A The Howard Centre Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6ER	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB	

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## WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

#### Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a *Constitution* and is constituted as a Trust.

The church's principal object, as set out in its governing document, is the advancement of the Christian religion as defined by the *Schedule of Articles of Faith*, both in the Welwyn area and elsewhere.

This purpose is achieved by:

- a) Regular meetings for public worship and for Bible teaching
- b) Financial support for our pastor and others so that they can devote themselves to the ministry of preaching, teaching and pastoral care; this includes support to train others for this work
- c) Evangelistic activities in the community
- d) Production and distribution of Christian literature
- e) Practical help to those in need, especially to fellow believers

#### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church continued to meet for worship and "teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ".

It placed a strong emphasis on all the means of grace and regularly met for prayer and Bible study. The Sunday services were also Livestreamed and the midweek Bible Studies and prayer meetings used Zoom to include folk who were unable to attend. During the year, the church premises were used for the teaching programme including Sunday Bible classes, and weekday evening activities for children and young people. A number of other activities for different interest groups was arranged, and the Church continued to evangelise and to show the love of Christ to the local community.

The Church took an active interest in missionary work at home and overseas by prayer and financial support.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### Financial review

Unrestricted voluntary receipts were just under £95,000, which is much higher than in the previous year.

Restricted voluntary receipts were slightly lower at £11,000. Receipts from charitable activities were a little higher than the previous year at just under £600. A sum of £300 was received from interest on investments, and £11,500 from the sale of a parcel of land.

Overall, the total receipts increased by over £20,000 compared to the previous year.

Direct charitable activity payments were higher than the previous year by £7,000 at just over £64,000.

Grants paid were slightly lower at £25,500. Unrestricted support costs were higher by £11,000 over the year.

Overall, total receipts exceeded total payments by nearly £6,000.

The impact of Covid-19 on the church's finances has been very limited, with regular giving from members and attenders increasing. Higher expenditure has resulted from the premises being used more frequently during the year.

#### Future Plans

The key strategies for the church are to remain the same.

#### Grants Policy

In keeping with the Aims of the Charity, the Church supported a number of institutions and individuals both at home and overseas. The Church business meeting determined those causes to which grants are made, based upon either an annual review of previous recipients or as a new cause. No ongoing commitment is given to any recipient prior to renewal.

#### Investments Policy

The Deacons have pursued an investment policy which provides shorter and longer term returns in vehicles specifically set up for Charities. Risk is reduced by spreading across different schemes.

#### Policy on Reserves

The Officers have agreed a policy on reserves such that unrestricted funds are maintained at a level to:

- a) Cover ministerial, care, local outreach, administration and support costs without which the Church could not function.
- b) Provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice.

At the year end, the unrestricted net reserves were in the region of £76,000. This sum is being held to

to provide funds for future use, including £6,000 for maintenance projects, and £40,000 for the ministry, eg the succession plan for the incumbent Pastor.  
The trustees believe the charity should aim to hold £76,000 to meet these requirements.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Charity Trustees twice annually.

#### **Governance**

The names of the Trustees who served since 1st October 2021 are listed on Page 1. They were elected by a majority of the Members in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents. The Trustees meet regularly to monitor and review activities in accordance with existing policy and decisions, and propose new or modifications to existing policy and decisions for adoption at the Church members meeting.

#### **Organisational Structure**

All Members subscribe to *the Rules of Practice*, which cover the administration of the Church and its Officers. The roles of Elders and Deacons within the Church are described in that document and are based on the New Testament teaching. The scope of the authority of the Church Officers in the discharge of their legal responsibilities is documented in *the Procedures for the management and administration of the Church as a charity, Fourth Edition (June 2012)*.

#### **Risk Management**

All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and employers' insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the Church's ability to fulfil its objectives.

A review is undertaken during the year of the major risks to which the church is exposed. The officers have taken appropriate steps to mitigate these risks.

#### **Trustees Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

#### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

#### **Signed**

...Mostyn Roberts.....Dated...19/3/23...                      .....N.D.Pountney.....Dated...19/3/2023.....

**Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of**

**Welwyn Evangelical Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Welwyn Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2022 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed  
Archie McDowall BA, CA

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Date: 27-Mar-23

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received	2a	94,673	11,068	105,741	96,964
		94,673	11,068	105,741	96,964
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		307	-	307	330
Charitable activities	2b	579	-	579	362
Sale of Assets		11,500	-	11,500	-
Total Receipts		107,059	11,068	118,127	97,656
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct charitable activity	3	64,242	-	64,242	57,175
Grants paid	3	15,098	10,458	25,555	27,624
Support costs	3	19,961	-	19,961	8,679
Sale of Assets	3	2,782	-	2,782	-
Total Payments		102,083	10,458	112,540	93,478
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		4,976	610	5,586	4,178
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	6	(510)	510	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		4,466	1,120	5,586	4,178
Cash funds as at last year end		72,575	100	72,675	68,497
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>		77,041	1,220	78,261	72,675

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these accounts.

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>1. Cash Funds</b>				
Barclays Bank General Account	49,821	1,220	51,041	24,680
CAF short term deposits	-	-	-	21,044
Cambridge & Counties Bank deposits	27,211	-	27,211	26,941
Petty Cash - Bookstall	10	-	10	10
	<u>77,041</u>	<u>1,220</u>	<u>78,261</u>	<u>72,675</u>
<b>2. Other monetary assets</b>				
Book Stock - valuation at cost	215	-	215	250
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,599	771	3,371	2,183
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,814</u>	<u>771</u>	<u>3,585</u>	<u>2,433</u>
<b>3. Liabilities</b>				
Employment costs due to HMRC	1,723	-	1,723	2,891
Fee for Independent Examination	770	-	770	770
Accrued expenses	897	125	1,022	118
	<u>3,390</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>3,515</u>	<u>3,780</u>

**4. Assets retained for charity's own use**

The value of the assets owned are:	£	
Freehold Building	100,000	Historic cost as of 30/09/2022
Refurbishments and improvements	130,200	At cost
Plant/Machinery/Equipment	30,100	At cost
Program related investment	80,000	See note below
	<u>340,300</u>	

The Freehold property above comprises the Church premises at Fulling Mill Lane.

The Program Related Investment is an advance made in September 1999 for £100,000 on a property for the Pastor who holds the registered title. The church made available an additional sum of £15,000 in March 2006 towards part-equity in the property extension. Subsequently, the new evaluation and redistribution in the share of ownership was calculated as 55.08% of the proceeds of sale in favour of the church. In March 2016 the Pastor increased his share of ownership by paying the church £35,000, thereby reducing the church's share to 48.72%. The Trustees are confident that the current market value of the property is above cost.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

**Signed**

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**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

**2. Incoming Resources**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<i>(a) Voluntary income</i>				
Gifts and donations	79,382	9,761	89,143.29	82,374
Tax recovered	15,291	1,306	16,597.29	14,590
Bequests received	-	-	-	-
	94,673	11,068	105,741	96,964
<i>(b) Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
Literature sales	35	-	35	23
Youth Work/ Ladies events	370	-	370	167
Sundry income	173	-	173	172
	579	-	579	362

**3. Charitable activity costs**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>				
Ministry costs	56,244	-	56,244	54,371
Church teaching etc	3,170	-	3,170	1,725
Local Evangelism	3,635	-	3,635	779
Youth/Adult work	1,193	-	1,193	300
	64,242	-	64,242	57,175
<i>Grants (see note 4)</i>				
UK Missionary	12,398	7,146	19,544	23,849
International Missionary	2,700	3,311	6,011	3,775
	15,098	10,458	25,555	27,624
<i>Support costs</i>				
Property and repairs	16,631	-	16,631	6,939
Governance costs	780	-	780	750
Other administration	2,550	-	2,550	990
	19,961	-	19,961	8,679
<i>Sale of Assets</i>	2,782	-	2,782	-
	2,782	-	2,782	-
<b>Total</b>	102,083	10,458	112,540	93,478

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**4. Grants Paid**

	Institutions	Individuals	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Gospel Work	9,275	-	9,275	8,700
Missionary Work	4,623	-	4,623	4,475
Ministerial Training	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Medical Provision	3,615	-	3,615	-
Hardship Relief	6,843	-	6,843	13,249
	<u>25,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,555</u>	<u>27,624</u>

The major grants paid in the year were:

European Mission Fellowship	£8,154	(for support of a Pastor in Spain and a Pastor in Italy who are leading church work, and for hardship relief in Ukraine)
ReachAcross	£3,615	(for medical provision in Central Asia)
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	£2,000	(for Gospel Work in Taiwan)
United For Mission	£4,575	(for Gospel work in the UK and France)
Gospel Grace Church, Sri Lanka	£6,011	(for Church planting work and hardship relief in Sri Lanka)
Pastors Academy	£1,200	(for ministerial training in the UK)

**5. Employees**

The Church has one employee (2021: 1), with most of the church's activities being carried out by volunteers.

The Pastor, JM Roberts, is both a church leader and a trustee. His gross salary, paid in his role as a church leader, is allowed by the governing document, and was within a salary band of £50,000 to £60,000.

No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them. No trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year.

**6. Movement of Restricted Funds**

	Balance at 30 Sept 2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Harvest 22 (EMF/ NZF Foodbank)	-	1,095	-	-	1,095
EMF Ukraine Emergency	-	3,531	3,531	-	-
Sri Lanka Poor Relief	-	2,801	3,311	510	-
Harvest 21 (ReachAcross)	100	3,640	3,615	-	125
	<u>100</u>	<u>11,068</u>	<u>10,458</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>1,220</u>

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH ( FORMERLY BETHEL CHAPEL WELWYN)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1135832

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