



Report and Accounts  
Year ended 30th September 2025

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Fulling Mill Lane Welwyn Herts. AL6 9NH	
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	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

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025.

#### 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 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.

## 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.

## Reserves policy

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)

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Date: Mar 31, 2026

**WELWYN EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

		<u>Unrestricted</u> General Funds £	<u>Restricted</u> Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
	Notes				
<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>
<b><i>Total receipts</i></b>		<u><u>461,822</u></u>	<u><u>3,420</u></u>	<u><u>465,242</u></u>	<u><u>110,182</u></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>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><i>Total payments</i></b>		<u><u>105,324</u></u>	<u><u>3,971</u></u>	<u><u>109,296</u></u>	<u><u>119,147</u></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><u>427,631</u></u>	<u><u>460</u></u>	<u><u>428,091</u></u>	<u><u>72,144</u></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**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	General	funds		
	funds			
Notes	£	£	£	£
<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
	<b>427,631</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>428,091</b>	<b>72,144</b>
<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
	<b>3,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>3,151</b>
<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
	<b>2,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>5,489</b>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>5,489</b>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
	Fund to	Cost	Current	
	which asset	£	value	
	belongs		£	
Freehold Property	General	100,000	-	
Refurbishments and improvements	General	136,000	-	
Machinery/Equipment	General	30,200	-	
Totals		266,200	-	

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 16:26:16 GMT)

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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>
Total funds	<u>72,144</u>	<u>465,242</u>	<u>(109,296)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>428,091</u>

The transfer was made from General Funds equal to the Gift Aid Tax to be recovered on donations