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EVAN ROBERTS INSTITUTE
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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1152643

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Charity Name	The Evan Roberts Institute		
Charity Number	1152643		
Address	North Coast Centre Gors Road Towyn Abergele LL22 9NR		
Trustees	Rev'd Darren Millar MS	President and Chair	Founding Trustee
	Rev'd Timothy Rowlands	Vice President and Secretary	Founding Trustee
	Russell George MS	Treasurer	Founding Trustee

Governance and Management

The Evan Roberts Institute is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is governed in accordance with the Institute's constitution dated 28th June 2013. The Institute's affairs are managed by its three founding trustees, all of whom are volunteers offering their skills, knowledge and experience to the Institute without charge.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Institute are as follows:

- The advancement of Christianity in Wales for the benefit of the public through the preservation of sacred and spiritually significant sites.
- To educate the public in the subject of Welsh Christian heritage.

The Institute's motto '*Respice et Prospice*' reflects its goal that in reminding and educating people of the rich Christian history of Wales, people will be inspired to look forward to experiencing and building the Christian heritage of the future.

Evan Roberts

The great Welsh revivalist Evan Roberts, who was an instrument used by God in the last nationwide revival in Wales in 1904, was the inspiration for the establishment of the Institute which bears his name. His life and work had a remarkable and global impact which put Wales on the centre stage of Christianity and gave it a special place in the history of the Church worldwide.

Achievements and Future Plans

The Evan Roberts Institute has enjoyed another successful year promoting Welsh Christian heritage to people from Wales, the wider United Kingdom and around the world.

The Institute facilitated the delivery of both the St David's Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in the Welsh Parliament's Pierhead Building and an International Reception on the eve of the Breakfast in the Senedd. Both events took place in the week of St David's Day on the 6th and 7th of March. More than 20 nations were represented at the events and Welsh Government Ministers, and parliamentarians, including the First Minister and the Llywydd were present. A Friends of the Institute Dinner was also held at the St David's Hotel in Cardiff Bay on the 6th March with more than 90 guests in attendance.

The keynote speaker at this year's Prayer Breakfast was former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams. The First Minister of Wales, The Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, was the guest of honour at the International Reception, where he was presented with a print of Sydney Curnow Vosper's painting 'Salem'. The National Library of Wales displayed items from their archives during the events including historic Welsh Bibles, and a number of items were placed in their archives by the Institute.

In addition to the St David's Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast events, the Institute also offered an extended programme to the leaders of other European prayer breakfasts and other international guests. Eighteen people participated in the programme which included visits to Coleg Trefeca, the home and birthplace of Welsh evangelist Howel Harris, and Hereford Cathedral. During these visits guests learnt about the dawn of Welsh revival movements and their leaders, and the historical relationships between Christianity in Wales and England.

Pisgah Chapel, the reversionary freehold interest of which is owned by the Institute, continues to receive many visitors each year, including from overseas. The Institute continues to be vigilant for other opportunities to acquire Welsh Christian heritage at risk.

The Chair represented the Institute at the Finnish, Nordic-Baltic, and European Prayer Breakfasts during the year, the latter of which was also attended by the Secretary. Both the Chair and the Treasurer also participated in the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in June 2023. Each of these events afforded opportunities to promote awareness of Wales and its Christian heritage.

Links with theological colleges and universities remain strong with relationships with both the Bible College of Wales and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David continuing to prosper. A new link with Coleg Trefeca was established during the year.

Planning for the 2025 St David's Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast events is underway.

Financial Performance and Reserves Policy

The Institute covers the costs of its work through donations and the financial support of its trustees. It benefits from a very low cost base and as a consequence is not required to hold large sums in reserves to be financially resilient. Financial performance for the year ended 31st March 2024 delivered a healthy surplus and puts the charity in a good position going forward.

The trustees are grateful for the continued, prayerful and practical support of a growing network of friends and partners of the Institute around the world.



Rev'd Darren Millar MS

President and Chair

The Evan Roberts Institute

28 October 2024


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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2023
	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations	2	9,465	9,500	18,965	14,475
Charitable Activities	3	5,103	0	5,103	4,516
<i>Total incoming resources</i>		<u>14,568</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>24,068</u>	<u>18,991</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising Funds		0	0	0	53
Charitable Activities	5-8	5,885	9,500	15,385	18,563
Other		243	0	243	473
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>6,128</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>15,628</u>	<u>19,089</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		8,440	0	8,440	(98)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		<u>8,440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,440</u>	<u>(98)</u>
Losses on revaluation of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>8,440</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,440</u>	<u>(98)</u>
Opening funds at 1st April		14,874	0	14,874	14,972
Total funds at 31st March		<u>23,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,314</u>	<u>14,874</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2023 £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Heritage Assets	9	<u>11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors and Prepayments	10	212	0	212	1,850
Cash at Bank		<u>13,003</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,003</u>	<u>2,325</u>
		13,215	0	13,215	4,175
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
Creditors payable within one year	11	901	0	901	300
<i>Net Current Assets</i>		<u>12,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,314</u>	<u>3,875</u>
<i>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</i>		23,314	0	23,314	14,875
Creditors payable after one year		0	0	0	0
Total Net Assets		<u>23,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,314</u>	<u>14,875</u>
<u>Charitable Funds</u>					
Unrestricted		23,314	0	23,314	14,875
Restricted	12	0	0	0	0
Total Charitable Funds		<u>23,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,314</u>	<u>14,875</u>



Russell George MS
Treasurer
The Evan Roberts Institute

28 October 2024

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, and applicable charity law in the England and Wales. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

b Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Institute in furtherance of its charitable objectives. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

c Incoming Resources

All donations are included in the financial statements for the period in which they were received. All other income is recognised when the Institute becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are confident that they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Most of the management and activity of the Institute is undertaken by volunteers, but the value of this is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the work of the Institute is incalculable.

d Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended are recognised in the period to which they are incurred and include attributable taxes which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Institute to pay out resources.

e Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost £500 or more. They are valued at cost or valuation, less depreciation. A list of fixed assets is maintained in an Asset Register at the Institute's registered office.

Heritage assets may be acquired by agreement of the Trustees in accordance with the Institute's constitution and furtherance of its charitable objects. Access to such assets, including their management and preservation, is a matter for the Trustees and/or any such person(s) or organisation(s) designated as custodian(s) of the assets by the Trustees. Heritage assets may be disposed of by agreement of the Trustees provided that they consider such disposals to be in the interests of the Institute and in accordance with its charitable objects.

2 Donations

The Institute received donations from various individual donors and charitable sources during the year. £7,000 of these donations were earmarked by donors for use at the St David's Parliamentary Prayer Events at the Welsh Parliament, and £2,500 for the annual Friends of the Institute Dinner.

3 Income from Charitable Activities

The Institute held a dinner for friends of the charity during the year. The event provided an opportunity for networking and fellowship. Sponsorship and donations from guests raised a total income of £6,003. In addition, a programme of heritage related visits in South Wales and Hereford was organised for international supporters, donations towards these raised a further £1,600.

4 Gift Aid

The Institute is registered with HM Revenue and Customs for claiming Gift Aid on eligible donations received.

5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

A summary of expenditure on charitable activities in the year is as follows:

	£
St David's Parliamentary Prayer Events	8,312
Institute Dinner	4,295
Heritage Programme	1,710
Balance as at the end of the year	14,317

6 Grants Awarded

No grants were awarded during the year.

7 International Prayer Breakfasts

The Institute sponsored the costs of travel and participation for Rhys ab Owen MS to attend the United States National Prayer Breakfast in February 2024 in Washington DC. This provided the opportunity for a Welsh parliamentarian to participate in the event and share about Wales' Christian heritage with other participants. The total cost was £1,068.

8 International Visitor Sponsorship

No international visitors were sponsored to attend events in Wales this year.

9 Tangible Assets

The Institute owns the freehold of Pisgah Chapel, Loughor. The property is an important heritage asset given its association with the revivalist Evan Roberts and the Welsh Revival of 1904-5. The Institute granted a 50 year lease on Pisgah Chapel to Cornerstone Community Church in 2015. No other tangible assets have been or are held by the Institute.

	Heritage Assets
	£
Freehold Reversionary Interest - Pisgah Chapel, Loughor	11,000

10 Debtors and Prepayments

Income due to the Institute as at the end of the year was as follows:

	£
Donations Receivable	213
	213

11 Creditors payable within one year

There were £300 of costs in relation to St David's Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast events outstanding as at the 31st March.

12 Restricted Funds

While there was no net movement of Restricted Funds in the year, donations of £9,500 were received as contributions towards the costs of the St David's Parliamentary Prayer Events and the Friends of the Institute Dinner. These were allocated as follows:

	St David's Parliamentary Prayer Events	Friends of the Evan Roberts Institute Dinner
	£	£
Opening Balance	0	0
Add Income	9,500	0
Less Expenditure	9,500	0
Balance as at the end of the year	0	0

11 Trustee Expenses

There were no payments made in the year to Trustees for out-of-pocket expenses.

12 Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

Incoming resources during the year were below the threshold requiring an independent examination of the Institute's financial statements.

13 Related Party Transactions

a Remuneration and Benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the Institute or a related entity during the year.

b Loans

There were no loans to the Institute by trustees or related parties during the year.

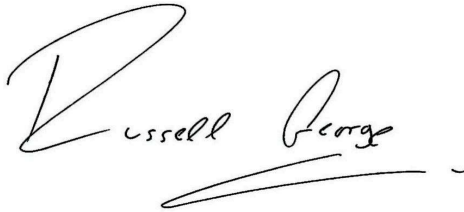
c Other transactions

There were no other transactions with the Institute's trustees or related parties.

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Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

I certify that I have prepared the financial statements for the Evan Roberts Institute for the year ended 31st March 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Russell George MS

Treasurer

The Evan Roberts Institute

28 October 2024