

SWANSEA EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1158205

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-08-11

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

Contact

Address 27 Derwen Fawr Road
Sketty
Swansea
SA2 8AQ

Phone 07808295517

Website www.swanseaevangelicalchurch.com

Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA AND NEATH AND PORTTALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AREAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PREACHING SERVICES, PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, AND PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. TO ADVANCE SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES (ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES) AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO.

Activities: provide a place of worship, hold scheduled meetings, produce and/or distributing literature, outreach into the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of Swansea
- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£63,547	£53,595	-	-
2024-03-31	£125,645	£126,106	-	-
2023-03-31	£70,709	£83,555	-	-
2022-03-31	£51,003	£70,339	-	-
2021-03-31	£52,743	£62,254	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Pfeiffer		2024-04-25
Robert Edward Stanton		2026-04-16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1158205

Charity's principal address

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church

Brondeg

Manselton, SWANSEA

Postcode

SA5 8P7

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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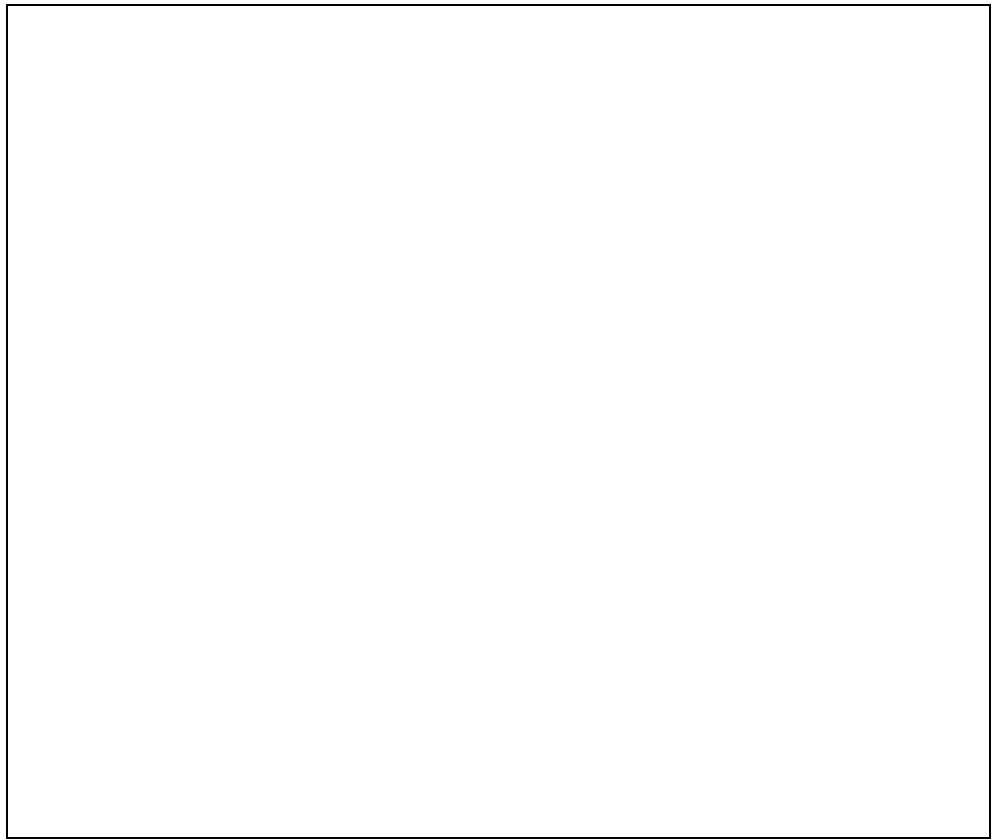
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The venue for our annual Church trip held on 22nd June 2024 was to Gloucester and included a talk about Bishop John Hooper with thirty-three people able to attend. The Church Christmas meal was again held at the Glyn Clydach hotel on 30th November 2024 with the Rev John Saunders providing a short gospel message. Both events are open to members, non-members and the general public.

We are involved with and support the work of the Christian Worship Publishing Trust which was established in 2005 with the objective of creating a new hymn book designed to provide traditional, reverent hymns for worship in the 21st century. The church is involved in the work of the Trust through participation in its Committee. A few church members were able to attend the trusts annual conference held in Birmingham on 21st and 22nd March 2025.

We also support Christian Worship Camps (for young people aged 11+ and young adults 18+) which are held in the summer.

As a church we support the Salisbury Reformed Seminary, which is based at premises connected to Emmanuel Church, Salisbury, and provides training with a reformed, conservative and evangelical doctrinal basis. As of January 2025, one of our church members is a student at this seminary and currently in his second year of study.

We have produced and distributed literature on the Christian faith, to teach and to enhance knowledge of the Christian religion. A number of tracts have been produced and we maintain a website, www.swanseaevangelicalchurch.com and as previously mentioned a YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@swanseaevangelicalreformed5876>. This contains videos of our Lord's Day meetings.

There has been outreach into the community both individually and collectively, bearing the Christian witness through true evangelism. Invitations have been distributed alongside door-to-door visitation. Open air preaching has been undertaken on a regular weekly basis in Swansea City Centre.

There is also a weekly witness at a local Care Home together with a Sunday afternoon service, held once per month.

A once weekly coffee morning is held on a Tuesday which is open to members and non-members, in particular a warm welcome is extended to those people residing in the local area. The church building is open for 1.5 hours during this period and a short evangelical message is provided. An 'open-door' meeting is held on alternate Saturday mornings between the hours of 11am and 12.30pm. This is aimed at children of school age 4-11yrs, accompanied by their parents. A short Bible message is provided followed by activities.

Fellowship lunches are held 3 to 4 times per year after the Sunday morning service and all are welcome to attend.

In June 2024 an update was made to the 'Church Booklet', in relation to the history of the church. This also contains the church covenant. Copies were made available to all members and church visitors, if required.

As of March 2025, church membership stood at thirty four.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present the Trustees do not have a reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Rhian Elen Newton</i>	
Full name(s)	Rhian Elen Newton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	8/8/25	

**Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2025**

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Receipts and payments account for the year				
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	40,487	-	40,487	39,270
Loose collections	8,120	-	8,120	8,065
Gifts	730	500	1,230	3,340
Other	1,221	-	1,221	2,153
Interest - HMRC	372	-	372	429
Tax refunds	11,817	-	11,817	20,580
Outreach	300	-	300	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	51,808
Loan	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>63,047</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>63,547</u>	<u>125,645</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	41,492	-	41,492	35,655
Payroll costs	170	-	170	-
Expenses	-	-	-	-
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	800	-	800	880
Gifts	435	-	435	305
Insurance	1,525	-	1,525	1,467
Utilities	3,499	-	3,499	2,226
Building maintenance	2,062	-	2,062	16,540
Flood damage	-	-	-	53,042
Chairs	-	-	-	7,585
Hall hire	-	-	-	3,300
Outreach	422	-	422	571
Other expenses	920	-	920	1,602
Church activities	1,675	-	1,675	2,422
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-
Telephone	595	-	595	511
Total Payments	<u>53,595</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,595</u>	<u>126,106</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>9,452</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>9,952</u>	<u>(461)</u>
Bank and deposit balances at beginning of year	<u>21,272</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>23,597</u>	<u>24,058</u>
Bank and deposit balances at end of year	<u>30,724</u>	<u>2,825</u>	<u>33,549</u>	<u>23,597</u>

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2025

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	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
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Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid receivable	<u>12,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,152</u>	<u>11,834</u>
Assets retained for Church use				
Building – The Mary Cave Centre	<u>-</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors – New loan	-	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Creditors – Loan for building	-	(37,950)	(37,950)	(37,950)
Outstanding	(970)	-	(970)	(561)
	<u>(970)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(48,920)</u>	<u>(48,511)</u>
Net Assets	<u>41,906</u>	<u>31,075</u>	<u>72,981</u>	<u>63,120</u>

Approved by the Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church on

29/07/2025
 Date

and signed on its behalf by

RHIAN NEWTON
 Name

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HEATHER PFEIFFER
 Name

[Signature]
 Signature

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

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I report in respect of my examination of the Church 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:

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Signature: *E. Truman*

Date: *31.07.25.*

Name: Elizabeth Truman

Qualification: FCA

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Following damage to the church building December 2022, Sunday services were provided via alternative accommodation, which was also accessible to members of the public. A return to the church building took place on 1st September 2023, with all renovations complete.

The venue for our annual Church trip held on 15th July 2023 was Brecon Cathedral and included a talk about evangelical witness within the surrounding area over past years. The Church Christmas meal was again held at the Glyn Clydach hotel on 2nd December 2023 with the Rev David Pfeiffer providing a short gospel message. Both events are also open to members, non-members and the general public.

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There are worksheets available for children to complete during the morning service. There is also a weekly witness at a local Care Home. Since November 2023 a once weekly coffee morning has been established which is open to members and non-members, in particular a warm welcome is extended to those people residing in the local area. The church building is open for two hours during this period and a short evangelical message is provided.

As of March 2024 church membership stood at thirty five.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present the Trustees do not have a reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Rhian Newton</i>	
Full name(s)	Rhian Elen Newton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	24/9/24	

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2024

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts and payments account for the year				
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	39,270	-	39,270	34,870
Loose collections	8,065	-	8,065	7,976
Gifts	2,900	440	3,340	5,440
Other	2,153	-	2,153	1,470
Interest - HMRC	429	-	429	-
Tax refunds	20,580	-	20,580	-
Insurance claim	51,808	-	51,808	10,953
Loan	-	-	-	10,000
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>125,205</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>125,645</u>	<u>70,709</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	35,655	-	35,655	34,769
Payroll costs	-	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-	-
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	880	-	880	800
Gifts	305	-	305	800
Insurance	1,467	-	1,467	827
Utilities	2,226	-	2,226	2,316
Building maintenance	16,540	-	16,540	14,470
Flood damage	53,042	-	53,042	10,953
CCTV Installation	-	-	-	2,976
Chairs	7,585	-	7,585	2,483
Hall hire	3,300	-	3,300	1,950
Outreach	571	-	571	-
Other expenses	1,602	-	1,602	8,670
Church activities	2,422	-	2,422	1,985
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-
Telephone	511	-	511	556
Total Payments	<u>126,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,106</u>	<u>83,555</u>
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	(901)	440	(461)	(12,846)
Bank and deposit balances at beginning of year	<u>22,173</u>	<u>1,885</u>	<u>24,058</u>	<u>36,904</u>
Bank and deposit balances at end of year	<u>21,272</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>23,597</u>	<u>24,058</u>

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid receivable	<u>11,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,834</u>	<u>15,649</u>
Assets retained for Church use				
Building – The Mary Cave Centre	<u>-</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors – New loan	-	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Creditors – Loan for building	-	(37,950)	(37,950)	(37,950)
Outstanding	<u>(561)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(561)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(561)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(48,511)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>
Net Assets	<u>32,545</u>	<u>30,575</u>	<u>63,120</u>	<u>67,957</u>

Approved by the Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church on

08/09/2024
 Date

and signed on its behalf by

RHIAN ELEN NEWTON
 Name

Rhian Elen Newton
 Signature

ELAN EDRY
 Name

Elan Edry
 Signature

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF SWANSEA EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

I report to the Church Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Church 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:

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Signature:

E. Truman

Date:

16/09/2024

Name:

Elizabeth Truman

Qualification:

FCA

Name of firm:

Harris Bassett Ltd
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Address:

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Carmarthenshire
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England & Wales - Charity number 1158205

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1158205		
Charity's principal address	Mary Cave Centre		
	Brondeg		
	Manselton, SWANSEA		
	Postcode	SA5 8P7	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip O'Brien		2/07/2019 onwards	
2	Rhian Newton		01/08/2022 onwards	
3	Elan Edry		01/08/2022 onwards	
4	Randell Gaya		Stood down 01/02/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church Constitution 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	As a charitable trust.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated and elected by Church members at Church meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian religion in the City and County of Swansea and Neath and Port Talbot County Borough Council areas, for the benefit of the public through the holding of preaching services, prayer meetings, lectures, and producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith.

To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from the time that Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church was constituted to:

- Provide a place of worship for the Church members and the general public

- Hold scheduled meetings which include preaching services, prayer meetings, and lectures, etc
- Produce and/or distribute literature which teach the Christian religion
- Outreach into the community individually and collectively, bearing the Christian witness through true evangelism

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The second general object is included to allow the delivery of secular charitable activities should future need be identified in the local area. No activities are currently planned but if need does arise the Trustees will ensure that all activities are wholly charitable and in the public interest. The essential purpose of the church is the advancement and promotion of the Christian religion. This benefits the public by:

- Confirming Christian people in their faith from across the denominational spectrum, through sound conservative and reformed doctrine by open preaching rallies and Christian conferences.
- Providing a place for worship services for those who wish to attend thereby encouraging Christian living and witnessing.
- Supporting the moral and spiritual improvement of society which benefits the wider community.
- Enabling Christians to be effective members of the community. This helps people spirituality and also provides a moral and ethical framework to live by. This moral and ethical framework offers benefits to wider society, as well as provides individual comfort solace and sense of purpose.
- Presenting in complete openness, with no restrictions on who attends, meetings where the doctrines and tenets of the Christian religion are presented.
- Contributing to the moral and spiritual education of children.
- Contributing to the good mental and physical health of the church and society fostering composure in the face of ill health.
- Providing comfort to the bereaved.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have provided a place of worship for the Church members and the general public at the building formerly known as the Mary Cave Centre.

We have held scheduled meetings on the Lord's Day, weekly Prayer & Bible study meetings. All services are held in person as well as being live streamed via the church YouTube account. In addition, we hold a Friday night fellowship meeting for all ages on alternate weeks; this primarily took place on the Zoom app during Covid-19 government restrictions and has since continued in this format. However there are occasions when outdoor activities occur in place of the Zoom meetings, e.g. fellowship walks. By live streaming our meetings we ensure we meet the needs of the vulnerable, elderly and infirm and any others who are unable to attend in person.

However on the 18th December 2022, the church suffered a significant flood from burst water pipes caused by severe cold weather. The morning service had to be cancelled and the evening service was live streamed via YouTube from a member's home, and likewise for 25th December 2022. Alternative accommodation was acquired for all Sunday services commencing 1st January 2023, which could also be accessed by members of the public.

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Financial review

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Rhian Elen Newton</i>	
Full name(s)	Rhian Elen Newton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	26/1/2024	

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
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Tax refunds	-	-	-	9,583
Insurance claim	10,953	-	10,953	-
Loan	10,000	-	10,000	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>69,939</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>70,709</u>	<u>51,003</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	34,769	-	34,769	32,069
Payroll costs	-	-	-	140
Expenses	-	-	-	-
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	800	-	800	441
Gifts	800	-	800	440
Insurance	827	-	827	752
Utilities	2,316	-	2,316	765
Building maintenance	14,470	-	14,470	22,590
Flood damage	10,953	-	10,953	-
CCTV Installation	2,976	-	2,976	-
Chairs – deposit	2,483	-	2,483	-
Hall hire	1,950	-	1,950	-
Pulpit expenditure	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	8,670	-	8,670	1,312
Church activities	1,985	-	1,985	1,329
Loan repayment	-	-	-	10,000
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Outstanding	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(341)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(38,291)</u>
Net Assets	<u>37,822</u>	<u>30,135</u>	<u>67,957</u>	<u>82,763</u>

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14/01/2024
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Year ended 31 March 2023

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Signature:

E. Truman

Date:

19.01.2024

Name:

Elizabeth Truman

Qualification:

FCA

Name of firm:

Harris Bassett Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Address:

19 Murray Street
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire
SA15 1AQ

**Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2023**

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Receipts and payments account for the year				
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	34,870	-	34,870	31,800
Loose collections	7,976	-	7,976	7,673
Gifts	4,670	770	5,440	785
Other	1,470	-	1,470	1,162
Tax refunds	-	-	-	9,583
Insurance claim	10,953	-	10,953	-
Loan	10,000	-	10,000	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>69,939</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>70,709</u>	<u>51,003</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	34,769	-	34,769	32,069
Payroll costs	-	-	-	140
Expenses	-	-	-	-
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	800	-	800	441
Gifts	800	-	800	440
Insurance	827	-	827	752
Utilities	2,316	-	2,316	765
Building maintenance	14,470	-	14,470	22,590
Flood damage	10,953	-	10,953	-
CCTV Installation	2,976	-	2,976	-
Chairs – deposit	2,483	-	2,483	-
Hall hire	1,950	-	1,950	-
Pulpit expenditure	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	8,670	-	8,670	1,312
Church activities	1,985	-	1,985	1,329
Loan repayment	-	-	-	10,000
Telephone	556	-	556	501
Total Payments	<u>83,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,555</u>	<u>70,339</u>
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	(13,616)	770	(12,846)	(19,336)
Bank and deposit balances at beginning of year	<u>35,789</u>	<u>1,115</u>	<u>36,904</u>	<u>56,240</u>
Bank and deposit balances at end of year	<u>22,173</u>	<u>1,885</u>	<u>24,058</u>	<u>36,904</u>

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
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	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
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Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid receivable	<u>15,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,649</u>	<u>7,950</u>
Assets retained for Church use				
Building – The Mary Cave Centre	<u>-</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors – New loan	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Creditors – Loan for building	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,950)</u>	<u>(37,950)</u>	<u>(37,950)</u>
Outstanding	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(341)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(38,291)</u>
Net Assets	<u>37,822</u>	<u>30,135</u>	<u>67,957</u>	<u>82,763</u>

Approved by the Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church on

14/01/2024
 Date

and signed on its behalf by

RHIAN ELEN NEWTON
 Name

Rhian Elen
 Signature

ELAN EDRY
 Name

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PHILIP JAMES O'BRIEN
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SWANSEA EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1158205

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2021		31	03	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1158205

Charity's principal address

Mary Cave Centre

Brondeg

Manselton, Swansea

Postcode

SA5 8P7

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip O'Brien		2/07/2019 onwards	
2	Elan Edry		01/08/2022 onwards	
3	Rhian Newton		01/08/2022 onwards	
4	Randell Gaya		2/07/2018 – 01/02/2023	
5	Enfys Anne Rogers		Stood down August 2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>To advance the Christian religion in the City and County of Swansea and Neath and Port Talbot County Borough Council areas, for the benefit of the public through the holding of preaching services, prayer meetings, lectures, and producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith.</p> <p>To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church was constituted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a place of worship for the Church members and the
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- produce and/or distribute literature which teach the Christian religion;
- outreach into the community individually and collectively, bearing the Christian witness through true evangelism.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The second general object is included to allow the delivery of secular charitable activities should future need be identified in the local area. No activities are currently planned but if need does arise the Trustees will ensure that all activities are wholly charitable and in the public interest.

The essential purpose of the church is the advancement and promotion of the Christian religion. This benefits the public by:

- confirming Christian people in their faith from across the denominational spectrum, through sound conservative and reformed doctrine by open preaching rallies and Christian conferences;
- providing a place for worship services for those who wish to attend thereby encouraging Christian living and witnessing;
- supporting the moral and spiritual improvement of society which benefits the wider community;
- enabling Christians to be effective members of the community. This helps people spirituality and also provides a moral and ethical framework to live by. This moral and ethical framework offers benefits to wider society, as well as provides individual comfort solace and sense of purpose;
- presenting in complete openness, with no restrictions on who attends, meetings where the doctrines and tenets of the Christian religion are presented
- contributing to the moral and spiritual education of children;
- contributing to the good mental and physical health of the church and society fostering composure in the face of ill health.
- providing comfort to the bereaved.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have provided a place of worship for the Church members and the general public at the building formerly known as the Mary Cave Centre.

We have held scheduled meetings on the Lord's Day, weekly prayer meetings, Bible study meetings. In addition, we hold a Friday night meeting for young people including university students this has primarily taken place on the Zoom app due to the various lockdowns and government guidelines and restrictions but has continued on Zoom.

We had our annual Church trip which took place in July. The talk covered an area of Church history (open to the public) as well as the Church Christmas meal in December.

We have work together with other, like-minded churches in the UK by assisting with the holding of services on Sunday. Churches without a minister have tuned into our livestreamed services on YouTube. This is another way that we have supported the vulnerable and elderly this year – by making all of our services available over the internet livestreamed for those unable to attend.

We are involved with and support the work of the Christian Worship Publishing Trust which was established in 2005 with the objective of creating a new hymn book designed to provide traditional, reverent hymns for worship in the 21st century. The church is involved in the work of the Trust through participation in its Committee.

We also support Christian Worship Camps (for young people aged 11+ and young adults 18+) which are held in the summer. We have supported the establishment of the Salisbury Reformed Seminary which is being established at premises connected to Emmanuel Church, Salisbury and will provide training with a reformed, conservative and evangelical doctrinal basis.

We have produced and distributed literature on the Christian faith, to teach and to enhance knowledge of the Christian religion. A number of tracts have been produced and we maintain a website, www.swanseaevangelicalchurch.com/ and YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@swanseaevangelicalreformed5876>, which contain videos of our Lord's Day meetings sermons.

There has been outreach into the community both individually and collectively, bearing the Christian witness through true evangelism. Invitations have been distributed alongside door-to-door visitation. Open air preaching has been undertaken on a regular basis and Christmas cards and calendars were distributed in the area in December.

We created worksheets for children to complete during. There is continual ministry at Swansea Train Station and our Elders have preached at other churches within the wider area.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present the Trustees do not have a reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) **Randell Tolentino Gaya**

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) **Trustee**

Date **31/01/2022**

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
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	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts and payments account for the year				
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	31,800	-	31,800	33,000
Loose collections	7,673	-	7,673	5,399
Gifts	285	500	785	3,115
Other	1,162	-	1,162	-
Tax refunds	9,583	-	9,583	11,229
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>50,503</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>51,003</u>	<u>52,743</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	32,069	-	32,069	32,479
Payroll costs	140	-	140	265
Expenses	-	-	-	-
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	441	-	441	-
Gifts	440	-	440	1,470
Insurance	752	-	752	732
Utilities	765	-	765	3,037
Building maintenance	22,590	-	22,590	-
Repairs	-	-	-	1,575
Pulpit expenditure	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	1,312	-	1,312	2,529
Church activities	1,329	-	1,329	-
Loan repayment	6,900	3,100	10,000	20,000
Telephone	501	-	501	167
Total Payments	<u>67,239</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>70,339</u>	<u>62,254</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>(16,736)</u>	<u>(2,600)</u>	<u>(19,336)</u>	<u>(9,511)</u>
Bank and deposit balances at beginning of year	<u>52,525</u>	<u>3,715</u>	<u>56,240</u>	<u>67,751</u>
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Creditors – Loan for building	-	(37,950)	(37,950)	(47,950)
Outstanding	(341)	<u>-</u>	(341)	<u>-</u>
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Net Assets	<u>43,398</u>	<u>39,365</u>	<u>82,763</u>	<u>92,740</u>

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30th JANUARY
~~30th MARCH~~ 2023

Date

and signed on its behalf by

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Name

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Signature

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We also support Christian Worship Camps (for young people aged 11+ and young adults 18+) which are held in the summer holidays – this was postponed this year, but all young people booked have had their booking held for Summer 2022. We have supported the establishment of the Salisbury Reformed Seminary which is being established at premises connected to Emmanuel Church, Salisbury and will provide training with a reformed, conservative and evangelical doctrinal basis. This training and lecturing have taken place over Zoom over this year.

We have produced and distributed literature on the Christian faith, to teach and to enhance knowledge of the Christian religion. A number of tracts have been produced and we maintain a website, www.swanseaevangelicalchurch.com/ which contains our Lord's Day and Bible meetings sermons in video format.

There has been outreach into the community both individually and collectively, bearing the Christian witness through true evangelism. Invitations have been distributed alongside door to door visitation. Open air preaching has been undertaken on a regular basis and ministry at Swansea Train Station. Christmas cards and calendars were distributed in the area in December 2020.

We have created worksheets for children to complete during church – sadly we were unable to hold any children's clubs this year due to the pandemic but we do hope to recommence when restrictions ease.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At present the Trustees do not have a reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are none.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Randell Tolentino Gaya

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

26/01/2022

**Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2021**

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts and payments account for the year				
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned giving	33,000	-	33,000	36,821
Loose collections	5,399	-	5,399	8,164
Gifts	-	3,115	3,115	2,270
Other	-	-	-	2,486
Tax refunds	11,229	-	11,229	16,799
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>49,628</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>52,743</u>	<u>66,540</u>
Payments				
Salary and pension	32,479	-	32,479	30,252
Payroll costs	265	-	265	-
Expenses	-	-	-	150
Supply (visiting ministers etc)	-	-	-	237
Gifts	1,000	470	1,470	-
Insurance	732	-	732	707
Utilities	3,037	-	3,037	1,613
Building maintenance	-	-	-	6,235
Repairs	1,575	-	1,575	743
Pulpit expenditure	-	-	-	3,110
Other expenses	2,529	-	2,529	3,741
Church activities	-	-	-	1,715
Loan repayment	-	20,000	20,000	1,400
Telephone	167	-	167	-
Total Payments	<u>41,784</u>	<u>20,470</u>	<u>62,254</u>	<u>49,903</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>7,844</u>	<u>(17,355)</u>	<u>(9,511)</u>	<u>16,637</u>
Bank and deposit balances at beginning of year	<u>44,681</u>	<u>21,070</u>	<u>65,751</u>	<u>49,114</u>
Bank and deposit balances at end of year	<u>52,525</u>	<u>3,715</u>	<u>56,240</u>	<u>65,751</u>

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank balances	<u>52,525</u>	<u>3,715</u>	<u>56,240</u>	<u>65,751</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid receivable	<u>8,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>11,229</u>
Assets retained for Church use				
Building – The Mary Cave Centre	<u>-</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>	<u>76,200</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors – Loan for building	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(67,950)</u>
Outstanding	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(47,950)</u>	<u>(703)</u>
Net Assets	<u>60,775</u>	<u>31,965</u>	<u>92,740</u>	<u>84,527</u>

Approved by the Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church on

09 JANUARY 2022.....
Date

and signed on its behalf by

RHIAN ELEN NEWTON.....
Name

Rhian Ford.....
Signature

RANDELL GAYA.....
Name

R. Gaya.....
Signature

PHILIP JAMES O'BRIEN
PO'Brien

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) section 1A, Smaller Entities and the Charities Act 2011.

- **Fund Accounting.**
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

Restricted funds represent funds which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided within the terms of the fund. Any funds remaining unspent at the end of the year are carried forward as a balance on that fund.

- **Incoming Resources.**
Are all accounted for gross.

Planned giving collections and donations are recognised when received.

All other income is generally recognised when it is received.

- **Resources Expended.**
All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is paid.

As most of the management activity of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the use of the church is incalculable.

2. Assets retained for church purposes

Mary Cave Centre, Walters Street, Swansea, SA5 8PZ.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES OF SWANSEA EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

I report to the Church Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church 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 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 Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Signature:

E. Truman

Date:

11.01.22

Name:

Elizabeth Truman

Qualification:

FCA

Name of firm:

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