



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.

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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

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)

- 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.

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.

The venue for our annual Church trip held on 9th July 2022 was Llangeitho. The talk covered an area of Church history relating to the Rev Daniel Rowlands. The Church Christmas meal was held at the Glyn Clydach hotel on 26th November 2022. Both events are also 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

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members were able to attend the trusts annual conference held in Birmingham on 24th and 25th March 2023.

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.

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 and Christmas cards and calendars were distributed in the area in December. There are worksheets available for children to complete during the morning service. There is also a weekly witness at a local Care Home. In respect to the church building, a new roof was completed in May 2022 and as of 31st March 2023 works to restore the building following the flood were continuing.

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**

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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
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
Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank balances	<u>22,173</u>	<u>1,885</u>	<u>24,058</u>	<u>36,904</u>
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	-	(10,000)	(10,000)	-
Creditors – Loan for building	-	(37,950)	(37,950)	(37,950)
Outstanding	-	-	-	(341)
	<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 Newton

Signature

ELAN EDRY

Name

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Signature

PHILIP JAMES O'BRIEN

Philip James O'Brien

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2023

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) – effective 1 January 2021 (Charities SORP) (FRS 102) 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 2023.

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: 19.01.2024

Name:

Elizabeth Truman

Qualification:

FCA

Name of firm:

Harris Bassett Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Address:

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