



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

From

To

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	
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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)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>	

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 and 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 takes place on the Zoom application but also meets at two venues where attendees can join together. 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.

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.

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 22nd and 23rd March 2024.

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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.

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 2024 one of our church members is a student at this seminary.

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 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:

- 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)	<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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	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Bank balances	<u>21,272</u>	<u>2,325</u>	<u>23,597</u>	<u>24,058</u>
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

1. Accounting Policies

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

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

Planned giving collections and donations are recognised when received.

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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 2024.

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:

16/09/2024

Name:

Elizabeth Truman

Qualification:

FCA

Name of firm:

Harris Bassett Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Address:

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