



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)
1	Philip O'Brien		02/07/2019 to 25/04/24	
2	Rhian Newton		01/08/2022 onwards	
3	Elan Edry		01/08/2022 onwards	
4	Heather Pfeiffer		25/4/2024 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

- 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

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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 known as Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church.

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. There are worksheets available for children to complete during the morning service. Approximately three to four times a year the church hosts a lunch after the Sunday morning service, which is open to all.

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)

Rhian Elen Newton

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

Rhian Newton
 Signature

HEATHER PFEIFFER
 Name

Heather Pfeiffer
 Signature

Swansea Evangelical Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

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 2025.

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: 

Date: 31.07.25.

Name: Elizabeth Truman

Qualification: FCA

Name of firm: Harris Bassett Ltd
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Address: 19 Murray Street
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Carmarthenshire
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