



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	23		05	04	24

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Bala Evangelical Church

Other names charity is known by Eglwys Efengylaidd Y Bala

Registered charity number (if any) 1159041

Charity's principal address 14 Pensarn Road

Bala

Postcode

LL23 7SR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Gareth Williams	Elder & Minister	01/04/23 – 15/02/24	BEC / EEYB
	Mr Gareth Williams	Elder	16/02/24 – 05/04/24	BEC / EEYB
2	Mr Stuart Keen	Deacon		BEC / EEYB
3	Mr David Gee	Deacon		BEC / EEYB

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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Members in General Meeting in accordance with the Church Rules

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.

The Managing Trustees of the Church are those persons appointed by the Church as Church Officers in accordance with the Church Rules (and believed by the Church to fulfil the criteria required by the New Testament writings of 1 Timothy and Titus).

Those charitable purposes the Church supports have been agreed upon by the Members of the Church in General Meeting and in accordance with the Church Rules.

The Church is affiliated to AECW (Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales) from which it derives guidance and support and advice. Regular Regional meeting are held and an annual Assembly.

At this stage the Trustees have not identified any significant risks to the future of the charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Bala and the surrounding area; and
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Members of the Church in General Meeting, further the work of the Church.

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)

Having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the trustees, (including the pastor / minister of the church), work to promote the ministry of the church in every way. This includes pastoral ministry to members and others who attend, evangelistic ministry to those outside the church, care for those in the community and overseas, and mission ministry supporting friends working in other parts of the world. They are committed to following the teaching of the Bible in the activities; and the church's basis of faith reflects that commitment.

Details as follows:

- The Church has maintained its life as a worshipping and witnessing community.
- The Church provided opportunity to meet together; on Sundays for worship in Canolfan Bro Tegid.
- Midweek the Church meets for Bible Study and Prayer. Fortnightly on a Wednesday in Canolfan Bro Tegid and the remaining weeks in three Home Groups in the town.
- Gareth Williams (the 'Minister') has continued to serve as the minister of the Church. and as a visiting lecturer / speaker to students in further education.
- The Church continues to support through other charitable bodies Christian Mission in Wales and Overseas.

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

During the year the Church was able:

- to maintain its life in the town of Bala as a worshipping, witnessing and welcoming community.
- to provide opportunities to meet together; on Sundays for worship and midweek for Bible Study and Prayer; fortnightly on a Wednesday in Canolfan Bro Tegid and the remaining weeks on a Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Home Groups in the town.
- to be involved in helping with a number of funerals locally and further afield with minister Gareth Williams speaking.
- to diversify its ministry through a variety of means, including the teaching of students particularly in Wales.
- to support other charitable bodies, including mainly Christian evangelistic and humanitarian missions in the UK and Overseas.
- to maintain links with a variety of Churches and Bodies in Wales.

Specific events during the year were...

- for July & August to host Sunday services in Canolfan Bro Tegid for the Young Peoples camps taking place at Bryn y Groes.
- in August to arrange the Baptism of a new member. A short Sunday service was held in Bryn y Groes, then the Baptism in the leisure centre swimming pool followed by refreshments at Bryn y Groes.
- during October to hold a Harvest Supper at Bryn y Groes. The meal was followed by a talk in the lounge by Paul Hadley from Queens Road Church Llandudno with ~40 people present.
- during December Christmas Carol Services were held at both Bryn y Groes & Canolfan Bro Tegid with refreshments afterwards.
- During February we held a retirement lunch at Bryn y Groes for our minister Gareth Williams. He has served as minister of the church for nearly 20 years and about 40 people were able to be present. There was time for fellowship, a football quiz, messages of appreciation & greetings were brought and a presentation of some theology books and a watercolour painting by a local artist.
- The members of the church continue to be committed to prayerfully seeking a replacement minister to lead the Church for the future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy but have carefully reviewed the current balances in the charity's accounts in the light of future commitments and feel the present balances are appropriate and prudent.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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)

GW / SK / DG

Full name(s)

Gareth Williams, Stuart Keen
& David Gee

Position (Secretary, Chair, etc)

GW (Chairman)

Date

5th November 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BALA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

05.04.2024

Charity no
(if any)

1159041

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05.04.2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

SH Parry

Date:

11-1-2025

Name:

SUZANNE HELEN PARRY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39 PARKFIELDS

PEN-Y-FAI, BRIDGEND

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts for 1st April 2023 to 5th April 2024 Compared to 1st April 2022 to 30th March 2023

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	Apr23-Apr24 Full Year £	Apr22-Mar23 Full Year £
Income				
Offerings and Donations	29772.37		29772.37	27123.56
Gift Aid and GASDS	6583.48		6583.48	8037.24
One Off Gifts (2500 EUR)	2091.83		2091.83	2000.00
Restricted Gifts: Harvest Supper		50.00	50.00	
Restricted Gifts: Barnabas Fund				100.00
Restricted Gifts: Caring for Life		120.00	120.00	111.00
Restricted Gifts: South Gwynedd Foodbank		30.00	30.00	110.00
Restricted Gifts: Tearfund (Christmas Appeal)		176.00	176.00	377.00
Restricted Gifts: Tearfund (Earthquake Syria)				660.00
Restricted Gifts: Gareth Williams		495.00	495.00	
Restricted Gifts: Gwydion & Catrin				325.00
Interest received from Bonds	129.75		129.75	102.23
Interest received from Tax Reclaim	86.51		86.51	30.03
Total Income	38663.94	871.00	39534.94	38976.06
			3858	3726
Expenditure				
<i>Ministry Costs</i>				
Pastor's Salary (£28866 Apr23-mid Feb24)	25298.64		25298.64	25870.64
Pastor's Expenses	624.52		624.52	714.40
Employers NI Contributions	0.00		0.00	0.00
Employers Pension Contribution	978.98		978.98	1003.95
Preachers / Speakers Fees	1618.00		1618.00	920.00
Preachers / Speakers Fees (Returned)	-180.00		-180.00	-145.00
			28340.14	28363.99
<i>Special Expenditure</i>				
Equipment (Laptop & Video Camera)			0.00	0.00
<i>Meeting Costs</i>				
Rent of Canofan Bro Tegid	1546.80		1546.80	1172.00
Rent of Leisure Centre (Baptism)	0.00			35.00
Use of ByG (Harvest Supper & Baptism)	200.00	50.00	250.00	325.00
			1796.80	1532.00
<i>Fellowship Expenditure</i>				
Fellowship Gifts (Theology Bks & Watercolour)		268.98	268.98	222.00
Fellowship Meal (Retirement Lunch)	273.98	226.02	500.00	571.00
Fellowship Catering (Easter Sunday)	151.51		151.51	50.00
AECW (Chairman's & North Wales)	200.00		200.00	150.00
			1120.49	993.00
<i>Administrative Costs</i>				
Gifts for Accounts & Wages	150.00		150.00	150.00
Insurance (Congregational via Kingdom Bank)	242.97		242.97	238.23
Music Licence (Christian Copyright Licensing)	93.00		93.00	123.00
Adverts, Literature, Stationery, Printg & Postge	375.41		375.41	285.14
Electronic Equipment Misc	15.90		15.90	15.98
			877.28	812.35
<i>Missionary & Other Giving</i>				
AWM - Rob & Gill Burridge	850.00		850.00	850.00
Barnabas Fund	500.00	100.00	600.00	500.00
Evangelical Movement of Wales	500.00		500.00	500.00
TWFTW - The Word For the World	500.00		500.00	
UFM - Emmanuel & Esther Durand	1150.00		1150.00	1150.00
Caring For Life	130.00	120.00	250.00	250.00
South Gwynedd Foodbank	70.00	40.00	110.00	100.00
Tearfund Cmas Appeal Burundi	74.00	176.00	250.00	400.00
Tearfund Earthquake Appeal Syria				700.00
	3774.00		4210.00	4450.00
<i>Admin Expenses</i>				
HSBC Fees & Charges	124.21		124.21	151.23
Total Expenditure	35487.92	981.00	36468.92	36302.57

Accounts for 1st April 2023 to 5th April 2024 Compared to 1st April 2022 to 30th March 2023

	Apr23-Apr24 Full Year £	Apr22-Mar23 Full Year £
<u>Current Account</u>		
Opening Balance	10216.72	6543.24
Income	39534.94	38976.06
Income Matured Bonds	0.00	1000.00
Expenditure	-36468.92	-36302.58
Expenditure New Bonds	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	13282.74	10216.72
<u>Bond Summary</u>		
Opening Balance	24000.00	25000.00
Matured Bonds	0.00	-1000.00
New Bonds	0.00	0.00
Interest	129.75	102.23
Interest to Current Account	-129.75	-102.23
Closing Balance	24000.00	24000.00
Total Funds Opening Balance (Current A/C & Bonds)	34217	31543
Total Funds Closing Balance (Current A/C & Bonds)	37283	34217

Bala Evangelical Church - Notes to Accounts 2023/2024

Note	Details
[1]	Tab: Accounts Full Year Apr23-Mar24 show the Balance Sheet presented on the basis of "Receipts and Payments" accounts.
[2]	Tab: Income Apr23-Mar24 shows Sunday collection dates together with the date the money was credited to the church Current Account. All Bank Transfers are shown on the date the money was credited to the Current Account.
[3]	Tab: Income Apr23-Mar24 shows two HMRC Tax Reclaims under Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme GASDS. These are Half Year Oct22-Mar23 & Half Year Apr23-Sep23
[4]	Tab: Income Apr23-Mar24 shows rollover of 4 Kingdom Bank Bonds with £129.75 Interest being transferred to the Current Account over the year. At the end of the year the Church holds £24,000 in Kingdom Bank Bonds, each is £2000 with a 36month term and 4 bonds mature every year.
[5]	Tab: Tax Reclaim Gift Aid & GASDS shows the calculation of the HMRC Tax Reclaims under Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme GASDS. Half Year Apr23-Sep23 has been relaimed while Half Year Oct23-Mar24 will be claimed with Half Year Apr24-Sep24 in early 2025.
[6]	Tab: Expend Apr22-Mar23 shows Cheques used and Bank Transfers made from the Current Account. Returned Cheques are shown as an extra negative line on Expenditure Sheet and appear on the as a negative line on the Balance Sheet. All destroyed Cheques are shown with the blank line on the Expenditure Sheet.
[7]	Tab: Expend Apr22-Mar23 shows the dates Nest Pension payments were set up and the date the payment was debited from the Current Account. The final Nest Payment was set up on the 06/03/24 and debited on the 11/03/24.
[8]	Tab: Expend Apr22-Mar23 shows the HSBC monthly "Activity Charges" and "Account charges" introduced on 20th Nov 2021. These are shown on the last day of the charging period. During the year use of cheques was reduced by moving towards paying all expenditure by Bank Transfer. Also weekly offerings were credited to the Bank Account at the end of each month. Both these changes have minimised the Bank Activity Charges
[9]	Year End: To simplify future Gift Aid & GASDS Tax Reclaims the Year End for the Accounts has been moved from the 31st March 2024 to 5th April 2024. The Charity Commission will be advised of this change before the Annual Report and Accounts are submitted on 31st January.