



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	06	04	24	To	05	04	25

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	05/04/24 – 05/03/25	BEC / EEYB
2	Mr Stephen Davies	Deacon	05/03/25 – 05/04/25	BEC / EEYB
3	Mr Stuart Keen	Deacon		BEC / EEYB
4	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)

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.
- The Church also meets for Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday in Canolfan Bro Tegid.
- Gareth Williams has continued to serve as the sole Elder of the Church, and also lectures to students in theological education.
- The Church continues to support Christian work through charitable bodies in Wales, the United Kingdom 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 Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday in Canolfan Bro Tegid.
- to be involved in helping with a funerals as they arise locally and further afield with Gareth Williams leading.
- 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.
- during October (17th) a Harvest Supper was held at Bryn y Groes. The meal was followed by a talk in the lounge by Rhun Murphy from Pen y Bryn Welsh Baptist Church in Wrexham with ~40 people present. In addition a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on the following Sunday (20th) with Martin Lloyd from Queens Road Church in Llandudno speaking.
- during December Christmas Carol Services were held both at Bryn y Groes (15th) & Canolfan Bro Tegid (22nd) with refreshments afterwards. Gareth Williams took both services.
- 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
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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
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	SD / SK / DG	
Full name(s)	Stephen Davies, Stuart Keen & David Gee	
Position (Secretary, Chair, etc)	SD (Chairman)	
Date	21 st October 2025	

Accounts for Full Year Apr24-Apr25 Compared to Full Year Apr23-Apr24

	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	Apr24-Apr25 Full Year £	Apr23-Apr24 Full Year £
<u>Income</u>				
Offerings and Donations	30609.43		30609.43	29772.37
Gift Aid and GASDS	6052.33		6052.33	6583.48
One Off Gifts (2500 EUR)				2091.83
Restricted Gifts: Caring for Life		165.00	165.00	120.00
Restricted Gifts: South Gwynedd Foodbank		65.00	65.00	30.00
Restricted Gifts: Tearfund (Christmas Appeal)		272.00	272.00	176.00
Restricted Gifts: Harvest Supper		20.00	20.00	50.00
Restricted Gifts: Clive & Gaynor		200.00	200.00	
Restricted Gifts: Judy Weaver		130.00	130.00	
Restricted Gifts: Gareth Williams				495.00
Interest received from Bonds	132.71		132.71	129.75
Interest received from Tax Reclaim	80.01		80.01	86.51
Total Income	36874.48	852.00	37726.48	39534.94
			3687	3866
<u>Expenditure</u>				
<i>Ministry Costs</i>				
Pastor's Salary (£28866 Apr23-mid Feb24)				25298.64
Pastor's Expenses				624.52
Employers Pension Contribution				978.98
Preachers / Speakers Fees	5350.00		5350.00	1618.00
Preachers / Speakers Fees (Returned)	-860.00		-860.00	-180.00
			4490.00	28340.14
<i>Meeting Costs</i>				
Canofan Bro Tegid	1761.00		1761.00	1546.80
Leisure Centre for Baptism (Aug23)	76.00		76.00	
Bryn y Groes pre Baptism Service				50.00
Bryn y Groes (Meetings in Lounge)	250.00		250.00	
Bryn y Groes Harvest Supper	292.00	20.00	312.00	200.00
Bryn y Groes Carol Service & Lunch				
Catering & Food for Easter Sunday				151.51
			2399.00	1948.31
<i>Fellowship Expenditure</i>				
Leaving Gift Clive & Gaynor (Crd, Dv Bk & Cash)	14.35	200.00	214.35	
Wedding Gift Jason & Johanna (Crd & TTowel)	13.80		13.80	
Leaving Gift Judy (Crd, Devn Bk & Cash)	89.50	130.00	219.50	
Meal Gareth (Retiremt Lunch at Bryn y Groes)				500.00
Gift for Gareth (Theol Bks & Watercolour)				268.98
AECW (Chairman's & North Wales)	200.00		200.00	200.00
			647.65	968.98
<i>Administrative Costs</i>				
Gifts for Accounts & Wages	150.00		150.00	150.00
Insurance (Congregational via Kingdom Bank)	248.27		248.27	242.97
Music Licence (Christian Copyright Licensing)	97.00		97.00	93.00
Adverts, Literature, Stationery, Printg & Postge	296.95		296.95	375.41
Electronic Equipment Misc	39.95		39.95	15.90
			832.17	877.28
<i>Missionary & Other Giving</i>				
AWM - Rob & Gill Burridge				850.00
Barnabas Fund				600.00
Evangelical Movement of Wales	700.00		700.00	500.00
Open Doors	700.00		700.00	
TWFTW - The Word For the World	700.00		700.00	500.00
UFM - Emmanuel & Esther Durand	1500.00		1500.00	1150.00
Caring For Life	85.00	165.00	250.00	250.00
South Gwynedd Foodbank	35.00	65.00	100.00	110.00
Tearfund Cmas Appeal	128.00	272.00	400.00	250.00
Tearfund Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal				
	3848.00		4350.00	4210.00
<i>Special One-Off Giving</i>				
EMF - 4:14 Church Workers in Ukraine	6000.00		6000.00	
Tabernacl Penrhyndeudraeth - MC Refurb	5000.00		5000.00	
The Christn Institute - Legal Defence Fund	5000.00		5000.00	
			16000.00	
<i>Admin Expenses</i>				
HSBC Fees & Charges	112.14	0.00	112.14	124.21
Total Expenditure	27978.96	852.00	28830.96	36468.92

Accounts for Full Year Apr24-Apr25 Compared to Full Year Apr23-Apr24

	Apr24-Apr25 Full Year £	Apr23-Apr24 Full Year £
<u>Current Account</u>		
Opening Balance	13282.74	10216.72
Income	37726.48	39534.94
Income Matured Bonds	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	-28830.96	-36468.92
Expenditure New Bonds	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	22178.26	13282.74
<u>Bond Summary</u>		
Opening Balance	24000.00	24000.00
Matured Bonds	0.00	0.00
New Bonds	0.00	0.00
Interest	132.71	129.75
Interest to Current Account	-132.71	-129.75
Closing Balance	24000.00	24000.00
Total Funds Opening Balance (Current A/C & Bonds)	37283	34217
Total Funds Closing Balance (Current A/C & Bonds)	46178	37283

Bala Evangelical Church - Notes to Accounts 2024/2025

Note	Details
[1]	Tab: Accounts Full Year Apr24-Mar25 show the Income and Expenditure presented on the basis of "Receipts and Payments" accounts.
[2]	Tab: Income Apr24-Mar25 shows Sunday collection dates together with the date the money was credited to the church Current Account. To minimise bank charges Sunday collections are now paid in to the bank at the end of the month. All Bank Transfers are shown on the date the money was credited to the Current Account.
[3]	Tab: Income Apr24-Mar25 shows two HMRC Tax Reclaims under Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme GASDS. These are Half Year Oct23-Mar24 & Half Year Apr24-Sep24
[4]	Tab: Income Apr24-Mar25 shows rollover of 4 Kingdom Bank Bonds with £132.71 Interest being transferred to the Current Account over the year. At the end of the year the Church holds a reserve of £24,000 in Kingdom Bank Bonds, each bond has a value of £2000 and a 36month term and 4 bonds mature every year.
[5]	Tab: Tax Reclaim GA & GASDS shows the calculation of the HMRC Tax Reclaims under Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme GASDS. Half Year Apr24-Sep24 has been reclaimed while Half Year Oct24-Mar25 will be claimed with Half Year Apr25-Sep25 in early 2026.
[6]	Tab: Expend Apr24-Mar25 although payments can be made by Cheque the church has gradually reduced their use. This has minimised Current Account charges as payments by Bank Transfer are free of charge. All payments from the Current Account are now made by Bank Transfer
[7]	Tab: Expend Apr24-Mar25 allows for Nest Pension payments to be shown. The final Nest Payment was set up on the 06/03/24 and debited on the 11/03/24.
[8]	Tab: Expend Apr24-Mar25 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. To minimise charges weekly offerings are credited to the Current Account at the end of each month.
[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 were advised of this change before the Annual Report and Accounts were submitted in January 2025.