



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.2022

To 31.12.2022

Charity name: Southam Road Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1163217

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Banbury, Oxfordshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.</p> <p>The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, Stewardship and thirtyone:eight.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Activities undertaken during the year include; Public meetings in the Church Building for Christian worship and preaching the Bible. Practical, emotional, financial and spiritual support of members and attenders, and of contacts in the wider community.</p> <p>Support of local charities, financially and by volunteer assistance, including The Nicodemus Trust, and Green Pastures Nursing Home.</p> <p>Practical and financial support for the Womens' Refuge in Banbury, and the Food Bank run by the Salvation Army</p> <p>Support of overseas charitable work, including small rural churches in Romania, famine relief work in Moldova and India, and work with vulnerable young women in New Zealand.</p> <p>Individuals in the church are involved with social goods such as work with Guide Dogs for the Blind, local Community Radio, support for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and links to Street Pastors. These individual efforts are reported back to the church, and are supported financially and prayerfully by the church at large.</p>

		Renovation and repair work was undertaken to the building in accordance with the 5 year plan agreed following a survey undertaken by a professional adviser from the Church Growth Trust
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants to other charities and to individuals are made at the discretion of the Elders and the Trustees, with reference to available funds and to the Reserves policy.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from part time paid work by the Pastor, the church operates entirely by the volunteer services and financial contributions of members and attenders.
Other		The church has a current Safeguarding policy in place, and is committed to safe working especially with children and vulnerable adults. Mr David Shepherd is the designated Safeguarding Lead.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The above activities have enabled the church to beneficially impact on the lives of a number of people, locally and further afield. Those attending and linked to the church are supported and helped through the joys and crises of everyday life, and given help to deepen their spiritual lives and understanding of the Bible.</p> <p>We have linked into the wider community by means of events for non-members. The Messy Church programme was discontinued during the year; other outlets are being considered.</p> <p>Practical and emotional support has been given to members in financial emotional and physical need. We have also reached out to non-members with similar support, particularly to the ladies in the Womens' refuge in the town.</p> <p>Overseas contacts have shared in the ways that our support has helped many in vulnerable situations, and the impact this has had on their lives.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See attached accounts validated by the independent examiner.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The building is held freehold, and is a substantial asset.</p> <p>The Trustees have adopted a policy of holding a minimum of 3 months giving as a cash reserve – currently £7000</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£28,904.02 as of 31.12.2022
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are raised by donations from members, and are spent at the discretion of the Church Leadership in discussion with the members and the Trustees. The Trustees are enormously grateful for the sustained financial support of the church members during 2022, despite the difficult economic situation. Small sums are given as voluntary donations for the use of the building by other churches and charitable groups.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk of many members leaving and the organisation becoming unviable – the Trustees then have the option of closing the charity and selling the building. Risk of catastrophic damage to the building – covered by insurance. Risk of reputational damage due to allegations of moral or financial misconduct. Safeguarding policy upheld and reviewed, financial oversight by Trustees.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Selected by existing Trustees

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Provided with a copy of the Trust Deed, and links to information on the Charities Commission. Invited to an initial Trustees meeting as an induction. Encouraged to familiarise with information online and through e.g. Stewardship
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Independent church governed by Elders, with one of the Elders currently appointed as Pastor. The Trustees care for the legal and statutory duties of the Charity. Member of organisations such as Evangelical Alliance Stewardship Thirtyone:eight The decision was taken during this year to join the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, for mutual support and encouragement.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Remarks about 2022		During the year, there was a process of recovery and consolidation following the disruption caused by the Covid lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. Attendance has started to improve towards the end of the year, with several new families attending the Sunday services. Some meetings continued to be held on Zoom, including weeknight prayer meetings and leadership discussions, as this had been found to be convenient and generally well supported. Ongoing maintenance and repairs to the building were undertaken. The Pastor, Mr David Shepherd, had announced his intention to retire from the role by the end of 2023, and intensive discussions took place about the future of the church. The decision was made to look to appoint a full time Pastor during 2023, and the church was informed. The church responded positively to this suggestion, and pledges of increased financial giving were made to enable this step.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Southam Road Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1163217

Charity's principal address	1 Cope Road Banbury Oxon OX16 2EJ

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	Mr David Shepherd	Chairman	Re-appointed 5.12.2021	
2	Mr John Gardner		Re-appointed 23.7.2019	
3	Mr Nic Oliver		Re-appointed 23.7.2019	
4	Mr Ian Fleming		Appointed 12.3.2019	
5	Mr Kevin Dale		Appointed 5.12.2021	
6	Mr Wallace Farley		Appointed 5.12.2021 Resigned 25.7.2022	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Andrew J Geary	Geary Partnership 159a Chase Side Enfield EN2 0PW

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Other optional information

Mr David Shepherd continued to be paid as Pastor to the church on a part time self-employed basis. The Trustees have reviewed this arrangement in accordance with the Trust Deeds and advice from the Charity Commission and Stewardship, and have concluded that he may continue to act as a Trustee provided he absent himself from any discussions about his service and remuneration.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	Full name
	David Shepherd
	Nic Oliver
	John Gardner
	Ian Fleming
	Kevin Dale

Date

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**SOUTHAM ROAD
EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**Accounts
for the year ended
31 December 2022**

1 Cope Road
Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX16 2EJ

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered Charity no. 1163217

**SOUTHAM ROAD
EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended
31 December 2022**

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Charitable status

The church was granted the status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 20 August 2015. Its registered charity number is 1163217.

Charitable objects

The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Banbury, Oxfordshire, and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Mr David Shepherd
Mr Kevin Lawrence Dale
Mr Nicholas James Oliver
Mr John Gardner
Mr Ian Fleming

Review of the year

Throughout the year the church has experienced God's goodness in the continuing pursuit of its charitable objects as stated above. The monies which have been given towards those objects and the manner in which the monies have been expended are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on pages 3 to 5. The building from which the church operates and its bank balance constitute its main assets as shown on page 5.

Public benefit

When planning the activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees would draw particular attention to the monies expended on local ministries support as shown on page 4.

Basis of preparation of accounts

The trustees have made use of the exemptions available to Charitable Incorporated Organisations with income of less than £250,000 per annum and have prepared a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on:

29/10/2023

and signed on their behalf by:

I. P. Fleming

Trustee:

IAN PATRICK FLEMING (TRUSTEE/TREASURER)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Elders of
SOUTHAM ROAD
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of Southam Road Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the following pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

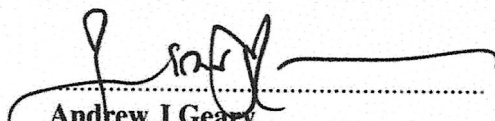
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Andrew J Geary
Chartered Accountant

Geary Partnership
159a Chase Side
Enfield
EN2 0PW

Date: 29 October 2023

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EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

INCOME	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2022 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 £
Offerings and gifts received		29,590	28,029
Gift Aid tax recovered		6,051	5,381
Other income		1,069	2,139
Total income		36,710	35,549
EXPENDITURE			
Missionary expenditure	1	11,400	12,040
Relief expenditure	2	4,100	-
Local ministries support	3	4,988	5,186
Running expenses			
Brickwork repairs, new window		-	2,162
Website, computer and IT		1,116	1,002
Other maintenance and cleaning		1,329	1,444
Light and heat and water		2,291	1,581
Insurance		1,398	1,095
Sundries	4	1,145	1,961
		7,279	9,245
Other expenses			
Pastor		6,302	6,134
Gifts to speakers		620	440
Children and youth activities		212	570
Other local outreach activities		137	28
Pastoral		539	55
Accountancy		432	420
		8,242	7,647
Total expenditure		36,009	34,118
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		701	1,431
Reconciliation of funds			
Fund brought forward		28,203	26,772
Net surplus for the year		701	1,431
Fund carried forward		28,904	28,203

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, continued
for the year ended
31 December 2022**

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1. Missionary expenditure		
Steve & Anna Griffiths (OMF International) (Brazil)	3,600	3,600
Keith & Dorothy Ward (Scriptural Knowledge) (Retired)	2,160	2,160
EPIC and Romania	1,500	1,500
Steve Dunne (First Direct) (New Zealand)	2,640	2,880
Rachel Adams (Madagascar)	1,500	500
Saheb Borgall (Tribal Transformation India) via Stewardship Giving Account	-	1,400
	----- 11,400	----- 12,040
2. Relief expenditure		
Moldova mission (Ukraine)	4,100	-
	-----	-----
3. Local ministries support		
Nicodemus Trust	1,800	1,800
Green Pastures	2,400	2,400
Restore Project	788	986
	----- 4,988	----- 5,186
4. Sundries		
Subscriptions and licences	315	1,120
Safeguarding	251	-
Administration and other	579	841
	----- 1,145	----- 1,961


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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as at 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
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Current assets		
Bank balances: Virgin Money bank account	28,904 -----	28,203 -----
LIABILITIES		
None.		
Represented by:		
FUNDS		
General fund	28,904 -----	28,203 -----

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at 31 December 2022 the church did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the church.

We approve the attached receipts and payments account and above statement of assets and liabilities and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.


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Trustee:

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Trustee:

Date:

Date: