

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Sladebrook Evangelical Church
Other names charity is known by	Sladebrook Church
Registered charity number (if any)	1163375
Charity's principal address	239 Englishcombe Lane BATH BA2 2ER

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	Paul Brind			
2	Timothy Tappenden			
3	Christopher Martin	Chair		
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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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in Somerset and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

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)

The church at Sladebrook exists to:

- Promote the Christian faith within our immediate area
- Provide opportunities for people to gather to worship
- Assist understanding of the faith through teaching of the Bible
- Support outreach and missionary work in our local area, more broadly across the UK, and also around the world

The trustees have these objectives in mind when considering and planning activities, giving consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of religion.

The main activities of the charity towards these goals are:

- Christian services held weekly for the local community, including the main Sunday morning worship service and various prayer meetings.
- Weekly home groups for prayer, Bible study and discussion.
- Seasonal special events (e.g. Christmas and Easter)
- Weekly coffee morning
- Building awareness of Christian ministries in the UK and overseas through visiting speakers and video/DVD, and supporting these ministries by prayer and financial gifts.

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

The church has met every week throughout the year for worship and prayer alongside teaching from the Bible. The Sunday morning gatherings start with an opportunity to welcome visitors and catch up with one another over a cup of coffee. Once a month the service has taken the form of "Café Church" with less formality and a time to discuss questions sat around tables. Home groups on a mid-week evening provide a further opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible passages studied on the preceding Sunday. The Men's Group met monthly with a range of varied and interesting topics. The weekly coffee morning has also welcomed folk from the community for a time of chatting and friendship. An exciting development this year was the relaunch of Messy Church on a bi-monthly basis; children and their parents take part in various craft activities, listen to a story from the Bible, and then share a hot meal together. Numbers attending have increased each time.

However overall numbers have continued to contract and the average age has continued to increase, so during the year the elders met with the leadership team from Widcombe Baptist Church to seek a way forward. In January we announced that they will work with us on a revitalisation project, with a new pastor and the transfer of members from Widcombe to Sladebrook. This is still in progress but we await the future with great excitement and anticipation.

Overall giving through the year has again decreased slightly, but expenditure is also down meaning a surplus again, principally in the Church Worker fund. We expect to start drawing on this during the coming year once the new pastor is appointed. Sundry operating expenses grew due to the cost of replacing a projector and upgrading the heating control system. Giving for the work of Christian ministries was slightly down but we were still able to support Genesis Trust (working with the homeless and disadvantaged in Bath), and Lux Youth Project (formerly Bath Youth For Christ) as well as national Christian charities such as Tearfund and the Bible Society. As well as financial giving, we had a monthly collection of food items which were donated to the Bath Foodbank.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The church does not have a formal policy on reserves, but aims to keep sufficient funds in the General Fund to support expected expenditure for the next few months. Reserves are allowed to accumulate when exceptional future expenditure is anticipated.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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)	T D Tappenden	CJ Martin
Full name(s)	TIMOTHY DESMOND TAPPENDEN	CHRISTOPHER JOHN MARTIN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		CHAIR
Date	27/10/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sladebrook Evangelical Church

No (if any)
1163375

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary giving	24,961	-	-	24,961	28,640
Income tax refunds	-	-	-	-	5,472
Interest income	981	-	-	981	167
Gift from Building Trustees re. Electrical work	-	-	-	-	5,320
Room hire	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,442	-	-	26,442	39,599
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,442	-	-	26,442	39,599
A3 Payments					
Heat and light	3,365	-	-	3,365	3,002
Insurance	1,710	-	-	1,710	1,569
Water rates	178	-	-	178	103
Cleaning	2,026	-	-	2,026	2,410
Preachers expenses	2,350	-	-	2,350	1,875
Sundry operating expenses	3,638	-	-	3,638	1,660
Support of Christian ministries and relief	9,125	-	-	9,125	10,760
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	9,354
Rounding error	1	-	-	1	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,393	-	-	22,393	30,733
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,393	-	-	22,393	30,733
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,049	-	-	4,049	8,866
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,884	-	-	90,884	82,018
Cash funds this year end	94,933	-	-	94,933	90,884

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	General Fund	3,581	-	-
	Church Worker Fund	90,063	-	-
	Maintenance & Decoration Fund	1,289	-	-
	Total cash funds	94,933	-	-

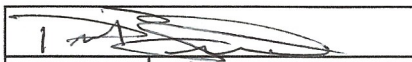

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL MARTYN BRIND	27.10.2024
	CHRISTOPHER JOHN MARTIN	27.10.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

SLADEBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1163375

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 **31 / 03 / 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:

Keith E. Gammon.

Date:

06/12/2024

Name:

KEITH GAMMON.

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

Address:

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COMBE DOWN,
BATH, BA2 5SN

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.