



Eternal Life Church Ministries

Charity No : 1165938

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 05 April 2024



TRUSTEES REPORT

Aim and Purposes

The board of trustees together with the charity's founders, have the responsibility of co-operating in promoting and supporting, the whole mission of Eternal Life Church Ministries.

Our mission is undertaken through these three main areas of activity.

- Hollymoor Community Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical work
- Eternal Media — media and broadcast activities
- Life-Line Projects — our charitable activities that include a food bank, mental health support group and community coffee morning.

ELCM is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church building the former Hollymoor Hospital Chapel, a Grade 2 listed building that it leases located in Manor Park Grove, Northfield.

Objectives and Activities

The Board of Trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at Hollymoor Community Church and to become part of our church community.

The Board of Trustees maintain an overview of worship practices to ensure that they remain Biblical and are firmly based on God's love, grace and mercy.

Our services and worship are intended to put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, our ministerial team and the Board of Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to encourage and enable ordinary people in our community to live out their faith through the following activities.

1. Worship and prayer
2. Learning the Bible; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
3. Provision of pastoral care for people living in the Community.
4. Missionary and Outreach Work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric and structure of the former Hollymoor Hospital Chapel which is where we worship.

Achievements and Performance Worship and Prayer

The Board of Trustees are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

1. Online Bible Study - provide an opportunity to learn about and explore the Holy Bible
2. Sunday Morning Worship - offers contemporary worship, a sermon, and Holy Communion.
3. Special Events – worship music events, Carol Service, Good Friday Service, Remembrance Sunday Service, Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.

This year we have continued to successful in welcoming more families into our church and to watch the "Live Streaming" our services on a variety of social media platforms. "Live Streaming" our service became a vitally important way of engaging with our congregation during the pandemic and has since continued.

Interestingly, our broadcasts continue to attract many more people to watch than attend church despite the easing of the restrictions associated with the pandemic. This remains due to a lingering hesitancy from those who were elderly or having compromised immune systems due to underlying health conditions to return to public worship. In addition, streaming and recording our service also provides flexibility in the ways that worship can be experienced. For example this is beneficial to those with work commitments and those who unable to attend because they are unwell at home or in hospital.

The Board of Trustees are currently exploring ways of better integrating our own live audience with those attending the building to maintain a single community.

Other Activities

We want our building to be open to our community for a wide range activity. To facilitate this, we installed a door between the sanctuary and small café style area. As a result, we have been able to use the informality of café area for coffee mornings and a Mental Health Support Group.

These activities have succeeded in bringing new people from the local community into the Church in a friendly and inclusive way.

This year we also continued to be the sponsoring organisation for the visa and employment of a CMFI missionary to the UK to work with Fijian nationals in the British Army in the UK.

Again, the funding from CMFI to cover the salary of the missionary has contributed to the large increase in our income and expenditure during the year,

The Chapel a Grade 2 listed building continues to suffer occasional minor leaks in bad weather but thankfully nothing serious. Volunteers have again this year undertaken further remedial and improvement work on the roof above the sanctuary.

However, as we have indicated in previous reports the Board of Trustees remain committed to exploring how more extensive work at higher levels above the Chancel and Vestry can be undertaken and funded in the future.

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. As a result, our Ministerial Team have visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital.

Life-Line Projects

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Our food bank Life-Line food bank continues to provide emergency food aid for local families throughout the year. At Christmas, the Board of Trustees together with volunteers put together five special hampers for local families nominated by the Pastoral Manager of a local school.

Accounts

Our income remained broadly consistent compared to the previous year showing slight decrease of just £293 from £73,216 to £72,923.

Our expenditure in the year decreased from £73,384 to £70,523.

CMFI continue to cover the employment costs of the Pastor to work with Fijian nationals in the British Army in the UK. One of our founding Pastors who is very much the driving force and inspiration behind the ministry working receives a small salary in line with our previous practice and agreement with the Charity Commission. Our other founding Pastor continues to serve at the charity and in the church without remuneration.

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Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard for the benefit our local community and for making our church such a lively and vibrant organisation.

The accounts are approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Stephen Merrick

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Chair
09/01/ 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

The Board of Trustees of Eternal Life Church Ministries, an organisation registered as a charity, appointed me to independently examine their trustees' report, financial reports, and the accompanying notes.

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Trustees

- To safeguard the Charity's assets and to ensure that the Financial Reports are free from material misstatements due to fraud.
- To keep adequate financial records and to ensure that the published reports are based on these records.
- To ensure that the published reports are true and fair.
- Consider their charity to qualify for an independent examination in terms of Part 8 and sections 145 and 152 of the Charities Act of 2011.

My Responsibility

To carry out procedures such as analytical reviews, comparing the published reports to the financial records kept by the charity and enquiring from those tasked with the governance of the charity any matters that need clarity.

I also considered the disclosures of material facts in the financial reports and the going concern of the charity.

The nature and extent of my examination did not provide appropriate and adequate audit evidence and therefore no audit opinion is provided in this report.

Independent Examiner's statement

During my examination, no material matters came to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act


- the preparation of accounts does not accord with the accounting records.
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.

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Independent Examiner

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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Eternal Life Church Ministries			No (if any)		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	1st April, 2023	To	31st March, 2024		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Donations	27,858	-	-	27,858	27,624	
Food bank	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	
Gift Aid	6,877	-	-	6,877	9,473	
Missionary Support	34,999	-	-	34,999	34,999	
Other income	2,189	-	-	2,189	1,119	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,923	-	-	72,923	73,216	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	72,923	-	-	72,923	73,216	
A3 Payments						
Employment	50,690	-	-	50,690	49,774	
HMRC	1,900	-	-	1,900	4,530	
Insurance	4,256	-	-	4,256	2,983	
Telephony	663	-	-	663	895	
Media Equipment	3,476	-	-	3,476	2,514	
Media/Broadcast	1,542	-	-	1,542	2,889	
Utilities	4,802	-	-	4,802	3,152	
General Expenses	2,650	-	-	2,650	1,758	
Sage	112	-	-	112	101	
Bank Charges	115	-	-	115		
Building&Grounds	170	-	-	170	3,631	
Food Bank	-	-	-	-	222	
Flower&Gardening	70	-	-	70		
MISC	76	-	-	76	935	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	70,523	-	-	70,523	73,384	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	70,523	-	-	70,523	73,384	
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,400	-	-	2,400	- 168	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	386	-	-	386	-	
Cash funds this year end	2,786	-	-	2,786	- 168	

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	Bank	2,652	-	-
	Cash	134	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,786	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

Expenditure Summary													
2023-2024	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	Totals
Income													
Donations	2,437	2,246	2,196	2,125	1,695	3,006	1,845	2,710	2,329	1,431	1,959	3,878	27,858
Missionary Support	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	2,917	34,999
Donations(Food Bank)	-	-	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,000
Gift Aid	504	782	-	727	1,307	-	1,091	-	-	1,128	-	1,337	6,877
Other income	200	20	480	336	225	3	34	277	324	-	250	42	2,189
Total Income	6,058	5,965	5,693	6,204	6,244	6,025	5,986	6,004	5,670	5,576	5,226	8,273	72,923
Expenditure													
Employment	4,219	4,774	4,519	4,269	3,919	4,201	4,301	4,139	4,516	4,143	4,043	3,648	50,690
HMRC	-	-	-	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,900
Insurance	100	620	-	230	619	296	496	396	296	496	296	408	4,256
Telephony	54	50	50	53	55	45	47	58	61	70	67	52	663
Media Equipment	269	-	-	439	339	900	315	269	-	-	-	946	3,476
Media/Broadcast	136	210	357	158	-	117	167	84	189	123	-	-	1,542
Utilities	471	671	412	-	378	312	332	321	528	-	730	647	4,802
General Expenses	75	-	290	-	356	324	375	773	180	-	59	218	2,650
Sage	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	112
Bank Charges	9	8	9	11	10	7	13	9	10	10	9	11	115
Building&Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	140	30	-	-	-	-	-	170
Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flower&Gardening	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
MISC	36	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Total Expenditure	5,377	6,382	5,715	6,069	5,685	6,353	6,085	6,059	5,790	4,851	6,215	5,940	70,523