



Eternal Life Church Ministries

Charity No : 116593

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 05 April 2025



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. Includes Boys Brigade & Girls Association

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.

Interestingly, our broadcasts continue to attract many more people to watch than attend church. 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.

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. Alongside these activities we have also partnered with Birmingham City Council by hosting an Occupational Therapy Worker who holds a drop in advice clinic in the Church.

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, together with improvements and decoration of the chancel.

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. We also supply Hygiene Bags to the local school that provide vital hygiene products to children in need.

Accounts

Our income remained broadly consistent compared to the previous year showing a decrease of £803 from £72,923 to 72,120

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.

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

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 Name	Charity Number	Accounts Ref	Period Start	Period End
Eternal Life Church Ministries	1165938	CC16a	01/04/2024	31/03/2025

Section A – Receipts and Payments

Category	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Last Year (£)
Receipts					
Donations	24,640	-	-	24,640	27,858
Food Bank	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,000
Gift Aid	6,272	-	-	6,272	6,877
Missionary Support	34,999	-	-	34,999	34,999
Other Income	5,009	-	-	5,009	2,189
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,120	-	-	72,120	72,923
A2 Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,120	-	-	72,120	72,923
A3 Payments					
Employment	50,040	-	-	50,040	50,690
HMRC	-	-	-	-	1,900
Insurance	5,004	-	-	5,004	4,256
Telephony	665	-	-	665	663
Media Equipment	185	-	-	185	3,476
Media Broadcast	3,892	-	-	3,892	1,542
Utilities	2,321	-	-	2,321	4,802
General Expenses	1,383			1,383	2,650
Sage	134			134	112
Bank Charges	98			98	115
Building & Grounds	2,278			2,278	170
Food Bank	-				-
Flower & Gardening	-			-	70
MISC	96	-	-	96	76
Sub total	66,096	-	-	66,096	70,522
A4 Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,096	-	-	66,096	70,522
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,024	-	-	6,024	2,401
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,024	-	-	6,024	2,401

Section B – Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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Category	Details	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Endowment Funds (£)
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
Total cash funds	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-
	Agreement Error / OK	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities		-	-	

Approval

Signed by Trustee(s)	Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval
	<i>Stephen Merrick</i>	Ivor Stephen Merrick	25/01/2026
	<i>M. Manana</i>	Monicah Manana	28/01/2026

Income and Expenditure

2024-2025	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Totals
Income													
Donations (Bank)	1,271.00	802.00	1,182.00	811.00	2,067.00	854.00	941.00	1,038.00	1,057.42	838.00	623.50	1,357.00	12,841.92
Donations (Cash)	524.25	-	850.50	165.02	509.07	492.29	1,125.37	1,050.84	498.45	405.99	1,382.77	1,589.88	
Donations (TITHE.LY)	301.56	-	395.00	312.60	55.00	90.00	380.50	684.13	154.13	114.13	126.00	590.13	3,203.18
Missionary Support	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	2,916.60	34,999.20
Donations (Food Bank)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Donations (Sainsbury)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,212.39	-	834.13	856.75	-	1,574.75	572.04	-	1,222.08	-	-	-	6,272.14
Other (inpost)	-	250.00	-	-	250.00	-	-	250.00	-	-	250.00	-	1,000.00
Other (food)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (Tickets)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (Funeral)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (Wedding)	-	528.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528.00
Other (Council)	-	-	462.25	-	-	462.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	924.50
Other (Neighbourly)	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	320.00	-	-	-	14.12	-	-	-	-	-	334.12
Transfer (own a/c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.55	-	-	-	-	721.00	
Total Income	6,325.80	4,596.60	7,060.48	5,161.97	7,397.67	6,489.89	6,051.18	6,039.57	5,948.68	4,374.72	5,398.87	7,274.61	72,120.04
Bank a/c 31556819 transfer											2,390.00		
Other												1.21	1.21

Expenditure													
Employment	2,444.24	1,450.00	2,200.60	1,472.24	1,796.04	1,940.24	1,472.24	1,472.04	1,436.24	1,400.04	1,400.24	1,040.24	19,524.40
Employment (Inia)	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	2,543.00	30,516.00
Insurance	224.00	693.84	112.00	402.24	580.48	514.24	402.24	290.24	514.24	402.24	434.24	434.24	5,004.24
MISC	-	-	-	-	31.99	14.99	-	5.99	-	24.99	-	18.23	96.19
Telephony	51.70	50.90	58.50	55.20	69.70	50.90	60.64	55.75	48.31	54.10	59.20	49.81	664.71
Media Equipment		-	-	-	150.71	34.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.16
Sage	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	134.40
Bank Charges	9.21	7.50	5.00	6.28	9.82	8.24	7.37	11.10	10.40	7.39	7.02	8.86	98.19
Media/Broadcast	304.64	184.93	232.73	383.23	232.23	368.43	334.73	334.73	286.13	478.27	450.52	301.72	3,892.29
Utilities	-	-	408.00	327.50	350.00	-	340.00	-	463.85	-	431.33	-	2,320.68
Building & Grounds	-	34.99	253.89	524.99	700.78	39.50	45.50	36.98	-	-	-	641.00	2,277.63
General Expenses	14.40	35.00	14.40	420.00	23.60	-	332.20	-	135.00	-	88.00	320.00	1,382.60

Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Transfer (own a/c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,390.00	
Hotels							424.00						424.00
BBGA											88.00		88.00
Total Expenditure	5,600.79	5,009.76	5,837.72	6,144.28	6,500.35	5,525.99	5,973.92	4,761.83	5,449.17	4,922.03	5,613.55	7,759.10	69,098.49
Bank a/c 31556819 transfer						1.55					721.00		
Other(food)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other(Tickets)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other(Funeral)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other(Wedding)	-	528.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528.00
Other(Council)	-	-	462.25	-	-	462.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	924.50
Other(THE NEIGHBOURLY)	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	320.00	-	-	-	14.12	-	-	-	-	-	334.12
Transfer btw own bank accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.55	-	-	-	-	721.00	
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