

# NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168045

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-07-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 NEW MILTON AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE TEACHING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH.

**Activities:** The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within New Milton and the surrounding neighbourhood and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Hampshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£353,125	£128,614	-	-
2024-03-31	£162,448	£124,001	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,491	£116,667	-	-
2022-03-31	£123,414	£263,771	-	-
2021-03-31	£136,606	£84,335	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev SIMEON WOODCRAFT	Chair	2016-07-05
Alan Douglas Harvey		2022-07-31
Ben Fidler		2017-07-18
David John White		2021-06-29

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date                      Period end date  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

### 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	Rev S Woodcraft	Pastor & Elder		Church Members
2	Mr B Fidler	Elder		Church Members
3	Mr D White	Elder		Church Members
4	Mr A Harvey	Elder		Church Members

### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Andrew Clark Carter & Coley Ltd Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors	3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6NE

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO - ASSOCIATION REGISTERED 05 JUL 2016
How the charity is constituted	CHARITABLE TRUST
Trustee selection methods	The trustees of the Church are the Elders, who are the Pastor and other Elders. Elders are nominated by the Pastor and existing Elders, who shall bring names to a Church Business Meeting. An Elder will be elected in a secret ballot for 5 years if at least 75% of the votes recorded at the Meeting are in favour.

## 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.

### Background

NMEFC was established as a CIO, Registered Charity No. 1168045 on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Unincorporated Association and the new CIO were merged at the start of the 2017/18 financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017) when Fixed Assets were transferred from our holding Trustees (FIEC) and Current Assets transferred from the Unincorporated Association.

### Structure, governance and management

The detailed structure, governance and management details are contained in the Church Constitution. In summary: -

- a) The Trustees are the Pastor and the other church Elders.
- b) There must be at least 3 Trustees.
- c) The Trustees shall have the general control and management of the administration of the Church and may, for that purpose, exercise all the powers of the Church subject to the provisions contained in this constitution and the Church Handbook.
- d) The Charity Trustees must hold at least 4 meetings in each 12-month period.
- e) Quarterly Members' meetings are held to keep members informed and to be involved in major decisions.

### Governing Documentation:

1. Church Constitution dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with amendments dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.
2. Church Handbook (Rules) dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with amendments dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
3. Charity Commission Registration 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
4. Deed of Gift dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 1934
5. Charity Commission Scheme dated 19 July 2007

### Meetings: -

Meetings cover both Church Elder and Charity Trustee responsibilities and there were 11 such meetings during the year.

The Secretarial Deacon as part of his duties attends meetings of the Church Elders / Charity Trustees.

The Church Elders / Charity Trustees are supported by a team of Deacons who serve in practical areas of church life. The Deacons meet separately under the chairmanship of the Pastor.

An Away Day was held during the year facilitating a time of discussion between Elders and Deacons.

There were 5 Church Members' Meetings during the year including the AGM. The average attendance was 39. The 5 meetings with attendance figures were: 23 April 2024 (34), 9 July 2024 (44), 8 October 2024 (37), 28 January 2025 (39) and 13 March 2025 (43).

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

The purposes of the Charity are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within New Milton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

Our Sunday Services, morning (10.30am) and evening (6.00pm) have been held throughout the year. Communion is celebrated twice each month (once at 10am & once during the evening Service). An additional Communion Service was held on Maundy Thursday. We have maintained an on-line presence with our website and have also continued with our online ministry of recorded Services available via YouTube or audio on the website.

We have held occasional Sunday evening Café Free events at Bashley Village Hall, consisting of an informal Service with an invited speaker and refreshments.

The Church premises have been used for regular morning and evening mid-week prayer meetings and quarterly Members' Meetings. A week of intensive prayer meetings held in the Church premises and in the homes of members was conducted in January 2025. In seeking to encourage bible study, prayer, and fellowship amongst the congregation numbers of smaller groups meet during each month. These include monthly ladies' and men's groups, and fortnightly home groups with daytime and evening meetings to suit the congregation. Christianity Explored courses were run during the year for those enquiring about the Christian faith.

**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)**

Our activities for young people on Sunday mornings are Crèche (for those under 5) and Junior Church (for ages 5 to 11), and on Sunday evenings Gravity youth group (for ages 11 to 17). We also run two mid-week clubs 'K'neked' (for school years 3-6) and K'lossal (for school year 7 upwards). Numbers of young people from these clubs attended Christian summer camps in 2024 and the church provided financial assistance to facilitate this.

Other activities during the year included occasional Church Sunday lunches, a Church barbecue, a Harvest Supper, occasional Church sports events, men's breakfasts and social evenings, ladies' breakfasts, and filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We have sought to serve the congregation and wider community with the provision of a monthly lunch (Food4Thought), and some members are also involved in a similar venture in Burley. We have also manned a stall at community events and have worked with other evangelical churches to display a Christian witness in the town when appropriate. We have continued a monthly stall at the town's farmers market providing Christian literature and information. A team of church members have also undertaken a regular open-air witness further afield in Bournemouth town centre, working in conjunction with other evangelical churches in the area. A new venture has been the conducting of a bi-monthly afternoon Service at a residential home in Barton on Sea.

We tithe unrestricted income to support Christian work in Malawi, SE Asia, France and in local UK schools. We have an active safeguarding team to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our membership as at 01/04/2024 was 63 members. During the year we received 8 new members and there was one relocation. We therefore concluded the year at 31/03/2025 with 70 members. It is encouraging to report that we have continued to also see a good number of regular attendees worshipping with us.

Our Sunday Services, morning (10.30am) and evening (6.00pm) have been held throughout the year. Our Pastor has faithfully expounded God's word and has undertaken various series including the books of Habakkuk, Zechariah, Luke and 1 Timothy. Other preachers from within the membership or from other churches have also provided biblical ministry. The attendance at our Sunday Services is approximately 80-100 in the morning, and 35-50 in the evening.

We are blessed by having a gifted music team who significantly enhance our corporate worship, alongside technical and welcoming teams who facilitate Services. Upgrades have been made to some of our technical equipment and further improvements are planned. We are grateful that skilled members have significantly reduced costs in this and other practical areas of church life.

Our activities for young people on Sunday mornings are Crèche and Junior Church, and Gravity youth group on Sunday evenings. Whilst the older group is well attended, we continue to pray for more families with younger children.

We run two mid-week clubs 'K'neked' (for school years 3-6) meeting on Thursday evenings and 'K'lossal' (for school year 7 upwards) meeting on Friday evenings. Both clubs have a mix of Bible teaching and activities. The aim of the clubs is to give young people a greater understanding of the Christian faith and its practical outworking, as well as providing opportunities for social interaction. There has been a reasonable attendance at both these clubs during the year and we are grateful for all our Church members who are committed to serving the youth of our congregation and community.

Our various midweek prayer meetings, bible study groups and home groups have all been generally well supported. At present we have seven home groups offering a choice of morning and evening meetings and approximately 70 adults are committed to these groups.

The monthly Food4Thought lunches have attracted approximately 30+ attendees and a similar number have attended the occasional men's and ladies' breakfasts.

Our Church Diaconate consisting of six deacons has served the congregation well in undertaking or co-ordinating key practical areas of church life. One of our deacons serves as a salaried part-time church administrator and has provided invaluable support to our Pastor as well as facilitating many church activities.

We own outright our Church premises and the Manse, which we seek to keep in good order, with regular inspections. Our deacons and members carry out maintenance in the grounds and buildings, with tradespeople employed as appropriate. Considerable expense has been incurred in improving the fencing and garden storage at the manse and significant expenditure will be incurred in the coming months as the Manse roof is replaced / repaired.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults including regular DBS checks overseen by our active safeguarding team. Under the Data Protection regulations, Church members and regular attendees aged 16 and over are asked to read and consider the Data Privacy Notice and to consent to what of their information can be used on Church business.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to maintain free reserves sufficient to cover at least 3 month's general expenditure in order to give the church time to respond to unexpected needs. Our target level for the coming year 2025/26 will be increased from £30,000 to £32,500, an amount considered adequate to cover quarterly expenditure.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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.

We budget for unrestricted income and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly.

Unrestricted income was £328,778 and was significantly above budget and the previous year with a large proportion of the increase due to a legacy of £202,554. However, ignoring the one-off gifts there was still an increase of £16,414 due to the generosity of the church family in their giving. Unrestricted expenditure increased by £21,601 including an extra £10,000 of missionary tithes from the legacy.

The overall surplus was £209,852 with the majority being invested in interest earning deposit accounts. As a consequence, investment income increased from £955 to £4,012.

All other unrestricted income comes from the Church family as gift-aided giving (56%), donations (17%), gift aid tax claimed back (17%), GASDS (3.6%) and the offertory box (3%).

We tithe 10% of unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. This included 10% of the legacy so we were able to increase our tithes to £5,433 for each of the 4 missionaries/missions we support.

Our unrestricted expenditure areas as a proportion of the total are 51% ministry (including the Pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 17% missions; 12% Church premises; 9.5% discretionary expenditure; 9% administration and 2% other. Discretionary expenditure includes £7,634 on Evangelism & Outreach, an increase of 88%.

Expenditure which was not budgeted in 2024/25 included stage 1 of the replacement of the sound and video equipment in the church and a shed for the Manse at a total cost of £9,000.

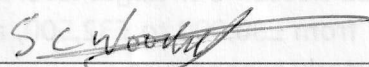
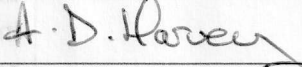
Planned work on the Manse flat roofs in 2025/26 has expanded to include work covering all roofs and dormers at a total cost of £23,420.

The budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, has most income lines level, although gift aid claims will increase with a change to monthly claims and although interest rates are falling, interest will increase with the deposit accounts holding funds for the complete year.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	ALAN DOUGLAS HARVEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee

Date 

11	09	2025
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Further financial review details (Optional)

We budget for 2025/26 and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly.

Unrestricted income was £328,778 and was significantly above budget and the previous year with a large proportion of the increase due to a legacy of £502,554. However, ignoring the one-off gift there was still an increase of £16,414 due to the generosity of the church family in their giving. Unrestricted expenditure increased by £21,601 including an extra £19,500 of missionary travel from the legacy.

The overall surplus was £209,882 with the majority being invested in interest earning deposit accounts. As a consequence, investment income increased from £252 to £4,012.

All other unrestricted income comes from the Church family as gift-aided giving (26%), donations (17%), gift aid tax claimed back (17%), CASOS (1.6%) and the offering box (3%).

We have 10% of unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. This included 30% of the legacy so we were able to increase our rates to £2,433 for each of the 4 missionaries/missions we support.

Our unrestricted expenditure areas as a proportion of the total are 21% ministry (including the Pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 17% missions; 15% Church premises; 9.5% discretionary expenditure; 9% administration and 3% other. Discretionary expenditure includes £7,534 on Evangelism & Outreach, an increase of 88%.

Expenditure which was not budgeted in 2024/25 included stage 1 of the replacement of the sound and video equipment in the church and a shed for the Mansie at a total cost of £9,000.

Planned work on the Mansie list rooms in 2025/26 has expanded to include work covering all rooms and dormers at a total cost of £23,450.

The budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, has most income lines level, although gift aid claims will increase with a change to monthly claims and although interest rates are falling, interest will increase with the deposit account holding funds for the complete year.

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
  - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no**

11684045

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

11<sup>th</sup> September  
2025

**Name:**

Andrew A Clark FCA

**Relevant professional  
qualification:**

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

Carter & Coley, 3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NE



<b>NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</b>		Charity No (if any)	<b>1168045</b>
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>			
Period start date	<b>01/04/2024</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/03/2025</b>

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Restated prior year funds £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Offerings	3,965	-	-	3,965	4,163
Offerings (GASDS)	4,595	-	-	4,595	3,912
Gift Aided Offerings	70,952	1,948	-	72,900	63,855
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	19,137	237	-	19,374	20,987
Donations	21,296	7,055	-	28,351	24,992
Investment Income & Interest	10,386	-	-	10,386	955
Ministry Fund	-	1,000	-	1,000	100
Youth Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies & Bond Sale	212,554	-	-	212,554	47,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,885</b>	<b>10,240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>353,125</b>	<b>166,536</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Ministry Fund	65,282	3,133	-	68,415	58,098
Mission	21,818	391	-	22,209	15,200
Upkeep of Church Premises	8,755	-	-	8,755	12,887
Administration	11,370	-	-	11,370	6,313
Donations & Other Expenses	2,304	-	-	2,304	1,930
Discretionary Expenditure	12,646	2,915	-	15,561	12,300
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,175</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,614</b>	<b>106,728</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>					
	220,710	3,801	-	224,511	59,808
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>220,710</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,511</b>	<b>59,808</b>
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>220,710</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,511</b>	<b>59,808</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	1,772,557	603	-	1,773,160	1,713,352
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,773,160</b>

NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	Charity No	1168045
Annual accounts for the period	01/04/2024	31/03/2025
<b>Section B Balance sheet</b>		

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Restated prior year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	1,688,604	-	-	1,688,604	1,680,886
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>1,688,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,688,604</b>	<b>1,680,886</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	8,738	1,129	-	9,867	4,088
Investments	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand	300,636	3,275	-	303,911	91,387
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>309,374</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313,778</b>	<b>105,475</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>3,201</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>304,663</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309,067</b>	<b>102,274</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,783,160</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,783,160</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	4,404	-	4,404	-
Unrestricted funds	1,993,267	-	-	1,993,267	1,783,160
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Simeon C Woodcraft	11/09/2025
	Alan D Harvey	11/09/2025



<b>NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</b>		Charity No (if any)	<b>1168045</b>
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>			
Period start date	<b>4/1/2024</b>	To	Period end date <b>3/31/2025</b>

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<b>Extraordinary items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>220,710</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,511</b>	<b>59,808</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	1,772,557	603	-	1,773,160	1,713,352
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,773,160</b>

NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH		Charity No	1168045
Annual accounts for the period		4/1/2024	3/31/2025
<b>Section B Balance sheet</b>			

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Restated prior year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	1,688,604	-	-	1,688,604	1,680,886
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	1,688,604	-	-	1,688,604	1,680,886
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	8,738	1,129	-	9,867	4,088
Investments	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand	300,636	3,275	-	303,911	91,387
<i>Total current assets</i>	309,374	4,404	-	313,778	105,475
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	4,711	-	-	4,711	3,201
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	304,663	4,404	-	309,067	102,274
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	1,993,267	4,404	-	1,997,671	1,783,160
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	1,993,267	4,404	-	1,997,671	1,783,160
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	4,404	-	4,404	-
Unrestricted funds	1,993,267	-	-	1,993,267	1,783,160
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	1,993,267	4,404	-	1,997,671	1,783,160

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

Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
Rev Simeon C Woodcraft	
Alan D Harvey	

**Basis of preparation**

*This section should be completed by all charities.*

**Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with\*  the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with\*  the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.\*

**Going concern**

*If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:*

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

**Not applicable**

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

**Not applicable**

**Change of accounting policy**

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note 2.

Yes\*  No\*  \*-Tick as appropriate

**Please disclose:**

<b>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</b>	From cash basis to accruals basis
<b>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</b>	increased income
<b>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</b>	Income increased by £4,107, expenditure reduced by £7,880 in current period

**Changes to accounting estimates**

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes\*  No\*  \*-Tick as appropriate

**Please disclose:**

<b>(i) the nature of any changes;</b>	
<b>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</b>	
<b>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</b>	

**Material prior year errors**

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes\*  No\*  \*-Tick as appropriate

**Please disclose:**

<b>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</b>	
<b>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</b>	
<b>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</b>	

## Accounting policies

**RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE**

Please provide a description of the nature of each change in accounting policy

Moved from cash accounting to accruals accounting

*Reconciliation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102*

	Start of period £
Fund balances as previously stated	101387
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
<i>Fixed assets introduced</i>	1680886
<i>Debtors</i>	4088
<i>Accruals</i>	-3201
Fund balance as restated	<u>1783160</u>

*Reconciliation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102*

	£
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	38447
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
<i>Gift aid</i>	4088
<i>Capitalised assets from repairs</i>	9674
<i>Movement on accruals and prepayments</i>	7599
Previous period net income/(expenditure) as restated	<u>59808</u>

## Note 2

## Accounting policies

## 2.2 INCOME

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

<b>Recognition of income</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and</li> <li>the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Offsetting</b>	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants and donations</b>	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Legacies</b>	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Government grants</b>	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tax reclaims on donations and gifts</b>	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Contractual income and performance related grants</b>	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donated goods</b>	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donated services and facilities</b>	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Support costs</b>	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Volunteer help</b>	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Income from interest, royalties and dividends</b>	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Income from membership subscriptions</b>	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Membershin subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy goods or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Settlement of insurance claims</b>	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Governance and support costs</b>	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants with performance conditions</b>	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Redundancy cost</b>	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Deferred income</b>	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Creditors</b>	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Basic financial instruments</b>	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.4 ASSETS</b>				
<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Intangible fixed assets</b>	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Heritage assets</b>	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Investments</b>	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Stocks and work in progress</b>	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Yes	No	N/a
✓	✓	✓

**Current asset investments**

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
✓	✓	✓

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
✓	✓	✓

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****Details of certain items of expenditure****Fees for examination of the accounts**

*Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).*

**Independent examiner's fees****Assurance services other than audit or independent examination****Tax advisory fees****Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner**

<b>This year £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
900	750
-	-
-	-
-	-

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Grantmaking**

*Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.*

**This year:****Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)**

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs	Total
			£	£
Lansdowne - Africa	5,910	0	0	5,910
PACE	5,433	0	0	5,433
IMJP	5,433	0	0	5,433
Frontiers	5,433	0	0	5,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,209</b>

**Last year:**

**Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)**

<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Grants to institutions</b>	<b>Grants to individuals</b>	<b>Support costs £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Lansdowne - Africa	3800	0	0	<b>3800</b>
PACE	3800	0	0	<b>3800</b>
IMJP	3800	0	0	<b>3800</b>
Frontiers	3800	0	0	<b>3800</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15200</b>

*Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.*

## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

(cont)

**Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	7,718	-	7,718
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Arising on change of accounting basis	1,658,038	-	22,848	-	1,680,886
At end of the year	1,658,038	-	30,566	-	1,688,604

**Depreciation and impairments**

	On buildings element from 31/3/2025	SL or RB	SL from 31/03/2025	SL or RB	SL or RB
	2%		25%		
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

**Net book value**

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	1,658,038	-	30,566	-	1,688,604

**Impairment**

*This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.*

N/A

*Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.*

N/A

**Revaluation**

*If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:*

*the effective date of the revaluation*

*the name of independent valuer, if applicable*

*the methods applied and significant assumptions*

*the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.*

This year	Last year
As at 31/03/2025	N/A
Internal valuation	N/A
Insurance values	N/A
-	-

**Other disclosures**

*(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.*

*(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.*

*(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.*

This year	Last year
£	£
None	None
None	None
None	None

**Debtors and prepayments**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.*

**Analysis of debtors****Trade debtors****Prepayments and accrued income****Other debtors****Total**

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
-	-
-	-
9,867	4,088
9,867	4,088

**Creditors and accruals**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.*

**Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,711	3,201	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Section C****Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

<b>This year £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
-	-
-	10,000
303,911	91,387
-	-
303,911	101,387

## Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

## Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

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In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value			
		Remuneration			TOTAL
		£			£
S Woodcraft	Trustee	32,478			32,478
		-			-
		-			-
		-			-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Paid to Pastor

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

N/A

Last year

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In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value			
		Remuneration			TOTAL
		£			£
S Woodcraft	Trustee	30,669			30,669
		-			-
		-			-
		-			-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Paid to Pastor

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

N/A

**28.2 Trustees' expenses**

*If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".*

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Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	3,626	2,736
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	22,003	15,166
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,629</b>	<b>17,902</b>

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

One	One
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**28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties**

This year

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
None						

*In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.*

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*For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.*

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**Last year**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

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Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

*In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.*

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*For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.*

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**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Paid employees**

**Staff Costs**

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

**Total staff costs**

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
27,326	24,616
5,152	6,053
-	-
<b>32,478</b>	<b>30,669</b>

**This year:**

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

None
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**Last year:**

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

None
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*Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.*

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

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<b>Band</b>	<b>Number of employees</b>	
	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
£60,000 to £69,999	Nil	Nil

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
-	-

**Average head count in the year**

**The parts of the charity in which the employees work**

	<b>This year Number</b>	<b>Last year Number</b>
Fundraising	-	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	1	1
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total</b>	1	1

**Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)**

*Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.*

**Please explain the nature of the payment**

<b>This year</b>	Nil
<b>Last year</b>	Nil

**Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment**

<b>This year</b>	N/A
<b>Last year</b>	N/A

**Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)**

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
N/A	N/a



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date                      Period end date  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO - ASSOCIATION REGISTERED 05 JUL 2016
How the charity is constituted	CHARITABLE TRUST
Trustee selection methods	The trustees of the Church are the Elders, who are the Pastor and other Elders. Elders are nominated by the Pastor and existing Elders, who shall bring names to a Church Business Meeting. An Elder will be elected in a secret ballot for 5 years if at least 75% of the votes recorded at the Meeting are in favour.

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An Away Day was held during the year facilitating a time of discussion between Elders and Deacons.

There were 5 Church Members' Meetings during the year including the AGM. The average attendance was 39. The 5 meetings with attendance figures were: 23 April 2024 (34), 9 July 2024 (44), 8 October 2024 (37), 28 January 2025 (39) and 13 March 2025 (43).

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

The purposes of the Charity are:

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within New Milton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

Our Sunday Services, morning (10.30am) and evening (6.00pm) have been held throughout the year. Communion is celebrated twice each month (once at 10am & once during the evening Service). An additional Communion Service was held on Maundy Thursday. We have maintained an on-line presence with our website and have also continued with our online ministry of recorded Services available via YouTube or audio on the website.

We have held occasional Sunday evening Café Free events at Bashley Village Hall, consisting of an informal Service with an invited speaker and refreshments.

The Church premises have been used for regular morning and evening mid-week prayer meetings and quarterly Members' Meetings. A week of intensive prayer meetings held in the Church premises and in the homes of members was conducted in January 2025. In seeking to encourage bible study, prayer, and fellowship amongst the congregation numbers of smaller groups meet during each month. These include monthly ladies' and men's groups, and fortnightly home groups with daytime and evening meetings to suit the congregation. Christianity Explored courses were run during the year for those enquiring about the Christian faith.

**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)**

Our activities for young people on Sunday mornings are Crèche (for those under 5) and Junior Church (for ages 5 to 11), and on Sunday evenings Gravity youth group (for ages 11 to 17). We also run two mid-week clubs 'K'neked' (for school years 3-6) and K'lossal (for school year 7 upwards). Numbers of young people from these clubs attended Christian summer camps in 2024 and the church provided financial assistance to facilitate this.

Other activities during the year included occasional Church Sunday lunches, a Church barbecue, a Harvest Supper, occasional Church sports events, men's breakfasts and social evenings, ladies' breakfasts, and filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We have sought to serve the congregation and wider community with the provision of a monthly lunch (Food4Thought), and some members are also involved in a similar venture in Burley. We have also manned a stall at community events and have worked with other evangelical churches to display a Christian witness in the town when appropriate. We have continued a monthly stall at the town's farmers market providing Christian literature and information. A team of church members have also undertaken a regular open-air witness further afield in Bournemouth town centre, working in conjunction with other evangelical churches in the area. A new venture has been the conducting of a bi-monthly afternoon Service at a residential home in Barton on Sea.

We tithe unrestricted income to support Christian work in Malawi, SE Asia, France and in local UK schools. We have an active safeguarding team to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our membership as at 01/04/2024 was 63 members. During the year we received 8 new members and there was one relocation. We therefore concluded the year at 31/03/2025 with 70 members. It is encouraging to report that we have continued to also see a good number of regular attendees worshipping with us.

Our Sunday Services, morning (10.30am) and evening (6.00pm) have been held throughout the year. Our Pastor has faithfully expounded God's word and has undertaken various series including the books of Habakkuk, Zechariah, Luke and 1 Timothy. Other preachers from within the membership or from other churches have also provided biblical ministry. The attendance at our Sunday Services is approximately 80-100 in the morning, and 35-50 in the evening.

We are blessed by having a gifted music team who significantly enhance our corporate worship, alongside technical and welcoming teams who facilitate Services. Upgrades have been made to some of our technical equipment and further improvements are planned. We are grateful that skilled members have significantly reduced costs in this and other practical areas of church life.

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We run two mid-week clubs 'K'neked' (for school years 3-6) meeting on Thursday evenings and 'K'lossal' (for school year 7 upwards) meeting on Friday evenings. Both clubs have a mix of Bible teaching and activities. The aim of the clubs is to give young people a greater understanding of the Christian faith and its practical outworking, as well as providing opportunities for social interaction. There has been a reasonable attendance at both these clubs during the year and we are grateful for all our Church members who are committed to serving the youth of our congregation and community.

Our various midweek prayer meetings, bible study groups and home groups have all been generally well supported. At present we have seven home groups offering a choice of morning and evening meetings and approximately 70 adults are committed to these groups.

The monthly Food4Thought lunches have attracted approximately 30+ attendees and a similar number have attended the occasional men's and ladies' breakfasts.

Our Church Diaconate consisting of six deacons has served the congregation well in undertaking or co-ordinating key practical areas of church life. One of our deacons serves as a salaried part-time church administrator and has provided invaluable support to our Pastor as well as facilitating many church activities.

We own outright our Church premises and the Manse, which we seek to keep in good order, with regular inspections. Our deacons and members carry out maintenance in the grounds and buildings, with tradespeople employed as appropriate. Considerable expense has been incurred in improving the fencing and garden storage at the manse and significant expenditure will be incurred in the coming months as the Manse roof is replaced / repaired.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults including regular DBS checks overseen by our active safeguarding team. Under the Data Protection regulations, Church members and regular attendees aged 16 and over are asked to read and consider the Data Privacy Notice and to consent to what of their information can be used on Church business.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to maintain free reserves sufficient to cover at least 3 month's general expenditure in order to give the church time to respond to unexpected needs. Our target level for the coming year 2025/26 will be increased from £30,000 to £32,500, an amount considered adequate to cover quarterly expenditure.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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.

We budget for unrestricted income and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly.

Unrestricted income was £328,778 and was significantly above budget and the previous year with a large proportion of the increase due to a legacy of £202,554. However, ignoring the one-off gifts there was still an increase of £16,414 due to the generosity of the church family in their giving. Unrestricted expenditure increased by £21,601 including an extra £10,000 of missionary tithes from the legacy.

The overall surplus was £209,852 with the majority being invested in interest earning deposit accounts. As a consequence, investment income increased from £955 to £4,012.

All other unrestricted income comes from the Church family as gift-aided giving (56%), donations (17%), gift aid tax claimed back (17%), GASDS (3.6%) and the offertory box (3%).

We tithe 10% of unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. This included 10% of the legacy so we were able to increase our tithes to £5,433 for each of the 4 missionaries/missions we support.

Our unrestricted expenditure areas as a proportion of the total are 51% ministry (including the Pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 17% missions; 12% Church premises; 9.5% discretionary expenditure; 9% administration and 2% other. Discretionary expenditure includes £7,634 on Evangelism & Outreach, an increase of 88%.

Expenditure which was not budgeted in 2024/25 included stage 1 of the replacement of the sound and video equipment in the church and a shed for the Manse at a total cost of £9,000.

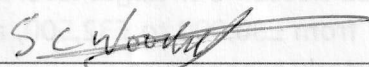
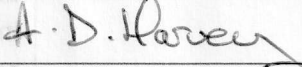
Planned work on the Manse flat roofs in 2025/26 has expanded to include work covering all roofs and dormers at a total cost of £23,420.

The budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, has most income lines level, although gift aid claims will increase with a change to monthly claims and although interest rates are falling, interest will increase with the deposit accounts holding funds for the complete year.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	ALAN DOUGLAS HARVEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee

Date 

11	09	2025
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Further financial review details (Optional)

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The overall surplus was £209,882 with the majority being invested in interest earning deposit accounts. As a consequence, investment income increased from £925 to £4,012.

All other unrestricted income comes from the Church family as gift-aided giving (26%), donations (17%), gift aid tax claimed back (17%), CASOS (1.6%) and the offering box (3%).

We title 10% of unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. This included 30% of the legacy so we were able to increase our tithes to £2,433 for each of the 4 missionaries/missions we support.

Our unrestricted expenditure areas as a proportion of the total are 21% ministry (including the Pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 17% missions; 15% Church premises; 9.5% discretionary expenditure; 9% administration and 3% other. Discretionary expenditure includes £7,534 on Evangelism & Outreach, an increase of 88%.

Expenditure which was not budgeted in 2024/25 included stage 1 of the replacement of the sound and video equipment in the church and a shed for the Mansie at a total cost of £9,000.

Planned work on the Mansie list roofs in 2025/26 has expanded to include work covering all roofs and dormers at a total cost of £23,450.

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no**

11684045

**Set out on pages**

8-20

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

11<sup>th</sup> September  
2025

**Name:**

Andrew A Clark FCA

**Relevant professional  
qualification:**

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

Carter & Coley, 3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NE



<b>NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</b>		Charity No (if any)	<b>1168045</b>
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>			
Period start date	<b>01/04/2024</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/03/2025</b>

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Restated prior year funds £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Offerings	3,965	-	-	3,965	4,163
Offerings (GASDS)	4,595	-	-	4,595	3,912
Gift Aided Offerings	70,952	1,948	-	72,900	63,855
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	19,137	237	-	19,374	20,987
Donations	21,296	7,055	-	28,351	24,992
Investment Income & Interest	10,386	-	-	10,386	955
Ministry Fund	-	1,000	-	1,000	100
Youth Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies & Bond Sale	212,554	-	-	212,554	47,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,885</b>	<b>10,240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>353,125</b>	<b>166,536</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Ministry Fund	65,282	3,133	-	68,415	58,098
Mission	21,818	391	-	22,209	15,200
Upkeep of Church Premises	8,755	-	-	8,755	12,887
Administration	11,370	-	-	11,370	6,313
Donations & Other Expenses	2,304	-	-	2,304	1,930
Discretionary Expenditure	12,646	2,915	-	15,561	12,300
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,175</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,614</b>	<b>106,728</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>					
	220,710	3,801	-	224,511	59,808
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>220,710</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,511</b>	<b>59,808</b>
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>220,710</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,511</b>	<b>59,808</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	1,772,557	603	-	1,773,160	1,713,352
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,773,160</b>

NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	Charity No	1168045
Annual accounts for the period	01/04/2024	31/03/2025
<b>Section B Balance sheet</b>		

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Restated prior year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	1,688,604	-	-	1,688,604	1,680,886
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>1,688,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,688,604</b>	<b>1,680,886</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	8,738	1,129	-	9,867	4,088
Investments	-	-	-	-	10,000
Cash at bank and in hand	300,636	3,275	-	303,911	91,387
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>309,374</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313,778</b>	<b>105,475</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>3,201</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>304,663</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309,067</b>	<b>102,274</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,993,267</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,997,671</b>	<b>1,783,160</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	-	4,404	-	4,404	-
Unrestricted funds	1,993,267	-	-	1,993,267	1,783,160
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	Rev Simeon C Woodcraft	11/09/2025
	Alan D Harvey	11/09/2025

**NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1168045

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date                      Period end date  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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Postcode

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We have sought to serve the congregation and wider community with the provision of a monthly lunch (Food4Thought). We have also manned a stall at community events and have worked with other evangelical churches to display a Christian witness in the town when appropriate. We have continued a monthly stall at the town's farmers market providing Christian literature and information. A small team of church members have also undertaken a regular open-air witness further afield in Bournemouth town centre.

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We have an active safeguarding team to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

**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)**

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We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults including regular DBS checks overseen by our active safeguarding team. Under the Data Protection regulations, Church members and regular attendees aged 16 and over are asked to read and consider the Data Privacy Notice and to consent to what of their information can be used on Church business.

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

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**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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- 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.

We budget for unrestricted income and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly.

Unrestricted income was £156,882 and was significantly above budget (£98,950) and last year (£97,693). A large proportion of the increase was due to one-off giving which included a legacy of £46,031. However, ignoring the one-off gifts there was still an increase of £12,116. Unrestricted expenditure increased by £14,403, to make the surplus in the year £49,557.

With the exception of a small amount of investment income & interest (<1%), all other income comes from the Church family as gift-aided giving (58%), donations (18%), gift aid tax claimed back (15.5%), the offertory box (4%) and GASDS (3.5%).

We tithe 10% of unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. This included 10% of the legacy so we were able to increase our tithes to £3,800 for each of the 4 missionaries/missions we support. A further £2,893 was contributed from both general funds and restricted gifts.

Our unrestricted expenditure areas as a proportion of the total are 53% ministry (including the Pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 18% Church premises; 14% missions; 8% discretionary expenditure; 5% administration and 2% other. Discretionary expenditure includes £4,045 on Evangelism & Outreach.

Specific large items of expenditure during the year were 163 new chairs at a total cost of £9,482, car-park drainage repairs £3,130 and replacement of a manse window £1,932.

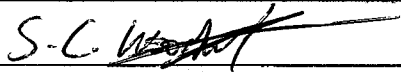

Thanks to the generosity of the Church family all works including un-budgeted items were paid for out of income, and thanks to the legacy our cash assets have increased enabling work to be planned in 2024/25 which might not otherwise have been possible.

The budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, has most income lines level, although interest from deposit accounts and an investment give a small overall increase in income. Expenditure overall will be at 2023/24 levels, with reductions in Premises and Mission giving, offset by increases in Ministry and Administration costs.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	ALAN DOUGLAS HARVEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Charity no**

11684045

**Set out on pages**

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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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Name:**

Andrew A Clark FCA

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

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

Carter & Coley, 3 Durrant Road, Boumemouth, BH2 6NE



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

1168045

**Receipts and payments accounts**



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For the period from	01/04/2023	To	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	4,163	-	-	4,163	1,640
Offerings (GASDS)	3,912	-	-	3,912	5,172
Gift aided offerings	63,855	-	-	63,855	57,367
Gift aid tax recovered	16,899	-	-	16,899	15,355
Donations	20,026	4,966	-	24,992	20,957
Investment income	955	-	-	955	270
Rent from use of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Fund	-	100	-	100	-
Youth Ministry Fund	-	500	-	500	560
Building & Development Fund	-	-	-	-	90
Other Income incl. legacies	47,072	-	-	47,072	80
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>156,882</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,448</b>	<b>101,491</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>156,882</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,448</b>	<b>101,491</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	56,447	-	-	56,447	53,235
Mission	15,200	-	-	15,200	11,166
Upkeep of church premises	19,561	3,000	-	22,561	9,094
Administration	5,563	-	-	5,563	6,034
Donations & other expenses	1,930	-	-	1,930	1,572
Building Development	-	-	-	-	25,842
Discretionary Expenditure	8,624	3,676	-	12,300	9,724
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>107,325</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,001</b>	<b>116,667</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
United Trust Bank (1 yr charity bond)	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>117,325</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,001</b>	<b>116,667</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>39,557</b>	<b>- 1,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,447</b>	<b>- 15,176</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>51,227</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,940</b>	<b>68,116</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>90,784</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,387</b>	<b>52,940</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAFBank Current Account	784	603	-
	CAFBank Gold Account	30,000	-	-
	Cambridge & Counties Bank Account	60,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>90,784</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>-</b>
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	United Trust Bank (1 year charity bond)	General	10,000	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Premises	Restricted	-	-
	Fixtures & Fittings	Restricted	-	-
	Manse	General	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			REV. SIMEON C. WOODCRAFT	24/06/2024
			ALAN D. HARVEY	24/06/2024

New Milton Evangelical Free Church (Unregistered) was merged with New Milton Evangelical Free Church (1168045). Notification of the merger was submitted 16th December 2017, the merger was registered 13 March 2018 with a transfer date of 1 April 2017.

**NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1168045

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date                      Period end date  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
 Postcode

### 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	Rev S Woodcraft	Pastor & Elder		Church Members
2	Mr J Harman	Elder	Until 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Church Members
3	Mr B Fidler	Elder		Church Members
4	Mr D White	Elder		Church Members
5	Mr A Harvey	Elder	From 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Church Members

### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Andrew Clark Carter & Coley Ltd Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors	3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6NE

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO - ASSOCIATION REGISTERED 05 JUL 2016
How the charity is constituted	CHARITABLE TRUST
Trustee selection methods	The trustees of the Church are the Elders, who are the Pastor and other Elders. Elders are nominated by the Pastor and existing Elders, who shall bring names to a Church Business Meeting. An Elder will be elected in a secret ballot for 5 years if at least 75% of the votes recorded at the Meeting are in favour.

## 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.

### Background

NMEFC was established as a CIO, Registered Charity No. 1168045 on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Unincorporated Association and the new CIO were merged at the start of the 2017/18 financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017) when Fixed Assets were transferred from our holding Trustees (FIEC) and Current Assets transferred from the Unincorporated Association.

### Structure, governance and management

The detailed structure, governance and management details are contained in the Church Constitution. In summary: -

- a) The Trustees are the Pastor and the other church Elders.
- b) There must be at least 3 Trustees.
- c) The Trustees shall have the general control and management of the administration of the Church and may, for that purpose, exercise all the powers of the Church subject to the provisions contained in this constitution and the Church Handbook.
- d) The Charity Trustees must hold at least 4 meetings in each 12-month period.
- e) Quarterly Members' meetings are held to keep members informed and to be involved in major decisions.

### Governing Documentation:

1. Church Constitution dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with amendments dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.
2. Church Handbook (Rules) dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with amendments dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
3. Charity Commission Registration 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
4. Deed of Gift dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 1934
5. Charity Commission Scheme dated 19 July 2007

### Meetings: -

Meetings cover both Church Elder and Charity Trustee responsibilities and there were 11 such meetings during the year.

Mr C Simpkins the Secretarial Deacon as part of his duties attends meetings of the Church Elders / Charity Trustees.

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Unrestricted income has recovered well in 2022/23 and has been increased by new and increased offerings. Unrestricted expenditure has also increased but less than income. Unrestricted income was £12,193 above budget, and unrestricted expenditure was £3,422 above the budgeted figure, giving a surplus in the year of £4,771.

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Work on the building extension was completed by Easter 2022 with final payments made in this financial year taking the total expenditure to £183,148. Payments in the 2022/23 financial year were £19,186 out of the restricted building fund which was then closed and £6,063 out of unrestricted general funds.


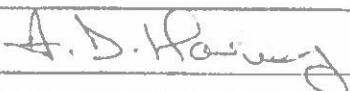
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The budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, has increases in both income and expenditure. There are notable increases in electricity and gas costs where we have been protected by long term fixed priced contracts at the Manse until June 2023 and at the Church until 2024.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	ALAN DOUGLAS HARVEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee
Date	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	



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members of**

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

**On accounts for the year  
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**Date:**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Name:**

Andrew A Clark FCA

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

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

Carter & Coley, 3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NE



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NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

1168045

**Receipts and payments accounts**

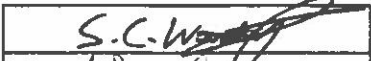
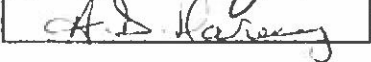
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For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	1,640	-	-	1,640	4,886
Offerings (GASDS)	5,172	-	-	5,172	-
Gift aided offerings	57,247	120	-	57,367	68,602
Gift aid tax recovered	15,153	202	-	15,355	22,779
Donations	18,191	2,766	-	20,957	19,193
Investment income	270	-	-	270	1,212
Rent from use of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	1,382
Youth Ministry Fund	-	560	-	560	-
Building & Development Fund	-	90	-	90	5,360
Other Income	20	60	-	80	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>97,693</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,491</b>	<b>123,414</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Investment (M&G Charibond)	-	-	-	-	54,669
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,669</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>97,693</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,491</b>	<b>178,103</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	53,235	-	-	53,235	42,675
Mission	10,200	966	-	11,166	7,576
Upkeep of church premises	9,094	-	-	9,094	5,851
Administration	6,034	-	-	6,034	6,845
Donations & other expenses	1,572	-	-	1,572	1,414
Building Development	6,658	19,186	-	25,842	182,800
Discretionary Expenditure	8,131	3,593	-	9,724	16,610
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>92,922</b>	<b>23,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,667</b>	<b>263,771</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>92,922</b>	<b>23,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,667</b>	<b>263,771</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>- 19,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 15,176</b>	<b>- 85,668</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1	1	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,457	21,659	-	68,116	153,784
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>51,227</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,940</b>	<b>68,116</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAFBank Current Account	2,678	-	-
	CAFBank Gold Deposit Account	28,377	1,713	-
	Shawbrook Bank	20,172	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>51,227</b>	<b>1,713</b>	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
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	None	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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	Fixtures & Fittings	Restricted	-	-
	Manse	General	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			REV. SIMEON C. WOODCRAFT	12.6.23
			ALAN D. HARVEY	12.6.23

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Notification of the merger was submitted 16th December 2017, the merger was registered 13 March 2018 with a transfer date of 1 April 2017.

**NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1168045

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	2021	<b>To</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	March	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

24-26 Whitefield Road	
New Milton	
Hampshire	
<b>Postcode</b>	BH25 6DF

### 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	Rev S Woodcraft	Pastor & Elder		Church Members
2	Mr A Varney	Elder	Until 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Church Members
3	Mr J Harman	Elder		Church Members
4	Mr B Fidler	Elder		Church Members
5	Mr D White	Elder	From 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Church Members

### Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Andrew Clark Carter & Coley Ltd Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors	3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6NE

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	CIO - ASSOCIATION REGISTERED 05 JUL 2016
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	CHARITABLE TRUST
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	The trustees of the Church are the Elders who are the Pastor and other Elders. Elders are nominated by the Pastor and existing Elders, who shall bring names to a Church Business Meeting. An Elder will be elected in a secret ballot for 5 years if at least 75% of Members present are in favour.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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The Unincorporated Association and the new CIO were merged at the start of the 2017/18 financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017) when Fixed Assets were transferred from our holding Trustees (FIEC) and Current Assets transferred from the Unincorporated Association.

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The detailed structure, governance and management details are contained in the Church Constitution. In summary:-

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### Meetings:-

Meetings cover both Church Elder and Charity Trustee responsibilities and there were 12 such meetings during the year.

Mr C Simpkins the Secretarial Deacon as part of his duties attends meetings of the Church Elders / Charity Trustees.

There were 4 Church Members' Meetings during the year including the AGM. Average attendance was 28. The 4 meetings with attendance figures were : 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (29), 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (28), 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (23) and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (31).

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

The purposes of the Charity are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within New Milton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- b) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

We were able to have in person services both morning and evening throughout this year. However, to comply with the ever-changing Covid regulations and for the safety of those attending between April and July 2021, we often met in the church car-park, this included Easter Services on 4<sup>th</sup> April and four Baptisms on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We also continued with our on-line ministry, with on-line services and daily Thought for the Day messages provided via YouTube.

Due to our building extension work it was necessary to move the locations of all meetings in October 2021.

Our Sunday services, morning and evening were held at Bashley Village Hall where we also met mid-week for Prayer and members meetings.

For the mid-week youth clubs, we conducted these at the Nedderman Centre, which is ideally located within the largest housing estate in New Milton.

As Covid regulations allowed, Ladies bible studies, Men's bible studies and Home groups resumed with daytime and evening meetings to suit the membership.

Other activities during the year included a Church barbecue, a Harvest Quiz, Men's & Church family walks, and filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child.

Our Release recovery group stopped in-person meetings due to the pandemic but continued on Zoom for all who struggle with addiction or similar personal difficulties and whilst regular meetings have now ceased, the team is available as required for support.

We held a Café Free service, informal evening service with an outside speaker and refreshments. This was the first such event we have been able to hold for nearly 2 years and it was the best attended we have ever had (70 people) including those who are not regular church attendees.

We tithe income to support work in Malawi, SE Asia, and in the UK schools work and ministry in a deprived area of Brighton.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

**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)**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our membership as of 01/04/2021 was 48 members. There were 2 deaths, 4 members moved away from the church and there were 9 new members. We closed with 51 members.

Morning services from April to October 2021 were held at our normal place of worship in Whitefield Road, New Milton.

From 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 we then relocated to Bashley Village Hall for weekly services and gained an increase in visitor numbers throughout our tenure there.

Our activities for young people on Sunday mornings are Junior Church (for ages 5 to 11) and Crèche (for those under 5) and on Sunday evenings a Gravity group for 11 to 18 year olds.

We run two mid-week clubs K'nekted' (for school years 3-6) meeting on Thursday evenings and K'lossal (for school year 7 upwards) meeting on Friday evenings. Both clubs have a mix of Bible teaching and activities. The aim of the clubs is to give the young people a greater understanding of the Christian faith and its practical outworking, as well as providing opportunities for social interaction.

We relocated our mid-week young people clubs to the Nedderman centre in November 2021 and we have seen an increase in attendees at both clubs.

We distributed gifts of cakes at Easter to residents in a social housing scheme close to the church and to immediate neighbours to the church. We gave books at Christmas to the children and young people and we invited families connected via the clubs to our Christmas evening service and many attended.

We tithe unrestricted income to support ministry in Malawi, SE Asia, and in the UK schools work and ministry in a deprived area of Brighton.

We own our church premises & the manse, which are kept in good order, with regular inspections.

Our deacons and members carry out maintenance in the grounds and buildings, with tradespeople employed as appropriate.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults by regular DBS checks. Under the Data Protection regulations, church members & regular attenders aged 16 and over are asked to read & consider the Data Privacy Notice & to consent to what of their information can be used on church business.

A contract for the building extension was agreed with Hallmark builders, and work started in August 2021. That is a two-story rear extension incorporating a new entrance, accessibility toilet, sound & video room, a first floor a meeting room and new heating to the existing ground floor and extension. The old entrance lobby was also removed to increase capacity by approximately 30 in the main church meeting room.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to maintain free reserves sufficient to cover at least 3 month's general expenditure in order to give the church time to respond to unexpected needs. Our target level for the coming year 2022/23 will be increased from £20,000 to £22,500, an amount considered adequate to cover quarterly expenditure.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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.

We budget for unrestricted income and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly.

The pandemic continued to restrict attendance at meetings, but with the majority of giving online, unrestricted income was £5,583 above budget, and unrestricted expenditure was £2,673 below the budgeted figure. As a result of the above, there was a surplus in the year of £10,256 against a budgeted surplus of £2,000.

With the exception of a small amount of investment income & interest (1%), all other income comes from the church family as gift-aided giving (60%), donations (17%), gift aid tax claimed back (16%) and the offertory box (6%).

We tithe unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries/missions we support. A further £5,248 was contributed from all income to various other missions, including a £1,000 payment to Pastor Training International (PTI) to support training conferences in Uganda and a £1,000 donation to Bournemouth Bible Week.

Our main unrestricted expenditure areas are 59% ministry (including the pastor's salary, expenses & accommodation); 12% discretionary expenditure, 10% missions; 9% administration and 8% church premises. Discretionary expenditure and administration were higher than in previous years, largely due to additional costs caused by the building extension.

Income from gifts and gift aid tax to the building & development fund was £27,843 in the year. Our investment with M & G Charibond was sold, and the money was added to the building fund.

Work on the building extension started in August 2021 and after delays caused by the pandemic and supply shortages it is likely to finish in April 2022. A total of £182,800 was spent on the building project during the year, £167,750 for the build to Hallmark builders, £8,821 to Simon Ellis for design & contract administration, £4,152 for insurance, £1,453 of our own expenditure and £624 for building control.

To control costs, a number of items for the building are being provided or managed by ourselves, including floor coverings (including carpet tiles throughout the church) and replacement of the old main entrance doors.



With payments in 2022/23, the total cost for the build with Hallmark Builders will be £183,148. Expenditure over and above the £18,744 remaining in the building fund at the year-end will be from the year's surplus in unrestricted funds.

Our budget for next year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, has a deficit of £4,000 at the year-end but may rise to £9,000 during the year. The budget includes the remaining expenditure associated with the building project.

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	BENJAMIN EDWARD FIDLER
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee
<b>Date</b>	29th May 2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Charity no

11684045

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

14/06/2022

Name:

Andrew A Clark FCA

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

Carter & Coley, 3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NE



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## Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	4,886	-	-	4,886	1,416
Gift aided offerings	49,928	18,674	-	68,602	92,986
Gift aid tax recovered	13,160	9,619	-	22,779	17,911
Donations	13,627	5,566	-	19,193	19,607
Investment income	982	230	-	1,212	2,366
Rent from use of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Fund	-	1,382	-	1,382	950
Youth Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Building & Development Fund	-	5,360	-	5,360	1,360
Other Income	-	-	-	-	10
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>82,583</b>	<b>40,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,414</b>	<b>136,606</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Investment (M&G Charibond)	-	54,689	-	54,689	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,689</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,689</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>82,583</b>	<b>95,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,103</b>	<b>136,606</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	42,675	-	-	42,675	51,636
Mission	7,000	576	-	7,576	8,000
Upkeep of church premises	5,851	-	-	5,851	7,286
Administration	6,845	-	-	6,845	3,652
Donations & other expenses	1,414	-	-	1,414	1,260
Building Development	-	155,788	27,012	182,800	-
Discretionary Expenditure	8,541	8,069	-	16,610	12,501
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>72,326</b>	<b>164,433</b>	<b>27,012</b>	<b>263,771</b>	<b>84,335</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>72,326</b>	<b>164,433</b>	<b>27,012</b>	<b>263,771</b>	<b>84,335</b>
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<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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		MR.J.R.HARMAN	14/6/22	

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**NEW MILTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1168045

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 To Period end date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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Charity name: New Milton Evangelical Free Church

Registered charity number (if any): 1168045

Charity's principal address: 24-26 Whitefield Road  
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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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- b) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the Basis of Faith.

**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)**

COVID-19 restrictions from mid-March 2020 caused in-person meetings and services to be cancelled until September 2020. However, daily Thought for the Day messages and Services were provided via YouTube and other meetings moved to Skype or Zoom.

We were able to have some in person services on Sunday evenings from September 2020, stopping the first week of January 2021.

Since end of March 2021, we were able to return to in person services

Viewing figures from the weekly online services average over 100 and this would include viewers from outside the regular church attendees / members.

Our two mid-week children's clubs covering all ages from school year 3 upwards have continued within restrictions. The older group have met continually either in person or via zoom weekly whilst the younger group have met sporadically as this group were unable to continue via online meetings.

We have held online men's breakfasts, an opportunity for those men outside the Church to hear Gospel messages and testimonies from Christian speakers from all walks of life.

We have provided an online Recovery Group for all who struggle with addiction or similar personal difficulties.

Just before the start of the pandemic our Pastor visiting Uganda with Pastor Training International, training and encouraging pastors. This was largely supported by payments this financial year.

We tithe income to support work in Malawi, SE Asia, and in the UK schools work and ministry in a deprived area of Brighton.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our membership as of 01/04/2020 was 49 members .2 Members died and 1 new member. We closed with 48 members.

Morning services from April 2020 – 21Feb 2020 were online via YouTube and views averaged 125. From 28/02/21 onwards we were at COVID capacity of 30 in person service in addition to live streaming

Evening services from 16/08/20 to 01/11 2020 met COVID capacity of 30 in person. From 17/01/21 to end of financial year we held an informal service via Zoom where average attendance was 28.

Our activities for young people on Sunday mornings: Junior Church (for ages 5 to 11) and Crèche (for those under 5); We also run two mid-week clubs K'nekted' (for school years 3-6) meeting on Thursday evenings and K'lossal (for school year 7 upwards) meeting on Friday evenings. Both clubs have a mix of Bible teaching and activities. The aim of the clubs is to give the young people a greater understanding of the Christian faith and its practical outworking, as well as providing opportunities for social interaction.

We have offered picnics to small numbers of children who were either part of the existing clubs or relatives of those in July / August school holidays. Our efforts were on "The Estates" in New Milton with repeat visits to those who have shown an interest.

We gave Christmas and Easter gifts as an outreach to families connected through the clubs and to neighbours of the church.

For those connected to the Food4Thought group, that has been unable to run this year, we visited with gifts at Christmas and Easter.

A Release! Recovery Group for all who struggle with addiction or similar personal difficulties meets twice each month online during this year as we wait lifting of restrictions to in-person meetings.

We supported our Pastor visiting Uganda with Pastor Training International at the end of the previous financial year (March 2020), to train and encourage pastors and Christians in leadership positions in 3 conferences.

We tithe unrestricted income to support ministry in Malawi, SE Asia, and in the UK schools work and ministry in a deprived area of Brighton.

We appointed an Assistant Pastor with responsibilities for Youth & Families work on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and this appointment finished at the end of August 2020.

We own our church premises & the manse, which are kept in good order, with regular inspections. Our deacons and members carry out maintenance in the grounds and buildings, with tradespeople employed as appropriate.

We have an ongoing programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults by regular DBS checks & attendance at CCPAS training days. With the change to Data Protection regulations, church members & regular attenders aged 16 and over have been asked to read & consider the Data Privacy Notice & to consent to what of their information can be used on church business.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to maintain free reserves (unrestricted funds) sufficient to cover at least 3 month's general expenditure, in order to give the church time to respond to unexpected developments. Our target level for free reserves is £20,000, an amount considered adequate to cover current quarterly expenditure.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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.

We budget for unrestricted income and expenditure and review actual figures against the budget monthly. In March 2020 before the 2020/21 financial year, the Covid-19 pandemic led to the start of lockdowns which would affect the church and its finances. We therefore revised our budget assuming that there would be an impact on both income and expenditure for 3 months. In practice, the pandemic did affect finances throughout the year.

In 2020/21 unrestricted expenditure at £78,384 was 97% of the budget and unrestricted income was £78,784 and 102% of the budget. There was a surplus in the year of £400 against a budgeted deficit of £4,000.

Income in the offertory box significantly reduced (85% down on 2019/20) but was more than compensated by additional gift aided receipts (7.5% up on 2019/20) and donations (49% up on 2019/20).

We tithe unrestricted income, making half-yearly donations to the 4 missionaries / missions we support.

Our main unrestricted expenditure areas are 66% Ministry (pastor & assistant pastor's salaries, expenses & pastor's accommodation); 10% Missions; 9% Church Premises; 5% Administration.

A further £3,770 was spent in support of Missions including payment to Pastor Training International (PTI) of £1,905 to cover our Pastor's leadership of training conferences in Uganda in March 2020 and support to PTI.

Many activities were cancelled during the year including conferences and CPAS Ventures & Young Life Activity holidays, money given in support of these activities is held in a restricted account to support future activities.

Our investment with M & G Charibond stood at £56,470 at the end of our financial year on 31/3/2021.

Restricted funds grew by £51,871 in the year, mainly through an increase of £50,495 in our Building and Development fund.

Planning was granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 for a two-storey extension at the rear of the church. On 26<sup>th</sup> March we issued Tender documents to building contractors and are awaiting their response. It is hoped that the work will start in July 2021.

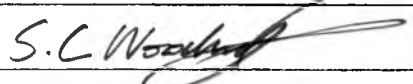
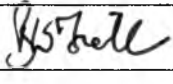
At the end of the financial year, we had £113,453 in a Building and Development fund. There is an outstanding gift aid claim, a pledge, funds in an investment account but we will not know until we have the responses to tender whether we need to raise more funds.

Our budget for next year, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 has a surplus of £2,000 on unrestricted funds. The budget takes account of the planned steps for coming out of lockdown and includes extra expenditure to allow for additional costs and remedial works associated with the building extension.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SIMEON COLIN WOODCRAFT	BENJAMIN EDWARD FIDLER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Pastor, Elder & Chair of Trustees	Elder & Trustee
Date	24/5/2021	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

New Milton Evangelical Free Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1168045

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

01/06/21

**Name:**

Andrew Clark FCA

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

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

Carter & Coley Limited, 3 Durrant Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NE



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2020

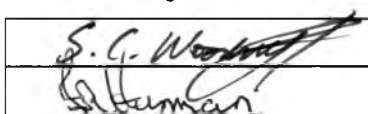
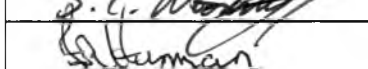
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	1,416	-	-	1,416	9,146
Gift aided offerings	49,505	43,481	-	92,986	53,854
Gift aid tax recovered	11,228	6,683	-	17,911	15,432
Donations	15,067	4,540	-	19,607	15,163
Investment income	1,568	798	-	2,366	1,954
Rent from use of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Fund	-	950	-	950	10
Youth Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	597
Building & Development Fund	-	1,360	-	1,360	370
Parish Nurse Fund	-	-	-	-	30
Other Income	-	10	-	10	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>78,784</b>	<b>57,822</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,606</b>	<b>96,556</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Investment (PE endowment)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>78,784</b>	<b>57,822</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136,606</b>	<b>96,556</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	51,636	-	-	51,636	55,719
Mission	8,000	-	-	8,000	8,225
Upkeep of church premises	7,286	-	-	7,286	10,574
Administration	3,652	-	-	3,652	5,408
Donations & other expenses	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,245
Building Development	-	-	-	-	1,475
Discretionary Expenditure	6,550	5,951	-	12,501	16,450
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>78,384</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,335</b>	<b>99,096</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>78,384</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,335</b>	<b>99,096</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>51,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,271</b>	<b>2,540</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>35,800</b>	<b>38,701</b>	<b>27,012</b>	<b>101,513</b>	<b>104,053</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>90,572</b>	<b>27,012</b>	<b>153,784</b>	<b>101,513</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAFBank Current Account	9,434	12,540	
	CAFBank Gold Deposit Account	16,766		
	Kingdom Bank (Building/Devl)		58,032	27,012
	Shawbrook Bank	10,000	20,000	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>90,572</b>	<b>27,012</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Charibond Investment Account	General	-	56,470
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Premises	Restricted	-	-
	Fixtures & Fittings	Restricted	-	-
	Manse	General	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			REV.S.C.WOODCRAFT	24/5/21
			MR.J.R.HARMAN	24/5/21

New Milton Evangelical Free Church (Unregistered) was merged with New Milton Evangelical Free Church (1168045).  
Notification of the merger was submitted 16th December 2017, the merger was registered 13 March 2018 with a transfer date of 1 April 2017.