

CHARITY NUMBER: 1169774

DUNKS GREEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Dunks Green Evangelical Free Church is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. 1169774) and was registered as a Charity on 19 October 2016.

The year 2023 began again with thanksgiving for the Lord's provision of finances and blessing for Dunks Green Church.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO have not wavered from the 2022 report. Our focus and aim of the church witness at Dunks Green is to make Christ known to those around us, and advance the Christian faith. During these days of change and darkness across the world the message of the saving grace and forgiveness of Jesus Christ is needed more now than ever before. There is no other name under heaven whereby a man can be saved and this we will continue to do, using the means and abilities that the Lord gives us.

Achievements and Performance

We gathered for worship and preaching the Word of God every week and the special Christians holidays with a variety of speakers throughout the year.

Special community events

- Easter services were advertised and the twice-yearly magazines with various themes were distributed to the whole local area.
- The church again opened for the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride day, but we never hosted the Heritage Open Day this year.
- Remembrance Day was again remembered on the Sunday, and an emphasis was given to remember the Holocaust of the Jewish people, with a printed leaflet given to the village titled "When a Nation Forgets God" with books by the author Erwin Lutzer given freely at the church. This detailed the rise of Nazism in Germany and how the church capitulated to the propaganda and the pressure. A very timely message due to the terrible genocide that occurred in October in Israel by Hamas.
- DVD evening in October 'Against the Tide' with Dr John Lennox, mathematician from Oxford, disputing with atheistic academics like Richard Dawkins and others. This was well attended by non Christians and Christians, with free books, which brought much discussion.
- The Christmas Carol Service was well attended with Roger Lumley again leading the service and giving an excellent word. A new couple from the area attended.
- The fortnightly Art Group continues to meet, the ladies from the surrounding villages are enthusiastic to attend and discuss many things, which gives the opportunity to invite the ladies to the various events we have at the church.
- The monthly Sports evening has not yet reconvened, a few of the congregation have not been well enough to attend to help with the evening.

Church premises

This year has been the first year there has been no major repair work needed for the church building to which we give thanks. There are areas that need attention but will be reviewed next year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Structure, Governance and Management

This continues to be vested in the hands of three Trustees. The Trustees met on three occasions during the year, one of which was a Zoom meeting to pass and approve documents.

We continue, by God's grace, to fill the Sunday services with visiting preachers, and continue to pray the Lord will meet this need for the following year.

Financial Review

Once again, all church commitments have been covered by church funds which the Lord's people have given, including two new ladies who have been attending, for which we give God the glory.

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £6,030 (2022 - £6,504) and total resources expended amounted to £5,810 (2022 - £7,608). At the end of the year, cash and bank balances totalled £22,552 (2022 £22,332).

Plans for the future

Further DVD's of relevance have been discussed, one regarding creation and the flood of Noah, that is most up to date with the chaotic situation the world is heading in.

The Church continues to focus on making known the Gospel, to use all the means possible to bring light and life to the people of the village and area, to find peace and everlasting life through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Registered Address and Administrative contact details

Dunk's Green Evangelical Free Church CIO, registered number 1169774.

Registered address:

Dunk's Green Evangelical Free Church, Long Mill Lane, Dunk's Green, Kent
TN11 9SF.

Secretary:

Mrs Ann Phoebe Clarke.

Independent Examiner:

Trevor Lane, Director in MN Jenks & Co Limited, 72 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Kent TN12 6DP.

Solicitors:

Warners Law LLP, Bank House, Bank Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1BL.

The three serving Trustees are:

Ann Phoebe Clarke (secretary),
Christopher David Pateman and Paul Donald Rogers.

There were no additions or resignations to the Trustees during the period under review.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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RISK REVIEW

The Trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Charity.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare in respect of each financial year of the Charity a statement of accounts complying with such requirements as to its form and contents as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

CHRIS PATEMAN
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 7 October 2024

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUNKS GREEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

I have reported on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 5 and 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

9 October 2024
72 Commercial Road
Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent

T Lane
Director in M N Jenks & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
<u>Voluntary Income</u>		
Gifts and Donations	5,310	5,360
Gift Aid Tax	720	1,144
Grants Received	-	-
	<u>6,030</u>	<u>6,504</u>
<u>Investment Income</u>		
Bank Interest	-	-
	<u>6,030</u>	<u>6,504</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>Cost of Charitable Activities</u>		
Donations Made	3,505	1,675
Repairs and Maintenance	221	2,668
Magazines	125	617
Insurance	820	760
Sundries	293	346
Utilities	444	1,158
	<u>5,408</u>	<u>7,224</u>
<u>Governance Costs</u>		
Independent Examiner's Fees	402	384
	<u>5,810</u>	<u>7,608</u>
<u>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>	220	(1,104)
<u>CASH & BANK BALANCES AT 31.12.2022</u>	<u>22,332</u>	<u>23,436</u>
<u>CASH & BANK BALANCES AT 31.12.2023</u>	<u>£ 22,552</u>	<u>£ 22,332</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIESAS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
<u>Bank and cash balances</u>		
Bank Current account	22,515	22,295
Bank Reserve account	37	37
	<u>£ 22,522</u>	<u>£ 22,332</u>
<u>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Dunks Green Chapel – estimated value for insurance purposes	<u>£ 583,359</u>	<u>£ 583,359</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Gift Aid Debtor	<u>£ 580</u>	<u>£ 772</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Independent examiner's fees	<u>420</u>	<u>402</u>
	<u>£ 420</u>	<u>£ 402</u>

Note:

The Charity has established title to Dunks Green Chapel.

ANN CLARKE
TRUSTEE

Statements were approved on: 7 October 2024