

York Evangelical Church

2022 Annual Report to the Charity Commission

1. Reference and administrative details

York Evangelical Church is a CIO with charity registration number 1170144. The short-form YEC is often used to refer to the church. The church office is at 60 South Bank Avenue, York YO23 1DP. The short-form 60SBA is often used to refer to this building.

2. Structure, governance and management

As a church, we aim to follow what we believe is the New Testament pattern, in which local churches are led and served by elders and deacons. As a CIO, however, we must be governed by trustees. Our constitution reconciles these two viewpoints by requiring that all elders and two deacons (the secretary and the treasurer) are also trustees. Elders and deacons are appointed following a nomination duly endorsed by at least 75% of those voting at a meeting for all members.

At the start of 2022 the trustees were Gordon Frame, Ed Hambleton, Neil Hulse, Alastair Jakeman, Colin Runciman and Peter Stevens. In April 2022 Peter Stevens stepped down as deacon & treasurer and Daniel Rozday was appointed in his place.

The trustees form a small group, and are in frequent contact. We use password-protected email and shared digital documents for communication supporting day-to-day decision making. We have formal meetings at least quarterly.

YEC is a member of FIEC, the national Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. We benefit from the support network, resources and conferences provided by FIEC for church leaders. Our constitution and church handbook were drawn up with assistance from FIEC in 2016, and approved by the Charity Commission as part of our CIO application.

3. Volunteers

Most of the activities organised by YEC are run by volunteers and we are grateful for their hard work and commitment. For each activity there is a link elder who maintains oversight. We have a rolling programme of applications and renewals for DBS checks where needed, and safeguarding training is provided by Christian Safeguarding Services.

4. Objectives and activities

In summary the purposes of YEC are: (a) to advance the Christian faith, primarily but not exclusively within York and the surrounding neighbourhood; (b) to put our faith into practice, for example by the prevention and relief of need or hardship, by the advancement of education, and by the provision of community facilities.

Our single most important activity in pursuit of (a) continues to be to maintain a regular pattern of morning and afternoon Sunday worship meetings, to which all are welcome, with an emphasis on biblical teaching and its contemporary application. In pursuit of (b) we have particularly aimed to serve our local community in the South Bank area of York. Further details, and a summary of various activities, are given in the next section.

The trustees have due regard to the expectation that a CIO should provide a public benefit. As a local church we are keen that YEC should be a good neighbour to the diverse community around us. We are keen to serve that community in a variety of ways, to welcome everyone, and to share with them the transformational good news of the Christian gospel.

5. Achievements and performance

On Sundays throughout 2022 we held two meetings for public worship, with provision for all ages. At the start of the year there was a fresh wave of Covid-19 infections related to the Omicron variant. We still convened in-person services on Sunday mornings, but with widely spaced seats, a congregation wearing masks, and the option of joining online using Zoom. Our evening services were online only. By February restrictions began to be eased, and at Easter we resumed in-person evening services. In-person Sunday services continued both morning and evening throughout the year, but still with the alternative of joining online using Zoom.

Some of our regular weekday activities, usually based on indoor gatherings in our small Community Space at 60SBA, were once again adapted for the early part of the year to run online or in an outdoor setting. For example, instead of our usual Memory Lane themed events for the elderly we distributed themed materials, and some Minims music workshops for infants and parents in our local community became ‘buggy walks’ instead. By April, both of these activities were running as normal, along with various others such as our Film Nights with assistance for international visitors by subtitles and prompted discussion.

A highlight of the year was a church weekend away — something that had not been possible in the preceding years. Wydale Hall near Scarborough was a very conducive spring location, allowing us to offer a wide range of activities for all ages. The weekend was valuable as an opportunity for comparative newcomers, first joining us during a time of Covid-19 restrictions, to get to know the YEC family.

One outcome of our experience of seeking to support people during the pandemic period was an awareness that we could do more to support women in particular. So in July we established a new Women’s Pastoral Care Team.

In September we were pleased to be able to appoint Matt Corrick as a part-time Ministry Trainee for two years, combining a recognised course of study with practical experience of church work. We are grateful to FIEC for a grant in support of this appointment.

At the outset of lock-down in 2020 we introduced “Zoom in for prayer” (ZIFP) each weekday lunch-time, to share online the latest information about needs in our church family and local community and how we might respond to them. We continued ZIFP weekly throughout 2022, recognising its particular benefit for the more isolated members of our community.

Our seven home groups, located in different districts of York, continued to study together, pray together, and work together as teams.

Beyond the immediate circle of our church family, our pastoral elders continued specific contributions for the benefit of the wider community. For example, these included parenting courses under the auspices of Family Matters, and support work with groups of inmates at the Full Sutton prison.

We also continued to support various missionary and Christian relief agencies, both in the UK and internationally, by prayer, by financial sponsorship, and where possible by volunteering direct assistance. Among local examples, we assisted the work of The Besom in York, giving practical help to the needy; we also continued our involvement with Restore (York) Ltd, accommodating and supporting the homeless, and from November offering group Bible studies as an option for Restore residents.

6. Financial matters

A statement of accounts, with commentary, is provided as a separate document. A report from an independent examiner is also provided separately.

We have no explicitly stated policy about the level of reserves held. At the start of 2022 the balance of our general account was a little under £40,000, sufficient to cover an emergency such as a building repair and temporary accommodation. At the close of the year the balance was almost £50,000.

We do not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Colin Runciman, Chair of Trustees
Approved by the trustees on 5 October 2023

York Evangelical Church Accounts 2022

The 2022 Annual Accounts were presented to the YEC trustees and Church Membership at the Annual General Meeting on 19th April 2023. Copies of the accounts were made available to Trustees and Church Members over two weeks in advance of the meeting in accordance with the constitution. The Trustees and Church Membership will have opportunity to ask the Church Treasurer questions about the accounts.

An independent examination of the complete 2022 Annual Accounts has been undertaken by an external, independent and qualified accountant. A copy of the examiner's report is included as part of the submission to the Charity Commission.

The accounts run from January to December, a calendar year accounting period.

Income

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Tickets									£8,392.00	£8,392.00
Members Donations	£1,000.00	£1,020.00	£91,227.91		£225.00				£2,690.00	£96,162.91
Gift Aid Rebate	£300.00		£19,255.56							£19,555.56
Newspaper Subscriptions							£13.50			£13.50
Loose Offerings			£1,448.00							£1,448.00
Interest			£32.25							£32.25
Tenants Rent and Bills	£10,325.30									£10,325.30
Room Hire	£245.00									£245.00
Totals	£11,870.30	£1,020.00	£111,963.72		£225.00		£13.50		£11,082.00	£136,174.52

Internal Transfers

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Weekend Away			-£540.80		-£230.00		£995.40			£224.60
Sundry for specific uses									-£995.40	-£995.40
Pastoral Fund		£900.00							£230.00	£1,130.00
Missions			-£13,977.19							-£13,977.19
General Account	£2,500.00			£13,977.19					£540.80	£17,017.99
Balazs and Detti Varga					-£900.00					-£900.00
60 South Bank Avenue			-£2,500.00							-£2,500.00
Totals	£2,500.00	£900.00	-£17,017.99	£13,977.19	-£1,130.00		£995.40		-£224.60	£0.00

Expenditure

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Utility Bills & Insurance	-£3,394.48									-£3,394.48
Building Maintenance	-£1,796.14									-£1,796.14
Mortgage	-£6,973.41									-£6,973.41
Balazs and Detti Varga		-£1,280.00								-£1,280.00
Administration			-£1,534.70							-£1,534.70
Room Hire			-£5,463.00							-£5,463.00
Employment			-£54,427.41							-£54,427.41
Giving to non-YEC minist.			-£9,742.31							-£10,242.31
Ministries			-£12,631.23							-£12,631.23
Visiting Speakers			-£1,378.25							-£1,378.25
Missions				-£12,900.00						-£12,400.00
Pastoral Fund					-£1,023.00					-£1,023.00
Sundry for specific uses							-£456.00			-£456.00
Weekend Away									-£10,857.40	-£10,857.40
Totals	-£12,164.03	-£1,280.00	-£85,176.90	-£12,900.00	-£1,023.00		-£456.00		-£10,857.40	-£123,857.33

Balances and Difference

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
2022 Opening Balance	£2,267.90	£0.00	£39,293.20	£1,683.96	£5,040.22	£1,500.00	-£905.40	£3,120.41	£0.00	£52,000.29
2022 Closing Balance	£4,474.17	£640.00	£49,062.03	£2,761.15	£3,112.22	£1,500.00	-£352.50	£3,120.41	£0.00	£64,317.48
Difference in Year	£2,206.27	£640.00	£9,768.83	£1,077.19	-£1,928.00	£0.00	£552.90	£0.00	£0.00	£12,317.19

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st December 2022

Cash

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Lloyds Current Account			£4,317.48							£4,317.48
Lloyds 30 Day Account	£4,474.17	£640.00	£44,744.55	£2,761.15	£3,112.22	£1,500.00	-£352.50	£3,120.41		£60,000.00
Loose Cash										£0.00

Other

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Account	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Total
Gift Aid Claim for 2022	£250.00		£18,984.50							£19,234.50

Notes

The mortgage on 60 South Bank Avenue was paid off in full during 2022.

Signatures

These accounts have been prepared by Daniel Rozday, York Evangelical Church Trustee and Treasurer.

Signed: 

Date: 28/8/23

These accounts were accepted by all Trustees on 19th April 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to York Evangelical Church

I report on the accounts of York Evangelical Church, for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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.



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28th August 2023