

York Evangelical Church

2023 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 2023 the trustees were Gordon Frame, Ed Hambleton, Neil Hulse, Alastair Jakeman (Secretary), Colin Runciman and Daniel Rozday (Treasurer). In September 2023 Phil Williams was appointed as an elder and trustee of the church.

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 2023 we held two meetings for public worship, with provision for all ages. These services were held in hired facilities at a local secondary school (Millthorpe School). Our morning services included specific age-appropriate provision for children from 0-14. These activities were largely volunteer-run and their delivery falls within our safeguarding policies and procedures. Our morning and evening services continued to be streamed live via Zoom so that those who were ill or infirm were able to benefit from the teaching and worship.

YEC continued to deliver a wide range of midweek events for the furtherance of our charitable objectives of the advancement of the Christian faith (prayer meetings, home groups, Bible studies, etc.) and the support of the local community. Many of these activities were based at 60SBA where we regularly host activities for pre-school children and their parents/carers, such as Minims and All Sorts. A local Christian housing charity (Restore (York) Limited) made use of the space on a weekly basis for a lunch and Bible study with their residents. Community users, such as the local Nappy Library, also made regular use of 60SBA. There were regular coffee mornings for elderly people in the locality.

Following the success of the 2022 weekend away we once again decided to hold a church weekend away. In order to make the weekend affordable for all of the church family we decided to hire a village hall within easy driving distance of York. Approximately 40 people camped at Terrington Village Hall for a weekend in May 2023, with about 100 other people attending as day visitors. We were pleased to welcome David Hart from Emmanuel Church Leftwich to be our speaker for the weekend.

During 2022/3 YEC saw a large increase in the number of students attending the church. Various activities were provided for the students throughout the year. On a weekly basis members of the church provided student lunch in their homes, and Grounded, a social gathering for students and young adults after the Sunday evening service. We also held several Dinner and Discussion evenings for students to provide supplementary teaching and support. Some of these events were facilitated by internal speakers, but we also welcomed Martin Woodier, a trained psychologist and counsellor, who spoke about the Christian faith and mental health.

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 HMP Full Sutton.

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. Closer to home, YEC continued to support and partner with local charities working for the social good, such as Family Matters York, The Besom, Restore, and Friends International.

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 2023 the balance of our general account was almost £50,000, sufficient to cover an emergency such as a building repair and temporary accommodation. At the close of the year the balance was just over £62,000.

We do not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Ed Hambleton
Pastor and Trustee of York Evangelical Church

Approved by the trustees on 2 October 2024

York Evangelical Church Accounts 2023

The 2023 Annual Accounts were presented to the YEC trustees and Church Membership at the Annual General Meeting on 17th April 2024. 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 had the opportunity to ask the Church Treasurer questions about the accounts.

An independent examination of the complete 2023 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 Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Tickets										
Members Donations		£1,020.00	£91,885.00		£1,000.00				£2,175.00	£2,175.00
Grants										£93,905.00
Gift Aid Rebate	£250.00		£19,460.33					£15,000.00		£15,000.00
Newspaper Subscriptions										£19,710.33
Loose Offerings							£108.00			£81.00
Interest			£670.30							£670.30
Tenants Rent and Bills	£10,725.00		£1,402.91							£1,402.91
Room Hire	£250.00									£10,725.00
Totals	£11,225.00	£1,020.00	£113,393.34		£1,000.00		£108.00	£15,000.00	£2,175.00	£143,946.54

Internal Transfers

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Weekend Away							£352.50			£352.50
Sundry for specific uses									-£352.50	-£352.50
Pastoral Fund		£900.00								£900.00
Missions			-£14,015.39							-£14,015.39
General Account				£14,015.39						£14,015.39
Balazs and Detti Varga					-£900.00					-£900.00
60 South Bank Avenue										£0.00
Totals		£900.00	-£14,015.39	£14,015.39	-£900.00		£352.50		-£352.50	£0.00

Expenditure

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Utility Bills & Insurance	-£3,268.45									-£3,268.45
Building Maintenance	-£1,643.23									-£1,643.23
Balazs and Detti Varga		-£1,920.00								-£1,920.00
Administration			-£3,197.71							-£3,197.71
Room Hire			-£8,189.24							-£8,189.00
Employment			-£54,079.15							-£54,079.15
Giving to non-YEC minist.			-£11,854.73							-£11,854.73
Ministries			-£7,604.45							-£7,604.45
Visiting Speakers			-£1,223.88							-£1,223.88
Missions				-£13,200.00						-£13,200.00
Pastoral Fund					-£90.00					-£90.00
Sundry for specific uses							-£108.00			-£81.00
Training Fund								-£18,120.41		-£18,120.41
Weekend Away									-£1,726.04	-£1,726.04
Totals	-£4,911.68	-£1,920.00	-£86,149.16	-£13,200.00	-£90.00		-£108.00	-£18,120.41	-£1,726.04	-£126,225.29

Balances and Difference

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
2023 Opening 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
2023 Closing Balance	£10,787.49	£640.00	£62,316.02	£3,576.54	£3,122.22	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£96.46	£82,038.53
Difference in Year	£6,313.32	£0.00	£13,253.99	£815.39	£10.00	£0.00	£352.50	-£3,120.41	£96.46	£17,721.25

Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st December 2023

Cash

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Lloyds Current Account			£5,957.25							£5,957.25
Lloyds 30 Day Account	£10,787.49	£640.00	£82.16	£3,576.54					£96.46	£15,182.65
Lloyds Savings Account			£10,377.78		£3,122.22	£1,500.00				£15,000.00
Kingdom Bank Reserve			£45,898.83							£45,898.83
Loose Cash										£0.00

Other

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Total
Gift Aid Claim for 2023			£19,639.32							£19,639.32

Signatures

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

Signed:

D Rozday

Date:

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These accounts were accepted by all Trustees on 17th April 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to York Evangelical Church

I report on the accounts of York Evangelical Church, for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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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12th September 2024