

# **York Evangelical Church**

## **2024 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 2024 the trustees were Gordon Frame, Ed Hambleton, Neil Hulse, Alastair Jakeman (Secretary), Colin Runciman, Daniel Rozday (Treasurer) and Phil Williams. In September 2024 Scott Franklin 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 2024 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 hosted 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 and 2023 weekends 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 continued our practice of hiring a village hall within easy driving distance of York. Over 100 people attended Terrington Village Hall for a weekend in May 2024, either as campers or as day visitors. We were pleased to welcome Phil Dixon from Manchester to be our speaker for the weekend.

During 2023/4 YEC continued to see 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.

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 2024 the balance of our general account was £62,316.02, sufficient to cover an emergency such as a building repair and temporary accommodation. At the close of the year the balance was £68,554.93.

We do not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Gordon Frame

**Elder and Trustee of York Evangelical Church**

Approved by the trustees on 18th October 2025



# York Evangelical Church Accounts 2024

The 2024 Annual Accounts were presented to the YEC trustees and Church Membership at the Annual General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025. 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 2024 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									£2,319.80	<b>£2,319.80</b>
Members Donations		£1,020.00	£106,566.00				£29,200.00		£200.00	<b>£136,986.00</b>
Grants										
Gift Aid Rebate			£19,964.05							<b>£19,964.05</b>
Newspaper Subscriptions							£90.00			<b>£90.00</b>
Loose Offerings			£1,326.50							<b>£1,326.50</b>
Interest			£2,808.66							<b>£2,808.66</b>
Tenants Rent and Bills	£8,597.53									<b>£8,597.53</b>
Room Hire	£435.00									<b>£435.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£9,032.53</b>	<b>£1,020.00</b>	<b>£130,665.21</b>				<b>£29,290.00</b>		<b>£2,519.80</b>	<b>£172,527.54</b>

## 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										£0.00
Sundry for specific uses			-£500.00							-£500.00
Pastoral Fund		£900.00								£900.00
Missions			-£15,931.11							-£15,931.11
General Account				£15,931.11			£500.00			£16,431.11
Balazs and Detti Varga					-£900.00					-£900.00
60 South Bank Avenue										£0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£900.00</b>	<b>-£16,431.11</b>	<b>£15,931.11</b>	<b>-£900.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

## 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	-£3,362.42									-£3,362.42
Building Maintenance	-£1,625.62									-£1,625.62
Balazs and Detti Varga		-£1,920.00								-£1,920.00
Administration			-£3,926.99							-£3,926.99
Room Hire			-£11,161.00							-£11,161.00
Employment			-£73,036.22							-£73,036.22
Giving to non-YEC minist.			-£8,716.00							-£8,716.00
Ministries			-£8,272.70							-£8,272.70
Visiting Speakers			-£1,256.50							-£1,256.50
Missions				-£14,800.00						-£14,800.00
Pastoral Fund					-£456.56					-£456.56
Sundry for specific uses							-£3,285.50			-£3,285.50
Training Fund										£0.00
Weekend Away									-£2,121.68	-£2,121.68
<b>Totals</b>	<b>-£4,988.04</b>	<b>-£1,920.00</b>	<b>-£106,369.41</b>	<b>-£14,800.00</b>	<b>-£456.56</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-£3,285.50</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-£2,121.68</b>	<b>-£133,941.19</b>



## 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
2024 Opening Balance	£10,787.49	£640.00	£62,390.24	£3,576.54	£3,122.22	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£96.46	<b>£82,112.95</b>
2024 Closing Balance	£14,831.98	£640.00	£70,254.93	£4,707.65	£1,765.66	£1,500.00	£26,504.50	£0.00	£494.58	<b>£120,699.30</b>
Difference in Year	£4,044.49	£0.00	£7,864.69	£1,131.11	-£1,356.56	£0.00	£26,504.50	£0.00	£398.12	<b>£38,586.35</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### Cash

	60 South Bank Avenue	Balazs and Detti Varga	General Fund	Missions	Pastoral Fund	Stillman Fund	Sundry for specific.	Training Fund	Weekend Away	Totals
Wise Sterling Account			£22.76							<b>£22.76</b>
Lloyds Current Account			£4,643.30							<b>£4,643.30</b>
Lloyds 30 Day Account	£14,831.98		£262.36	£4,707.65						<b>£19,801.99</b>
Lloyds Savings Account		£640.00	£7,980.42		£1,765.66	£1,500.00			£494.58	<b>£12,380.66</b>
Kingdom Bank Reserve			£57,346.09				£26,504.50			<b>£83,850.59</b>
Loose Cash										<b>£0.00</b>

### 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 2024			~£20,875.88							<b>~£20,875.88</b>

## Signatures

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

Signed: 

Date: 30/5/25

These accounts were accepted by all Trustees on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of York Evangelical Church

### Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of York Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

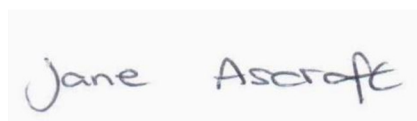
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 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.



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