

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	02	2024		31	01

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Earlesfield Community Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1170812
Charity's principal address	20 Gresley Court
	Grantham
	Lincolnshire
Postcode	NG31 7RH

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	Daniel Howson	Chairperson		
2	Grace Howson			
3	Andrew Morton	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed by the existing trustees. Recommendations for appointment as a trustee are accepted from the Elders.

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

Earlesfield Community Church was established for

- 1) The advancement of the Christian Faith
- 2) Any other charitable work that facilitates the preceding aim.

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)

In working towards the objectives, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have worked towards making Earlesfield Community Church as accessible and inclusive as possible to all the community.

Church Activities

Every ministry of Earlesfield Community church has seen encouraging growth over the last year.

Our Sunday venue: The local youth centre is accessible to our community and the facilities are ideal. Sunday gatherings have a very real community feel with people from all ages and many backgrounds meeting together in unity. The monthly meal is very popular with space now at a premium. Each week our children are catered for during the sermon with 'Sunday Club' and a creche which they love and are excited about attending.

Tuesday evening Bible studies give opportunity for lively debate and are valuable for people to ask questions and interact further with the teaching received on Sunday.

Our Summer Camps were a highlight with around seventy children and young people enjoying two weeks of activities and fun as well as hearing the Gospel, some for the first time. A great team of volunteers made this possible. We have been amazed at how these camps were made possible by the generosity of many individuals, not just in finance but in many practical ways. The camp venue is proving to be ideal.

We hosted a team of university students from Mississippi over the May half term holidays. The team enjoyed their visit and local folk are still talking about the community activities held during their visit.

Easter Sunday morning 'Big Breakfast' was a highlight with lots of locals coming along for the first time. Christmas activities were very popular again this year with outstanding attendances. Our community were very grateful and appreciated the effort we put into all these activities.

Hope Community Café is a hive of activity and is widely accepted as a community hub on our estate. The café is loved by our community and is as busy as we can cope with!

We took on another 'Hospitality and Catering' apprentice in September. She has settled in well and is progressing with her City and Guilds studies.

Hope Community Café has accommodated several placement students from various learning providers across Grantham. A number of groups and organisations from the wider area use the café as a place to meet, chat and enjoy a good coffee.

A Lady from church has started a group for parents with children with special needs. This runs every two weeks and although small it is meeting a real need in our community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church has met every Sunday.

Weekly Bible studies have also met.

Hope Community Cafe has opened Tuesday to Thursday every week.

School collective worship has continued in both the primary and secondary schools.

Weekly 'Tots and Toys'.

Weekly after school club.

Monthly men's discussion group.

Christmas and Easter celebrations were well attended, representing a wide spectrum of our estate, from toddlers to senior citizens.

All these activities have given many opportunities for sharing the good news and providing bible teaching on a variety of subjects and scripture passages.

In addition, the church has:

- Supported overseas missions.
- Daily distributed surplus food received from a local shop.
- Worked with our local youth and provided groups for these to meet in a safe environment.
- Facilitated fortnightly ladies' breakfast and Bible study group.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The ECC policy is to retain 3 months expenditure as unrestricted reserves, in case of unexpected expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Section F Other optional information

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)	Andrew Morton	Daniel Howson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairperson
Date	31/10/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/02/2024

To

31/01/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Offerings	38,100	-	-	38,100	33,601
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	5,927
Rental Income	5,928	-	-	5,928	5,568
Trading	57,070	-	-	57,070	57,628
Interest	1,415	-	-	1,415	719
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	102,513	-	-	102,513	103,442
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	102,513	-	-	102,513	103,442
A3 Payments					
Evangelism & Outreach	840	-	-	840	2,925
Ministry Expenses	5,188	-	-	5,188	8,450
Maintenance	2,014	-	-	2,014	5,063
Rental	1,385	-	-	1,385	720
Overseas & Local Mission	4,975	-	-	4,975	5,885
Trading Costs	38,560	-	-	38,560	39,481
Professional Fees	4,093	-	-	4,093	3,511
Staff costs	25,366	-	-	25,366	28,306
Camp Cost	7,478	-	-	7,478	4,857
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	89,899	-	-	89,899	99,200
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	89,899	-	-	89,899	99,200
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,614	-	-	12,614	4,242
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,433	-	-	65,433	61,191
Cash funds this year end	78,047	-	-	78,047	65,433

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	78,047	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	78,047	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A Morton	06/03/2025

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None