

Faversham Gospel Mission
Charity registration number 1171357

Trustees Annual Report
1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Aims and Objectives

'For the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in Faversham, Kent and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.'

Structure and organisational relationships

Founded in the 1880s, in 2017 the Mission became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The spiritual leaders, deacons and trustees meet regularly. The Mission is a member body of the Evangelical Alliance, and we are active within Churches Together in Faversham.

Summary of main activities

We continued to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, with Communion monthly. Numbers attending remained around 25-40. There were regular prayer meetings and occasional special events. All church activities were open to all without any charge. Practical and pastoral support has continued to be provided to any in need, confidentially and without charge.

From the proceeds of the sale of the Manse in 2019, an extraordinary grant of £50,000 was made to Uganda Concern UK to fund the provision of a brand new Toyota Land Cruiser for their rural work in Uganda. Similarly, preparations began to fund a major renovation of the church building, work to begin in May 2024.

We continued to host the town's Trussell Foodbank. Salvation Army volunteers working informally alongside us held meetings and developed their community wardrobe. Ever since the 1880s we have been home to the now-named Faversham Mission Brass, storing instruments and providing weekly rehearsal space. A community choir also used the hall most weeks for rehearsal.

These community activities demonstrate how the trustees continually have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial review

Believing in 'every member ministry' we have no paid staff. We do not fundraise, and receive no grants from government or other sources. Only very exceptionally do we make grants.

Our receipts and payments accounts for the year show income of £33,795 and expenditure of £80,375, the deficit being £46,580. During the year we made regular disbursements to six Christian organisations, totalling £3,879. To protect assets we continued to hold sums of £85,000 (the maximum FSA guarantee) in two Christian banks. These have earned modest amounts of interest, but we also recognise the spiritual investment. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

We have a formal reserves policy of always holding a minimum of three months' average expenditure. Despite recurring annual deficits of income over expenditure, we have no short- or medium-term concerns about the Mission's financial stability. There is no uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Reference and administrative details

Name: Faversham Gospel Mission

Registered charity number: 1171357

Principal address: Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JL

Names of trustees managing the charity:

Amanda Jane Eason

David Andrew Napier Fergusson

James Sidney Ransom

Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

During their time in office, all trustees held title to the property belonging to the charity.
There are no corporate trustees.

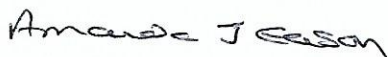
Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**Signature(s)**

Full name: David Andrew Napier Fergusson

Position: Chair



Full name: AMANDA JANE EASON

Position: Trustee

Date

3 November 2024



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Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Receipts including from NatWest, Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank	2023/24	2022/23
Offerings – Sunday services, etc	6167	
Stewardship including Gift Aid	9862	
Regular standing orders	2440	
Bank interest	4604	
Refund electricity	1545	
Foodbank	7617	
Faversham Mission Brass	1200	
Building hire donation	150	
Lent lunches	160	
Ladies Craft Group	50	
Total	33795	24602
Payments not from Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank		
Gas	2820	
Electricity	2255	
Phone & broadband	578	
Water	444	
Repairs & maintenance	11461	
Disbursements	3879	
Extraordinary grant to UCUK for purchase of vehicle	50000	
Speakers' expenses	290	
Contract cleaners	3713	
Copyright licence	384	
Evangelical Alliance	100	
ACAT	22	
31:8	244	
Insurance	1332	
CTiF	160	
I.T.	199	
Building consultation fees	1500	
Pastor's conference fee & travel expense	219	
Public address equipment	30	
Furniture	40	
Office expense	51	
Kitchen & janitorial	113	
NIV bibles	368	
Sunday school material	22	
Outreach (Folk in Church & Walk Through the Bible)	151	
Total	80375	29467
Deficit of income over expenditure	£46580	



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<u>Funds held</u>	<u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>31 March 2023</u>
NatWest Bank	£99,189	£105,322
Kingdom Bank	89,369	86,421
Reliance Bank	<u>42,734</u>	<u>86,079</u>
Totals	£231,292	£277,822

Dated 3 November 2024

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Chair of Trustees

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Treasurer STEPHENS ARTHUR WITHELL

Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Faversham Gospel Mission on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to 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 the 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.

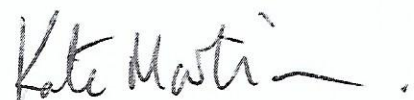
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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16th September 2024