

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173360

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Magnolia Drive
Greenstead
Colchester
Essex
CO4 3LQ

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN COLCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: The Church meets every Sunday to worship God and proclaim His Word, and on a Wednesday evening for Bible study and prayer. A weekly parents and toddlers group ("Little Fishies") and groups for children are held during term time, and a tea and coffee afternoon for older people ("Tuesday Fellowship") is held through the year.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£117,541	£85,616	-	-
2024-08-31	£83,995	£104,989	-	-
2023-08-31	£112,540	£79,910	-	-
2022-08-31	£56,452	£37,257	-	-
2021-08-31	£58,028	£16,559	-	-
2020-08-31	£55,891	£37,108	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BENJAMIN MICHAEL JOHNSON		2017-06-12
BRIAN DAVID RAYNER		2017-06-12
DEREK ANDREW DYKES		2017-06-12
Dr JOHN ALLAN FORD		2020-01-24
Matthew Jonathan Morley Palmer		2022-09-01
SIMON JOHN FORD		2017-06-12

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2025.

Reference and administration details:

Greenstead Evangelical Free Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The registered charity number is 117330.

The address of the Church is Magnolia Drive, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3LQ.

The names of the charity trustees who manage the charity are:

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Matthew Jonathan Morley Palmer	Minister		Church Members
Simon John Ford	Treasurer		As above
Derek Andrew Dykes	Deacon		As above
Benjamin Michael Johnson	Elder		As above
Brian David Rayner	Deacon		As above
John Allan Ford	Deacon		As above

The Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Structure, governance and management:

The Church is governed by the Church Constitution and Church Handbook and is constituted as a CIO. The Trustees are appointed by the Church Members at a business meeting of the Church.

Objectives and activities:

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Colchester. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church, further the work of the Church.

The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. We have a regular service on Sunday mornings and a family gathering on the premises mid-week on a monthly basis. Life Groups are held in homes and at church. There is an Adventurers Group for primary school children and an Explorers Group for pre-school children held on a Sunday morning. There are monthly meetings for ladies and a further one for games.

All of these are open to the public, and there have been a lot of new people coming to the church with several joining us in membership. The church has a very diverse congregation, both from the local estate and including students and others from nearby Essex University, of which several have joined the church and are taking an active part in church activities. On occasions we have been able to show care and support to some with personal problems.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, some aided by personal visits from missionaries and others by literature distribution.

Financial review:

The Church is largely supported by voluntary contributions. In order to provide longer term support to our minister and to fund necessary building work, the church received a number of grants and personal donations. Additionally, legacies of £18492 were received during the year. These are reflected in the accounts for the period which shows income of £117541 and a surplus of £31924. The balance at the end of the year was £129479. This accumulation of funds will largely be applied to finance our future ministry and any necessary building maintenance.

During the year the Church made gifts of £5455 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

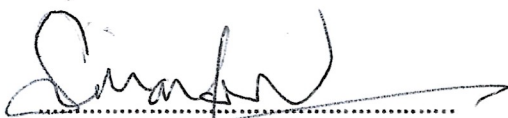
No payments were made to trustees apart from the reimbursement of expenditure incurred for the Church.

Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.



Simon John Ford (Treasurer)

14/06/2020

Date

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 August 2025

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Voluntary contributions	66,943			66,943	53,677
Income Tax recovered	4,123			4,123	2,720
Grants	14,700	10,000		24,700	14,700
Legacy	18,492			18,492	11,233
Missionary etc. offerings		665		665	505
Interest	2,618			2,618	1,160
TOTAL RECEIPTS	106,876	10,665	0	117,541	83,995

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
Ministry	49,073	10,000		59,073	55,131
Church Utilities and maintenance	9,404			9,404	33,576
Church activities	2,423			2,423	3,576
Church administration and Fees	6,426			6,426	4,134
Mission essex	2,400			2,400	2,400
Inasmuch	320	115		435	92
Missionary etc. offerings	4,905	550		5,455	6,080
TOTAL PAYMENTS	74,951	10,665	0	85,616	104,989

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	31,925	0	0	31,925	-20,994

BROUGHT FORWARD	97,114	440		97,554	118,548
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END	129,039	440	0	129,479	97,554

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2025.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Cash funds				
Current account	20,134		20,134	5,908
Savings accounts	108,222		108,222	91,194
Inasmuch account	683	440	1,123	452
TOTAL	129,039	440	129,479	97,554
	*****		*****	*****
Other monetary assets	None	None	None	None
Investment assets	None	None	None	None
Assets retained for the charity's own use (shown at insurance value):				
Church premises and land	1,332,660			
Fixtures and Equipment	92,297			
TOTAL	1,424,957			

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities at 31 August 2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Greenstead evangelical church

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1173360

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	<i>Neil Loxley</i>	Date:	21 04 2026
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Name:	Neil Loxley
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
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Address:	39 Shakespeare rd
	Colchester
	Essex co3 4hl

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

Accounts

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Benjamin Michael Johnson	Elder		As above
Brian David Rayner	Deacon		As above
John Allan Ford	Deacon		As above

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Structure, governance and management:

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The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. We have a regular service on Sunday mornings and a family gathering on the premises mid-week on a monthly basis. Life Groups are held in homes and at church. There is an Adventurers Group for primary school children held on a Sunday morning. There are monthly meetings for ladies and a further one for games.

All of these are open to the public, and there have been a lot of new people coming to the church with several joining us in membership. On occasions we have been able to show care and support to some with personal problems. The church has a very diverse congregation, both from the local estate and including students from nearby Essex University.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, some aided by personal visits from missionaries and others by literature distribution.

Financial review:

The Church is largely supported by voluntary contributions. In order to provide longer term support to our minister and to fund necessary building work, the church received a number of grants and personal donations. These are reflected in the accounts for the period which shows income of £83995 and a deficit of £20994 which was largely due to Fire Safety work. The balance at the end of the year was £97555. As mentioned, this accumulation of funds will largely be applied to finance our minister and further necessary building maintenance.

During the year the Church made gifts of £6080 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

No payments were made to trustees apart from the reimbursement of expenditure incurred for the Church.

Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.



Simon John Ford (Treasurer)

27/06/2025
Date

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 August 2024.

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2024	2023
Voluntary contributions	53,677			53,677	55,458
Income Tax recovered	2,720			2,720	1,408
Grants	14,700			14,700	54,700
Legacy	11,233			11,233	
Missionary etc. offerings		505		505	660
Interest	1,153	7		1,160	314
TOTAL RECEIPTS	83,483	512	0	83,995	112,540

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2024	2023
Ministry	55,131			55,131	45,572
Church Utilities and maintenance	33,576			33,576	18,887
Church activities	3,576			3,576	6,156
Church administration and Fees	4,134			4,134	2,400
Mission Essex	2,400			2,400	1,400
Inasmuch		92		92	40
Missionary etc. offerings	5,575	505		6,080	5,455
TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,392	597	0	104,989	79,910

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	-20,909	-85	0	-20,994	32,630

BROUGHT FORWARD	118,023	525		118,548	85,918
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END	97,114	440	0	97,554	118,548

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2024.

						TOTAL		TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted			2024		2023
Cash funds								
Current account		5,908				5,908		9,336
Savings accounts		91,194				91,194		108,687
Inasmuch account		12	440			452		525
TOTAL		97,114	440			97,554		118,548
		*****						*****
Other monetary assets		None	None			None		None
Investment assets		None	None			None		None

Assets retained for the charity's
own use (shown at insurance
value):

Church premises and land	1,262,283
Fixtures and Equipment	90,033
TOTAL	1,352,316

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities at 31 August 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHJ

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1173360

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20.6.2025

Name:

NEIL LOXLEY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Neil Loxley accountancy Services
39 Shakespeare Rd Colchester
Essex CO3 4HL

Accounts

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Reference and administration details:

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Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
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Simon John Ford	Treasurer		As above
Derek Andrew Dykes	Deacon		As above
Benjamin Michael Johnson	Elder		As above
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The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

A new minister was appointed in September 2022 which has brought both encouragement and stability to the Church after the difficulties caused by the Covid pandemic.

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. After Covid activities we were slowly able to recover. We have a regular service on Sunday mornings and a family gathering on the premises mid-week. Other activities were started which include Adventurers for primary age children, Life groups in homes and at church, and games evenings. The ladies meeting has also started in the church.

All of these are open to the public, and there have been a lot of new people coming to the church with several joining us in membership. On occasions we have been able to show care and support to some with personal problems.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, some aided by personal visits from missionaries and others by literature distribution.

Financial review:

The Church is largely supported by voluntary contributions. In order to provide longer term support to our minister and to fund necessary building work, the church received a number of grants and personal donations. These are reflected in the accounts for the period which show income of £112540 and a surplus of £32360. The balance at the end of the year was £118548. As mentioned, this accumulation of funds will largely be applied to finance our minister and necessary building maintenance.

During the year the Church made gifts of £5455 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

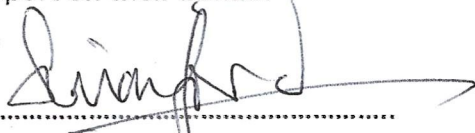
No payments were made to trustees apart from the reimbursement of expenditure incurred for the Church.

Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.


Simon John Ford (Treasurer)

29/06/2024
Date

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 August 2023

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2023	2022
Voluntary contributions	55,458			55,458	53,251
Income Tax recovered	1,408			1,408	2,368
Grants	54,700			54,700	
Inasmuch		165		165	262
Missionary etc. offerings		495		495	570
Interest	314			314	1
TOTAL RECEIPTS	111,880	660	0	112,540	56,452

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2023	2022
Ministry	45,572			45,572	5,670
Church Utilities and maintenance	18,887			18,887	21,510
Church activities	6,156			6,156	382
Church administration and Fees	2,400			2,400	2,866
Mission essex	1,309	91		1,400	0
Inasmuch		40		40	258
Missionary etc. offerings	4,960	495		5,455	6,571
TOTAL PAYMENTS	79,284	626	0	79,910	37,257

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	32,596	34	0	32,630	19,195

BROUGHT FORWARD	85,427	491		85,918	66,723
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END	118,023	525	0	118,548	85,918

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2023

						TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted			2023	2022
Cash funds							
Current account		9,336				9,336	50,838
Savings accounts		108,687				108,687	34,587
Inasmuch account			525			525	398
Mission Greenstead account		0				0	95
TOTAL		118,023	525			118,548	85,918
		*****					*****
Other monetary assets		None	None			None	None
Investment assets		None	None			None	None

**Assets retained for the charity's
own use (shown at insurance
value):**

Church premises and land **1,262,283**
Fixtures and Equipment **90,033**

TOTAL **1,352,316**

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

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Report to the trustees/
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Charity Name

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On accounts for the year
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Signed:

Date:

28 June 2024

Name:

NEIL LOXLEY ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

39 Shakespeare Rd

Colchester

Essex CO3 4HL

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Due to the Covid pandemic restrictions for much of the year, many of the usual functions of the Church had to be suspended. A service, either audio or visual, was recorded each Sunday morning and available online, and mid-week prayer meetings and Bible studies were also held using Zoom.

The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. Because of the Covid pandemic many activities could not take place as normal during the year. However, the following occasional activities have taken place (these being in addition to those mentioned above):

- 'Messy Church' has been held outside the front of the church several times for children, and packs of crafts and literature etc. were handed out to parents and children who passed by who are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- A meeting for ladies was held monthly and these were on Zoom.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, but were largely through literature distribution.

Financial review:

The Church is supported by voluntary contributions. The accounts for the period show income of £56452 and a surplus of £19195. The balance at the end of the year was £85918. The accumulation of funds will largely be applied to finance a new minister and necessary building maintenance.

Despite the Covid restrictions mentioned previously, financial support for the Church continued. The Trustees are able to record that a new minister has been appointed and will commence his ministry on 1 September 2022.

During the year the Church made gifts of £7114 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

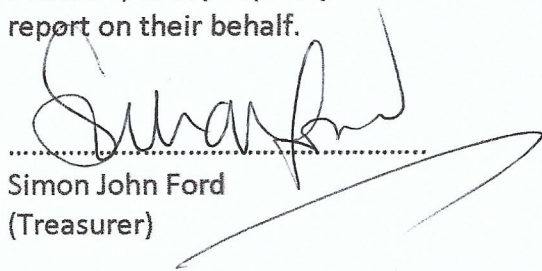
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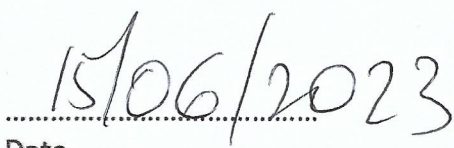
Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.


Simon John Ford
(Treasurer)


Date

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 August 2022.

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2022	2021
Voluntary contributions	53,251			53,251	55,990
Income Tax recovered	2,368			2,368	1,968
Inasmuch		262		262	62
Missionary etc. offerings		570		570	0
Interest	1			1	8
TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,620	832	0	56,452	58,028

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2022	2021
Ministry	5,670			5,670	1,010
Church Utilities and maintenance	21,510			21,510	7,027
Church activities	382			382	566
Church administration and Fees	2,866			2,866	2,469
Mission Greenstead				0	0
Sound and Visual				0	0
Inasmuch		258		258	23
Missionary etc. offerings	6,001	570		6,571	5,464
TOTAL PAYMENTS	36,429	828	0	37,257	16,559

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	19,191	4	0	19,195	41,469

BROUGHT FORWARD	66,236	487		66,723	25,254
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END	85,427	491	0	85,918	66,723

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2021.

						TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted			2021	2020
Cash funds							
Current account		50,838				50,838	61,968
Savings accounts		34,587				34,587	4,328
Inasmuch account			398			398	332
Mission Greenstead account		2	93			95	95
TOTAL		85,427	491			85,918	66,723

Other monetary assets		None	None			None	None
Investment assets		None	None			None	None

**Assets retained for the charity's
own use (shown at insurance
value):**

Church premises and land **1,121,033**
Fixtures and Equipment **79,185**

TOTAL **1,200,218**

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities at 31 August 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHJ

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1173360

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

02-6-2023

Name:

NEIL LOKLEY ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

39 Shakespeare Rd
Colchester
Essex CO3 4HL

Section B**Disclosure**

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.

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2021.

Reference and administration details:

Greenstead Evangelical Free Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The registered charity number is 117330.

The address of the Church is Magnolia Drive, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3LQ.

The names of the charity trustees who manage the charity are:

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Derek Andrew Dykes	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
Simon John Ford	Treasurer		Church Members' meeting
Benjamin Michael Johnson	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
Brian David Rayner	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
John Allan Ford	Deacon		Church Members' meeting

The Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Structure, governance and management:

The Church is governed by the Church Constitution and Church Handbook and is constituted as a CIO.

The Trustees are appointed by the Church Members at a business meeting of the Church.

Objectives and activities:

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Colchester. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church, further the work of the Church.

Due to the Covid pandemic restrictions for much of the year, many of the usual functions of the Church had to be suspended. A service, either audio or visual, was recorded each Sunday morning and available online, and mid-week prayer meetings and Bible studies were also held using Zoom.

The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. Because of the Covid pandemic many activities could not take place as normal during the year. However, the following activities have taken place (these being in addition to those mentioned above):

- 'Messy Church' has been held outside the front of the church several times for children, and packs of crafts and literature etc. were handed out to parents and children who passed by who are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- A meeting for ladies was held monthly and these were on Zoom.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, but were largely through literature distribution.

Financial review:

The Church is supported by voluntary contributions. The accounts for the period show income of £58028 and a surplus of £41469. The balance at the end of the year was £66723. The search for a new Pastor continued and the accumulation of funds will largely be applied to finance this and necessary building maintenance.

Despite the Covid restrictions mentioned previously, financial support for the Church continued. The Trustees are actively searching for a new minister.

During the year the Church made gifts of £5728 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

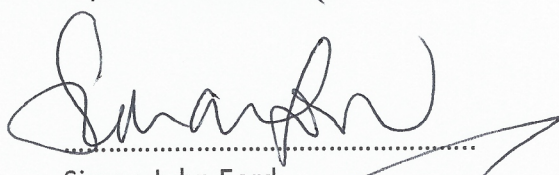
No payments were made to trustees apart from the reimbursement of expenditure incurred for the Church.

Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.


Simon John Ford
(Treasurer)

21/06/2022
Date

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 31 August 2021.

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2021	2020
Voluntary contributions	55,990			55,990	53,616
Income Tax recovered	1,968			1,968	1,119
Inasmuch		62		62	203
Missionary etc. offerings				0	944
Interest	8			8	9
TOTAL RECEIPTS	57,966	62	0	58,028	55,891

PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	TOTAL	TOTAL
				2020	2019
Ministry	1,010			1,010	18,745
Church Utilities and maintenance	7,027			7,027	6,422
Church activities	566	0		566	676
Church administration and Fees	2,469			2,469	3,730
Mission Greenstead		0		0	0
Sound and Visual		0		0	0
Inasmuch		23		23	50
Missionary etc. offerings	5,464			5,464	7,485
TOTAL PAYMENTS	16,536	23	0	16,559	37,108

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	41,430	39	0	41,469	18,783

BROUGHT FORWARD	24,806	448		25,254	6,471
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END	66,236	487	0	66,723	25,254

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2021.

						TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted			2021	2020
Cash funds							
Current account		61,968				61,968	22,884
Savings accounts		4,268	60			4,328	1,921
Inasmuch account			332			332	355
Mission Greenstead account			95			95	94
TOTAL		66,236	487			66,723	25,254
		*****					*****
Other monetary assets		None	None			None	None
Investment assets		None	None			None	None

Assets retained for the charity's
own use (shown at insurance
value):

Church premises and land 1,028,471
Fixtures and Equipment 74,773

TOTAL 1,103,244

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities at 31 August 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHJ

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1173360

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17-6-2022

Name:

NEIL WOXYLEY ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

39 Shakespeare Rd
Colchester
Essex CO3 4H4

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2020.

Reference and administration details:

Greenstead Evangelical Free Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The registered charity number is 117330.

The address of the Church is Magnolia Drive, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3LQ.

The names of the charity trustees who manage the charity are:

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Martin Leonard Peirce	Pastor	01.09.19 to 26.01.20	Church Members' meeting
Derek Andrew Dykes	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
Simon John Ford	Treasurer		Church Members' meeting
Benjamin Michael Johnson	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
Brian David Rayner	Deacon		Church Members' meeting
John Allan Ford	Deacon	06.03.20 to 31.08.20	Church Members' meeting

The Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Structure, governance and management:

The Church is governed by the Church Constitution and Church Handbook and is constituted as a CIO.

The Trustees are appointed by the Church Members at a business meeting of the Church.

Objectives and activities:

The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Colchester. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church, further the work of the Church.

Until March 2020 Sunday services were held morning and evening and a mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study held weekly. From March 2020 the main activities were carried out on Zoom or online. A service, either audio or visual, was recorded each Sunday morning and available online, and mid-week prayer meetings and Bible studies were also held using Zoom.

The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believe that this has been met.

Achievements and performance:

The Church seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighbourhood through the services and other activities, but in view of the spiritual nature of these objectives it is difficult to specify achievements. Because of the Covid pandemic many activities could not take place as normal from March 2020 onwards. However, the following activities have taken place (these being in addition to those mentioned above):

- 'Messy Church' has been held several times for children, and packs of crafts and literature etc. were handed out to parents and children who passed by who are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- A meeting for ladies was held monthly and these were on Zoom from March 2020.
- A tea/coffee 'drop-in' afternoon for older people was held weekly until March 2020..
- Some 'all-age' services were held during the year.
- Craft evenings for ladies were held regularly until March 2020.

Several missionaries and organisations have continued to be supported during the year, through literature distribution or visits from representatives.

Financial review:

The Church is supported by voluntary contributions. The accounts for the period show income of £55891 and a surplus of £18783. The balance at the end of the year was £25254.

Our minister retired on 28 February 2020 but as contributions continued this gave rise to the increase in the surplus and end of year balance. The Trustees are actively searching for a new minister.

During the year the Church made gifts of £7485 to organisations involved in the work of the Gospel in the UK and throughout the world.

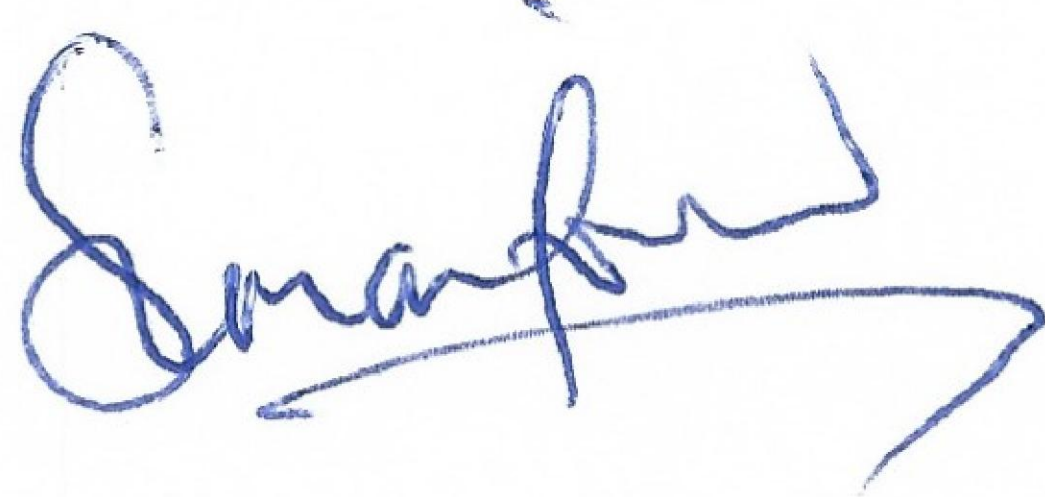
A monthly stipend was paid to the Pastor but no other payments were made to trustees apart from the reimbursement of expenditure incurred for the Church.

Other optional information:

None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.

Signature	
Full name	Simon John Ford
Position	Treasurer

Date	25/06/2021
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GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS For the year ending 31 August 2020.

RECEIPTS		Unrestricted		Restricted		Designated		TOTAL		TOTAL
								2020		2019
Voluntary contributions		53,616						53,616		50,513
Income Tax recovered		1,119						1,119		1,853
Inasmuch				203				203		322
Missionary etc. offerings				944				944		939
Interest		9						9		10
TOTAL RECEIPTS		54,744		1,147		0		55,891		53,637

PAYMENTS		Unrestricted		Restricted		Designated		TOTAL		TOTAL
								2020		2019
Ministry		18,745						18,745		35,094
Church Utilities and maintenance		6,422						6,422		7,021
Church activities		471		205				676		939
Church administration and Fees		3,730						3,730		3,198
Mission Greenstead				0				0		147
Sound and Visual				0				0		144
Inasmuch				50				50		625
Missionary etc. offerings		6,746		739				7,485		7,004
TOTAL PAYMENTS		36,114		994		0		37,108		54,172

NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		18,630		153		0		18,783		-535

BROUGHT FORWARD		6,176		295				6,471		7,007
CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END		24,806		448		0		25,254		6,471

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1173360

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 August 2020.

						TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted	Restricted			2020	2019
Cash funds							
Current account		22,884				22,884	5,163
Savings accounts		1,921				1,921	1,013
Inasmuch account			355			355	201
Mission Greenstead account			94			94	94
TOTAL		24,805	449			25,254	6,471
		*****					*****
Other monetary assets		None	None			None	None
Investment assets		None	None			None	None

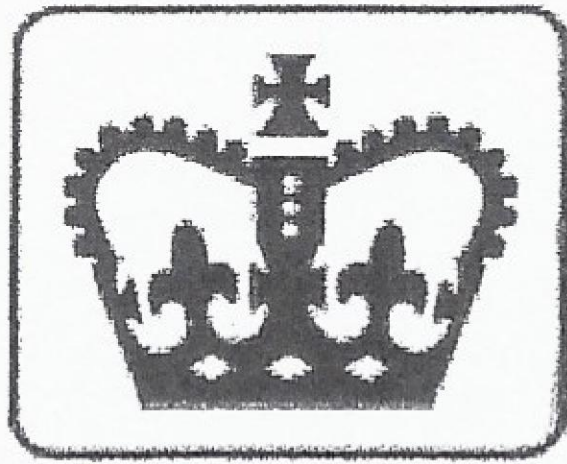
Assets retained for the charity's own use (shown at insurance value):

Church premises and land **1,018,288**
Fixtures and Equipment **74,033**

TOTAL **1,092,321**

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities at 31 August 2020



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

GREENSTEAD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHJ

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2020

Charity no
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Independent
examiner's statement

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I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

11. 06. 2021

Name:

Neil Ioxley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BA.

Address:

39 Shakespeare Rd

Gokchester Essex

CO3 4HL