

Whiteshill Evangelical Church

(Registered Charity No 1174209)

Annual Report

End of Year Financial Statements

31st December 2022



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Administrative Information

Whiteshill Evangelical Church (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation and Registered Charity No 1174209) is situated at Whiteshill, Bristol Road, Hambrook, Bristol, BS16 1SD in the parish of Winterbourne.

Registered Number: Whiteshill Evangelical Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under Registered Charity no 1174209 on 10th August 2017. All assets and liabilities were transferred to the CIO from the former Whiteshill Evangelical Church on 30th November 2017 and the two charities merged.

Governing Documentation: Constitution adopted by the membership of Whiteshill Evangelical Church, dated 22nd June 2017 and approved by The Charity Commission on 10th August 2017; Handbook containing the Rules & Regulations of the Church and adopted by the members on 22nd June 2017 with amendments adopted on 21st June 2018. We adhere to the Statement of Faith as set out by the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Trustees:

The Church Officers who are the Pastor, Elders and Deacons, are also Trustees of the Church. The following have all served as trustees during 2022: -

Paul Davies (Treasurer), Robert Gardener (Secretary)
David Horton (Pastor)
Martin Kemp, Martyn Nash and Colin Stokes.

Only those members whose spiritual life meets the Scriptural standards are eligible to be appointed an Officer. The Pastor is appointed at a Special Church Business meeting especially called for this purpose and is by secret ballot. The appointment is without time limit.

The Elders are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will normally serve for a period of five years, after which time they must either retire or be re-appointed.

The Deacons are normally appointed at the Annual General Meeting and will generally serve for a period of three years, after which time they must either retire or be re-appointed.

The Trustees must hold at least four trustee meetings in a twelve-month period, but our meetings are generally held every month.

Objectives and Activities

Whiteshill Evangelical Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and adheres to its Basis of Faith. The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within Hambrook in the parish of Winterbourne and the surrounding neighbourhood; also 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, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of community facilities.

The Church Officers and Members are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have regard to it in their administration of the Church. They believe that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the Pastor and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic and social, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the church, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Review of activities and achievements:

This year has been one of transition, breaking free from government legislation where we are now in a position to be able to gather together for two Sunday services as well as midweek meetings.

Our morning congregation averages about 40 with about 30 attendees at the evening service. It is always encouraging to see a number of visitors at both services, and we endeavour to make them very welcome. A new screen was installed in the chapel a couple of years ago along with all the necessary technology to enable our services to be streamed to YouTube for people to watch "live" or pick up later on. We have a good following on this facility and being able to livestream the morning services has been a blessing to those unable to attend. Our hymns/songs are played on piano and organ with a small singing group of three people at the front. Our thanks go to those supportive people who help to run these services and who have given a great deal of time to instal and operate the necessary equipment.

The Hambrook Probus Club continue to meet and the local model railway society. This year Bonfire night & fireworks took place. The Community carols went ahead as well which was a great success with a good number attending and £195.24 was donated and passed on to inHope.

We have recommenced our Tuesday evening meetings which include Bible study and prayer. Prayer and Praise and regular mission prayer meeting. These meetings are relatively well attended. We also gather at the Manse when appropriate thanks to the hospitality of the Pastor and his wife. Also, the Mens' film night recommenced.

Our Tea from Two team are back up and running well, from April 2022 until December 2022 they have raised an amazing £1,336 from the sale of preserves, greetings cards and Christmas crafts, as well as donations from those who enjoy the tea and cakes on the second Friday of each month. This money is sent direct to Tearfund.

In the 2021 report we mentioned that the Male voice choir that had practiced at our church had been forced to close. We were asked to donate the funds £2,490.18 following closure of the bank account of the Bristol Evangel Male Voice Choir to the Tearfund Pakistan Emergency Appeal. Once the funds were received, we issued our cheque and sent this with a covering letter to Tearfund.

Hoveraid presented details of the brilliant work they do and were allocated an additional £300 from Mission Funds and a further £1,910 was donated by members of our congregation that we sent on to Hoveraid.

In 2020 a new Welfare Fund was opened for the purpose of assisting members and those of our regular congregation in times of exceptional emergencies and hardship. Grants from this Fund would be at the discretion of the Pastor and Deacons. The fund was "topped up" from church resources and now stands at £1,430.

Our Childrens' group, Jesus and Me (JAM) is not running at present and future activities will be dependent on numbers of children in attendance. Also, the EPIC group is not meeting due to other commitments from the former attendees.

Our Pastor, David, faithfully prepared week by week a structured teaching programme for both morning and evening services which is sent to all the congregation via email plus printed copies made available to those without email. Coupled with this is an up-to-date list of the prayer needs of the congregation.

Our Pastor, David Horton, has now entered his ninth year of his ministry at Whiteshill. The church has benefited from his systematic teaching from various books of the Bible as well as his role in leading and overseeing the worship and other activities of the church, especially by providing written copies of his messages each week. David and his wife, Hazel continue to make home visits and regularly contact people by telephone which we know has been an encouragement for many people especially those that cannot get out at all.

4 new members were received into membership during the year.

The Church Officers constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditure necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the properties in good condition. Although a substantial renovation programme was carried out to the building in 2016, it is recognised that, being a 200-year-old Grade II* Listed building, there will, from time to time, be the need for maintenance and repairs, the cost of which will have to be met from our General Reserves and, if necessary, special appeals. We have recently reviewed our Reserves Policy and aim to retain sufficient surplus funds to enable us to guarantee at least one year's stipendiary package for our Pastor and to ensure that we hold adequate funds to meet any unexpected expenditure required on the buildings.

The trustees have pleasure in presenting this report of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022. The information set out above regarding the trust forms part of our report and the attached accounts are those of the church which we have prepared and were approved and adopted on

We look forward in anticipation to 2023 and seek the Lord's guidance and blessing as the church at Whiteshill continues Christian worship, witness, and community support in Hambrook and the surrounding area.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Robert Gardener

Secretary

Dated

Notes to the Accounts:

1. These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts & Payments" basis.
2. **Missionary Fund (Designated Funds)**
Each week 10% of our Offering is allocated to the Missionary Fund, along with other specific donations, for eventual distribution to those Missionary causes which the Church has supported as follows:

Expenditure:	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Regular Donations:		
4H (Eric & Rosemary Barrett)	600.00	600.00
Crisis Centre	600.00	600.00
CTA	600.00	600.00
Hoveraid	600.00	600.00
MAF	1,000.00	1,000.00
SASRA	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	4,000.00	4,000.00
 Other Donations:		
inHope (formerly Crisis Centre):	870.00	
Outdoor Carols – 2022 (inHope)	195.24	344.00
Leprosy Miss: India Emer Appeal	<u>300.00</u>	200.00
Reach Across (Sunday visit)		200.00
TEN-Hungry for Harvest Fund		250.00
TEN-Missionary Sunday visit		<u>250.00</u>
	<u>1,365.24</u>	1,244.00
 Total Missionary Donations	<u>£5,365.24</u>	<u>5,244.00</u>

3. Non-Monetary Assets

Freeholds:

Church Premises at Whiteshill, Bristol Road, Hambrook, built in 1816.

The building is currently insured for a sum of £3,410,075 (figure as at June 2022) (2021- £3,410,075) Fixtures, furniture, and equipment at the Church premises are currently insured for £300,933.

Manse at 11 Penrose Drive, Bradley Stoke was purchased by the Church in December 2005 for £235,000.

The building is currently insured for a sum of £310,000 on a rebuilding basis.
(2021- £245,011)

Leaseholds:

Flat 4 and Garage, The Willows, Marlborough Drive, Frenchay, Bristol, BS16 1PR was inherited by the Church in December 2012 being valued for Probate purposes at £140,000. A block buildings Insurance covering the block of flats known as The Willows is arranged by the Management Company.

The Church currently lets this flat at a monthly rental of £820 and accumulated proceeds are periodically transferred to the General Fund for general use. The rent is due for review with effect from 1st January 2023.

Liabilities

Owing to HMR&C for Income Tax & National Insurance as as 31st December 2022 £843 (2021 - £903).

Adoption Resolution:

The foregoing summary Statement of Account was approved by the Church Officers (the Managing Trustees) of Whiteshill Evangelical Church held on 3rd April 2023 and subsequently signed on 3rd April 2023.

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Whiteshill Evangelical Church
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Welfare - Welfare Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from donors		500.00	-
Other donations			-
Total Incoming resources from donors		500.00	-
Total Incoming resources		500.00	-
Resources used			
Grants			
Missionary donations		70.00	-
Total Grants		70.00	-
Total Resources used		70.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		430.00	-
Brought forward balance		1,000.00	600.00
Transfers to/(from)		-	400.00
Total carried forward balance		1,430.00	1,000.00

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

the trustees

WHITESHILL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1174209

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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 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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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.

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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.

id: Nathan

Date: 09/05/23

e: Nathan Phillips

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