

**Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth**

**Trustees Report**

**For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 1174581**

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**Reference and Administrative Details  
For the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**Trustees**

Mr. G Peach  
Mr. D Peach  
Mr. N Barrow  
Mr. C Davis  
Mr. L Campos  
Mrs. W Erskine  
Mrs. S Read  
Mr. T Young

**Principal Office**

Abbotsbury Road  
Weymouth  
Dorset  
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**Independent Examiner**

Mrs. S J Hough FCA  
Edwards & Keeping  
Chartered  
Accountants  
Unity Chambers  
34 High East Street  
DORCHESTER  
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**Bankers**

HSBC bank  
Weymouth Branch  
18 St Mary Street  
Weymouth  
Dorset  
DT4 8PH

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023.

***Constitution, objects and policies***

A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 11 September 2017. This report and accounts are from October 2022 to September 2023. The objectives of Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth are to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, serve the needs of the locality, to serve the people of Weymouth and the surrounding areas in Dorset as particular needs arise; and to support missionary work locally, in the UK and abroad; sending money for the relief of poverty and through education and economic development.

***Committee and Management***

Day to day management of the charity is in the hands of the Leadership Team. That is Colin Beswick, Lelmer Campos, Ed Donald, David Peach, Gordon Peach, and William Randall. The leadership team meets once a month.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year and includes Nick Barrow, Lelmer Campos, Colin Davis, Wendy Erskine; David Peach, Gordon Peach, Sharon Reed and Tim Young.

Finance is managed by the Finance Group who report to the leadership. The Finance Group members are Collin Beswick, Ed Donald, Wendy Erskine and Tim Young.

***Investment Powers***

The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

***Public benefit***

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

We are active in our local community seeking to help our neighbours through friendship and social action. We provide activities for all ages and for all social groups. To this end each week we run a Coffee Morning; and Wednesday evening meeting for weekly prayer, Bible study or 'Missionary focus'. There is a weekly parent and toddler group and also a youth group.

We provide an office and support for the local CAP centre manager. The church supports mission work in the UK and around the world, both prayerfully and financial, giving to London City Mission, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, The Open Air Mission, Project Mozambique and others.

***Risk management***

The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

***Development, activities and achievements***

Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth is a small, Dorset based charity weekly church services, Sunday school, weekly Bible study service; a children's group, youth group and community lunch at the church. Locally, the church also supports community work in the broader community in Weymouth and Portland through CAP, working with other local churches through 'Refresh'. The church support Good News for Everyone. Social work is supported through organisations such as Medical Missionary work, Missionary Aviation Fellowship and Myra's Wells. Myra's Wells work in North Africa to install wells for fresh water in villages where this is lacking.

***Financial review***

The charity generated income in the year of £32,235 (2022 - £26,965), and incurred expenditure of £42,988 (2022 - £33,672).

***Reserves policy***

The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves of £30,000 held in the current and deposit account equivalent to a year of average giving to the general fund and including £10,000 to cover any possible urgent building repairs. These funds are to ensure that the Church activities can continue as planned in the case of unforeseen circumstances or a sudden reduction in regular giving. The level of reserves is reported to the leadership team monthly to ensure that spending decisions are made in accordance with this policy. The policy is reviewed annually.

Reserves currently held in excess of this are primarily due to the receipt of income that is unusual; these being received from the sale of Bethany Hall in 2017. Consideration is still being given as to the best use of these funds.

**Statement of Trustee's responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

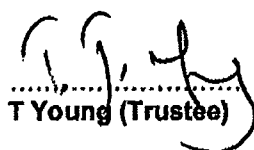
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 7.5.24 and signed on their behalf by:

  
T Young (Trustee)

  
N Barrow (Trustee)

## EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH WEYMOUTH

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBENEZER EVANGELICAL CHURCH WEYMOUTH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ebenezer Evangelical Church Weymouth 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 Ebenezer Evangelical Church Weymouth'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 Ebenezer Evangelical Church Weymouth 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 accounting 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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Mrs S J Hough FCA

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Date: 14 May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ebenezer Evangelical Church Weymouth

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Oct-22

To

30-Sep-23

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Legacy Gift			-	-	
Tithes and Offerings	27,882		-	27,882	16,558
Tithes and Offerings (Mission)				-	5,520
Hire Fees	105			105	85
Interest	1,639		-	1,639	589
Funeral Income				-	-
Gift Aid	2,310		-	2,310	4,213
Other (eg Sale of Bethany)	99	200	-	299	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,035</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,235</b>	<b>26,955</b>
<b>A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,035</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,235</b>	<b>26,955</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
<b>General</b>					
Accounting	1,584		-	1,584	334
Advert / Church Office / Printing	640			640	642
Catering	296			296	18
Cleaning	198		-	198	120
Communion	65			65	-
Equipment	737			737	45
Flowers				-	46
House Expenses			-	-	295
Insurance (House / Church)	1,515		-	1,515	1,483
Light Heat and Power	4,503	200	-	4,703	2,015
Miscellaneous / Sundries	140			140	310
Mission - home and international	10,030			10,030	7,998
Repairs Church	2,783			2,783	132
Repairs House				-	40
Salary / PAYE	18,175		-	18,175	17,510
Speaker Expenses	130		-	130	195
Subscriptions	437		-	437	826
Weldmar Parking	120			120	240
Account Charges	152			152	132
<b>Special Projects</b>					



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## Section A Receipts and payments

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period[illegible]





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	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Buildings			-	712,500
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent examination fee			-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
	Neil J. King		Tim Young		7.5.24
			Nicholas Barrow		7.5.24