

BRADLEY STOKE EVANGELICAL CHURCH (BSEC)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1176613

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8BH

TRUSTEES

Philip Dart (appointed 24th April 2024)

Peter Muir

David Neill

Matthew Peckham (appointed 1st September 2024)

Paul Shaddick

Tim Sunderland (resigned 31st May 2024)

CONSTITUTION

The governing document is the Constitution which was approved by the Charity Commission on 10th January 2018. The internal practices of the church are set out in the Church Handbook. The church is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The Trustees are the persons appointed as Pastor or Elder in the church in accordance with the Church Handbook.

PURPOSES

The purposes of the church are (a) the advancement of the Christian faith, primarily but not exclusively in Bradley Stoke and the surrounding neighbourhood, and (b) such other charitable purposes which put into practice the Christian faith including the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, the advancement of education and the provision of facilities for the welfare of those in need.

ACTIVITIES

The church aims to introduce people to the love of God shown through Jesus Christ, to encourage those who already know God's love to keep trusting in that, and to demonstrate God's love in practical acts of kindness. To these ends we hold regular Sunday worship services and run midweek bible studies, a toddler group, youth groups, and outreach events; all these events are open to all. We also support charitable organisations which seek to advance the Christian faith and relieve need.

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Sunday morning worship services were attended by well over 100 people and are still being broadcast on YouTube. As well developing a sermon podcast, we have also added an extra monthly meeting which has enabled the church to spend more time together. Weekly meetings for young people are also well attended. Community Groups are meeting weekly for bible study, prayer and fellowship and we have added to their number. Our weekly group for toddlers continues to serve the local community.

In September the church celebrated Harvest and organised a special collection to support needy causes. As a result we were able to send over 22k to support abandoned women and widows in Uganda and the distribution of bibles in Persian.

The church supports financially three missionary families; one is church planting in France, another is working in North Africa and the other is working with students from Asia who are studying in the UK. We also support a mission organisation working to distribute Christian literature in South-East Asia.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the unrestricted funds expenditure rose to £154k (from £135k); the increase was expected as we employed a Pastor and Assistant Pastor throughout the year. We also increased our support for missionaries. Unrestricted income rose to 139k (from 128k). As a result, there was a deficit of 15k this year (7k last year).

During the year a non-monetary asset was sold. A loan had been granted to part-finance the purchase of a manse, and this loan was repaid when the manse was sold in July 2024. This resulted in income from asset sales of 137k of which 26k is restricted.

We hold reserves to meet unforeseen contingencies. Our current policy is to hold unrestricted reserves of at least 6 months' unrestricted expenditure. At 31st March 2025 our unrestricted reserves of 188k represented 14 months' budgeted expenditure; we expect to use some of these reserves to part-finance the purchase of a new manse.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Peckham', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Peckham

[09/07/25]

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Accounts for 12 Months Ending 31st March 2025

Income & Expenditure Statement

RECEIPTS	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2023-24
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donations	111,128	-3,000	108,128	93,950
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	23,198	3,294	26,492	24,715
Use of Building	1,700	0	1,700	11,987
Harvest	0	18,965	18,965	20,353
Missionary	0	450	450	3,500
Interest	3,510	0	3,510	1,202
Other Income	0	0	0	1,150
Sub Total	139,536	19,709	159,245	156,857
Asset Sales	111,014	26,738	137,752	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	250,550	46,447	296,997	156,857
PAYMENTS				
Employees	104,570	0	104,570	80,123
Speakers Expenses	825	0	825	840
Mission Support	18,000	3,600	21,600	18,500
Utilities	6,753	0	6,753	5,986
Annual Fees	6,693	0	6,693	5,376
Maintenance	5,050	0	5,050	13,526
Supplies	3,320	0	3,320	2,876
Evangelism	1,264	0	1,264	1,872
Youth	4,032	0	4,032	4,791
PA	555	0	555	1,179
Cleaning	3,220	0	3,220	2,530
Other	333	623	956	2,522
Harvest Appeal	0	22,646	22,646	23,728
TOTAL PAYMENTS	154,615	26,869	181,484	163,849
INCREASE IN FUNDS	95,935	19,578	115,513	-6,992

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Balance Sheet

	Balance 31/03/25	Balance 31/03/24
MONETARY ASSETS		
Current Account	31,939	29,736
Deposit Account	174,704	61,194
Tax Rebate Due	10,500	10,700
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	217,143	101,630

ALLOCATION OF ASSETS

Manse Fund (Restricted)	27,953	1,838
CAP Fund (Restricted)	0	3,500
Missionary Fund (Restricted)	962	4,000
Harvest Fund (Restricted)	0	0
Building Development Fund (Unrestricted)	0	30,000
General Fund (Unrestricted)	188,228	62,292
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	217,143	101,630

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Elders/Trustees of Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church CIO Charity no. 1176613

I report on accounts of the Church CIO for year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out in the Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church CIO – Statement of accounts as initialled by me.

Respective responsibilities of the elders/trustees and examiner

The Elders/Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Elders/Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. I have based my examination on the Charities Act 1993 guidelines (as amended by the Charities Acts 2006 and 2011). It is the examiner's responsibility to:

- i) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- ii) To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- iii) To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented by those records. It also includes consideration of an unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as elders/trustees concerning 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 represent a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to matters set out in the statement below .

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 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.



Paul James FCA 2nd July 2025

Fellow Member of the institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales