



ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

186 Hanworth Rd, Hounslow TW3 3TR

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The Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

Legal and Administrative Information

The church (Hounslow Evangelical Church) was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity no. 1178854) under a constitution first adopted on the 29th April 2018 which contains the main legal provisions governing the Church, its purposes and Basis of faith and its powers. Under the Constitution, the people with the responsibility for the general control and management of the administration of the Church are known as the charity trustees.

The Charity is administered by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers and Committee Members of the Church, hereafter known as the Trustees. The Trustees now consist of:

Mr Kafui Damale
Mrs Maya Dodd
Miss Nalini Raja
Rev. Barry Schutter

The Elders and the deacons are responsible for the overall conduct, witness, outreach and management of the Church.

The elder at 31-March 2023 was Mr Alan Dodd, who also serves as the paid Pastor.

The deacons were Mrs Armida Balawon, Miss Suhasini Raja and Mrs Zaira Smith.

The Contact address for the Charity is Hounslow Evangelical Church, 186 Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 3TR.

The Society banks with Lloyds Bank (Kingston-upon-Thames). Its Independent Examiner is HP Accountax Ltd of 41 Stilecroft Gardens, Wembley HA0 3HD.

Purposes of the Charity :

The purposes of the church are :

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Hounslow and the surrounding neighbourhood, and
- 2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, 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 facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their condition of life 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.

Aims :

1. The extension of the Kingdom of God among all people, irrespective of age or race, by the communication of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. The promotion of Christian Fellowship in which opportunity will be given for all to use their God-given gifts and abilities in his service.
3. Whilst recognising our primary responsibility to our own neighbourhood, to promote and encourage a worldwide missionary vision that Christ's kingdom may be extended globally.

Basis of Faith is shown on the church website : www.heconline.org.uk

Objectives and activities

Our aims are encapsulated in the following Purpose Statement :

As disciples of Jesus Christ our purpose is to :

- Worship God
- Share the Gospel
- Use God's Gifts to Build His Community.

In achieving these aims the Trustees met quarterly and the Elders and Deacons monthly. At these meetings regular reports reviewing progress were received and acted upon.

Hounslow Evangelical Church (HEC) continues to look for ways of involving the wider church family through worship and social interaction. Some local, national and international charities are generously supported through a tithe on church offerings and from communion offerings.

Achievements and performance

Membership. Hounslow Evangelical Church (HEC) currently has 33 members, an increase of three on the previous year. It is affiliated to the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and the Evangelical Alliance. It also has links with local FIEC churches. There have been three baptisms over the year. A Christian Basics Course (Welcome to Christ) has been run face-to-face over five sessions, and a Christianity Explored course has also been run face-to-face over six sessions.

Worship. Sunday morning worship services have been thriving post-lockdown. Numbers attending the public services have increased significantly over the past 12 months to approximately 85. Topics for sermons have included Matthew's Gospel, Micah, Proverbs, and the letters to the churches in Revelation. Children's groups run weekly for 3-13 year olds, and a teenagers group has begun, meeting fortnightly. We have also just begun (from December 2022) to run Sunday evenings on a monthly basis. Approximately 25 people have attended these, although the Carols by Candlelight service just before Christmas continues to be very popular (approximately 80 people attending).

This has been particularly encouraging as the pastor went away on a ten week sabbatical in the Autumn of 2022, with guest speakers covering for him.

Prayer is very important. As well as monthly prayer evenings held in person, there have been fortnightly times of prayer via zoom as well as two prayer chains on WhatsApp.

Sharing the Gospel. Within the church community three Fellowship groups met weekly where participants could share, learn, ask questions and grow in the faith; these all meet in person again

now, and the Monday morning group has seen significant growth with new members of the church attending it. The Young Adults group helps people of that age group to grow in faith, but the Ladies' and the Men's group have not met this year. Five people took the commitment of baptism during the summer of 2022.

A team also went on to Hounslow High Street weekly on Saturdays doing street preaching, testimonies and singing.

The toddlers' group meets weekly in term time, and has seen an encouraging uptick in numbers since it re-started after the pandemic.

Services in two care homes in the area continue on a monthly basis, and we now have some residents and a staff member attending the church regularly. A Songs of Praise service for older people was held in the church for the first time since 2018. This happened just before Christmas 2022, with the support of Whitton Network, a local charity which assists senior citizens.

We also have a church Facebook page and a YouTube channel where people can get information and watch videos of the preaching, as well as the church website.

Using God's gifts. Members and attendees are encouraged to use their gifts by volunteering in many spheres of church activity – stewarding, refreshment rota, AV operation, Sunday School teaching, leading worship and small groups, preaching, practical work around the church, cleaning, taking on leadership roles, etc. Training is given where appropriate.

We also support practically two outside organisations which cater for the homeless – Siham's Kitchen and the Olive Branch homeless drop-in, where volunteers assist with the running of the projects including from our church. The Olive Branch re-opened in the Autumn of 2022 and is a twice weekly drop-in where homeless are given practical help, as well as signposting them to addiction recovery agencies, the local housing department or mental health advice as needed.

We have re-started our praise and worship evenings with an event in the past year, and plans for more going forward.

We have a very international interest in missionary and humanitarian work and 10% of offerings is allocated to this work. Collections are also taken up at Communion services to augment this work.

Premises. An on-going programme of works continue to maintain the premises to a high standard. Regular maintenance and cleaning of the premise continues to be important with members and others giving time and skills to save professional costs.

Risk assessments continue to be carried out; the last on coronavirus precautions was carried out in February 2022.

Our premises are used by several other church congregations, with the Chinese Church congregation having used the building on Sundays for over 25 years. They have fully returned to in-person worship in the past year, and in January 2023 began a community group meeting every Friday for recent arrivals from Hong Kong. Post-lockdown we have also gained a Kenyan congregation who meet monthly on Saturday evenings, and a Nepalese congregation who meet every Saturday, and who also play a big role in looking after the grounds (particularly the plants and gardens).

There is also a website – www.heconline.org.uk – to make known and publicise the church.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

Receipts and Payments. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis using the standard form issued by the Charity Commission. Hounslow Evangelical Church had total receipts of £82,543.70 during the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and made total payments of £65,078.67. This resulted in a surplus of £17,465.03 though the gas cost for November 2022 to March 2023 was not included due to a change in provider. There was an increase of £15,385.07 in income due to an increase in offertories.

Charitable giving. Supporting the wider community continues to be a key mission of HEC. The Church made donations of £7,712.00 to various missionary societies and individuals and relief and humanitarian organizations.

Reserve level and policy. The church has a reserves policy that maintains a total balance of reserves sufficient to cover six months' normal expenditure, viz, a rounded figure of about £30,000.

The reserves held at the end of the year were as follows :

Unrestricted Funds :

General Fund : £ £67,840.79

Reserve Fund £ 30,135.57

Restricted Funds :

Missionary Fund £ £4,409.71

Fellowship Fund £ 940

Total Funds £ 103,326.07

Other assets

Hounslow Evangelical Church CIO owns the freehold of the Hounslow Evangelical Church as well as owning two other properties – 6 Dunleary Close, Hounslow and 735 Hanworth Road, Hounslow.

Other responsibilities

The Church has completed a full update of its Child Protection Policy and undertakes all necessary training, documentation and monitoring of all who come under this legislation.

The Church has also made a detailed assessment of its GDPR responsibilities and produced consent and privacy statements.

Trustees' responsibilities

For each financial year ending on 31 March the Trustees are required to prepare receipts and payment accounts that contain a statement summarising all money received and paid out by the charity in the financial year and a statement giving details of its assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Church's website.

Whilst the training of new trustees is largely 'on the job', new trustees will be given all assistance to fulfil their duties and responsibilities competently.

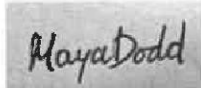
They are also ultimately responsible for all risk assessments including financial risk. In general, it is considered that in 'normal' years projected income will meet projected expenditure on the Church Accounts, whilst the Reserve Fund holds sufficient funds to meet exceptional costs.

Trustees' Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature :

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maya Dodd". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the "Signature :" label.

Full name : Maya Dodd

Position : Trustee

Date : 15.10.23



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: HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1178854

Set out on pages

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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 march 2022

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 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.

Signed:

H prajapati

Date:

01/12/2023

Name:

HETALKUMAR PRAJAPATI

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

FCCA

Address:

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HA0 3HD



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-22		31-Mar-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	45,824	-	-	45,824	39,846
Missionary Fund	2,585	110	-	2,695	3,739
Other donations	2,000	-	-	2,000	600
HMRG Gift Aid	7,985	-	-	7,985	11,106
Fellowship Fund	-	110	-	110	400
Use of Property	12,610	-	-	12,610	4,005
Groups	123	-	-	123	129
Use of Facilities - Photocopying	20	-	-	20	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	136
Out/date candle cheques	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	71,147	220	-	71,367	60,961
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Other income	718	-	-	718	152
Rent From Properties	10,460	-	-	10,460	11,320
Sub total	11,178	-	-	11,178	11,472
Total receipts	82,325	220	-	82,545	72,433
A3 Payments					
Ministry	30,759	-	-	30,759	28,482
Church	17,962	-	-	17,962	15,998
Property	4,548	-	-	4,548	6,882
Activities	4,089	-	-	4,089	2,982
Groups	-	-	-	-	122
Bank charges	30	-	-	30	60
Missionary Fund	7,592	-	-	7,592	13,195
Fellowship Fund	100	-	-	100	250
Sub total	65,080	-	-	65,080	67,971
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	0
Total payments	65,080	-	-	65,080	67,971
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,245	220	-	17,465	4,462
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,717	4,144	-	85,861	81,336
Cash funds this year end	98,962	4,364	-	103,326	85,798

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds current account	72,970	220	0
	CAF Bank Account	30,136	-	0
		-	-	0
	Total cash funds	103,106	220	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

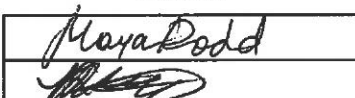

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Hounslow Eveangelical Ch (Insured value)		-	1,716,000
	735 Hansworth Road, Hounslow		170,000	0
	6 Dunleary Close		111,000	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MAYA DODD	17.12.23
	KAPUI DAMALE	17.12.23

Last year expenditure has been reduced by 912 in respect of unrepresented cheques included on the face of the accounts at 31/03/2022

