



ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

186 Hanworth Rd, Hounslow TW3 3TR

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The Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st March 2024

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 Elders at 31 March 2024 were Mr Alan Michael Dodd and Mr Kafui Damale.

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 have 38 members, an increase of five on the previous year, and three associate members. 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 and 4 renewal of baptismal vows over the year. A Christian Basics Course (Welcome to Christ) has been run face-to-face over five sessions for 12 people.

Worship: Sunday morning services are flourishing, and this is very encouraging. Numbers attending the public services continue to increase to approximately 90 people per week. Topics for sermons have included Money (wealth & wisdom, faith & finance), Using words wisely, Grace filled Generosity, The Trinity, Bible characters/ stories such as Joseph, Benjamin, Judah, Levi, Simeon, Ephraim & Manasseh from the books of Proverbs, Colossians, Ephesians, Genesis, 2 Corinthians, 2 Chronicles, Philippians, Titus, The Gospels of Matthew, John, Luke, and the letters to the churches in Revelation. Children's groups run weekly for 3-13-year-olds. The teenagers are enjoying learning more about faith and taking opportunities to discover, develop and share their gifts. There is a teenagers group continues to meet monthly. We have Sunday evenings services on a monthly basis. Approximately 25 people have attended these with a good turnout of 40 people for a Praise & Worship night (April 2024).

Prayer is very important. In addition to monthly prayer evenings held in person, there have been fortnightly times of prayer via zoom as well as two prayer chains on WhatsApp. Prayer also forms a significant part of our services, fellowship groups and other meetings.

Sharing the Gospel: We have three in-person Fellowship groups met weekly where participants could share, learn, ask questions and grow in the faith; and the Monday morning group has seen further growth in numbers attending and there has also been an increase in the 2 Tuesday evening groups, as we make every effort to disciple members and non-members of the church. The Young Adults group is focused on helping 20s and 30s in church on deepening their faith. The Men's group has restarted and saw a healthy attendance (17 men) and engagement at a faith-based film night (April 2024). We plan to continue this with other events in the year ahead. There are plans to restart the Ladies' group as well.

A group from the church go onto Hounslow High Street weekly on Saturdays to share God's word, sing, share testimonies and pray. Easter proves to be popular time of year for increased attendance in church and involvement in the Passion Play organised and ran by a local church with the involvement of other churches in the local area.

Noah's Ark, the toddlers' group, meets weekly in term-time, and has maintained a good level of participants over the year.

Services in two care homes, Park Lodge and Bridge Water House, in the area continue monthly with more church members taking part in this outreach.

We enjoyed welcoming and hosting a group of teenagers (Christians/ non-Christians) and their leaders/ helpers from Bulgaria and the UK. They also joined us in some other church activities, including Sunday service, during their stay. The visiting group and our teenagers were very active in the running of a half-term Holiday Club, in February 2024, in church. The Adventure Cruise Holiday Club was led by an experienced children's worker with input from several people from the church. It was a big success, with the children's attendance averaging 45-50 across the week. Some children were hearing the gospel shared in a straight-forward and engaging way for the very first time.

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 on the church website.

Using God's gifts: As the church welcomes new people, Members and attendees are encouraged to use their gifts by volunteering in many spheres of church activity – stewarding, refreshments 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 to ensure that we are serving in the right and best way possible.

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 runs twice a week drop-in where the homeless are given practical help, as well as signposting them to addiction recovery agencies, the local housing department or mental health advice as needed.

Our Praise and Worship evenings are well attended with the opportunity for people to explore their giftings and serve in areas not previously considered.

We partner with a range of missionary and humanitarian workers/ organisations 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. Regarding, fire safety we had a practice drill and updated and shared crucial fire safety information/ evacuation plans to ensure people are aware of what to do in certain situations.

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, and in January 2023 began a community group meeting every Friday for recent arrivals from Hong Kong. The Chinese help to keep the church premises clean with some members attending on a separate day to do so. 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 the Receipts and Payments basis using the standard form issued by the Charity Commission. Hounslow Evangelical Church had total receipts of £73,231.35 during the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and made total payments of £69,658.74. This resulted in a surplus of £3,572.61. This is relatively similar as last year even though with the increase of church attendees. But members and regular attendees had been generously giving in kind to support the various church activities.

The gas cost from Nov 2022 to Mar 2024 is still to be paid which is estimated around £17K. Church repairs and maintenance costs were similar as the previous year but a substantial increase of £5K for the properties. This is the church affirmation of its stewardship of its assets.

Charitable giving: HEC continued to support the wider community as its key mission. The Church donated around £6k to various missionary societies and relief and humanitarian organizations which is lower than last year as the additional donations have not yet been issued.

Reserves level and policy: The church has a reserves policy which 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: £ 69,679.28

Reserve Fund £ 30,665.16

Restricted Funds:

Missionary Fund £ 6,463.83

Fellowship Fund £ 435

Group Funds £ 185

Total Funds £ 107,428.27 [Last year 103,316]

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: 
Full name: Kafui Damale

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 15/06/2024



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 2024

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 2024

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:

19/08/2024

Name:

HETALKUMAR PRAJAPATI

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

FCCA

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

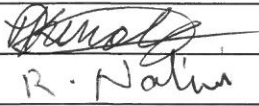
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-23		31-Mar-24

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	44,642	-	-	44,642	45,824
Missionary Fund	3,745	-	-	3,745	2,685
Other donations	55	-	-	55	2,000
HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	7,985
Fellowship Fund	-	435	-	435	110
Use of Property	9,655	-	-	9,655	12,610
Groups	185	-	-	185	123
Use of Facilities - Photocopying	-	-	-	-	20
Outing	1,090	-	-	1,090	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,372	435	-	59,807	71,357
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest	529	-	-	529	0
Other income	2,925	-	-	2,925	718
Rent From Properties	10,500	-	-	10,500	10,460
Sub total	13,954	-	-	13,954	11,178
Total receipts	73,326	435	-	73,761	82,535
A3 Payments					
Ministry	32,193	-	-	32,193	30,759
Church	14,082	-	-	14,082	17,962
Property	10,279	-	-	10,279	4,548
Activities	6,740	-	-	6,740	4,089
Groups	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	30	-	-	30	30
Missionary Fund	6,085	-	-	6,085	7,592
Fellowship Fund	200	50	-	250	100
Sub total	69,609	50	-	69,659	65,080
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	0
Total payments	69,609	50	-	69,659	65,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,717	385	-	4,102	17,455
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	98,962	4,364	-	103,326	85,861
Cash funds this year end	102,679	4,749	-	107,428	103,316

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	76,158	605	0
	CAF Bank Account	30,665	-	0
		-	-	0
	Total cash funds	106,823	605	0
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
		-	-	0
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Hounslow Eveangelical Ch (Insured vault)		-	1,716,000
	735 Hansworth Road, Hounslow		170,000	0
	6 Dunleary Close		111,000	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			KAFUI DAMALE RAJA NALINI	29/09/24 6/10/24