

HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Trustees' Report for the year ending 31st March 2025

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 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 on 31st March 2025 were Mr Alan Michael Dodd and Mr Kafui Damale.

The Deacons were Mrs Salome Kuchipudi, Miss Natalie Francis, Mr Elston Fernandes and Miss Suhasini Raja.

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 43 members, an increase of 5 members on the previous year, and 2 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 2 baptisms of our teenagers over the year which we thank God.

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 a series on religions and religious beliefs, the Fall, Creation, seeking wisdom, suffering, the Lord's Prayer, Forgiveness. We have gone through the books of Matthew, Job, John and received training on sharing the Gospel from a HEC member who is working with London City Mission. Children's groups run weekly for 3–13-year-olds. The teenagers are enjoying learning more about faith, baptism, and taking opportunities to discover, develop and share their gifts in all aspects of their lives. In the coming year, there could be an opportunity to start an After School Club which will be open to all teenagers to attend on a weekly basis, as a result of the partnership commenced with London City Mission. We have Sunday evenings services on a monthly basis. Approximately 25 people have attended these. Attendances have been higher (close to 50 people) for our Praise & Worship nights.

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

Sharing the Gospel: We have four in-person Fellowship groups met weekly where participants could share, learn, ask questions and grow in the faith; and the Monday morning group continues to see more numbers attending and more people are also attending the 2 Tuesday evening groups. The Wednesday group continues to thrive and is growing in the discipleship and encouragement of people in their faith. The Young Adults group is a ministry that we aim to have a fresh look at in the new year. The purpose of this group is to help 20s and 30s in church on deepening their faith. The Men's group continues to meet quarterly and foster engagement among those in the group. Their will be a focus on Prayer and engaging men in following God's purpose for them. The Ladies' group have launched a new ministry which provides for those who are more in need. This has helped some women in the church to serve and develop in different ways. There have also been some outings arranged over the year which have been well attended. 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. The attendee numbers have fluctuated for different reasons over mainly the 2nd half of the year. The leadership of the group and the church are keeping an eye on this and also promoting the group (leaflets, online, via social media, Council, other contacts etc).

Services in two care homes in the area continue monthly with more church members taking part in this outreach.

We also have a church Facebook page and a YouTube channel where people can access 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 have been, practically, support 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: There is an on-going maintenance programme to look after the premises to a high standard. Regular maintenance and cleaning of the premises is to be important with members and others giving time/ skills in service while saving on some professional costs. Risk assessments continue to be carried out. We continue to take fire safety and training seriously and update and share 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 27 years. 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 £123,151 during the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and made total payments of £109,275. This resulted in a surplus of £13,876. This showed an increase of about 20% from last year's offering which is attributed to the increase of church attendees and increase in giving. Members continued giving in kind to support the various church activities especially in catering.

The main expenditure is the salary of the pastor and paid helpers. The gas cost was around £24K as this included the unpaid gas for Nov 2022 to Mar 2024 due to provider's oversight. To facilitate worship, a substantial amount is spent on church equipment this year. To continue the church affirmation of its stewardship of its assets, repairs and maintenance of both the church building and properties were not neglected.

Charitable giving: HEC continued to support the wider community as its key mission. The Church contributed around £12k to various missionary societies and relief and humanitarian organizations which is doubled from the previous year.

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: £ 104,012

Reserve Fund: £ 30,665

Restricted Funds:

Missionary Fund: £ 4,680

Fellowship Fund:	£50
Ministry:	£ 260
Activities:	£273
 Total Funds:	 <u>£121,304</u> [Last year 107,428]

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 31st 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: 23/12/2028



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

No. (if any)

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Apr-24		31-Mar-25

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	56,801	110	-	56,911	44,642
Missionary Fund	190	4,247	-	4,437	3,745
Other donations	228	-	-	228	55
HMRCGift Aid	26,780	-	-	26,780	0
Fellowship Fund		220		220	435
Use of Property	13,526	20		13,546	9,655
Groups	0	-		-	185
Use of Facilities - Photocopying		-		-	0
Outing	942	-		942	1,090
Out/date candle cheques		-		-	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,467	4,597	-	103,063	59,807
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Other income	7,280	-	-	7,280	2,925
Rent From Properties	12,807	-	-	12,807	10,500
Sub total	20,087	-	-	20,087	13,425
Total receipts	118,554	4,597	-	123,151	73,232
A3 Payments					
Ministry	37,436	260	-	37,696	32,193
Church	48,286	-	-	48,286	14,082
Property	4,406	-	-	4,406	10,279
Activities	5,684	273	-	5,957	6,740
Groups		-	-	-	0
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	30
Missionary Fund	8,140	4,680	-	12,820	6,085
Fellowship Fund		50	-	50	250
Sub total	104,012	5,263	-	109,275	69,659
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	0
Total payments	104,012	5,263	-	109,275	69,659
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,542	666	-	13,875	3,573
A5 Transfers between funds	696	696	-	-	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,823	605	-	107,428	85,861
Cash funds this year end	120,669	635	-	121,304	89,434

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	90,004	635	0
	CAF Bank Account	30,665	-	0
		-	-	0
	Total cash funds	120,669	635	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	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)		-	2,515,000
	735 Hansworth Road, Hounslow		170,000	0
	6 Dunleary Close		111,000	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
			-	0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Maya Dodd</i>	MAYA DODD	04.01.26

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

HOUNSLOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

186 Hanworth Rd, Hounslow TW3 3TR



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 2025

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 2025

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

14/10/2025

Name:

HETALKUMAR PRAJAPATI

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

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			-	0
			-	0

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Maya Dodd</i>	MAYA DODD	04.01.26