

HERNE BAY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Registered Charity 1178886

Statement of Account for month ended:

DEC 2024

		THIS MONTH		TOTAL TO DATE		
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
GENERAL						
Opening Balance		96,326.91	53,425.52	57,199.52	57,199.52	0.00
Income		8,622.58	5,640.00	108,858.38	79,210.00	29,648.38
Expenditure		19,864.64	7,946.00	80,973.05	85,290.00	4,316.95
Closing Balance		85,084.85	51,119.52	85,084.85	51,119.52	33,965.33
MISSIONARY						
Opening Balance		1,198.40	1,267.47	87.47	87.47	0.00
Income		856.59	430.00	10,334.52	6,360.00	3,974.52
Expenditure		2,000.00	1,500.00	10,367.00	6,250.00	-4,117.00
Closing Balance		54.99	197.47	54.99	197.47	-142.48
FUNDS						
General		85,084.85	51,119.52	85,084.85	51,119.52	33,965.33
Missionary		54.99	197.47	54.99	197.47	-142.48
Designated		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total		85,239.84	51,416.99	85,239.84	51,416.99	33,822.85
RESOURCES						
		30/12/2024				
Co-Op Bank		9,588.39				
Co-Op Savings		75,651.45				
Total		85,239.84				
Total weeks to date: 52		Total months to date: 12				
Total Average Weekly:		Total Average Monthly:				
General Income		2,093.43	General Income		9,071.53	
General Expenditure		1,557.17	General Expenditure		6,747.75	
Surplus/Overspend		536.26	Surplus/Overspend		2,323.78	

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ANALYSIS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
General Fund Income:					
Offerings	6,809.34	3,900.00	62,364.59	46,800.00	15,564.59
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	1,021.22	600.00	421.22
Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	0.00	0.00	11,349.25	11,330.00	19.25
Thank Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nursery School	500.00	500.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	0.00
Manse Rent	1,313.24	1,200.00	15,559.92	14,200.00	1,359.92
Sundries	0.00	40.00	12,763.40	480.00	12,283.40
Total	8,622.58	5,640.00	108,858.38	79,210.00	29,648.38
General Fund Expenditure:					
Pastor Salary & Overheads	2,143.00	2,144.00	25,716.00	25,720.00	4.00
Pastor Housing Allowance	1,385.00	1,385.00	16,620.00	16,620.00	0.00
Pastor Travel & Expenses	0.00	50.00	641.34	600.00	-41.34
Visiting Speakers Fees etc.	0.00	210.00	2,055.50	2,520.00	464.50
Visiting Speakers Declined	0.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00
Outreach Publicity Website	252.47	110.00	1,683.18	1,320.00	-363.18
Children's Events	100.00	50.00	617.96	600.00	-17.96
Church Electricity	137.90	320.00	491.34	920.00	428.66
Church Gas	271.70	480.00	2,144.76	2,115.00	-29.76
Church Water & Sewerage	57.36	70.00	657.83	700.00	42.17
Church Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,761.43	1,585.00	-176.43
Church Maintenance	10,203.04	2,100.00	18,177.11	22,600.00	4,422.89
Church Mobile Phones	0.00	17.00	118.72	200.00	81.28
Church Cleaning	106.40	140.00	1,491.00	1,755.00	264.00
Manse	5,025.60	300.00	5,120.40	3,600.00	-1,520.40
FIEC Donation	0.00	0.00	662.00	620.00	-42.00
KGP Donation	0.00	0.00	250.00	210.00	-40.00
Conference Fees	0.00	375.00	443.47	755.00	311.53
Direct Administration	146.69	100.00	905.04	1,200.00	294.96
Safeguarding & Welfare	25.50	0.00	526.85	0.00	-526.85
Music Licences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit & Professional Fees	0.00	35.00	405.00	790.00	385.00
Flowers	9.98	30.00	199.85	360.00	160.15
Sundries	0.00	30.00	384.27	500.00	115.73
Total	19,864.64	7,946.00	80,973.05	85,290.00	4,316.95
Missionary Fund Income:					
Offerings	856.59	430.00	6,362.94	5,160.00	1,202.94
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	113.48	50.00	63.48
Tax Refunds (Gift Aid)	0.00	0.00	1,151.10	1,150.00	1.10
Relief	0.00	0.00	2,707.00	0.00	2,707.00
Total	856.59	430.00	10,334.52	6,360.00	3,974.52
Missionary Expenditure:					
Planned Support	2,000.00	1,500.00	8,250.00	6,250.00	-2,000.00
Other Disbursements	0.00	0.00	2,117.00	0.00	-2,117.00
Total	2,000.00	1,500.00	10,367.00	6,250.00	-4,117.00
Average Weekly Offerings	1,533.19	866.00	1,321.68	999.23	322.45
Administration Expenses*	323.09	313.95	3,458.93	4,137.00	678.07
*Percentage of Total Income	3.41%	5.17%	2.90%	4.83%	
General Opening Balance	96,326.91	53,425.52	57,199.52	57,199.52	0.00
Income	8,622.58	5,640.00	108,858.38	79,210.00	29,648.38
Expenditure	19,864.64	7,946.00	80,973.05	85,290.00	4,316.95
General Closing Balance	85,084.85	51,119.52	85,084.85	51,119.52	33,965.33
Missionary Opening Balance	1,198.40	1,267.47	87.47	87.47	0.00
Income	856.59	430.00	10,334.52	6,360.00	3,974.52
Expenditure	2,000.00	1,500.00	10,367.00	6,250.00	-4,117.00
Missionary Closing Balance	54.99	197.47	54.99	197.47	-142.48
General + Designated Funds	85,184.85			CoOp Bank	9,588.39
Missionary Fund	54.99			CoOp Savings	75,651.45
Total	85,239.84			Total	85,239.84



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

HERNE BAY EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1178886

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 ..

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified person of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R. J. Hutton

Date:

16/4/2025

Name:

ROBERT JOHN HUTTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

N/A

(if any):

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BROADSTAIRS
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

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Registered Charity Number 1178886

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Trust Information:

Name:	Herne Bay Evangelical Free Church. Within the Trust Deed governing the Church premises it is called 'The Mission Hall' 64 Sunnyhill Road, Herne Bay, Kent. CT6 8LU.
Registration:	The church obtained registration as a charity with the Charity Commission on 21 st June 2018, number 1178886.
Governing Documentation:	Property Trust Deed dated 8 th August 1932; Church Constitution and Handbook both adopted by Members on 22 nd January 2018.
Trustees:	Current Church Elders: S C Buss (Pastor), D P Edwards, D G Wallis. Former Trustee John Beale resigned in July 2024
Bank:	The Co-operative Bank plc. P.O. Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP
Independent Examiner:	Mr R Hutton (Bookkeeper and former Treasurer of Westover Evangelical Free Church).
Report:	This Trustees' report complies with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance which the Trustees adhere to when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The purposes of the Church are:

the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Herne Bay, Kent and the surrounding neighbourhood; and;

such other charitable purposes, as agreed by the members, including, but not limited to: relieving need, hardship and sickness, advancing education and providing community facilities.

provided that all such purposes are pursued in alignment with the Church's Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements, as outlined and updated in the Church Handbook.

We are grateful to God that our Pastor Simon Buss continues his ministry.

Mr David Edwards and Mr David Wallis continue as elders.

Miss Dorothy Davey, Mrs Susan Peeling and Mr Philip Shaw continue as deacons.

Services are held at 10.30am and 6pm on Sundays. A Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. These meetings are open to the general public and all are warmly welcomed.

The average attendance (calculated by head count) throughout 2024 was:

37 Adults and 7 Children at the morning service and 20 Adults at the evening service.

The Church membership at the end of the year was 21.

The Sunday club, which is run during the morning Service, was regularly attended by an average of seven children and joined by others from visiting families.

An annual Holiday Bible Club, held in February half term for three days, was well attended and enjoyed.

Little Fish for parents/carers and pre-schoolers, continued weekly in school terms and was well attended.

Coffee and Cake - our monthly coffee morning, was also well attended.

Both these groups are proving to be a useful meeting place for the local community.

Other public events were held, including a musical evening of songs from 'Les Miserables'. In lieu of an entry charge, those attending were invited to make a contribution towards the work of the charity: 'Christians Against Poverty' - £700 being raised.

The Church website attracted nearly 3,000 more page requests each month during 2024 reaching a total of 8,421.

The Church subscribes to Christian Safeguarding Services (CSS) who carry out all DBS checks of responsible persons and 25 of these currently hold enhanced DBS certificates. CSS continue to provide advice as and when needed. The Church's Safeguarding Policy is regularly reviewed and updated where necessary. Additional training in Safeguarding and Mental Health is planned for January 2025, for relevant personnel.

Maintenance of the church site included the installation of vertical blinds in the hall and an upgrade of all light fittings to more energy-efficient LEDs. New audio and visual equipment was purchased for installation during 2025.

The Hampton Nursery School continued to use part of our premises, for five mornings a week during school terms, in accordance with the conditions set out in the licence of use.

The Manse continued to be let, managed by Arun Estate Agencies Ltd, trading as Wards.

A copy of our year end accounts is included at the end of this report. We wish to record our thanks to God for His continued faithfulness to us.

As at 31st December 2024 the church monetary assets were:

Cash cheque Account	£ 9,538.39
Deposit Account	<u>£75,651.45</u>
Total	£85,239.84

The Church's other assets are: keyboard, piano, audio system, chairs, communion table, kitchen appliances, children's toys/equipment and books. No individual item exceeds £5,000.

The church has two properties: the buildings on the church site and a four-bedroom house in the local area (the 'Manse'). The church site was valued for insurance purposes in June 2023, at an upper quartile rate of £1,540,134. The insured values are:

Church	£1,521,768
Manse	£ 560,864

The Church Officers regularly review both capital and monthly income and expenditure reports. We hold a minimum of circa £40,000 as an operating reserve. The Trustees are not Custodian Trustees of any funds that come within the remit of this Trust.

Average monthly General Fund totals during the year were:

Income	£ 9,071.53
Expenditure	£ 6,747.75

Ten percent of undesignated income was donated to 4 missionary organisations.

The Church also donated £1,750 to Open Doors.

There have not been any serious incidents or other matters that needed to be reported to the Charity Commission in the year 2023/2024.

Signed by the Trustees

Simon Buss
David Wallis
David Edwards

Dated 10 July 2025