

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Southern Cross Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1179391

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Lorraine Mary Voak Christine Hayward Brenda Ann Gates Alison Tester
Charity Registration Number	1179391
Principal Office	103 Trafalgar Road Portslade Brighton BN41 1GU
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Southern Cross Evangelical Church is a registered charity, number 1179391, and is constituted under a CIO constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

Organisational structure

The day to day management of the charity is delegated by the trustees to the Pastor and other church employees.

Relationships with related parties

The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches Limited (FIEC)

The charity has appointed The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches Limited (FIEC) as its holding trustee and adheres to the Basis of Faith of FIEC.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily, but not exclusively, within Portslade and the surrounding neighbourhood.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The church is engaged in its fulfillment of its objects through gathering for worship services, preaching, teaching and prayer and working in the community to make known the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Southern Cross has been open for morning and evening services over the past year, but the prayer meeting on a Tuesday evening is still on zoom. The church continue to support the work in Dandora, Kenya; Brighton and Hove City Mission and Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

The youth group has continued to meet in person on a Friday evening.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £39,229 (2023: £44,574) while expenditure was £43,337 (2023: £41,045). The deficit £4,108 (2023: surplus £3,529) was added to funds brought forward resulting in unrestricted funds of £307,530 and restricted funds of £284 at the year end.

Policy on reserves

In line with the trustees' belief that God provides for the work to which the church is called, reserves are not maintained.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Christine Hayward
Trustee

.....
Alison Tester
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN CROSS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Southern Cross Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Southern Cross Evangelical Church 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 Southern Cross Evangelical Church'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Southern Cross Evangelical Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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12 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	15,062	1,549	16,611	24,428
Charitable activities	3	412	-	412	450
Investment income	4	<u>22,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,206</u>	<u>19,696</u>
Total income		<u>37,680</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>39,229</u>	<u>44,574</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>37,582</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>43,337</u>	<u>41,045</u>
Total expenditure		<u>37,582</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>43,337</u>	<u>41,045</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>98</u>	<u>(4,206)</u>	<u>(4,108)</u>	<u>3,529</u>
Net movement in funds		98	(4,206)	(4,108)	3,529
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>307,432</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>311,922</u>	<u>308,393</u>
Total funds carried forward	11	<u><u>307,530</u></u>	<u><u>284</u></u>	<u><u>307,814</u></u>	<u><u>311,922</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>242,313</u>	<u>247,883</u>
		<u>242,313</u>	<u>247,883</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,178	1,911
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>64,205</u>	<u>62,968</u>
		66,383	64,879
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(882)</u>	<u>(840)</u>
Net current assets		<u>65,501</u>	<u>64,039</u>
Net assets		<u>307,814</u>	<u>311,922</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		284	4,490
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>307,530</u>	<u>307,432</u>
Total funds	11	<u>307,814</u>	<u>311,922</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Christine Hayward
Trustee

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Alison Tester
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Southern Cross Evangelical Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% straight line
Furniture and equipment	25% straight line

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations	12,278	1,549	13,827	12,039
Legacies	-	-	-	10,000
Gift aid reclaimed	2,784	-	2,784	2,389
	<u>15,062</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>16,611</u>	<u>24,428</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Youth activities	301	-	301	388
Other activities	-	111	111	62
	<u>301</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>450</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	207	55	262	104
Income from rents	-	21,944	21,944	19,592
	<u>207</u>	<u>21,999</u>	<u>22,206</u>	<u>19,696</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Visiting speakers		-	12,070	-	12,070	19,831
Books and resources		-	82	-	82	77
Youth activities		596	-	-	596	795
Subscriptions & fees		-	500	-	500	325
Light, heat & water		-	6,508	-	6,508	3,470
Repairs & maintenance		151	3,923	3,955	8,029	2,624
Post, print & stationery		-	2,809	-	2,809	2,134
Insurance		-	1,933	-	1,933	1,742
Letting agents fees		-	1,944	-	1,944	1,440
Sundry expenses		-	49	-	49	212
Bank charges		-	68	-	68	134
Independent examination		-	882	-	882	840
Depreciation		-	5,570	-	5,570	5,570
Grant funding of activities	6	-	497	1,800	2,297	1,851
		<u>747</u>	<u>36,835</u>	<u>5,755</u>	<u>43,337</u>	<u>41,045</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>651</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

The only payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2023	<u>278,519</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>279,830</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>278,519</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>279,830</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	30,636	1,311	31,947
Charge for the year	<u>5,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,570</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>36,206</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>37,517</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2024	<u>242,313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,313</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>247,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,883</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	1,804	1,585
Accrued income	374	326
	<u>2,178</u>	<u>1,911</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>882</u>	<u>840</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Current year				
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	284,776	37,172	(36,835)	285,113
<i>Designated</i>				
Reserve fund	18,158	207	-	18,365
Crusaders fund	3,954	301	(596)	3,659
KidsCRU	151	-	(151)	-
Holiday clubs	393	-	-	393
	<u>22,656</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>(747)</u>	<u>22,417</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>307,432</u>	<u>37,680</u>	<u>(37,582)</u>	<u>307,530</u>
Restricted funds				
Mission fund	535	1,549	(1,800)	284
Dandora fund	3,955	-	(3,955)	-
	<u>4,490</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>(5,755)</u>	<u>284</u>
Total funds	<u>311,922</u>	<u>39,229</u>	<u>(43,337)</u>	<u>307,814</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Prior year				
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Funds	281,341	42,485	(39,050)	284,776
<i>Designated</i>				
Reserve fund	18,112	46	-	18,158
Crusaders fund	4,361	388	(795)	3,954
KidsCRU	151	-	-	151
Holiday clubs	393	-	-	393
	<u>23,017</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>(795)</u>	<u>22,656</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>304,358</u>	<u>42,919</u>	<u>(39,845)</u>	<u>307,432</u>
Restricted funds				
Mission fund	304	1,431	(1,200)	535
Dandora fund	3,731	224	-	3,955
	<u>4,035</u>	<u>1,655</u>	<u>(1,200)</u>	<u>4,490</u>
Total funds	<u>308,393</u>	<u>44,574</u>	<u>(41,045)</u>	<u>311,922</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 August 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	242,313	-	-	242,313
Current assets	43,682	22,417	284	66,383
Current liabilities	(882)	-	-	(882)
Total net assets	<u>285,113</u>	<u>22,417</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>307,814</u>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 August 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	247,883	-	-	247,883
Current assets	37,733	22,656	4,490	64,879
Current liabilities	(840)	-	-	(840)
Total net assets	<u>284,776</u>	<u>22,656</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>311,922</u>