

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Sharnbrook Evangelical Church (Registered Charity Number 1179954)

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sharnbrook Evangelical Church CIO For
the year ended 31 March 2025**

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Steve Freshwater (Trustee and Deacon) Brian Bennett (Trustee, Deacon and Treasurer)

[Attached: Full Year Accounts April 2024 – March 2025 for SEC AGM]

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Registered Charity No: 1179954

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Receipts	TOTAL 2025 £		TOTAL 2024 £	
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>				
Planned giving	34,665		39,445	
Collections & other giving	9,258		9,918	
Income tax recovered	9,574	53,497	10,001	59,364
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>				
Sundry income	-	-	905	905
<i>Income from charitable & ancillary trading</i>				
Bookstall	-		-	
Less: expenses	-		-	
Other sundry income	-	-	92	92
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				
Special gifts in	742		1,250	
Special gifts out	(742)	-	(1,250)	-
<i>Income from investments</i>				
Bank interest		651		586
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 54,148		£60,947	
Payments	TOTAL 2025 £		TOTAL 2024 £	
<i>Grants</i>				
Away giving	5,600		6,100	
Other giving	250	5,850	0	6,100
<i>Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>				
Employment & housing costs - minister	-		26,793	
Employer's Pension costs - minister (see note on page 2)	2,375		11,504	
Ministers expenses (books, telephone, travel etc.)	-		1,413	
North Bedfordshire Youth Trust	4,092		9,250	
Employment & housing costs - youth worker	-		-	
Employer's Pension costs - youth worker	-		-	
Youth worker's expenses	495		856	
Hire of premises	3,592		3,460	
Worship	-		-	
Insurance	536		552	
Sound & music	290		266	
Visiting speakers	1,100		700	
Books	-		-	
Evangelism	32		419	
Youth & childrens work	85		75	
Pastoral	214		-	
Sundry	623	13,434	1,131	56,419
<i>Church management & administration</i>				
Printing, postage & stationery	-		656	
Subscriptions	250		330	
Advertising and publications	155		280	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
Independent Examination costs	360		456	
Payroll service fees	-		367	
Legal and professional fees	-		-	
Sound and visual equipment purchase	-		-	
Equipment hire & maintenance	-	765	-	2,089
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 20,049		£ 64,608	
	2025 £		2024 £	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	34,099		(3,661)	
CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	21,217		24,878	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD	£ 55,316		£ 21,217	

SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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Monetary assets

Bank current account

Deposit account

Petty cash

Adjustments:

Short term loan to designated funds

NET ASSETS

General fund	Designated funds	2025	2024
£	£	£	£
3,548	-	3,548	3,500
51,731	-	51,731	17,680
37	-	37	37
55,316	-	55,316	21,217
-	-	-	-
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Represented by:

GENERAL FUND

DESIGNATED FUNDS

NOTE FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**Pension Costs**

Pension Costs in the year to 31 March 2025 include £1,917 (2024: £6,456) being payments towards making good a deficit on a pension scheme of which the charity is a former member. These deficit payments are a mandatory requirement, and are part of the Pension Trust's plans for clearing the deficit and ceased after 31 May 2024, after which only scheme expenses apply. As at 30 September 2024 (the latest available valuation) the potential liability to make further contributions was considered to be £33,116 which consists of the remainder of the deficit payments plus scheme expenses.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 09/11/2025
 and signed on their behalf by:

B BENNETT

S D FRESHWATER

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHARNBROOK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA
Chartered Accountant

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