

# KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH GREATFIELD ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2023-2024

Kidderminster Evangelical Church is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), charity number 1181958. This report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The church continued its regular ministry during this period. We again thankfully acknowledge the Lord's leading us as a church and His provision for the resources needed to carry out His work: To Him be the glory.

On the last day of the year covered by this report the church's pastor of 27 years, Rev. Philip Hearn, retired from the ministry, the church and the CIO.

## 1 Review of activities and achievements

### 1.1 Services and Meetings

Rev. Philip Hearn continued to lead the ministry and work of the church during the course of the year. Regular meetings for services of worship to God were held at the church every Sunday at 10:30am and concurrently live-streamed to YouTube.

Meetings for prayer and bible study were held online on Thursday evenings at 7:50pm. A repeat of the fortnightly bible study was held on Sunday afternoons at 4pm at the Pastor's home.

We have been blessed by the ministry of visiting speakers who led Sunday services:

Steven Jones	Wem	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Gordon Robbins	Welcome Hall Evangelical Church, Catshill	Sundays 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 & 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Martyn Pearson	Slavic Gospel Association	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Duncan Cobbett	Woodgreen Evangelical Church, Worcester	Sundays 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 & 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Leo Davison	Christ Church Wyre Forest, Stourport (CCWF)	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Pastor preached at CCWF
Keith Weber	Leominster Baptist Church	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Stephen Tibberts	New Tribes Mission (NTM), North Cotes (NTM)	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dr. Phil Weber, an elder of the church, also ministered on occasions on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Other special meetings which have taken place during the year:

- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023: Pastor conducted the Funeral of Val Bettis at Wyre Forest Crematorium.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023: Church picnic;
- 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Persian Meal Celebrating the Iranians' permission to remain in the UK;
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Carol service (6-7pm);
- 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Christmas Day all-age service (10am);
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Pastor preached at Christ Church Wyre Forest;
- 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Fellowship lunch (visit of Duncan Cobbett);
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Maundy Thursday Service with Christ Church;
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Fellowship lunch (visit of Stephen & Cathy Tibberts);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024: Baptism of John Colin Faulkner;
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Funeral of Christine MacLean at KEC followed by
- 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Service at Whitefield Presbyterian Church Abergavenny (conducted by Pastor) and burial at Llanfoist Cemetery;
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Celebration and thanksgiving fellowship meal for the pastorate and service of Philip and Marion Hearn, held at Ombersley Golf Club;
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Pastor's final Sunday at KEC, attended by various friends of the church.

## Preaching

In Sunday services over summer 2023 the Pastor concluded the series studying the Old Testament prophecy of Malachi. During the autumn we then worked through the New Testament letters from the Apostle John (2 and 3 John) and from Paul to Titus. Over the winter and spring we studied the Gospel of John, chapters 13-17, following which the Pastor led us through the first six chapters of Hebrews.

"All-age" services were held on the first Sunday of each month. During summer 2023 these focused on the lives of some New Testament bible characters. Later services looked at various topics.

During Thursday evening prayer meetings (held online over Zoom) we mainly considered short passages from the letter from Jude, Isaiah's prophecy (chapters 40, 54, 55), and Romans 3:21-26. The Thursday bible study meetings were also held online, during which we completed a series of studies on Jesus' parables, then

looked at the Old Testament records of several Kings of Israel and Judah. The bible studies were repeated in person on Sunday afternoons at the Pastor's home.

The first Thursday of each month continued to be a missionary prayer meeting, held on Zoom and also on Sunday afternoons at 4pm at the Pastor's home.

### **Bible studies**

In addition to the regular Thursday evening church bible studies, the Pastor conducted studies with several small groups, covering Discipleship Explored, God's Big Picture, and then Jesus' parables.

For a number of years church member Chris MacLean led a ladies' Bible Study group attended by a small number of ladies in or associated with the church, encouraging them to study God's word and pray together. Following Chris' home call to be with the Lord, Carol Warren took on the leadership of the group. They are currently studying John's Gospel using "The Word One to One" series. It has been a real blessing to have the gospel message so clearly presented and to pray together.

## **1.2 Links with other churches**

The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). The Pastor continued as a member of the steering group for the Worcestershire Gospel Partnership and coordinated the meetings of the Pastors' Fraternal of the Partnership. The Pastor also coordinated a monthly prayer update for churches within the partnership to be praying for one another.

The church continued to maintain a good relationship with Christ Church Wyre Forest and joined together for a "Quiz Night and Chip Shop Supper" on the evening of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. A joint communion service was held on Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Pastor preached at Christ Church on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and Leo Davison from Christ Church preached at KEC that morning.

## **1.3 Children's and Young People's work**

### **Kids' Club**

Kids club continued on Sunday mornings with teaching carried out by Louise Weber and Marion Hearn using the "Go Teach" books. Attendance was very limited with generally only 1-2 church children attending. Occasional visitors were welcomed when they attended the morning service.

### **Monday Club**

The Monday Club continued to meet on a Monday evening, for teaching and occasional games nights at Church.

The teaching was carried out by Louise Weber and Angharad Hale. The group is taught all in one group with teaching taken from the "Click" series. This included

some teaching about following Jesus, looking at the disciples and early church and the spreading of the Gospel, taken from the book of Acts.

Numbers have grown over the last year and we give thanks to God for this. Attendance can still be variable with up to 8 children attending. The new children attending Monday club are from non-church families.

The children helped pack the shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas child appeal and performed a short play at the carol service.

### **Teen Bible Study**

The Teen Bible Study group continued in September 2023 after the summer break. It is a joint venture with Christ Church Wyre Forest. Charlotte Aston and Angharad Hale led the group which aims to meet fortnightly at a local Costa Coffee for chat and Bible Study. Currently there are three teens (all female) in attendance – one from KEC and two from Christ Church. Additional supporting leaders from KEC attend when possible.

From September to June 2023 we worked through a resource from The Good Book Company called “Promises Kept” which provides helpful questions and Bible verses to work through an overview from Genesis to Revelation, showing how the promises God has made are fulfilled in His Son, Jesus. We also met for a Christmas Social at Winter Wonderland at the Malvern Showground, where the girls enjoyed ice skating, and we all enjoyed hot drinks and food.

## **1.4 Local Outreach work and Community Involvement**

### **Outreach and Evangelism**

The deliveries of the Good News Paper, together with a “Good News Extra” leaflet from the church continued to approximately 300 homes in the streets around the church, quarterly in September, December, March and June.

An informal “Quiz Night and Chip Shop Supper” was held at the church together with Christ Church. This provided an opportunity for Christians to bring guests to meet up with Christians in an informal setting. A short Christian testimony was given by Angharad Hale, a member of the church.

The church also participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal again in November 2023. Some Christmas Boxes were made up and delivered to the collection point at Riverside Church, Bewdley, while some members of the church and congregation made online donations to the appeal.

An all age Candlelight Carol Service was held on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at which the Monday Club Children performed a drama relating to the message of Christmas, and several guests attended. A Christmas day family service was held at 10am at the church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The Toy Library developed into Stay and Play and was relaunched in October 2023 (see page 5).

## **Tuesday Group**

This meeting for craft, cake and chat continues to thrive with a steady flow of new members coming along to try out new skills or just to enjoy a bit of companionship. We enjoyed an outing to Berrington Court in July 2023 and were glad to include our Iranian friends on this visit.

We have been blessed with support from other members of the congregation particularly when providing the ever-popular Christmas Dinner (held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023). We have been grateful for the support of Pastor Philip and Marion Hearn at our regular meetings as well as their helping to serve the Christmas Dinner. This has provided an opportunity for communicating the gospel message. It was with a mixture of sadness and thankfulness that we held a special “high tea” at the end of June to celebrate their retirement from the ministry at KEC.

## **Stay and Play (Toy Library)**

The Stay & Play Group started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 as a result of a review of the reasons for the lack of use of the monthly Toy Library. It was felt that parents wanted a weekly group that they could attend with their children, where they could meet other parents. Initially this also incorporated the Toy Library element but as no-one wanted to borrow the toys it was decided to use the toys as part of the Stay & Play.

When we started we were unsure how many parents would attend and we were really pleased that the first meeting was attended by 10 adults and 12 children. Over our first school year we have had a total of 32 adults and 38 children attend, and 14 adults and 17 children now attend regularly. On average we have had 12 adults and 13 children each week. The lowest number attending was 6 adults and 6 children and the highest was 20 adults and 21 children.

During the year we were able to provide the following:

- Each child received an age-appropriate book of the Christmas Story at the last meeting in December.
- We offered parents the opportunity to have photographs of their children taken by a professional photographer at a reduced rate, and we had a lot of parents very pleased with the results.
- The three children who left us in July to start school were given a book of New Testament stories with items to find on each page.
- For our final week we had a soft play and picnic session which was very well attended and enjoyed.

A massive thank you is due to all of the regular helpers: Wendy & John, Jane, Jean Clarke, Tracey, Debbie and Amy and also to Jean Vickery and Louise for being willing to help out, often at short notice.

## **Dementia Café – Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire**

The Dementia Café, which we host on behalf of Age UK, has met on a monthly basis apart from in August. It provides a welcoming, safe space for those who have dementia and their carers to meet. There is a varied programme of activities: some about information sharing, with visiting speakers, and others just an enjoyable fun time usually focused on musical memories. Although new people have been introduced to the group others have moved into other care settings, so numbers remain fairly constant at around 20.

Some long-standing volunteers have retired, and the viability of the Café will depend on new ones being recruited.

## **Iranian Asylum Seekers**

The church continued to support spiritually and in practical ways the four Iranian asylum seekers who began attending the church in the previous year.

In the autumn of 2023 they all received their permission to remain in the country. They cooked a Persian meal for the church on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to celebrate their successful applications. Since then three have left the area, one going to live in Birmingham and two to live in London where they have joined up with the Iranian Church there. One has remained with us as part of the church and in May 2024 received the wonderful news that his wife and daughter had also been granted a visa to come from Iran to live with him in this country.

We give thanks for the opportunity for fellowship with our Iranian brothers during their time with us and pray for their continued blessing as they make their homes and rebuild their lives in this country.

## **1.5 Wider Missionary Work**

The church continues to support in giving and in prayer a number of missions and individuals, as listed in section 2 below. A monthly missionary prayer meeting has been held on Zoom on the evening of the first Thursday of the month at which a summary prayer update is provided for the month. This update has been coordinated and produced by the Pastor with help from Wana Turner and Chris MacLean. On the Sunday following the Missionary Prayer Meeting an “In Person” prayer meeting has been held at 4pm in the Pastor's home. This includes praying for the work of world mission.

The church continues particularly to support in prayer and financially, our church members, Stephen and Cathy Tibberts and their family, serving the Lord with NTM at North Cotes, Lincolnshire. The church also has a special interest in Jonathan Hearn who is working with ReachAcross full time in North Africa. The church also supports, in prayer and with a small annual gift, Vesselin and Irena Krastev in Bulgaria, through the Slavic Gospel Association.

During the year we have had visits from missionaries and mission representatives as follows:

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 Caroline White, serving the Lord with OM in Pakistan as a school principal, joined for the monthly missionary prayer meeting on Zoom while she was on home assignment, updating the church on her work.
- On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Jonathan Hearn attended the Sunday morning service and gave an update on his work with the ReachAcross team in North Africa.
- Martyn Pearson, SGA, stepped in for Wayne O'Leary on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023, to bring an update on the work of the mission and to bring the message of God's word.
- Stephen and Catherine Tibberts, NTM, visited Kidderminster for the Bank Holiday Weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. They gave an update to the church on their work with NTM at North Cotes and on news of their family. Stephen brought the message of God's word to the meeting.

## **1.6 Membership Matters**

In July 2023 the membership of the church was 29 full members and 4 associate members. Two members, Stephen and Cecilia Smith, resigned from the membership of the church in September 2023 not having been in regular attendance at the church for some time. Christine MacLean, a longstanding member of the church, went to be with the Lord in April 2024. One new member, John Faulkner, the husband of a church member, joined the church following coming to faith in the Lord and baptism as a believer. The membership of the church at the close of the year in June 2024 stands at 27 full members and 4 associate members.

## **1.7 Church Buildings**

General provision of routine servicing of utilities was maintained through the year including gas boilers and hob, fire alarm and emergency lighting systems, fire equipment and electrical appliances. When the boiler in the vestry serving the main church heating was switched on in early autumn it failed to work. On inspection by RS Gas it was found that the boiler could not be repaired and would need to be replaced. This work was carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> October and thankfully the heating was back up and running again before any cold weather arrived.

Specific items of maintenance carried out during the year were:

- 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Test and Maintenance;
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024: Fire extinguisher service;
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Church Carpet Clean;
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Fire Alarm and emergency Lighting 6th Monthly test;
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Fire Alarm Call Out for faulty Call Point.

In following up the fire risk assessment carried out in June 2020, due to financial constraints the Trustees are keeping under review the recommendation to install emergency lighting and an extension of the alarm and detection system in the main church hall, entrance and toilets.

Housekeeping was maintained by Marion Hearn throughout the year, to whom thanks are due. Other members and friends did useful work from time to time through the year in keeping the church and grounds clean and tidy. A church working party took place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 helping considerably in maintaining the church and grounds.

As ever church members are encouraged to report any issues of maintenance and health and safety with regard to the premises to the leadership.

## **1.8 Activities for the public benefit**

The purposes of the church, as established in the church's constitution, are:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively in Kidderminster and the surrounding neighbourhood;
- such other charitable purposes as shall further the work of the church in the opinion of the members of the Church.

The church has met these purposes and operates for the public benefit by:

- Continuing to hold services of worship and Bible teaching every Sunday throughout the year. These have been held at the church, with additional provision online through live-streaming to YouTube.
- Holding term-time activities each week for children, and approximately fortnightly for young people.
- Regular midweek meetings for craft and friendship.

Each of these activities is open to the general public who have been invited to join with us.

In addition, the church has hosted and supported a Dementia Café in partnership with Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The church building was used by the local council as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner and Town Council Elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

The church has also maintained its support for the work of Christian mission and relief work in the wider world – see the list in section 2.

## **1.9 Conclusion**

We are grateful to God for the leadership and ministry of Rev. Philip Hearn and the eldership over the past year. Many members contribute to the weekly running of activities and attending to practical and administrative matters to enable the church to



function effectively. We thank God for His enabling and for all who partake in the work. We continue to trust the Lord for the future life of the church.

## 2 Financial Report

The 2024-25 financial saw income much higher than our expenditure. Details of the financial year are given below.

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the 2023-24 financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are attached. All figures in this commentary are rounded to the nearest whole pound.

General (including restricted giving) income was £51,420, compared with £45,692 in 2022-23. Our unrestricted income (income not received for specific purpose) was £48,704 compared with £40,954 the previous year. This was £5,195 above our unrestricted expenditure, so this shows how much the Lord has provided for the church. Tax recovered through Gift Aid was £7,961. This represents 15.48% of total income, so up on the previous year. Giving for restricted purposes including tax recovery was £2,717, equating to 5.28% of total income.

General expenditure was £49,297 compared to £44,245 in 2022-23. Unrestricted expenditure was £43,509 compared to £41,090 last year. The large amount of spending from restricted funds included £2,400 from the church reserves on a new boiler for the main hall and £1,087 on legal fees relating to the setting up of Grace Church Kidderminster, also from reserves.

The church ended the year with 62.92% (£27,939) of the annual expenditure budget of £44,400 in hand, compared with last year's 55.50%. It is recommended to maintain a minimum of 16.7% (1/6<sup>th</sup>) of annual expenditure to ensure sufficient cash flow and a cushion against emergencies.

Financial support for missionary work (elsewhere in the UK and overseas) amounted to £8,473. This represents around 16.47% of all church income compared to an agreed target of 12%. Support for missionary work from main church (unrestricted) funds was approximately 14.27% of our total unrestricted income.

The main Christian organisations that were recipients were:

- New Tribes Mission (NTM) (support for the work of the Tibberts family),
- SGA,
- Birmingham City Mission (BCM),
- Vinjeru School,
- Jonathan Hearn.

In summary our unrestricted income was considerably above our unrestricted expenditure and our spending on Christian work was once again above target.

### **3 Pastor's Retirement and moving forward to Grace Church Kidderminster**

The Pastor formally informed the other Charity Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 that he planned to retire from the position of Pastor of the Church and Charity Trustee on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The church members were informed of this by letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023, and then the wider congregation was informed.

An additional church members' meeting was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at which the Trustees presented a review of the current circumstances of the church and three main options for the way forward for the church after the retirement of the Pastor. The first was to seek to appoint a new Pastor, which would be difficult due the level of income that would be needed to provide realistic financial support for a Pastor. The second was to carry on without a Pastor for a period while building up financial reserves to be able to support a Pastor in the future. However in the short term there was insufficient leadership capacity to oversee the pastoral care and running of the church during such a period of time. A third option had opened up for the church to partner with Christ Church Wyre Forest (CCWF) and Woodgreen Evangelical Church (WEC), Worcester to seek to start a new independent evangelical church in Kidderminster comprising members from Kidderminster Evangelical Church, CCWF, and a Pastor and small group from WEC.

Following this a series of four meetings for discussion and prayer were held at the church during October and November. Leo Davison, Pastor of CCWF, Paul Mallard, FIEC Director for the West Midlands and Richard Lacey, Senior Pastor of WEC, each attended one of these meetings to share their thoughts about the proposal for starting a new church and to answer questions:

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Prayer and Discussion at Church;
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Prayer at Church with Leo Davison (CCWF);
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Prayer and Discussion at Church with Paul Mallard, FIEC Director West Midlands;
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Prayer and Discussion at Church with Richard Lacey (WEC).

Additional informal prayer meetings were also held in the home of two church members, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

At the Church AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 the church members agreed a proposal to move forward with partnering with CCWF and WEC to establish a new independent evangelical church in Kidderminster, moving to a firm decision to be taken by the church in 2024 following further discussions.

In the first part of 2024 a series of "Vision Meetings" were held at the church on Sunday afternoons, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, led by Duncan Cobbett from WEC, Leo Davison from CCWF and Phil Weber from KEC. Through this process a "Vision and Values" paper was produced outlining the proposal to

establish Grace Church Kidderminster (GCK) from January 2025 as an independent evangelical church affiliated to the FIEC and a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). This was voted on and supported unanimously at the church half-yearly meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. CCWF also committed to moving forward with the partnership to establish GCK, and some members of WEC are committing to be a part of the new church.

Regular joint prayer meetings have begun as the legal process for the establishment of the new church CIO and closure of KEC CIO gets underway. These were held at church on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Further votes on aspects of the legal process will need to be held in the future.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June the church held a celebration and thanksgiving fellowship meal with Philip and Marion Hearn, to mark their retirement and give thanks to them and to the Lord for their long service in the church. A buffet meal was held at Ombersley Golf Club and was attended by 50 people from the church membership, regular congregation, and friends of the church old and new. Andrew Butcher gave a short address recalling Philip's early years at the church and bringing encouragements to the present church. Phil Weber followed with some comments on the recent years, confirming the church's thanksgiving to the Hearn's and to the Lord, and highlighting the humble and gentle way in which Philip and Marion had helped prepare the church for the future. The Pastor replied with a set of reminders and challenges to the church. A set of picture boards was produced by Carol Warren and Angharad Hale, displaying mementos from the Hearn's' time at KEC. Angharad also arranged for a celebration cake to be made for the occasion. Louise Weber organised donations for a retirement cash gift which amounted to £1,050.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June was the Pastor's last day at KEC at which he also preached, fittingly drawing the congregation's attention to Jesus Christ, our true High Priest, who has ascended to heaven as both God and man to represent us to God, and understands all the human challenges we face. A number of friends of the church were among the congregation. Phil Weber closed the service committing Philip and Marion to the Lord for the next stage of their lives, followed by cake and fellowship.

## **4 Administration**

### **4.1 Management of the Charity**

During the period covered by this report, the church was led and managed by one Pastor, Philip Hearn, and one Elder, Phil Weber. Jointly the Pastor and Elder served as the Charity Trustees of the CIO, together with Matthew Carver. Mr. Carver served as an Acting Trustee (but not as Elder) in accordance with the requirement of the church constitution for a minimum of three Trustees, and the provision of the church constitution for an acting Trustee where the minimum cannot be met.

The role of the elder is to assist the Pastor in leading, governing, pastoring and teaching the church. Dr. Weber also performed the role of Church Secretary. Mr. Carver served as Deacon and as the Treasurer of the church.

The CIO Charity Trustees (Pastor and Elder) meet regularly to discuss the oversight of the church, including ministry and pastoral matters, as well as to pray for the church and its work. They also meet at least four times annually together with the Treasurer to deal with the administrative matters including finance.

The Pastor chaired discussions in Charity Trustees and Church Meetings.

CIO Charity Trustee Management Agenda meetings were held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, and 9<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. These meetings were also attended by the Treasurer. The 4<sup>th</sup> September meeting was held together with Richard Lacey and Duncan Cobbett (Woodgreen Evangelical Church) to discuss the potential for working together following Philip Hearn's retirement in June 2024. The 7<sup>th</sup> November meeting was held to audit the church accounts prior to the annual general meeting.

Elders' Ministry Agenda meetings were held on 12<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023, and on 12<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Informal update and prayer meetings were held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (following the Management Agenda Meeting), and 6<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A Trustees away-day was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The church AGM for the CIO was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A half yearly meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Extra Church Members Meetings were held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. The main purpose of the September meeting was to present the church with information about the Pastor's retirement and options for the future of the church to consider and pray through. The main purpose of the June meeting was for the church to vote on a proposal to work with Christ Church Wyre Forest and Woodgreen Evangelical Church to establish a new church in Kidderminster, part of the process towards which would involve the closure of Kidderminster Evangelical Church and its associated CIO.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 the Pastor retired as Pastor and simultaneously resigned as Charity Trustee.

## **4.2 Management of the building**

Routine maintenance has been carried out during the year, as set out in the buildings report (Section 1.7).

## **4.3 Name and number of Charity**

The church is constituted and known as Kidderminster Evangelical Church. Kidderminster Evangelical Church was registered as a charity on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, with registered charity number 1181958. The property freehold title is registered with the Land Registry; the register of title names Kidderminster Evangelical Church (CIO Reg. No. 1181958) as the proprietor.

#### **4.4 Address of Charity**

The church premises are located in Greatfield Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY11 6PP. The correspondence address is c/o Dr. P. Weber (Church Secretary), 62 Baldwin Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 2UA.

#### **4.5 Charity's governing documents**

The Charity's governing documents are:

- The constitution and church handbook agreed at the church meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, amended on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

#### **4.6 Persons managing the charity**

The persons managing the charity during the year were the Pastor, Rev. P. Hearn (appointed by the members) the Elder (elected to serve in a lay capacity) Dr. P. Weber (Church Secretary) and the Deacon (elected to serve in a lay capacity) Mr. M. Carver (Church Treasurer).

The CIO Charity Trustees were Rev. P. Hearn, Dr. P. Weber and Mr. M. Carver. Mr. Carver serves as an acting trustee in accordance with the church's constitution, §12.3.1 and §12.4.3.

#### **4.7 Agents and Advisors to the charity**

The Church's local solicitors are Wright Solicitors, 6 Load Street, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 2AF. The Independent Examiner of accounts is Mr. I. Phillips AICB (Comp), The Local Bookkeeper, 6 Lady Margaret Hall Way, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR11 2TA. Insurance Policies are brokered by Access Insurance Services, Selsdon House, 212-220 Addington Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 8LD. The policies held are Employers Liability and Public/Product Liability provided through Congregational, a trading name of Integra Insurance Solutions Ltd, Currer House, Currer Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 5BA.

The Charity has a bank account and an instant-access savings account with the Charities Aid Foundation Banking Service (CAF).

#### **4.8 Restrictions on charity**

The assets of the church can only be used for such (charitable) purposes connected with the church or otherwise for the promotion of religion in accordance with the church's Declaration of Faith.

#### 4.9 Aims of the charity

The charity's aim is the promotion of religion in accordance with the church's Declaration Of Faith as has been the case ever since the foundation of the church in 1930.

#### 4.10 Organisation of charity

The church operates from its premises in Greatfield Road, Kidderminster providing a place of Christian worship and other related activities. These activities are organised and carried out jointly by the employed Pastor, by the elected Elder(s) and Deacon and by members in a voluntary capacity. Various other individuals are engaged to lead worship services and other activities on an occasional basis.

The church supports a number of Christian missionary and relief organisations on a regular basis and is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), 41 The Point, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7QU.

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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01-Jul-23	To	Period end date 30-Jun-24	

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
	<b>Note</b>					
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Bank Interest received	4	470	0	0	470	74
		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>48,704</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,420</b>	<b>45,692</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>		0	0	0	0	-
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		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>43,509</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,297</b>	<b>44,245</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>		0	0	0	0	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>43,509</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,297</b>	<b>44,245</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>5,195</b>	<b>-3,071</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>1,448</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		0	0	0	0	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		4,614	23,326	0	27,939	26,492
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	4	<b>9,808</b>	<b>20,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,063</b>	<b>27,939</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	12 General Fund	9,808	20,254	-
		-	-	-
			0	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>9,808</b>	<b>20,254</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	



## **KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

### **Notes to the Financial Statement for the period ended 30 June 2024.**

Note 1. Gift Aid Offerings and Donations.

In Period 01/07/2023 to 05/04/2024 (Tax year 2023/24)	24,445.00
In Period 06/04/2024 to 30/06/2024 (Tax year 2024/25)	6,125.00
	<u>30,570.00</u>
For General Fund	30,215.00
For Other Funds	355.00
	<u>30,570.00</u>

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Note 2. Income Tax Recovered.

For the Tax year to 05/04/24	5,879.63
For the Tax year to 05/04/25	2,081.25
Total	<u>7,960.88</u>
For general fund	7,872.13
For other funds	88.75
	<u>7,960.88</u>

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Note 3. Freewill Offerings and Donations.

For General Fund	10,147.00
For other Funds	2,272.85
	<u>12,419.85</u>
	<u>12,419.85</u>

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Note 4. Cash Balances and Interest Received.

Balance in CAF Cash as at 30th June 2024	10,982.92
Balance in CAF Gold as at 30 June 2024	16,994.85
	27,977.77
Adjusted balance for items in transit	30,062.68
Interest received in year ending 30th June 2024	469.59

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Note 5. Mainstream Ministry.

Gross Salary and NI Contributions	21,345.00	
Pension Contributions	<u>2,681.88</u>	
		24,026.88
Expenses		
Telephone	1,645.14	
Visiting preachers	90.50	
Other ministry costs	<u>80.00</u>	
		1,815.64
Total costs		<u>25,842.52</u>
General Fund		25,842.52
Other Funds		0.00
		<u>25,842.52</u>

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Note 6. Youth & children's Work.

	General Fund	41.65
	Toy fund	236.32
Youth Work		<u>277.97</u>

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Note 7. Outreach.

Outreach events and books	0.00	
Good News Fellowship	313.00	
		<u>313.00</u>
General Fund		313.00
Toy fund		0.00
Outreach (Samaritan's Purse Shoebox)		0.00
		<u>313.00</u>

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Note 8. Church Welfare and Fellowship Costs.

General fund	221.49	
Jonathan Hearn	20.00	
Refugees	135.80	
Tuesday Group	228.85	
		<u>606.14</u>

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Note 9. Maintenance and Development of Church Buildings and Equipment.

Heat and Light	3,158.64
Insurances	1,428.34
Water charges	222.85
Property maintenance	
Building repairs	3,268.00
Fire alarms/extinguisher	1,045.02
Stationery/Cleaning/kitchen	1,312.77
Website/Computer	326.68
	<u>5,952.47</u>
Total	<u>10,762.30</u>
General fund	8,206.30
Dishwasher fund	156.00
Building reserve	2,400.00
	<u>10,762.30</u>

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Note 10. Administration and Sundry.

FIEC Subscription	1,273.00
Bank charges	60.00
CCPAS	0.00
Computer & Website	0.00
General church items	0.00
Legal costs	1,087.20
Music copyright cost	283.72
Audit and Accountancy	318.00
Total	<u>3,021.92</u>
General Fund	1,934.72
Building Reserve	1,087.20
	<u>3,021.92</u>

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Note 11. Support for Other Missionary and Christian Enterprises.

New Tribes/ Tibberts	5,385.00
Vinjeru other	1,200.00
SGA	314.48
Miscellaneous including OMF	50.00
General Fund	<u>6,949.48</u>
CHR	473.75
New Tribes (Tibberts)	1,050.00
	0.00
Other Funds	<u>1,523.75</u>
Total	<u>8,473.23</u>

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Note 12. Cash Funds

Funds of the church are designated as being for either General use or collected for Restricted purposes.

General use	9,808.47	
Building Reserve fund	16,541.48	
Other Restricted use	2,252.19	
Inactive other funds	1,460.54	
		<u>30,062.68</u>

The inactive other funds are set aside but have no activity within this report period.  
It is suggested that consideration be given to consolidating these into the general fund.

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## KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### STATEMENT RELATING TO ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th June 2024.

Note	Details
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|---|---|
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I have prepared the attached Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June 2024 from the financial records as maintained by the Church Treasurer. This statement, when read in conjunction with the supporting explanatory notes, provides a true and fair financial summary, relating to all the activities of the Church within that financial year.

Signed  Ian Phillips, MICB

Dated... 21-Feb-25  
6 Lady Margaret Hall Way  
Evesham  
WR11 2TA

### TRUSTEE APPROVAL

We hereby confirm that at a meeting of the Church Managing Trustees held on 2025 the attached Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June 2024 was considered in conjunction with the associated notes and formally approved for submission to the subsequent Annual General Meeting of all members.

Signed .....Church Secretary

Signed .....Church Treasurer

Kidderminster Evangelical Church  
2023-24 Funds

	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	GEN	Res	CHR	Dish	JON	PPH	Ref	TIB	TOY
Income									
Gift Aid Offerings & Donations	30,215.00	0.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	30.00
Income Tax Recoveries	7,872.13	0.00	68.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	7.50
Freewill Offerings & Donations	10,147.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	20.00	0.70	480.00	375.00	315.00
Bank Interest received	469.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income	48,703.72	0.00	473.75	0.00	20.00	0.70	542.50	375.00	352.50
Expenditure									
Mainstream Ministry	25,842.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth & Children's Work	41.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	236.32
Outreach	313.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Welfare & Fellowship Costs	221.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	135.80	0.00	0.00
Maintenance & Development of Church Buildings & Equipment	8,206.30	2,400.00	0.00	156.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration & sundry costs	1,934.72	1,087.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support for Other Missionary & Christian Enterprise	6,949.48	0.00	473.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00	0.00
Fund transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	43,509.16	3,487.20	473.75	156.00	20.00	0.00	135.80	1,050.00	236.32
Net 2023-24	5,194.56	-3,487.20	0.00	-156.00	0.00	0.70	406.70	-675.00	116.18
Opening balance	4,613.91	20,028.68	0.00	199.40	0.00	5.40	65.78	675.00	182.35
Carried forward	9,808.47	16,541.48	0.00	43.40	0.00	6.10	472.48	0.00	298.53
	active	active	NIL	active	NIL	active	active	active	active

Kidderminster Evangelical Church  
2023-24 Funds

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Kidderminster Evangelical Church  
2023-24 Funds

	4	4	4	4	4	Total	Totals
	SGA	SHOE	Missions	Tear	Youth	INACTIVE	ALL FUNDS
Income						s	
Gift Aid Offerings & Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30570.00
Income Tax Recoveries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7960.88
Freewill Offerings & Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12419.85
Bank Interest received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.59
Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51420.32
Expenditure							
Mainstream Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25842.52
Youth & Children's Work	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	277.97
Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	313.00
Church Welfare & Fellowship Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	606.14
Maintenance & Development of Church Buildings & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10762.30
Administration & sundry costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3021.92
Support for Other Missionary & Christian Enterprise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8473.23
Fund transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49297.08
Net 2023-24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2123.24
Opening balance	50.00	7.50	6.60	337.92	100.00	1460.54	27939.44
Carried forward	50.00	7.50	6.60	337.92	100.00	1460.54	30062.68
	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive	inactive		



# **KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Reconciliation of CAF Bank account 0007785

Closing statement balances as at 30th June 2024

Per CAF Cash account	10,982.92	
Per CAF Gold account	16,994.85	
Total bank balances		27,977.77

Add 2023/24 receipts not yet banked

Q4 Gift Aid claim	2,081.25 Credited 23/7
Offering 30/6	822.60 Credited 3/7
Offering 30/6	30.00 Credited 3/7

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2,933.85

Less 2023/24 payments not yet banked

Q4 PAYE/NIC due to HMRC	613.98 Paid 14/7
Phil Weber	130.00 Paid 3/7
Carol Warren	54.96 Paid 3/7
Jonathan /hearn	50.00 Paid 3/7

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848.94

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2,084.91

Closing bank balance per Financial Statement at 30th June 2024

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30,062.68

KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01-Jul-23

To

Period end date  
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		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
		0	0	0	0	-
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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	12 General Fund	9,808	20,254	-
		-	-	-
			0	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


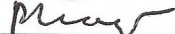
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. CARVER	02/03/25
	P. WEBSTER	02/03/25



**KIDDERMINSTER EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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*Ian Phillips*

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Dated... 21-Feb-25

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Signed

*[Signature]*

Church Secretary

Signed

*[Signature]*

Church Treasurer