

GORDON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



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REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

- 1 The Church Committee have pleasure in presenting their Report and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- 2 The Church registered as a charity on 4 March 2019. The Church's Governing Document states that "The charity is established for the advancement of the Christian religion as revealed in the Statement of Faith contained within the Governing Document".

As such, the Church is only involved in one activity, the advancement of the Christian religion. Therefore, in the context of the SORP FRS 102 requirement to analyse the figures over activities, projects or services, the Church's Financial Statements reflect just this single activity.

3 Review of Activities

The Church holds public services each Sunday morning and evening, a ladies meeting on Wednesday afternoons and a Prayer meeting on Thursdays which is held on Zoom and at the Church. Special invitation services are also held at Easter and Christmas. In 2022, a good number of families and young people from the community attended each of those services.

The Church continues to support Christian charities including Care Sri Lanka and Open Air Mission.

4 Public benefit & impact

The Charity has provided public benefit by adhering to its objectives and carrying out the activities referred to in this Report. The advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the Church's Governing Document brings primarily spiritual benefits but also moral and practical ones. For many, attending services for Christian worship and the various meetings organised by the Church will have eternal benefit through the salvation of their souls, which is an immeasurably greater benefit than anything that can be given in this world. In addition, help and encouragement for daily living will be of great spiritual benefit too.

We can measure impact by the many and varied expressions of thankfulness that we receive, sometimes telling of a person who has been saved through hearing the preaching and attending the various meetings operated by the Church. However, only eternity and the day of judgement will reveal the true benefit and impact of the Church's work.

5 Financial review

The Church received cash receipts amounting to £55,413 (2021: £27,993) and made cash payments of £15,225 (2021: £28,843), recording an overall cash surplus of £40,188 (2021: deficit of £850) during the year.

At 31 December 2022 cash funds amounted to £125,214 (2021: £85,026).

The principal sources of funding is from our members who generously give to support the work of the Church in seeking to meet its charitable objectives.

6 Reserves policy

Our current reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves that are at least equal to three months operational expenditure. We thank God that our current level of reserves are higher than this.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 Church officers

The Church Officers who served during the year were:-

Trustees

Mrs M Tyler	Treasurer
Mr G Donaldson	Elder and Secretary
Mr M Tyler	Church Deacon

Church leadership

Mr C Leyshon	Elder
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8 Independent Examiner

The Church Independent Examiner is C J Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA, Caladine Limited, Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1BF.

Gordon Road
Hailsham
East Sussex
BN27 3JD

Date: 8th October 2023

On behalf of the Church Committee



Gary Donaldson
Elder

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gordon Road Evangelical church ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity 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 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.
- (3) the accounts do 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.



C J Dadswell FCA FCCA DChA
Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 16th October 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022


	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Offerings	21,455		24,494	
Legacy	33,800		-	
Gift aid repayments	-		3,491	
Interest received	158		8	
Total receipts		55,413		27,993
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Gifts to mission agencies	2,240		4,874	
Speakers fees	5,969		6,668	
Sermon audio expenses	492		492	
Social	42		-	
Cleaning	1,040		1,000	
Repairs and maintenance	399		12,981	
Insurance	1,005		920	
Rates and utilities	1,669		977	
Ladies fellowship	175		80	
Gifts and donations	385		-	
Website	175		175	
Telephone, Internet and IT	611		518	
Accountancy and Independent Examination	750		-	
Bank Service Charges	101		-	
Miscellaneous	172		158	
Total payments		15,225		28,843
Net receipts / (payments)		40,188		(850)
Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2022		85,026		85,876
Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2022		125,214		85,026

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>				
Cash at Bank - HSBC	125,071		84,883	
Cash Balances	<u>143</u>		<u>143</u>	
		<u>125,214</u>		<u>85,026</u>
<u>DEBTORS</u>				
Gift Aid claim accrued		<u>4,122</u>		<u>5,000</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accountancy / Independent Examiners fee		<u>792</u>		<u>750</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees:



 Mr G Donaldson
 Elder



 Mrs M Tyler
 Treasurer

Date: 8/10/23.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 Mr G Donaldson received preaching fees totalling £960 (2021: £560)