

Charity Registration No. 1182303

GORDON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



Caladine

Chartered Certified Accountants

GORDON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

- 1 The Church Committee have pleasure in presenting their Report and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- 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

During 2023 the Church held it's usual morning and evening services within the Church building. We also live streamed both services on Sermon Audio with many people from different parts of the world tuning in to watch. Our prayer meetings continued to take place in the Church on Thursday evenings and also on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. We have been encouraged with some increased numbers during the year.

The Church continues to support it's Christian Mission 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 £52,581 (2022: £55,413) and made cash payments of £26,588 (2022: £15,225), recording an overall cash surplus of £25,993 (2022: surplus of £40,188) during the year. At 31 December 2023 cash funds amounted to £151,207 (2022: £125,214).

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 2023

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: 24/10/2024.

On behalf of the Church Committee



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Gary Donaldson
Elder

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 2023, 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
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Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date: 28th October 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Offerings	25,042	21,455
Legacy	21,379	33,800
Gift aid repayments	4,122	-
Interest received	2,038	158
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Total receipts	52,581	55,413
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Gifts to mission agencies	10,147	2,240
Speakers fees	7,070	5,969
Sermon audio expenses	492	492
Social	-	42
Cleaning	1,327	1,040
Repairs and maintenance	1,074	399
Insurance	1,087	1,005
Rates and utilities	3,013	1,669
Ladies fellowship	-	175
Gifts and donations	-	385
Website	559	175
Telephone, internet and IT	683	611
Accountancy and independent examination	792	750
Bank charges	112	101
Miscellaneous	232	172
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Total payments	26,588	15,225
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Net receipts / (payments)	25,993	40,188
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Cash funds brought forward 1 January 2023	125,214	85,026
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Cash funds carried forward 31 December 2023	151,207	125,214
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES


AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>				
Cash at Bank - HSBC	151,064		125,071	
Cash Balances	<u>143</u>		<u>143</u>	
		<u>151,207</u>		<u>125,214</u>
<u>DEBTORS</u>				
Gift Aid claim accrued		<u>2,500</u>		<u>4,122</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accountancy / Independent Examiners fee		<u>804</u>		<u>792</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees:



 Mr G Donaldson
 Elder



 Mrs M Tyler
 Treasurer

Date: 24/10/2024.

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 £670 (2022: £960)