

## **Annual Report**

### **for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

<b>Name:-</b>	Carley Evangelical Baptist Church
<b>Charity Number:-</b>	1182735
<b>Governing Documentation:-</b>	Church Constitution (approved by Charity Commission 01/04/19) and Church Handbook (adopted 10/11/18)
<b>Minister:-</b>	None at present
<b>Trustees / Church Officers :-</b>	Christopher J Baines (Deacon)  Stephen M Hardy (Secretary / Deacon)  David E Harrington (Treasurer / Deacon)  Mohanlal J Shah (Deacon)  Christopher M Dee (Deacon)  Joel S Spaxman (Deacon from 01/12/24)
<b>Charity Commission Correspondent:-</b>	Stephen M Hardy 1 Willowbrook Close, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3FW
<b>Website:-</b>	<a href="http://www.carleychurch.co.uk">www.carleychurch.co.uk</a>
<b>Bank:-</b>	Co-Operative Bank – 77/79 Market Place Leicester LE1 5EW
<b>Independent Examiner of Accounts:-</b>	Mrs Susan Taylor FCCA

## **Purposes and aims of the church.**

The purposes of the Church are for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within the city of Leicester and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes that in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith that will further the work of the church.

## **Background**

The church was formed in 1823 and has been in the current building since being built in 1958. The church is an independent church and welcomes people from all backgrounds and denominational beliefs.

Membership of the church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, meets the admission procedures and has indicated agreement to accept the duty of a church member as contained in the Church Constitution document (signed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019).

The current church membership at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 stands at 22.

The provision of church leadership is by Elders and Deacons (collectively known as Church Officers) who are elected by the church membership. The Church Officers make decisions collectively, and certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the Church Members at a duly convened Church Members Meeting. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 the church leadership consists of 6 deacons.

The church is independent of any other organisation, but maintains links and interests with other Christian and charitable organisations and is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

## **Main Activities**

We endeavour to enable people to live out their Christian faith as part of the church community through:- Worship and prayer; learning about the Bible and developing and growing their faith and knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ. Providing pastoral care for the local community and those attending the church. Missionary and outreach work especially (but not exclusively) within the local community.

The church currently meets every Sunday morning, Wednesday morning and evening and on other occasions for worship and these are open for the public to attend. Other activities for adults, ladies, and children are held during the year which are regularly attended by the local community.

### **Sunday Worship and Sunday School.**

The church holds Sunday morning public worship and expository teaching services throughout the year. These services take place on the church premises and all meetings are open to all. As part of the Sunday morning worship, a Sunday School and Crèche are provided for children of all age groups for Bible teaching applicable to their age.

### **Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**

Meetings specifically for Bible Study and prayer occur weekly within the church building on a Wednesday morning and evening. The prayer meetings are to encourage open prayer for the church, the community, the world and for each other. These meetings are open to all.

### **Ladies Craft & Chatter**

The church run a weekly (during school term time) ladies afternoon craft and chatter time together in the local primary school. This is an opportunity to make craft items and a time for friendship and support for ladies within the local community. The time is open for all women and children under school age to attend and meet to get to know one another.

### **English Conversation Classes**

The church run weekly English Conversation Classes on a Monday and Thursday afternoon (during school term time) in the St Matthews Matters Lounge. These classes are open to all adults to help support both men and women in developing their spoken English Language and to develop community friendships.

### **Outreach and Mission**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church supports various missionary and missionary organisations with worldwide interest and speakers are invited to provide updates and information of their work.

The church supports and is involved with the local community including activities outside of the church.

During August 2024, an event (St Matthews Matters) was held in the local school to build relationships and provide activities and opportunities for the community to meet together.

Other local community activities include “building bridges” and relationships within the community and community organisations, visiting and meeting local people in cafes, a series of Christmas Services with lunch for the community, supporting the local community in obtaining employment, supporting children’s education by hearing children read in the local primary school. Also helping to support with school trips and special events. In addition the church is involved with outreach to local University overseas students through an International Cafe.

### **Contact with other churches**

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church maintains regular contact with other Leicester churches many of whom support the St Matthews Matters week.

### **Church Operation and Management**

All church activities are led and supported by volunteers including designated “St Matthews Matters” Community Workers from within the church and missionary organisations who are DBS checked and receive training as appropriate. During the year, the Church Trustees continue to review specific legislations and guidance, as they may affect the church to ensure compliance and identify areas where improvements and changes are required, as part of overall risk management . There were no serious incidents during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Finances**

The finances of the church are as recorded in the Statement of Accounts. The church income mainly comes from the regular giving and donations by church members and congregation through which all financial commitments of the church are met and allows the provision to support missionary work. The Church Trustees constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditures necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the property in good condition.

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above trustee’s report.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees.

Signature:- SMH

Stephen Mark Hardy

Date:- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

	£	£	£	2023	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Church Building & Car Park @ cost		54260			54260
Shop Building @ cost		12343			12343
Church Heaters		0			0
Equipment		0			0
		<u>66603</u>			<u>66603</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors & Prepayments	8322		6942		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	23418		28809		
National Savings Investment Account	0		1640		
	<u>31740</u>		<u>37391</u>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors & Accrued Charges	1711		304		
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		30029			37087
		<u>96632</u>			<u>103690</u>
<b>Represented by</b>					
Trustees Fund		54589			54589
Special Reserve Fund (See Note 1 below)		0			0
Mini Bus Renewal Fund		0			0
General Fund (See Note 2 below)		38417			47813
Building Fund Account		0			0
Home & Overseas Missionary Fund (See Note 3 below)		192			-382
Short Terms Missionary Fund		3034			1670
Long Term Reserve		400			0
		<u>96632</u>			<u>103690</u>

**Notes to the Accounts****1- Special Reserve Fund**

Balance brought forward	0	0
Transfer to General Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance carried forward	0	0

**2- General Fund**

Balance brought forward	47813	63651
Transfer from Minibus Fund		0
Transfer to Missionary Fund	-382	0
Shortfall for the Year	<u>-9014</u>	<u>-15838</u>
Balance Carried forward	38417	47813

**3- Home & Overseas Missionary Fund**

Balance brought forward	-382	0
Transfer of 10% from Weekly Offering	3592	2018
Transfer from General Fund	382	0
Payments from the Fund	<u>-3400</u>	<u>-2400</u>
Balance Carried forward	192	-382

## Carley Evangelical Baptist Church

### Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

			<u>2023</u>	
<b>Income</b>	£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings		6087		8520
General Donations		765		1674
Interest receivable		22		0
In "Memorium"		6674		0
Gift Aids		16263		8181
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid		6114		1809
		<u>35925</u>		<u>20184</u>
Less Transfer of 10% to HOMF	3592		2018	
Transfer of 2% to STMF	719		404	
Long Term Reserve 2%	400	4711	0	2422
		<u>31214</u>		<u>17762</u>
 <b>Add:- Other Income</b>				
Specific Gifts Towards				
Food		270		0
Missionaries		575		395
Car Park Income		400		450
		<u>32459</u>		<u>18607</u>
 <b>Less:- Expenditure</b>				
Visiting Preachers Expenses	350		440	
Lighting & Heating	7224		7410	
Repairs & Equipment	24084		19237	
Insurance & Rates	5204		3677	
Caretaking	852		452	
Postage, Telephone, Stationary & Computer Expenses	670		654	
Printing, Duplicating & Advertising	221		73	
FIEC	560		800	
Legal & Professional	209		180	
Family Church / Youth Work	1064		1077	
COVID/Miscellaneous	480		50	
Paid onto Missionaries	575	41473	395	34445
		<u>41473</u>		<u>34445</u>
 <b>Shortfall for the Year</b>		<u><u>-9014</u></u>		<u><u>-15838</u></u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts of **Carley Evangelical Baptist Church** for the period ending **31<sup>st</sup> December 2024** which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner Church officers.**

In their capacity as trustees, are responsible for preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

### **Responsibility of Independent Examiner**

It is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner 's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from church officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .....  ..... Susan Taylor FCCA. Date 20/3/25..

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