



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
From	01	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Darent Valley Community Church
Other names charity is known by	DVCC
Registered charity number (if any)	1183655
Charity's principal address	Aranda, Station Road, Eynsford, Kent, Postcode DA4 0EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Boddington	Trustee		
2	Colin Fogwill	Trustee (Treasurer)		
3	Adrian Elms	Trustee (Pastor)		
4	Alan Murphy	Trustee		
5	Marion White	Trustee	25/05/23 – 31/03/24	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Hedley Dunk Ltd	Trinity House, 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford, DA1 1BB

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, for the advancement of the Christian faith in the Darent Valley, Kent and such other parts of the united Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Weekly church services held at Anthony Roper Primary School, Eynsford, Kent.
- Holding of weddings, baptisms and funerals as requested by Members of the congregation.
- Small group meetings held in homes of people from the congregation with the purpose of worship, bible study, discipleship and encouragement, prayer.
- Community outreach into
 - Kingswood Court Sheltered Housing Unit
 - Anthony Roper School assemblies
 - Social Events
 - Eynsford Village Society Events
 - Prayer walking within the Darent Valley area
 - The Space Community Hub

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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Church life has continued well for DVCC. Our regular Sunday services and monthly café services have been maintained with good attendance and new folk joining the fellowship. We continue a model of “Hybrid Church” using Zoom as well, allowing those from home to join, be seen and participate. The “Open Mic” continues to be popular with a lot of participation.

Prayer walking takes place in Eynsford on Tuesday afternoon, West Kingsdown on Wednesday afternoons and Horton Kirby/ South Darenth on Thursday morning. Many new people are being met and helped along life’s way.

For the fourth year running, and due to popular demand, we moved our services into the open air during July and August taking advantage of the beautiful setting of Eynsford Castle. Our theme was “The beatitudes” based on Matthew Ch 5. Again we wanted this to be truly community based so invited and were joined by many local organisations.

Our warm space and community hub “The Space” continued throughout the year . Taking place on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 1.00pm in the Riverside Club. A light breakfast is provided. Tea, coffee and cakes served throughout the morning with soup and roll (winter) or ploughman’s lunch (summer) from 12.00 noon. Various activities are provided: Jigsaws , snooker , darts etc and some folk just like to sit and chat . There is a dedicated area for young children and parents. IT Support is available with the provision of 2 computers with internet access. To date we have an average attendance of over 70 people per week. Several grants have been gratefully received from the local council to support the activity.

Another good year for DVCC where we have experienced growth in numbers, activity and personal character. We look forward to continuing to serve our community by practically showing the love of God in the year ahead.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will endeavour to retain a minimum of three months (mean based on the previous 12 months expenditure) as a reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Darent Valley Community Church does not engage in fund raising activities but is reliant on voluntary donations from church members.

Our fixed cost expenditure includes rent paid to a local primary school where meetings are held. The church also has one employee who pastors the church on a full time basis.

The Space community Hub is financed by grants from Local authorities and businesses, and by voluntary donations from folk using the facilities.

As a charity we support a number of organisations on a regular basis who minister both to young people and the underprivileged in the Sevenoaks area and further afield.

We invite guest speakers to the church and contribute to the charitable work they are involved in.

The church does not hold any investments. Any funds not immediately needed are transferred to a deposit account.

Section F


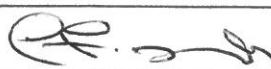
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Adrian Elms	Colin Fogwill
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee (Treasurer)

Date

19/12/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DARENT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

1183655

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

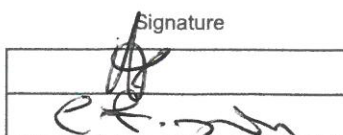
31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	44,909	1,781	-	46,690	37,742
Interest	1,244	-	-	1,244	186
Legacy	11,732	-	-	11,732	43,714
Grants	-	5,330	-	5,330	4,308
The Space income	-	5,942	-	5,942	1,022
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	57,885	13,053	-	70,938	86,972
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	57,885	13,053	-	70,938	86,972
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension costs	37,935	-	-	37,935	30,934
Donations	6,250	1,130	-	7,380	10,110
Youth work	160	-	-	160	265
Rent	3,395	3,840	-	7,235	4,830
Bank charges	84	31	-	115	88
Other expenditure	3,348	4,353	-	7,701	3,377
Equipment	3,851	1,044	-	4,895	3,809
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,023	10,398	-	65,421	53,413
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,023	10,398	-	65,421	53,413
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,862	2,655	-	5,517	33,559
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,584	1,610	-	63,194	29,635
Cash funds this year end	64,446	4,265	-	68,711	63,194

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	7,294	-	-
	Deposit account	61,394	-	-
	Cash	23	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,711	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
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B5 Liabilities				
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		ADRIAN ELMs	18-12-24
		Robert Foc...	18/12/24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Darent Valley Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Darent Valley Community Church (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.

Signed:



Name: Jason Outram FCA DChA
Hedley Dunk Limited
Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
19 December 2024