

OAKHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186709

Details

Other names OAKHAM CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:1.THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITHIN ROWLEY REGIS AND SANDWELL AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2.SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: To promote the Christian faith through worship, bible teaching and community activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,177	£48,696	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,368	£43,307	-	-
2023-03-31	£47,108	£74,787	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,492	£27,616	-	-
2021-03-31	£58,686	£36,775	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev STEPHEN PARKES	Chair	2019-12-03
Aimee Cains		2019-12-03
Andrew Hayward		2019-12-03
Andrew Parkes		2019-12-03
Benjamin Knight		2019-12-03
DIANE PARKES		2019-12-03
Dr PETER HAYWARD		2019-12-03
JONATHAN TIMBRELL		2019-12-03

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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

1. Information

Trustees

Stephen Parkes (Pastor & Chair)

Andrew Hayward

Benjamin Knight

Diane Parkes

Peter Hayward

Jonathan Timbrell

Aimee Cains

Andrew Parkes

Leonard Timbrell

All the above trustees acted for the whole period.

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Address

Oakham Evangelical Church, City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 1QZ.

2. Background

The Church was established in 1872 and has a long history of service to our community as a source for teaching the Christian Faith, a place of prayer and worship and as a platform of activity and support for the community. The Church's work extends well beyond Sundays, providing regular Bible Studies, prayer and worship events and a programme of community activities for young people, children, families, senior citizens and the wider community.

The Church provides:

- A place to learn about and express the Christian FAITH.
- A place for people to connect with one another
- To provide opportunities for volunteering
- And as a source of pastoral care and support.

The Church is led by our Pastor, who is both a paid employee and trustee together with the other trustees who meet on a monthly basis. They are also supported by over 30 volunteers in the work of the Church.

The period covered by this report has seen the completion of two major building projects:

- Refurbishment of the Ladies toilet
- Installation of a new boundary fence

This year has also seen the further development of our youth and children's work. We have also introduced a new fortnightly Coffee Morning aimed at creating an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to meet, socialise and engage.

3. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have given due consideration to and complied with the Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit. We bear this in mind when planning and delivering activities. We have addressed identifiable needs to individuals, specific groups and the wider community.

Much of the church's work involves social contact, providing many opportunities for people to meet one another, enjoy activities, build skills and engage in volunteering. Our activities, church services and community work provide extensive opportunities to meet a variety of people from various ages and backgrounds. As a result, isolation is reduced, people connect and have opportunities to engage in volunteer and social activity. A range of support is provided throughout our activities. As a church we provide opportunities for worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship. Through this we encourage people to grow in faith. Pastoral care, mentoring and support are available for church attendees and the wider community.

A number of members of the church and its leadership are involved in supporting local organisations. Working closely with the Local Authority and Schools. The church provides not only a facility, activities and resources. It also provides a pool of local knowledge, expertise, skills and connections for the local community and the organisations within it.

4. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Church's objects and purposes are detailed in our constitution. Concisely they are to advance the Christian faith through teaching and experience, and to address need in order to improve the conditions of life. Our varied, flexible and often developing programme addresses both of these objects. The church is ideally located as a hub for the local community and platform of activity. Our premises are well resourced, flexible, spacious and suitable for a range of activities.

The churches programme is flexible, a core of regular activities is often added to by one off and short term projects. In the 2024 to 2025 period we were happy to be

able to see that our weekly children's club "Tuesday Kids" and Friday Youth Club have gone from strength to strength, providing a valued and consistent opportunity for children to enjoy time together, engage in activities and develop social skills.

Weekly activities

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday the church met together for worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship from 10.00 AM each Sunday. This session includes an informal time, refreshments are served prior to the Family Service, giving people time and space to connect, socialise and mix. Our Family Service follows, worship, prayer, sermons, communion, participation from a wide range of the congregation is a key feature that is encouraged. Various special services were held including a baptism service and a number of child dedication services. We celebrate communion once per month and in July we held a baptism service

Our Kids Church provides a popular activity for children from toddler up to 11 years of age. Stories, songs, fun and craft activities make this very popular.

In addition occasional extra activities such as Sunday countryside walks and communal meals have been added from time to time.

Bible Study

A Bible based informal discussion is held each week giving an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, enhance understanding and share thoughts and insights. Most studies are based around Bible passages and have explored a variety of topics

Carer and Toddler group

A popular session each week giving children a chance to interact with each other, play with new toys and for Carers to meet, chat and connect. A large area gives plenty of space to play and move around. Our range of toys and educational materials provide a useful opportunity for children to explore new and often larger toys. Carers' often find it a useful break to meet others and chat over coffee and biscuits. Following its relaunch this group has worked on or near its capacity .

Worship Team

A weekly practice session for musicians to develop their skills, arrange music and blend as a team. New musicians are welcomed and support given. We have a long

history of training, supporting and encouraging musicians to develop their skills. New musicians have been added to this team over this year and regularly make a valued contribution.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

A new project launched this year was a fortnightly coffee morning. This provides an opportunity for people of all ages to meet up over coffee and refreshments. To meet people and chat. The group is intergenerational, children and young people often pop in during the holidays. Numbers vary between 12 and over 30 depending on the time of year.

Youth Club

Activities, mentoring and games for a large group of young people 10 years and above. The safe, friendly environment it provides continues to provide a popular weekly meeting point for young people and this group continues to grow.

Tuesday Kids

This group provides a range of games and activities for 7 to 10 year olds on Tuesday evenings. Children enjoy the activities, the chance to meet school friends, make new ones and do something different . This group runs at full capacity and has a waiting list. The staff team is supported by two young people who volunteer each week and gain both skills and experience.

Special Events and Community Activities

A range of special and community events provide an opportunity for people to meet with others, reduce isolation, develop interests and enjoy engaging in activities . Special events are arranged on a regular basis and are aimed at connecting people. Providing positive activities for a wide age range. This year we have organised for example.

An intergenerational Easter tea party providing a popular family fun event

Big screen showing of The Eurovision Song Contest and then a big screen community screening of England football games

In the autumn we took part in the Tear Fund Big Quiz Night

Golf Ball

Twice this year a group of a dozen have organised a Golf Ball tournament. This has proven to be very popular and a great opportunity for getting together and building friendships.

Church Tidy Up

Our annual deep clean focused on two things: First, a deep clean of everything and a rigorous tidy up. Second, a general tidy up of the church's front garden.

Harvest Festival & Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival collected a large number of food donations which were then passed on to our local Food Bank. The Church continues to collect donations of food and toiletries each week which we then deliver to our local Food Bank.

The Big Feed

Working in partnership with the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Partnership our team of 22 volunteers assembled and distributed Christmas food hampers to local families who had registered a need. This marks the fourth time we have taken part in the project. It has proven to be a very popular and much needed help to local families

Christmas activities

The Christmas season kicked off with a Pantomime performed by our children and youth group. New skills were learned and confidence developed through this popular community event. Our Christmas Carol Service again took the form of "Carols on the Car Park" which included traditional carols, drama and a chance to celebrate the season together. Christmas was marked by a Midnight Service and a Christmas morning service

A Saturday afternoon/evening pre Christmas event for families showing Christmas films and providing seasonal refreshments. Young families enjoyed watching films together and a range of snacks.

Note

Our connection with the community, individuals in the community and our partners continues to be strong and positive. The church is continuing to be a place to volunteer, receive help, discover new things to do and be involved in. We also have a close working relationship with Grace Mary Primary School and Sandwell Council.

We have continued to provide pastoral support, our trustees performed several funerals and developed a social media presence. People regularly view our online services and listen to our podcasts. This online presence and service live streaming will continue to be developed to meet local needs.

Our programme of activity, community connections and soft presence in the community for many years has been a very real support to both individuals and the community. We have reached many people and given them the opportunity to find faith, grow and express their faith. To develop skills, connections, develop

friendships, express themselves and try new things. The Church is often active in signposting people to any services, help or support they need. We also act as an advocate for local needs.

This year's major project

Each year we identify a major project that will improve our premises and enable the church to be better used. This year the ladies toilets were thoroughly refurbished. We also installed a new fence which looks much better, provides better access and enhances the sites security

5. Governance and Management

Constitution - The Church's governing document is our CIO constitution.

Appointment of Trustees - Trustees are appointed in line with the specific guidelines given in our constitution.

Structure and decision making - The Church employs a Pastor who contributes significantly to the churches teaching programme, provides pastoral care and shares with the trustees, the responsibility for the leadership and development of the Church and its work. The Trustees meet monthly to oversee the work, decision making and direction of the Church.

6. Plans for the future

Moving into the future we continue to assess the types of activity we need to be rolling out in the future. In doing so we are bearing in mind our objects, our resources and the needs of the church, community and individuals around us.

We continue to listen to our community and service users and talk to our partners, in particular our local Authority, local schools, other churches and voluntary organisations.

Over the coming year we aim to:

- Further strengthen our core youth and children's activities.
- Recruit and train additional volunteers
- Develop a new community based activity aiming at providing an opportunity for people to get together in a friendly positive activity. To establish a regular Games Café.

7. Financial Review

The main source of our income is from regular donations by bank standing orders and cash donations in the offerings box from those who attend and support the Church at our

Sunday meetings. Our major projects this year were the construction of a replacement perimeter fence & gate and the refurbishment of the ladies toilet. These were funded from our reserves and grants from Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local. As part of our Christmas community activities we raised £115 for The Children's Society.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Peter Hayward

Peter Hayward
10th December 2025



Andrew Parkes
10th December 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 April 2024	To	Period end date 31 March 2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Donations	21,490	-	-	21,490	20,980
Offering Box	9,621	-	-	9,621	9,282
Community Activities	575	-	-	575	451
Tax Reclaim	-	-	-	-	-
Perimeter fence & gate	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Games Cafe	-	2,000	-	2,000	1,448
Other	1,491	-	-	1,491	207
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,177	7,000	-	40,177	32,368
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,177	7,000	-	40,177	32,368
A3 Payments					
Payroll	27,331	-	-	27,331	24,960
Utilities & Internet	3,988	-	-	3,988	4,141
Consumables	355	-	-	355	1,583
Insurance & Admin	2,428	-	-	2,428	2,271
Perimeter fence & gate	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Property Maintenance	2,302	-	-	2,302	2,654
Media Plus Fund	-	941	-	941	723
Toilet Refurb Fund	-	6,200	-	6,200	-
Garden Equipment Fund	-	36	-	36	6,975
Other	115	-	-	115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,519	12,177	-	48,696	43,307
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,519	12,177	-	48,696	43,307
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,342	- 5,177	-	- 8,519	- 10,939
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Vested funds	22,447	11,577	-	34,024	44,963
Cash funds this year end	19,105	6,400	-	25,505	34,024

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	CAF Bank	19,105	6,400	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,105	6,400	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter Hayward	10/01/2026
	Andrew Parkes	10/01/2026

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The Church works well with a range of partners, in particular; Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, West Midlands Police Service, Grace Mary Primary School and the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local.

The Church is led by our Pastor, who is both a paid employee and trustee together with the other trustees who meet on a monthly basis. They are also supported by over 30 volunteers in the work of the Church.

3. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have given due consideration to and complied with the Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit. We bear this in mind when planning and delivering activities. We have addressed identifiable needs to individuals, specific groups and the wider community.

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Weekly activities

Sunday Worship

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In addition occasional extra activities such as Sunday countryside walks and communal meals have been added from time to time.

Bible Study

A Bible based informal discussion is held each week giving an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, enhance understanding and share thoughts and insights. Most studies are based around Bible passages and have explored a variety of topics

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Kids Club

This group provides a range of games and activities for kids in school years 2-4. Children enjoy the activities, the chance to meet school friends, make new ones and engage in different activities and games. Again this group runs at full capacity and has a waiting list

Worship Team

A weekly practice session for musicians to develop their skills, arrange music and blend as a team. New musicians are welcomed and support given. We have a long history of training, supporting and encouraging musicians to develop their skills

TLC

This senior citizens group meets together for a weekly two hour session, where refreshments are served and there is opportunity to socialise and chat, and take part in a variety of activities and games.

Crafty Ladies

A monthly session providing contact, crafts, talks and refreshments for an intergenerational group of ladies. Sharing skills, working on individual and joint projects and connecting with one another.

Youth Club

Activities, mentoring and games for a large group of young people in school year 5 and above. This group is working at near capacity and continues to grow. The safe, friendly environment it provides continues to provide a popular weekly meeting point for young people.

Special Events and Community Activities

A range of special and community events provide an opportunity for people to meet with others, develop interests and enjoy engaging in activities .

GM2LF Community Party and AGM

This took place in November and was attended by residents in the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local catchment area to celebrate recent achievements and consult on future plans.

Harvest Festival & Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival collected a large number of food donations which were then passed on to our local Food Bank. The Church continues to collect donations of food and toiletries each week which we then deliver to our local Food Bank.

Quiz Night

This community social activity also raised funds on behalf of the charity Tearfund.

The Big Feed

Working in partnership with the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Partnership our team of 20 volunteers assembled and distributed Christmas food hampers to local families who had registered a need. This marks the second time we have taken part in the project. It has proven to be a very popular and much needed help to local families

Charity Football Match

This year a Charity Football Match was organised by one of our young volunteers to raise funds for the Compton Care a local hospice This has been a great opportunity for community activity and building friendships.

Winter walks

An opportunity for people to meet, take some exercise and enjoy the countryside.

Winter Wonderland

This event involved a visit to Santa's grotto and a present for the kids, craft activities for all and shopping at our craft village stalls for Christmas presents.

Coronation

This was a major community event funded by Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. A large number of local residents and members of the church came to enjoy an 'indoor picnic' with live music, games and activities.

Garden project

A small area of land around the rear and side of the church was not in use and was often untidy and overgrown. The new rear boundary fence enhanced privacy and security for the church and our neighbours. A paved area with seating and shade together with raised garden beds created a lovely garden space useful for a variety of activities. The garden opening ceremony on 25th June, was well attended and the space is now in regular use as a community garden and recreation space.

Reflection

In our 150th anniversary year as a church, we have successfully developed our core activities and are now all well supported. Our connections in the local community, with individuals, families and organisations continue to be strong and positive. The church is a vibrant place to volunteer, receive help, discover new things to do and get involved in .

We have continued to provide pastoral support, our trustees performed several funerals and maintain a social media presence. People regularly view our online services and listen to our podcasts. This online presence and service live streaming will continue to be developed to meet local needs.

Our programme of activity, community connections and soft presence in the community for many years has been a very real support to both individuals and the community. We have reached many people and given them the opportunity to find faith, grow and express their faith. To develop skills, connections, develop friendships, express themselves and try new things. The Church is often active in signposting people to any services, help or support they need. We also act as an advocate for local needs.

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6. Plans for the future

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7. Financial Review

The main source of our income is from regular donations by bank standing orders and cash donations in the offerings box from those who attend and support the Church at our Sunday meetings. Our major project this year was construction and equipping a new garden area. This was funded from reserves plus grants of £5000 from Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local and £4798 Sandwell MBC CIL Fund. As part of our Christmas community activities we raised £341 for The Children's Society.

8. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Peter Hayward

Peter Hayward
10th August 2024



Andrew Parkes
10th August 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 April 2023	To	Period end date 31 March 2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Donations	20,980	-	-	20,980	19,335
Offering Box	9,282	-	-	9,282	8,364
Community Activities	451	-	-	451	2,998
Tax Reclaim	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Roof & Garden)	-	-	-	-	14,797
Coronation celebration grant	-	1,448	-	1,448	-
Other	207	-	-	207	1,614
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,920	1,448	-	32,368	47,108
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,920	1,448	-	32,368	47,108
A3 Payments					
Payroll	24,960	-	-	24,960	23,022
Utilities & Internet	3,771	370	-	4,141	2,505
Consumables	135	1,448	-	1,583	22
Insurance & Admin	2,271	-	-	2,271	2,193
Garden Area	530	6,445	-	6,975	3,360
Property Maintenance	2,654	-	-	2,654	42,617
Media Plus	-	723	-	723	943
Other	-	-	-	-	125
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	34,321	8,986	-	43,307	74,787
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,321	8,986	-	43,307	74,787
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,401	- 7,538	-	- 10,939	- 27,679
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Vested funds	25,848	19,115	-	44,963	72,642
Cash funds this year end	22,447	11,577	-	34,024	44,963

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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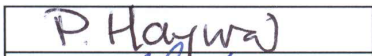
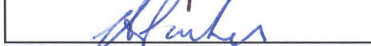
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter Hayward	10/08/2024
	Andrew Parkes	10/08/2024

Dear Trustees,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oakham Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oakham church for the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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: C. Povey

Name: Claire Povey

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 72 Tower Road, Oldbury, B69 1NA

Date: 28/08/2024

OAKHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186709

Accounts

Oakham Evangelical Church

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

1. Information

Trustees

Stephen Parkes (Pastor & Chair)	Andrew Hayward
Benjamin Knight	Diane Parkes
Peter Hayward	Jonathan Timbrell
Aimee Cains	Andrew Parkes
Leonard Timbrell	

All the above trustees acted for the whole period.

Charity registration number 1186709

Address

Oakham Evangelical Church
City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 1QZ.

2. Background

The Church was established in 1872 and has a long history of service to our community as a source for teaching the Christian Faith, a place of prayer and worship and a platform of activity and support for the community. The Church's work extends well beyond Sundays, providing regular Bible Studies, prayer and worship events and a programme of community activities for young people, children, families, senior citizens and the wider community. The Church provides a place to learn and express the Christian faith, a place for people to connect with one another, an opportunity for volunteering and a source of pastoral care and support.

The Church works well with a range of partners, in particular; Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, West Midlands Police Service, Grace Mary Primary School and the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local.

The Church is led by our Pastor, who is both a paid employee and trustee together with the other trustees who meet on a monthly basis. They are also supported by over 30 volunteers in the work of the Church.

The period covered by this report has seen the completion of one major building project and the first phase of a second large scale project. In addition a new weekly activity has been added to our programme and the development of both our church services and community activities

3. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have given due consideration to and complied with the Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit. We bear this in mind when planning and delivering activities. We have addressed identifiable needs to individuals, specific groups and the wider community.

Much of the church's work involves social contact, providing many opportunities for people to meet one another, enjoy activities, build skills and engage in volunteering. Our activities within the church's services and our community work provides an opportunity to meet a wide variety of people from various ages and backgrounds. Isolation is reduced and a range of support given. As a church a range of worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship events encourage people to grow in faith. Pastoral care, mentoring and support are available for church attendees and the wider community.

A number of members of the church and its leadership are involved in supporting local organisations. Working closely with the Local Authority and Schools. The church provides not only a facility and resources. It also provides a pool of local knowledge, expertise, skills and connections for the local community and the organisations within it.

4. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Church's objects and purposes are detailed in our constitution. Concisely they are to advance the Christian faith through teaching and experience, and to address need in order to improve the conditions of life. Our varied, flexible and often developing programme addresses both of these objects. The church is ideally located as a hub for the local community and platform of activity. Our premises are well resourced, flexible, spacious and suitable for a range of activities

The churches programme is flexible, a core of regular activities is often added to by one off and short term projects. The period 2022 to 2023 we were happy to be able to re-establish of our weekly children's activity the "Tuesday Kids Club"

Weekly activities

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday the church met together for worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship from 10.00 AM each Sunday. This session includes an informal time, refreshments are served prior to the Family Service, giving people time and space to connect, socialise and mix. Our Family Service follows, worship, prayer, sermons, communion, participation from a wide range of the congregation is a key feature that is encouraged. Running alongside this is our Kids church, a popular activity for children from toddler up to 11 years of age. Stories, songs, fun and craft activities make this very popular.

In addition occasional extra activities such as Sunday countryside walks and communal meals have been added from time to time.

Bible Study

A Bible based informal discussion is held each week giving an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, enhance understanding and share thoughts and insights. Most studies are based around Bible passages and have explored a variety of topics

Carer and Toddler group

A popular session each week giving children a chance to interact with each other, play with new toys and for Carers to meet, chat and connect. A large area gives plenty of space to play and move around. Our range of toys and educational materials provide a useful opportunity for children to explore new and often larger toys. All find it a useful break in their daily routine to meet other carers and chat over coffee and biscuits. Following its relaunch this group has worked on or near its capacity .

Kids Club

This was the final group to be relaunched following the Covid 19 shut down. This group provides a range of games and activities for 7 to 11 year olds. Children enjoy the activities, the chance to meet school friends, make new ones and do something different. Again this group runs at full capacity and has a waiting list

Worship Team

A weekly practice session for musicians to develop their skills, arrange music and blend as a team. New musicians are welcomed and support given. We have a long history of training, supporting and encouraging musicians to develop their skills

TLC

This group changed its format slightly, it now meets together for a weekly two hour session for senior citizens. Opportunity is given for chat, refreshments and taking part in a variety of activities and games.

Crafty Ladies

A monthly session providing contact, crafts, talks and refreshments for an intergenerational group of ladies. Sharing skills, working on individual and joint projects and connecting with one another.

Youth Club

Activities, mentoring and games for a large group of young people 11 years plus. This group has also worked at capacity and continues to grow. The safe, friendly environment it provides continues to provide a popular weekly meeting point for young people aged 11 to 18.

Special Events and Community Activities

A range of special and community events provide an opportunity for people to meet with others, develop interests and enjoy engaging in activities .

Childrens Winter Coats

Working in partnership with Sandwell MBC and the local community, this two day project received and distributed childrens winter coats. Coats were donated at the church on one day by the community and distributed from the church a few days later to those who needed them. This was a tremendous project with many coats donated, and demonstrated the local community working together and supporting one another to meet local needs.

Harvest Festival & Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival collected a large number of food donations which were then passed on to our local Food Bank. The Church continues to collect donations of food and toiletries each week which we then deliver to our local Food Bank.

The Big Feed

Working in partnership with the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Partnership our team of 18 volunteers assembled and distributed Christmas food hampers to local families who had registered a need. This marks the second time we have taken part in the project. It has proven to be a very popular and much needed help to local families

Christmas Film Festival

A Saturday afternoon/evening pre-Christmas event for families showing Christmas films and providing seasonal refreshments. Young families enjoyed watching films together and a range of snacks.

Golf Ball

Twice this year a group of up to 15 have organised a Golf Ball tournament. This has proven to be very popular and a great opportunity for community activity and building friendships.

Winter walks

An opportunity for people to meet, take some exercise and enjoy the countryside.

Queens Jubilee

This was a significant community event to celebrate the Jubilee. A large number of local residents and members of the church came to enjoy a buffet, live music, activities, a small fun fair and the visit of two dinosaurs.

Church Tidy Up

Work this year focused on two things: First, a deep clean of everything and a rigorous tidy up. Second, a general tidy up of the rear and side gardens in preparation for the major garden project that was scheduled to begin in late winter of 2023

Reflection

As we approached our 150th anniversary as a church, it is fair to say that Covid created one of the most severe disruptions in our work and ministry. Coming out of Covid, as things eased we were cautious and deliberate in rolling out our activities. We are pleased to note that this approach has been successful and that our core activities are now established, well supported and continuing to develop. Our connection with the community, individuals in the community and our partners continues to be strong and positive. The church is continuing to be a place to volunteer, receive help, discover new things to do and be involved in.

We have continued to provide pastoral support, our trustees performed several funerals and developed a social media presence. People regularly view our online services and listen to our podcasts. This online presence and service live streaming will continue to be developed to meet local needs.

Our programme of activity, community connections and soft presence in the community for many years has been a very real support to both individuals and the community. We have reached many people and given them the

opportunity to find faith, grow and express their faith. To develop skills, connections, develop friendships, express themselves and try new things. The Church is often active in signposting people to any services, help or support they need. We also act as an advocate for local needs.

Two Major Projects

This year we completed one major building project and completed the first phase of another. The building is a statement of longevity and presence, it is also something of a shop window. We were very happy to be able to see these projects completed and enhance the church.

Project One - New Roof

The roof had served us well for decades but this year we came to a point where radical action needed to be taken, to what was now a failing roof. After many conversations, visits and quotes we employed a well recommended firm to do the work. Re-roofing the Church, side room and rear roof. New guttering and fascias were also added. The church is now watertight, the roof secure and as a building it looks well cared for.

Project Two - Rear and side garden

We have a small area of land around the rear and side of the church. It has not been used very much and was often untidy and overgrown. The first phase was to build a boundary fence along our south and west boundaries to secure the rear and side of the church. This provided privacy and added security for our neighbours and ourselves and was completed in March 2023. The second phase will be to create a lovely garden space useful for a variety of activities.

5. Governance and Management

Constitution

The Church's governing document is our CIO constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in line with the specific guidelines given in our constitution

Structure and decision making

The Church employs a Pastor who contributes significantly to the churches teaching programme, provides pastoral care and shares with the trustees, the responsibility for the leadership and development of the Church and its work. The Trustees meet monthly to oversee the work, decision making and direction of the Church.

6. Plans for the future

Moving into the future we continue to assess the types of activity we need to be rolling out in the future. In doing so we are bearing in mind our objects, our resources and the needs of the church, community and individuals around us.

We continue to listen to our community and service users and talk to our partners, in particular our local Authority, local schools, other churches and voluntary organisations.

The Church's presence in the community is an important asset, which requires ongoing upgrading and development. Phase two of the Garden Project is planned to be completed during 2023. This will provide a community garden and recreation space.

7. Financial Review

The main source of our income is from regular donations by bank standing orders and cash donations in the offerings box from those who attend and support the Church at our Sunday meetings. Our major expenditure of £42k was the replacement of the Church roof. This was funded from reserves set aside for this purpose plus a grant of £5k from Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local. As part of our community activities we also raised £125 for The Children's Society

8. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Peter Hayward

Peter Hayward
18 January 2024



Andrew Parkes
18th January 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 April 2022	To	Period end date 31 March 2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Donations	19,335	-	-	19,335	16,840
Offering Box	8,364	-	-	8,364	8,688
Community Activities	2,998	-	-	2,998	1,164
Tax Reclaim	-	-	-	-	16,869
Grant (Roof)	-	5,000	-	5,000	4,755
Grant (Garden area)	-	5,000	-	5,000	3,645
Grant (Garden equipment)	-	4,797	-	4,797	-
Other	1,614	-	-	1,614	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,311	14,797	-	47,108	51,961
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,311	14,797	-	47,108	51,961
A3 Payments					
Payroll	23,022	-	-	23,022	21,275
Utilities & Internet	2,505	-	-	2,505	2,090
Consumables	22	-	-	22	69
Insurance & Admin	2,193	-	-	2,193	2,305
Legal	-	-	-	-	962
Property Maintenance	37,617	5,000	-	42,617	108
Media Plus	-	943	-	943	343
Other	125	-	-	125	133
Garden Area	-	3,360	-	3,360	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,484	9,303	-	74,787	27,285
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,484	9,303	-	74,787	27,285
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 33,173	5,494	-	- 27,679	24,676
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Vested funds	59,021	13,621	-	72,642	47,966
Cash funds this year end	25,848	19,115	-	44,963	72,642

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	CAF Bank	25,848	19,115	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,848	19,115	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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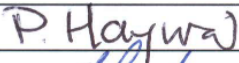
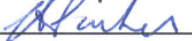
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter Hayward	04/02/2023
	Andrew Parkes	04/02/2023

Dear Trustees,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oakham Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oakham church for the period 1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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: C. Povey

Name: Claire Povey

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 72 Tower Road, Oldbury, B69 1NA

Date: 28/08/2024

OAKHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186709

Accounts

Oakham Evangelical Church

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1st April 21 to 31st March 2022

1. Information

Trustees

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Benjamin Knight	Diane Parkes
Peter Hayward	Jonathan Timbrell
Aimee Cains	Andrew Parkes
Leonard Timbrell	

All the above trustees acted for the whole period.

Charity registration number 1186709

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The Church works well with a range of partners, in particular; Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, West Midlands Police Service, Grace Mary Primary School and the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local.

The Church is led by our Pastor, who is both a paid employee and trustee together with the other trustees who meet on a monthly basis. They are also supported by over 30 volunteers in the work of the Church.

The period covered by this report marks the time when Covid restrictions were being gradually rolled back and the Church was once more able to carefully and safely step up its work in the community by reestablishing many of the groups and activities that had thrived previously. In particular, our 'in person' services, youth, young families and senior citizens work

3. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have given due consideration to and complied with the Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit. We bear this in mind when planning and delivering activities. We have addressed identifiable needs to individuals, specific groups and the wider community. Much of the church's work involves social contact, connecting with people, removing isolation, giving support and providing opportunities for people to work with others. We have also as a church encouraged people to grow in faith through our church services and pastoral care.

4. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Church's objects and purposes are detailed in our constitution. Concisely they are to advance the Christian faith through teaching and experience, and to address need in order to improve the conditions of life. Our varied, flexible and often developing programme addresses both of these objects. The church is ideally located as a hub for the local community and platform of activity. Our premises are well resourced, flexible, spacious and suitable for a range of activities

Following the easing of Covid restrictions in the summer of 2021 we relaunched our Friday Youth Club, Senior Citizens Club, Crafty Ladies and Carer and Toddler groups. All were relaunched successfully and have proven popular.

Weekly activities

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday the church met together for worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship from 10.00 AM each Sunday. This session includes an informal time, refreshments are served prior to the Family Service, giving people time and space to connect, socialise and mix. Our Family Service follows, worship, prayer, sermons, communion, participation from a wide range of the congregation is a key feature that is encouraged. Running alongside this is our Kids church, a popular activity for children from toddler up to 11 years of age. Stories, songs, fun and craft activities make this very popular.

In addition occasional extra activities have been added. These include activities such as after church meals, and using a local school playing

field for an outdoor service

Bible Study

A Bible based discussion and teaching programme each week.

Carer and Toddler group

A popular session each week giving children a chance to interact with each other, play with new toys and for Carers to meet, chat and connect. Following its relaunch this group has worked at capacity throughout the year.

Worship Team

A weekly practice session for musicians to develop their skills, arrange music and blend as a team. New musicians are welcomed and support given. We have a long history of training, supporting and encouraging musicians to develop their skills

TLC

This group changed its format slightly, it now meets together for a weekly two hour session for senior citizens. Opportunity is given for chat, refreshments and taking part in a variety of activities and games.

Crafty Ladies

A monthly session providing contact, crafts, talks and refreshments for an intergenerational group of ladies. Sharing skills, working on individual and joint projects and connecting with one another.

Youth Club

Activities, mentoring and games for a large group of young people 11 years plus. Since its relaunch, this group has worked at capacity to provide a safe and productive weekly session

Special Events and Community Activities

Special and community events provide an opportunity for people to meet with others, develop interests and enjoy engaging in activities . A range of special events were held during the second part of the year

Childrens Winter Coats

Working in partnership with Sandwell MBC and the local community, this two day project received and distributed childrens winter coats. Coats were donated at the church on one day by the community and distributed from the church a few days later to those who needed them. This was a tremendous project with many coats donated, and demonstrated the local community working together and supporting one another to meet local needs.

Harvest Festival & Food Bank

Our Harvest Festival collected a large number of food donations which were then passed on to our local Food Bank. The Church continues to collect donations of food and toiletries each week which we then deliver to our local Food Bank.

The Big Feed

Working in partnership with the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Partnership our team of 21 volunteers assembled and distributed over 30 Christmas food hampers to local families who had registered a need.

Christmas Film Festival

A Saturday afternoon/evening pre Christmas event for families showing Christmas films and providing seasonal refreshments.

Winter walk

An opportunity for people to meet, take some exercise and enjoy the countryside

Worship and Prayer night

A night of worship and prayer led by an international team from a local church

Swop Shop

An unusual event centred around freely sharing and swapping a range of items to be reused and repurposed.

Church Tidy Up

A general tidy up of the church and grounds including clearance of the overgrown area at the rear. This was an opportunity for a wide range of ages and skills to work together for a common purpose and the generation of ideas for future development of the area at the rear of the building.

Note

As we approached our 150th anniversary as a church, it is fair to say that Covid created one of the most severe disruptions in our work and ministry. Coming out of Covid, as things eased we were cautious and deliberate in rolling out our activities. We are pleased to note that this approach has been successful and that our core activities are now established, well supported and continuing to develop. Our connection with the community, individuals in the community and our partners remains very strong and positive. The church is continuing to be a place to volunteer, receive help, discover new things to do and be involved in.

We have continued to provide pastoral support, our trustees performed several funerals and developed a social media presence. People regularly view our online services and listen to our podcasts. This online presence and service live streaming will continue to be developed to meet local needs.

Our programme of activity, community connections and soft presence in the community for many years has been a very real support to both individuals and the community. We have reached many people and given them the opportunity to find faith, grow and express their faith. To develop skills, connections, develop friendships, express themselves and try new things. The Church is often active in signposting people to any services, help or support they need. We also act as an advocate for local needs.

5. Governance and Management

Constitution

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Appointment of Trustees

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Structure and decision making

The Church employs a Pastor who contributes significantly to the churches teaching programme, provides pastoral care and shares with the trustees, the responsibility for the leadership and development of the Church and its work. The Trustees meet monthly to oversee the work, decision making and direction of the Church.

6. Plans for the future

Moving into the future we continue to assess the types of activity we need to be rolling out in the future. In doing so we are bearing in mind our objects, our resources and the needs of the church, community and individuals around us.

We continue to listen to our community and service users and talk to our partners, in particular our local Authority, local schools, other churches and voluntary organisations.

The Church's presence in the community is an important asset, which requires ongoing upgrading and development. Over the coming few years we intend to make repairs to the roof, create a more useful outside space and undertake improvements for our kitchen and toilet facilities.

7. Financial Review

The main source of our income is from regular donations by bank standing orders and cash donations in the offerings box from those who attend and support the Church at our Sunday meetings. This has been bolstered again this year by the HMRC Job Retention Scheme grant to assist us in providing furlough payments for our Pastor during COVID 19 restrictions. In addition we received our Giftaid claim for previous years and a grant towards our core costs from Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local. Together these additional sources of income have boosted our financial reserves so that we can undertake the much needed roof repairs in the coming year.

As part of our community activities we also raised £133 for Macmillan Cancer Support and £91 for The Children's Society.

8. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Peter Hayward

Peter Hayward
13th January 2023



Andrew Parkes
13th January 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 April 2021	To	Period end date 31 March 2022
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Donations	16,840	-	-	16,840	20,850
Offering Box	8,688	-	-	8,688	10,877
Community Activities	1,164	-	-	1,164	1,011
Tax Reclaim	16,869	-	-	16,869	-
Grant (Core Costs)	4,755	-	-	4,755	14,324
HMRC JRS grants	-	3,645	-	3,645	11,624
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	48,316	3,645	-	51,961	58,686
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,316	3,645	-	51,961	58,686
A3 Payments					
Payroll	17,630	3,645	-	21,275	27,138
Utilities & Internet	1,730	360	-	2,090	3,265
Consumables	69	-	-	69	419
Insurance & Admin	2,305	-	-	2,305	1,798
Legal	962	-	-	962	4,080
Property Maintenance	108	-	-	108	75
Media Plus	-	343	-	343	-
Other	133	-	-	133	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,937	4,348	-	27,285	36,775
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,937	4,348	-	27,285	36,775
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,379	- 703	-	24,676	21,911
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Vested funds	33,642	14,324	-	47,966	26,055
Cash funds this year end	59,021	13,621	-	72,642	47,966

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	CAF Bank	59,021	13,621	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,021	13,621	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

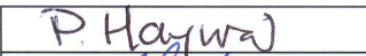

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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

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

B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Details			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Peter Hayward	12/01/2023
	Andrew Parkes	12/01/2023

Dear Trustees,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Oakham Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oakham church for the period 1/4/2021 to 31/3/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Church 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: C. Povey

Name: Claire Povey

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 72 Tower Road, Oldbury, B69 1NA

Date: 24/01/2023

OAKHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1186709

Accounts

Oakham Evangelical Church

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period 3rd December 2019 to 31st March 2021

1. Information

Trustees

Stephen Parkes (Pastor & Chair)	Andrew Hayward
Benjamin Knight	Diane Parkes
Peter Hayward	Jonathan Timbrell
Aimee Cains	Andrew Parkes
Leonard Timbrell	

All the above trustees acted for the whole period.

Charity registration number 1186709

Address

Oakham Evangelical Church
City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 1QZ.

2. Background

The Church was established in 1872 and has a long history of service to our community as a point of teaching the Christian Faith, a place of prayer and worship and a platform of activity and support for the community. The church's work extends well beyond Sundays, providing regular Bible Studies, prayer and worship events and a programme of community activities for young people, children, families, senior citizens and the wider community. The Church provides a place to learn and express the Christian faith, a place for people to connect with one another, an opportunity for volunteering and a source of pastoral care and support.

The Church works well with a range of partners In particular, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, West Midlands Police Service, Grace Mary Primary School and the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local.

The Church is led by our Pastor, who is both a paid employee and trustee together with the other trustees who meet on a monthly basis. They are also supported by 38 volunteers in the work of the Church.

Much of the period covered by this Report coincided with COVID 19 restrictions and an extended Lockdown which had an impact on our work.

Most of our work revolves around meeting people and providing activities . For that time the youth, childrens, senior citizens work and live Sunday services were paused. We used that time to review the church's work, plan for the future, ensure we followed government guidelines and develop an online presence through social media platforms. Once restrictions eased we gradually began to reintroduce our activities.

3. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have given due consideration to and complied with the Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit. We bear this in mind when planning and delivering activities. We have addressed identifiable needs to individuals, specific groups and the wider community. Much of the church's work involves social contact, connecting with people, removing isolation, giving support and providing opportunities for people to work with others. We have also as a church encouraged people to grow in faith through our church services and pastoral care.

4. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Church's objects and purposes are detailed in our constitution. Concisely they are to advance the Christian faith through teaching and experience and to address need in order to improve the conditions of life. Our varied, flexible and often developing programme addresses both of these objects. The church is ideally located as a hub for the local community and platform of activity

Given that we faced Lockdown and a series of restrictions over the period from March 2020 our activities fall naturally into four periods

December 2019 to March 2020

Weekly activities

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday the church met together for worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship and 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. In addition, a monthly family service was held with an emphasis on fun activities for families and children.

Prayer meetings are held the first Sunday of each month.

Bible Study

A Bible based discussion and reaching programme each week.

Carer and Toddler group

A popular session each week giving children a chance to interact with each other, play with new toys and for Carers to meet, chat and connect.

Tuesday Crew

A children's club involving games, crafts and activities for Key Stage 2 children.

Worship Team

A weekly practice session for musicians to develop their skills, arrange music and blend as a team. New musicians are welcomed and support given.

TLC

A day club for senior citizens providing a point of contact, crafts, games, chat and refreshments.

Crafty Ladies

Two evening sessions each month providing contact, crafts, talks and refreshments for an intergenerational group of ladies.

Youth Club

Activities, mentoring and games for a large group of young people 11 years plus.

Special events

Christmas 19 Carols on the Car Park community event

Christmas 19 Christmas film fest

Open mic night, an intergenerational event

April 2020 to June 2020 and November 2020 to March 2021

The National and local Lockdowns in both periods meant we needed to pause our regular activities. Church services went online via Facebook and Youtube. Contact with our service users was maintained as far as possible through social media and telephone. Pastoral care and support continued through the Trustees within the limits of Lockdown guidelines.

July 2020 to October 2020

During this respite we were able to open things up slightly. Focusing first of all on safely opening up our Sunday Service. The timing was adjusted and covid secure measures adopted. The church also organised a few outdoor events such as walks.

Note

This was a challenging period for the church. We continued to provide pastoral support, our trustees performed several funerals and developed a social media presence. People regularly viewed our online services and podcasts. This online presence and service live streaming will continue to be developed to meet local needs.

Our programme of activity, community connections and soft presence in the community for many years has been a very real support to both individuals and the community. We have reached many people and given them the opportunity to find faith, grow and express their faith. To develop skills, connections, develop friendships, express themselves and try new things . The Church is often active in signposting people to any services, help or support they need. We also act as an advocate for local needs.

5. Governance and Management

Constitution

The Church's governing document is our CIO constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in line with the specific guidelines given in our constitution

Structure and decision making

The Church employs a Pastor who contributes significantly to the churches teaching programme, provides pastoral care and shares with the trustees, the responsibility for the leadership and development of the Church and its work. The Trustees meet monthly to oversee the work, decision making and direction of the Church.

The Church had spent many years as an Unincorporated Charitable Association, the movement toward becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was a significant step. We were incorporated on 3rd December 2019 and much of 2020 was taken up transferring our lease to the new CIO.

6. Plans for the future

Moving into the future we are assessing the types of activity we need to be rolling out in the future. In doing so we are bearing in mind our objects, our resources and the needs of the church, community and individuals around us.

We are intending to begin to gradually roll out our programme of community activities. We have begun with the Church services and Bible Study. The Youth and Toddlers work is the next priority and then the Senior Citizens and

Ladies groups. Special events will be added as we have the opportunity in order to reinforce our presence in the community. A new publicity campaign and the use of social media will be used to enhance this.

We aim to improve the building by enhancing the kitchen, toilets and garden. All this is being done with creating a better space and more opportunities to develop our work

7. Financial Review

Our main source of income is regular donations and offerings from those who attend and support the Church. This has been bolstered by the HMRC Job Retention Scheme grant to assist us in providing furlough payments for our Pastor, during the period of COVID 19 restrictions on opening. We have also received grants from Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local to undertake improvements which have not yet been spent due to the lockdown and subsequent shortage of contractors able to take on the work.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions, "Reserves: building resilience 19" guidance. We are in the process of developing a Reserves Policy.

8. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Peter Hayward

Peter Hayward
24th March 2022



Andrew Parkes
24th March 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 3 December 2019	To	Period end date 31 March 2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Donations	20,850	-	-	20,850	-
Offering Box	10,877	-	-	10,877	-
Community Activities	1,011	-	-	1,011	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	14,324	-	14,324	-
HMRC JRS grants	-	11,624	-	11,624	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,738	25,948	-	58,686	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,738	25,948	-	58,686	-
A3 Payments					
Payroll	15,514	11,624	-	27,138	-
Utilities & Internet	3,265	-	-	3,265	-
Consumables	419	-	-	419	-
Insurance & Admin	1,798	-	-	1,798	-
Legal	4,080	-	-	4,080	-
Property Maintenance	75	-	-	75	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,151	11,624	-	36,775	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,151	11,624	-	36,775	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,587	14,324	-	21,911	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Vested funds	26,055	-	-	26,055	-
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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		-	-

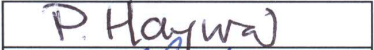

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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Signed: *C. Davis*

Name: Claire Davis

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 72 Tower Road, Oldbury, B69 1NA

Date: 06/04/2022