

**BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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**REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

### **LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE</b>	Buckingham Evangelical Church 17 Otters Brook Buckingham MK18 7EB
<b>GOVERNING DOCUMENT</b>	Constitution dated October 2019
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	James Pope (Pastor/Elder) James Dean (Elder) Phil Goss (Elder)
<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1187402
<b>BANKERS</b>	National Westminster Bank Plc 80 High Street Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1AJ  Virgin Bank 7 Gold Street Northampton NN1 1EN
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Jill Kler Kler Associates Limited 21 Kilwinning Drive Milton Keynes MK10 9BW

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**BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

**Objects of the charity**

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by presenting the Gospel clearly so that people may be drawn to trust Jesus Christ as personal saviour; to teach Scripture so that people can grow to spiritual maturity and usefulness in Christian service; to share with other churches the responsibility of reaching all people with the gospel; to develop leadership which will strengthen this church, encourage other churches and begin new churches elsewhere; thereby preserving for coming generations a body with responsibility and spiritual stability.

**Government**

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

New trustees are appointed by the members of the church.

**Review of Activities**

There has been a demonstration of the Christian faith in action by serving the community in which it operates through preaching the Gospel, Christian teaching and acts, and providing opportunities for non-Church members to explore the Christian message.

This past year has been a time of numerical growth. This can be seen in the numbers attending Sunday services, but also in growth in ministry areas such as our youth group and small midweek groups.

With this growth we have also seen the opportunity for people to serve in the church grow and be filled with new volunteers joining serving teams and gaining valuable experiences.

The church has continued to partner with other local churches, we delivered a summer holiday club with the other churches in the town as well as the Christmas and Easter school's work continuing. A youth work that runs throughout the whole year has also been developed between these churches.

We joined with other churches across our region also to deliver a summer teaching programme and the churches have met in three evening meetings.

The church has been active in the local community this year. We entered the third year of our music-based toddler group as well as extending invitations to our regular services and special events. Seasonal services at both Christmas and Easter were very well attended. 'Alpha' and 'Hope Explored' courses have run throughout the year for those wishing to explore the Christian faith.

Alongside this we have continued to run mercy projects which provide practical support to individuals and families in crisis.

Additionally, the church has sought to take our commission seriously through the support of various Christian missionaries and agencies. As well as our regular giving to these causes we have been able to hold special collections for new and exciting projects. It has been a joy to continue to hear of the progress from these partners.

## **Financial Review**

Finances for the church came from freewill gifts and offerings to the church, and from interest on church bank accounts. £100 was received as restricted gifts. These restricted funds were disbursed per restriction. £16,061 was claimed back as gift aid.

During the financial year, receipts of £88,770 were received, of which £125 were restricted gifts (including gift aid claimed back); payments were £87,400 of which £500 were restricted.

The main account bank balance at the year end was £2,436. The deposit accounts year end balance for 2024 were £23,577 (Redwood Bank), £40,625 (Charity Bank), £53,113 (United Trust Bank) and £85,000 (Cambridge & Counties Bank).

## **Reserves Policy**

The church had a balance of approximately £204,000 in unrestricted funds at the year end. In wanting to use our resources to train future leaders in the UK church we have taken on a trainee pastor. This is being partially funded from our reserves.

The trustees have been investigating different options to use other reserve funds in line with the charity's objectives. In particular the trustees have been investigating future church plants and we look forward to exploring this with the membership in the current year.

## **Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 14 April 2025 signed on their behalf by:

*James Dean*

James Dean

*James Pope*

James Pope

## INDEPENDENT EXAM REPORT

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### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of: Buckingham Evangelical Church  
On accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charities trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 145 of the charities act 2011(the act).

and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the act),
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the act. And
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis if independent examiners statement

My Examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the records and accounts provided from the charity and in doing so find the following

- The records are kept in good order and in accordance with section 41 of the Act.
- The accounts agree in all aspects with the accounting records and agree with the accounting requirements of the act.
- There is nothing to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding if the accounts to be reached.

Mrs G Kler  
MAAT

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**BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £	Year Ending 30/06/2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b><i>Voluntary receipts</i></b>					
Grants and gifts received		66,121	100	66,221	62,396
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		16,036	25	16,061	15,715
		82,157	125	82,282	78,111
<b><i>Other receipts</i></b>					
Interest received		6,487	0	6,487	2,555
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>88,645</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>88,770</b>	<b>80,666</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b><i>Charitable expenditure in furtherance of the church's objectives</i></b>					
Direct costs	2	77,235	375	77,610	62,803
Grants paid	3	9,665	125	9,790	11,618
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>86,900</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>87,400</b>	<b>74,421</b>
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		1,745	-375	1,370	6,245
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>1,745</b>	<b>-375</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>6,245</b>
Opening Balance 1 July 2023		202,498	883	203,380	
Balances at 30 June 2024		204,243	508	204,751	

The notes on pages 8 - 10 form part of these accounts.

# BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

### 1. Fixed Assets

	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £	Year Ending 30/06/2023 £
Insured value of the assets owned:		
Equipment	14,908	13,500
	<b>14,908</b>	<b>13,500</b>

### 2. Bank & Cash Balances

	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £	Year Ending 30/06/2023 £
Natwest Current Account	0	8,662
Virgin Current Account	2,436	0
Redwood Bank	23,577	22,733
Charity Bank	40,625	34,985
United Trust Bank	53,113	52,000
Cambridge & Counties Bank	85,000	85,000
Cash float	0	0
	<b>204,751</b>	<b>203,380</b>

### 3. Other Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 30/06/2024	Year Ending 30/06/2023
Assets *		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	1,135	1,839
	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,839</b>
Liabilities *		
Accrued charges	0	0
Net other assets	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,839</b>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 14 April 2025  
by

*James Dean*

James Dean

*James Pope*

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

### 2 Direct costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Year End 30/06/2024 £	Total Year End 30/06/2023 £
<b>a) Congregational Costs</b>				
Property costs rent	5,980	0	5,980	2,747
Licenses (eg Copyright/CCPAS)	658	0	658	1,037
Insurance, Legal & Accounting	793	0	793	416
Visiting Speakers, Choirs & Groups	75	0	75	378
Refreshments	721	0	721	477
FIEC	1,291	0	1,291	860
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0
Minor equipment & Resources	2,194	0	2,194	794
Benevolent Fund	0	375	375	0
Other Congregational Costs	24	0	24	45
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11,736</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>6,753</b>
<b>Personnel</b>				
Personnel Salary, Pension, Tax	36,052	0	36,052	28,546
Housing for Pastor	26,850	0	26,850	25,131
Personnel Training	1,585	0	1,585	1,289
Re-imburement of Elders' Expenses	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>64,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,487</b>	<b>54,966</b>
<b>Congregational Costs Total</b>	<b>76,223</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>76,598</b>	<b>61,719</b>
<b>b) Outreach</b>				
Advertising	174	0	174	0
Outreach Events	434	0	434	713
Sunday School & Work Amongst the Young	369	0	369	186
Literature	35	0	35	185
<b>Outreach Total</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,084</b>
<b>Direct Costs Total</b>	<b>77,235</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>77,610</b>	<b>62,803</b>



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

<b>3 Grants Paid</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Year End 30/06/2024	Total Year End 30/06/2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Individuals (Missions)</b>				
Total Regularly supported individuals	4,100	0	4,100	3,960
One-off gifts to individuals	100	125	225	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>4,325</b>	<b>3,960</b>
<b>b) Institutions</b>				
London City Mission	3,415	0	3,415	5,377
OMF	2,050	0	2,050	2,180
Institutions (grants less than £1000 per year)	0	0	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>7,658</b>
<b>Grants Total</b>	<b>9,665</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>9,790</b>	<b>11,618</b>

**4 Employees and trustees**

The charity has two employees: James Pope and Callum White.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any other trustee or to any person connected to them.

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5	Movement in Funds	Balance at	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at
		30/06/2023				30/06/2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted Funds:					
	Benevolent Fund	500	0	-375	0	125
	Y.P. Summer Camp	383	0	0	0	383
	Mission Gifts	0	125	-125	0	0
	Total Restricted Funds	883	125	-500	0	508
	Unrestricted Funds:					
	General Fund	202,498	88,645	-86,900	0	204,243
	Total Unrestricted Funds	202,498	88,645	-86,900	0	204,243
	Total Funds	203,380	88,770	-87,400	0	204,751