

BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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 forth 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. £15,514 was claimed back as gift aid. £2,870 was received as restricted gifts. These restricted funds were disbursed per restriction (together with the Gift Aid claimed on these gifts).

During the financial year, receipts of £95,102 were received, of which £3,588 were restricted gifts (including gift aid claimed back); payments were £97,018 of which £3,588 were restricted.

The main account bank balance at the year end was £6,214. The deposit accounts year end balance for 2025 were £45,608 (Redwood Bank), £10,137 (Charity Bank), £55,876 (United Trust Bank) and £85,000 (Cambridge & Counties Bank).

Reserves Policy

The church had a balance of approximately £202,000 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 an assistant 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 begun to consider areas for a future church plant and look forward to moving forward in this in the foreseeable future.

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 19 April 2026 signed on their behalf by:

James Dean

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 30th June 2025

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 of 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 of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs G Kler
MAAT
15 April 2026

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**BUCKINGHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year Ending 30/06/2025 £	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received		68,512	2,870	71,382	66,221
Tax refunds under Gift Aid		14,797	718	15,514	16,061
		83,309	3,588	86,896	82,282
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Interest received		8,206	0	8,206	6,487
Total Receipts		91,515	3,588	95,102	88,770
Payments					
<i>Charitable expenditure in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	81,379	0	81,379	77,610
Grants paid	3	12,052	3,588	15,639	9,790
Total Payments		93,431	3,588	97,018	87,400
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers		-1,916	0	-1,916	1,370
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		-1,916	0	-1,916	1,370
Opening Balances at 1 July 2024		204,243	508	204,751	
Balances at 30 June 2025		202,327	508	202,835	

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

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

1. Fixed Assets

	Year Ending 30/06/2025 £	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £
Insured value of the assets owned:		
Equipment	15,141	14,908
	15,141	14,908

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	Year Ending 30/06/2025 £	Year Ending 30/06/2024 £
Virgin Current Account	6,214	2,436
Redwood Bank	45,608	23,577
Charity Bank	10,137	40,625
United Trust Bank	55,876	53,113
Cambridge & Counties Bank	85,000	85,000
Cash float	0	0
	202,835	204,751

3. Other Assets & Liabilities

	Year Ending 30/06/2025	Year Ending 30/06/2024
Assets *		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	959	1,135
	959	1,135
Liabilities *		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	0	0
Net other assets	959	1,135

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 19 April 2026
by

James Dean

James Pope

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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 30/06/2025 £	Total Year End 30/06/2024 £
a) Congregational Costs				
Property costs rent	5,365	0	5,365	5,980
Licenses (eg Copyright/CCPAS)	1,228	0	1,228	658
Insurance, Legal & Accounting	420	0	420	793
Visiting Speakers, Choirs & Groups	0	0	0	75
Refreshments	929	0	929	721
FIEC	1,476	0	1,476	1,291
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0
Minor equipment & Resources	1,084	0	1,084	2,194
Benevolent Fund	0	0	0	375
Other Congregational Costs	0	0	0	24
Sub Total	10,502	0	10,502	12,111
Personnel				
Personnel Salary, Pension, Tax	40,382	0	40,382	36,052
Housing for Pastor	27,600	0	27,600	26,850
Personnel Training	1,598	0	1,598	1,585
Re-imbursement of Elders' Expenses	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	69,580	0	69,580	64,487
Congregational Costs Total	80,082	0	80,082	76,598
b) Outreach				
Advertising	174	0	174	174
Outreach Events	187	0	187	434
Sunday School & Work Amongst the Young	363	0	363	369
Literature	573	0	573	35
Outreach Total	1,297	0	1,297	1,012
Direct Costs Total	81,379	0	81,379	77,610

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3 Grants Paid	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Year End 30/06/2025 £	Total Year End 30/06/2024 £
a) Individuals (Missions)				
Total Regularly supported individuals	4,800	0	4,800	4,100
One-off gifts to individuals	0	0	0	225
Total	4,800	0	4,800	4,325
b) Institutions				
London City Mission	3,789	0	3,789	3,415
OMF	2,400	0	2,400	2,050
Echoes International	1,000	3,588	4,588	0
Institutions (grants less than £1000 per year)	63	0	63	0
Total	7,252	3,588	10,839	5,465
Grants Total	12,052	3,588	15,639	9,790

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 30/06/2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 30/06/2025 £
	Restricted Funds:					
	Benevolent Fund	125	0	0	0	125
	Y.P. Summer Camp	383	0	0	0	383
	Mission Gifts	0	3,588	-3,588	0	0
	Total Restricted Funds	508	3,588	-3,588	0	508
	Unrestricted Funds:					
	General Fund	204,243	91,515	-93,431	0	202,327
	Total Unrestricted Funds	204,243	91,515	-93,431	0	202,327
	Total Funds	204,751	95,102	-97,018	0	202,835