

**Eternal Covenant Ministries Outreach  
Trustees' report and financial statement  
for the year ended 7 February 2025**

**Charity No: 1188211**

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**Financial statements for the year ended 7 February 2025**

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**Report of the trustee for the year ended 7 February 2025**

The trustees present its report and financial statements for the year ended 7 February 2025

**Legal and administrative information**

**Charity name:** Eternal Covenant Ministries Outreach

**Charity registration number: 1188211**

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## **Eternal Covenant Ministries Outreach**

### **Report of the trustee for the year ended 7 February 2025**

#### **Our aims and objectives**

##### **Purposes and aims**

The objects of the charity:

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the church.

#### **Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims**

The trustees conduct an annual review of the charity's aims, objectives, and activities to assess our achievements and the impact made in the preceding 12 months. This process evaluates the success of our key initiatives and how they have benefited the individuals and communities we are committed to supporting.

We ensure that all activities remain fully aligned with our stated charitable purposes. In both our review and forward planning, we have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The trustees continue to assess how each planned activity contributes meaningfully to our overarching objectives and meets the evolving needs of our beneficiaries.

#### **The Focus of Our Work**

Our key objectives for the year remained:

- The advancement of the Christian faith
- Improving the living conditions of those in need

To achieve these, we implemented the following core activities:

##### **1. Weekly Church Services**

We conducted regular Friday and Sunday services, meeting the physical, emotional, spiritual, and material needs of our congregation and the wider community.

##### **2. Special Events and Targeted Meetings**

We hosted events tailored to the unique needs of specific groups—men, women, youth, and children—providing opportunities for engagement, spiritual development, and mutual support.

##### **3. Support for Individuals Facing Financial Hardship**

We offered targeted assistance to individuals and families experiencing financial difficulties, helping to ease the pressures of daily living and improve overall well-being.

##### **4. Collaboration with Christian Agencies**

Through partnerships with other Christian organisations and churches across London, we expanded the reach of our gospel outreach and community support efforts.

##### **5. Pastoral Care**

Pastoral support was made available to both church members and members of the wider community, addressing their emotional and spiritual needs during difficult periods.

##### **6. Food and Essentials Distribution Programme**

We ran a vital programme distributing food, toiletries, and other essentials to vulnerable households—offering immediate relief and helping families cover their basic needs.

#### **New Project Highlight: Nourish Barking and Dagenham**

This year, we launched **Nourish Barking and Dagenham**, a novel initiative spearheaded by Eternal Covenant Ministry to directly tackle food insecurity in our local area. The project focuses on children and young people who heavily rely on free school meals during term time and are especially vulnerable during holidays.

We established a **community kitchen** where volunteers from diverse backgrounds come together to prepare and distribute hot, nutritious meals to individuals and families in need. The initiative not only alleviates hunger but also fosters community spirit, social connection, and resilience among participants.

The project is especially timely, given that over **50% of children and young people in Barking and Dagenham** live in poverty. Initially scheduled to run over one year, the project will host **six holiday-based events**, with potential for extension based on community need and available funding.

To ensure broad access, we are employing a multi-faceted outreach strategy—including promotion through local schools, door-to-door flyers, social media campaigns, and collaborations with local organisations. We are committed to listening, and we will continue to collect feedback and input from the community throughout the project lifecycle to maximise its impact.

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**How Our Activities Deliver Public Benefit**

Our charitable activities continue to focus on the **advancement of the Christian faith** and the **relief of poverty, hardship, and sickness**, delivering clear and measurable public benefit. These activities are guided by our commitment to serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals and families in our community, particularly those facing disadvantage or exclusion.

Each year, the trustees review our activities in light of our charitable objectives and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, ensuring that our work remains focused, effective, and responsive to community needs.

**Key Activities**

**a. Weekly Spiritual Support**

We provide weekly church services, Bible studies, counselling sessions, and prayer meetings to support the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of our members and the wider public. These gatherings are open to all, offering a place of worship, reflection, comfort, and pastoral care.

**b. Evangelistic Outreach**

Our ministry actively engages in outreach activities designed to share the Christian faith and build stronger spiritual foundations within the community. These efforts aim to inspire transformation, hope, and community cohesion.

**c. Food and Essentials Distribution Programme**

We continue to provide food parcels, toiletries, and other basic necessities to individuals and families facing acute financial difficulties. This programme has helped reduce food poverty, especially during the current cost-of-living crisis, and has brought practical relief to many households.

**d. Nourish Barking and Dagenham**

This year, we launched *Nourish Barking and Dagenham*, a major new initiative designed to tackle food insecurity, particularly among children and young people who depend on free school meals during term time.

The project centres around a **community kitchen**, where volunteers prepare and distribute hot, nutritious meals during school holiday periods. Our goal is not only to alleviate hunger but also to foster a sense of belonging, strengthen social connections, and promote physical and emotional wellbeing.

This initiative was developed in response to local data and resident consultations indicating that over 50% of children and young people in Barking and Dagenham are living in poverty. By delivering six targeted events throughout the year, we aim to offer consistent support during the most vulnerable periods.

Outreach for the project includes collaboration with local schools, flyer distribution, social media engagement, and partnerships with local voluntary organisations.

**Who Used and Benefited from Our Services?**

All our services are open to the public, with beneficiaries including regular attendees, first-time visitors, and members of the wider community—especially those experiencing isolation, unemployment, poverty, or crisis.

The *Nourish Barking and Dagenham* initiative significantly extended our reach, particularly during school holidays when support is most needed. Many families who benefitted are from low-income backgrounds, and the project helped to bridge the gap left by school-based meal provision.

We also continued to support a broad range of individuals through our spiritual programmes, food distribution services, and pastoral care—ensuring both practical needs and personal dignity were upheld.

**Principal Funding Sources**

The principal source of funding for our charitable activities during the year was a **grant from the National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All**, awarded in support of our *Nourish Barking and Dagenham* project. This funding was vital in enabling us to respond to the growing issue of food poverty in the borough and supported the delivery of a full programme of community-based events.

The grant allowed us to:

- Establish and operate the community kitchen
- Purchase fresh food and essential supplies
- Coordinate volunteers and project logistics
- Deliver targeted outreach and engagement activities

In addition to the National Lottery grant, we continued to receive regular donations and gifts from our church members and supporters. Contributions were made during services and through bank standing orders. Trustees also personally contributed food items and toiletries, which were distributed to those in urgent need.

Despite financial limitations, the combination of external grant funding and local generosity enabled us to expand our reach and provide sustained, life-enhancing support throughout the year.

## **Conclusion**

Our work throughout the year has delivered tangible public benefit—spiritually, emotionally, and materially. The support from the **National Lottery (Awards for All)** played a central role in enabling us to scale up our efforts and respond to the deepening needs within the community.

By combining faith-based ministry with targeted, practical support, we continue to serve as a beacon of hope and compassion in Barking and Dagenham, ensuring that the most vulnerable are not left behind.



**Eternal Covenant Ministries Outreach**  
**Report of the trustees for the year ended 7 February 2025**

**Members of the board of trustees**

Members of the Board of Trustees, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

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**Cynthia Salami**  
**Chairman Trustees**

Eternal Covenant Ministries Outreach  
Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 7 February 2025

			2024	2025
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Tithes, Offerings				
Similar Incoming Resources		800	-	2300
Education Grant		1500		-
Grant Received			10,000	-
Donations		1100		1250
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>3400</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>3550</b>
<b>Charitable Resources Expended</b>				
Direct Charitable expenses 2		1550	10,000	2850
Management & Administration 4		1600	-	600
<b>Total Resources expended</b>		<b>3150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3450</b>
Net Incoming Resources for the year		250	-	100
Funds Brought Forward		0	-	0
Fund Balances carried forward		<u>250</u>		<u>100</u>

All disclosures relate to the continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those disclosed above.

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Balance sheet as at 7 February 2025

Notes		2024	2025	
		£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Fixed Assets			-	-
			-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash in Hand/ Bank		350		1250
		350		1250
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Amount falling due within a year	5	250		670
NET CURRENT ASSETS		100		580
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>100</b>		<b>580</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>				
Unrestricted	6	100		580
		<b>100</b>		<b>580</b>
			-	

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf:

Cynthia Salami  
Chairman Trustees