

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188950

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-07

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

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Stevenage
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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CIO ARE:1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITHIN STEVENAGE AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING, 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 CIO FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, mainly around Stevenage. As befits the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements in the Handbook, this may include the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£132,478	£137,129	-	-
2023-12-31	£144,001	£125,422	-	-
2022-12-31	£131,967	£132,346	-	-
2021-12-31	£125,706	£76,232	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BENJAMIN PETER EPPS	Chair	2020-04-07
JOHN CHRISTOPHER COOPER		2020-04-07
James Thompson		2022-09-13
John Prem Remison		2024-06-04
Russell John Knell		2020-04-07
Wayne Campbell		2020-04-07

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Oaks Cross Broadwater Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 8LT	
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Constitution dated 07 Apr 2020	
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES	FIEC Limited 39 The Point Market Harborough LE16 7QU	
BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA	Redwood Bank The Nexus Building Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB	

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Name and Registered Office of the Charity

The full name of the charity is Longmeadow Evangelical Church, and the operating address is Oaks Cross, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Legal Status

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Longmeadow Evangelical Church was constituted in 1959 as a church and was governed by the Constitution and Notes adopted on 24 October 1959 and amended on 15 September 1962. A new constitution and church practices was adopted on 2 December 2008. The church was registered as a charity on 3 February 2010. A new constitution establishing a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was approved by the Charity Commission on 7 April 2020.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are set out on the index tab of the accounts.

The trustees are those who exercise oversight as elders within the church. New elders are appointed by nomination of the elders from the membership of the church and subject to the approval of the church membership at a business meeting of the church. Each elder is required to be fully in agreement with the Basis of Faith.

Objects

The purposes of the Church shall be: -

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stevenage and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church

Aims and Organisation

Longmeadow Evangelical Church is a fellowship of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ gathering together in His Name in the Longmeadow neighbourhood of Stevenage and affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). We are a gathering of ordinary people who by faith in Jesus have been adopted by God our Father. So, with prayer and love we seek to: listen to His voice in the Bible, serve one another, and share His good news in the power of the Holy Spirit. Longmeadow Evangelical Church: it's trustees, elders and members are committed to following these New Testament principles.

Our vision is to encourage and serve one another so that we grow in our love for God and make the most of where He has placed each of us; to support and mentor members in training for gospel work; to plant a new church or revitalise an existing church, as the Lord grants the opportunity.

The church employs two full-time pastors, two part-time pastoral workers to assist primarily with ministry to women, and one part-time church administrator.

The two pastors are also elders and trustees of the church. The elders are required by constitution to call a meeting of the members to conduct Church Business at least once in each quarter of the year.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The church seeks to fulfil its charitable object of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith in the following ways which bring benefit to the community of Stevenage in which it is situated.

Every Sunday the Church holds two services of worship at its Oaks Cross building which include preaching and/or Bible teaching; age-related activities are also provided in the morning for children and teenagers. All these meetings are open to the general public, whom we regularly invite by word of mouth and through door-to-door leaflets and visitation.

Our weekday activities for children include an evening group for 6 to 11-year-olds, and an evening group for those aged 11 to 16.

Home groups are also held on various days and evenings during the week.

We have continued to run new regular activities that were started this year,

- going into a local nursing home to run monthly services of worship for the benefit of residents and staff
- Community Lunches. Putting on regular free hot lunches for anyone to come and attend

Both activities continue to see regular attendees and are greatly appreciated by those people who directly benefit from them.

The pastors of the Church take funeral services for deceased members of the community who are not members of, nor attend, this Church. From time to time, we engage in various activities such as family fun days which are for the benefit of all members of the public. The Church building is regularly used as a public polling station by Stevenage Borough Council.

The Church assists with the religious education of local school children, with the Pastors taking assemblies in local primary schools.

We support the local branch of Good News for Everyone!, which has as its main activity the distribution of Bibles to local Year 7 school children, hotels, sheltered accommodation for senior citizens and hospitals.

The Church promotes the spread of Biblical Christianity which has brought significant public benefit to society. Some of the Church's current members are former offenders and addicts whose lives have been dramatically changed for the benefit of society.

The Church also seeks to fulfil its charitable objects by supporting several overseas missionaries working in various countries in relief, education and other Christian

activities. In times of disaster the Church also facilitates the collection and sending of funds to various parts of the world where the Church has contacts for emergency relief.

We continue to make use of internet technologies to allow engagement with those unable to attend in-person meetings. Sunday services are live-streamed, several of our small groups have opted to continue to meet online, and our quarterly members' meetings are now held in a hybrid format – allowing members attending both in-person and online to engage in the decision making of the church.

These activities are made possible through the voluntary support of the members and friends.

Review of Financial Transactions

We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our financial needs.

We were able to continue our financial support to our mission partners who are serving the Lord both in the UK and in other parts of the world.

During this period total income was £132,478, and total expenditure was £137,129. This meant cash funds held by the charity decreased by £4,651 to £63,024, of which £62,680 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Once again, we want to express our gratitude to all church members who have given so generously towards the work at Longmeadow. Most of all we want to give thanks to God for all his blessings and provision for yet another year.

Second Pastoral Worker

In 2023 we appointed a second part-time pastoral worker, providing pastoral support particularly to ladies and young people, this was a fixed-term contract running to the end of 2024. Recognising the value of this pastoral work, we made this role permanent at the start of 2025.

Reserves

The Church seeks to retain reserves at a level which will enable it to continue its activities. Given current regular obligations we seek to hold minimum reserves of £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. The unrestricted reserves of the fellowship at the year end were £62,680 and the reserves policy is met.

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.

Risk

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

The trustees have taken all the steps necessary to ensure that the charity's examiners are aware of all relevant information. To the knowledge and belief of the trustees, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiners are not aware.

This report is agreed and signed on behalf of the trustees:


B Epps (Oct 13, 2025 14:39:51 GMT+1)

Oct 13, 2025

Ben Epps, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Longmeadow Evangelical Church CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 8 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (Oct 23, 2025 14:08:37 GMT+1)

Archie McDowall BA, CA
Stewardship
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Date: Oct 23, 2025

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income receipts					
Gifts and donations		108,255	773	109,028	119,677
Gift Aid Recovered		19,872	-	19,872	21,777
Other		821	60	881	1,187
Letting of facilities		1,675	-	1,675	553
Interest		1,022	-	1,022	806
Total receipts		<u>131,645</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>132,478</u>	<u>144,001</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	112,552	105	112,657	104,374
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	23,891	581	24,472	21,048
Total payments		<u>136,443</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>137,129</u>	<u>125,422</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(4,798)	147	(4,651)	18,579
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(4,798)</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>(4,651)</u>	<u>18,579</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		67,478	197	67,675	49,475
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>62,680</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>63,024</u>	<u>67,675</u>

The notes on page 10 form part of these accounts.

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
A Cash funds				
CIO Current	35,049	344	35,393	41,005
Redwood 35 Day	27,631	-	27,631	26,670
	<u>62,680</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>63,024</u>	<u>67,675</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	4,580	63	4,642	4,820
Other debtors	1,158	-	1,158	475
	<u>5,738</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>5,801</u>	<u>5,295</u>
C Liabilities				
Pension due	514	-	514	494
HMRC Payments	1,875	-	1,875	1,932
Fee for Independent Examination	1,080	-	1,080	1,080
	<u>3,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>3,506</u>
	<u>3,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>3,506</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Property	unrestricted	1,275,052
Equipment, Furniture and Fittings	unrestricted	84,911

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

B Epps
B Epps (Oct 13, 2025 14:39:51 GMT+1)

Ben Epps, Trustee

Date: Oct 13, 2025

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Care	2,050	45	2,095	1,866
Ministry Activities	5,345	60	5,405	5,674
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,941	-	2,941	2,337
Accounts Preparation & Independent Examination	110	-	110	960
Payroll Expenses	95,288	-	95,288	87,779
Premises Costs	1,738	-	1,738	941
Insurances	1,527	-	1,527	1,499
Utilities	3,306	-	3,306	2,881
Staff Costs	247	-	247	438
	<u>112,552</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>112,657</u>	<u>104,374</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to other charities and organisations				
SIM International	5,885	-	5,885	5,521
Africa Inland Mission	4,298	-	4,298	4,037
OMF International	3,118	-	3,118	2,850
FIEC	1,779	-	1,779	1,680
Other small grants to organisations	2,688	543	3,231	1,806
Grants to individuals	6,123	38	6,161	5,154
	<u>23,891</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>24,472</u>	<u>21,048</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Ben Epps and Russell Knell served as church pastors and were paid a gross salary of £37,927 and £37,815 (2023: £36,251 and £36,191) respectively and each benefited from employer's pension contribution of £1,513 (2023: £1,448) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	67,478	131,645	(136,443)	-	62,680
Restricted funds					
Holiday Club	95	-	-	-	95
Christmas Offering Fund	103	690	(543)	-	250
Missionary Fund	-	38	(38)	-	-
Care Fund	-	45	(45)	-	-
Fun Day	-	60	(60)	-	-
	<u>197</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>(686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344</u>
Total funds	<u>67,675</u>	<u>132,478</u>	<u>(137,129)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,024</u>

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a Constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stevenage and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

The church seeks to fulfil its charitable object of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith in the following ways which bring benefit to the community of Stevenage in which it is situated.

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These activities are made possible through the voluntary support of the members and friends.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our financial needs.

We were able to continue our financial support to our mission partners who are serving the Lord both in the UK and in other parts of the world.

During this period total income was £144,001, and total expenditure was £125,422. This meant cash funds held by the charity was £67,675, of which £67,478 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Once again we want to express our gratitude to all church members who have given so generously towards the work at Longmeadow. Most of all we want to give thanks to God for all his blessings and provision for yet another year.

Second Pastoral Worker

Our surplus in funds this year enabled us to be in the position to appoint a second part-time pastoral worker to increase the amount of pastoral support that we're able to give to ladies and young people both within the church, and with whom we're in contact with through the regular activities we run.

Currently this position is for a fixed-term to the end of 2024, but we hope that finances will allow this to be made a permanent position.

Reserves policy

The Church seeks to retain reserves at a level which will enable it to continue its activities. Given current regular obligations we seek to hold minimum reserves of £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. The unrestricted reserves of the fellowship at the year end were £67,478.

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Risk statement

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Responsibilities of trustees

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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 and signed on their behalf by:

James Thompson
James Thompson [Sep 4, 2024 20:34 GMT+1]

James Thompson

Date: Sep 4, 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Archie McDowall
Archie McDowall (Sep 6, 2024 15:03 GMT+1)

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Date: Sep 6, 2024

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income receipts					
Gifts and donations		119,575	103	119,677	112,313
Gift Aid Recovered		21,777	-	21,777	18,178
Other		1,187	-	1,187	561
Letting of facilities		553	-	553	565
Interest		806	-	806	350
		<u>143,898</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>144,001</u>	<u>131,967</u>
Total receipts		<u>143,898</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>144,001</u>	<u>131,967</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	104,374	-	104,374	110,835
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	21,048	-	21,048	21,511
		<u>125,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,422</u>	<u>132,346</u>
Total payments		<u>125,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,422</u>	<u>132,346</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		18,476	103	18,579	- 378
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>18,476</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>18,579</u>	<u>(378)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		49,002	95	49,097	49,475
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>67,478</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>67,675</u>	<u>49,097</u>

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
A Cash funds				
CIO Current	40,808	197	41,005	23,162
Redwood 35 Day	26,670	-	26,670	25,934
	<u>67,478</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>67,675</u>	<u>49,097</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	4,820	-	4,820	5,182
Other debtors	475	-	475	-
	<u>5,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,295</u>	<u>5,182</u>
C Liabilities				
Pension due	494	-	494	471
HMRC Payments	1,932	-	1,932	1,795
Fee for Independent Examination	1,080	-	1,080	960
	<u>3,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>3,226</u>
	<u>3,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>3,226</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Property	unrestricted	1,233,125
Equipment, Furniture and Fittings	unrestricted	84,911

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Russell Knell
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Russell Knell
 Sep 4, 2024
 Date: _____

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Wayne Campbell

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

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General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Care	1,866	-	1,866	5,136
Ministry Activities	5,674	-	5,674	4,519
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,337	-	2,337	2,402
Accounts Preparation & Independent Examination	960	-	960	2,220
Payroll Expenses	87,779	-	87,779	83,123
Premises Costs	941	-	941	8,763
Insurances	1,499	-	1,499	1,453
Utilities	2,881	-	2,881	2,711
Staff Costs	438	-	438	507
	<u>104,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,374</u>	<u>110,835</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to other charities and organisations				
SIM International	5,521	-	5,521	5,154
Africa Inland Mission	4,037	-	4,037	4,554
OMF International	2,850	-	2,850	3,000
FIEC	1,680	-	1,680	1,555
Other small grants to organisations	1,806	-	1,806	1,906
Grants to individuals	5,154	-	5,154	5,342
	<u>21,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,048</u>	<u>21,511</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Ben Epps and Russell Knell served as church pastors and were paid a gross salary of £36,251 and £36,191 (2022: £34,816 and £34,738) respectively and each benefited from employer's pension contribution of £1,448 (2022: £1,390) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	49,002	143,898	(125,422)	-	67,478
Restricted funds					
Holiday Club	95	-	-	-	95
Xmas Offering Fund	-	103	-	-	103
	<u>95</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197</u>
Total funds	<u>49,097</u>	<u>144,001</u>	<u>(125,422)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,675</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1188950

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Constitution dated 07 Apr 2020	
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1188950	
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Wayne Campbell John Cooper Ben Epps Russell Knell Ian Thompson - stood down 31 December 2022 James Thompson - appointed 13 September 2022	
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES	FIEC Limited 39 The Point Market Harborough LE16 7QU	
BANKERS	Santander Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside G1R 0AA	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB	

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Legal Status

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 April 2020, Charity Number 1188950.

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was constituted in 1959 as a church and was governed by the Constitution and Notes adopted on 24 October 1959, and amended on 15 September 1962. A new constitution and church practices was adopted on 2 December 2008. The church was registered as a charity on 3 February 2010. A new constitution establishing a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was approved by the Charity Commission on 7 April 2020.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a Constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stevenage and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
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Aims and Organisation

Longmeadow Evangelical Church is a fellowship of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ gathering together in His Name in the Longmeadow neighbourhood of Stevenage and affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). We are a gathering of ordinary people who by faith in Jesus have been adopted by God our Father. So with prayer and love we seek to: listen to His voice in the Bible, serve one another, and share His good news in the power of the Holy Spirit. Longmeadow Evangelical Church; it's trustees, elders and members are committed to following these New Testament principles.

Our vision is to encourage and serve one another so that we grow in our love for God and make the most of where He has placed each of us; to support and mentor members in training for gospel work; to plant a new church or revitalise an existing church, as the Lord grants the opportunity.

The church employs two full-time pastors, one part-time pastoral worker to assist primarily with ministry to women, and one part-time church administrator.

The two pastors are also elders and trustees of the church. The elders are required by constitution to call a meeting of the members to conduct Church Business at least once in each quarter of the year.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

The church seeks to fulfil its charitable object of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith in the following ways which bring benefit to the community of Stevenage in which it is situated.

Every Sunday the Church holds two services of worship at its Oaks Cross building which include preaching and/or Bible teaching; age-related activities are also provided in the morning for children and teenagers. All of these meetings are open to the general public, whom we regularly invite by word of mouth and through door to door leaflets and visitation.

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Home groups are also held on various days and evenings during the week.

The pastors of the Church take funeral services for deceased members of the community who are not members of, nor attend, this Church. From time to time we engage in various activities such as family fun days which are for the benefit of all members of the public. The Church building is regularly used as a public polling station by Stevenage Borough Council.

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The Church promotes the spread of Biblical Christianity which has brought significant public benefit to society. Some of the Church's current members are former offenders and addicts whose lives have been dramatically changed for the benefit of society. The Church also supports the Living Room, a local addiction treatment and counselling centre.

The Church also seeks to fulfil its charitable objects by supporting a number of overseas missionaries working in various countries in relief, education and other Christian activities. In times of disaster the Church also facilitates the collection and sending of funds to various parts of the world where the Church has contacts for emergency relief.

A lasting effect of Covid-19 and lock down restrictions is our continued use of internet technologies to allow engagement with those unable to attend in-person meetings. Sunday services are live-streamed, a number of our small groups have opted to continue to meet online, and our quarterly members' meetings are now held in a hybrid format – allowing members attending both in-person and online to engage in the decision making of the church.

These activities are made possible through the voluntary support of the members and friends.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our financial needs.

We were able to continue our financial support to our mission partners who are serving the Lord both in the UK and in other parts of the world.

During this period total income was £131,967, and total expenditure was £132,346. This meant cash funds held by the charity was £49,097, of which £49,005 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Once again we want to express our gratitude to all church members who have given so generously towards the work at Longmeadow. Most of all we want to give thanks to God for all his blessings and provision for yet another year.

Reserves policy

The Church seeks to retain reserves at a level which will enable it to continue its activities. Given current regular obligations we seek to hold minimum reserves of £28,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. The unrestricted reserves of the fellowship at the year end were £49,002.

Governance

The trustees are those who exercise oversight as elders within the church. New elders are appointed by nomination of the elders from the membership of the church and subject to the approval of the church membership at a business meeting of the church. Each elder is required to be fully in agreement with the Basis of Faith.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

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 and signed on their behalf by:

Benjamin Epps

Benjamin Epps

Date: 12 September 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Longmeadow Evangelical Church CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA, CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 21 September 2023

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Income receipts					
Gifts and donations		111,000	1,313	112,313	55,230
Gift Aid Recovered		17,850	328	18,178	12,187
Other		361	200	561	255
Letting of facilities		565	-	565	150
Interest		350	-	350	177
		<u>130,126</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>131,967</u>	<u>67,999</u>
Capital and similar receipts					
Cash received from predecessor charity*		-	-	-	57,707
		<u>130,126</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>131,967</u>	<u>125,706</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	107,860	2,975	110,835	64,159
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	21,323	188	21,511	12,074
		<u>129,183</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>132,346</u>	<u>76,232</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		943	(1,321)	(378)	49,474
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>943</u>	<u>(1,321)</u>	<u>(378)</u>	<u>49,474</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		48,059	1,416	49,475	-
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>49,002</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>49,097</u>	<u>49,474</u>

*From 19 May 2021 the Trustees of Longmeadow Evangelical Trust transferred its cash and bank balances to the CIO to carry out the church's activities.

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
A Cash funds				
CIO Current	23,068	95	23,162	23,805
Redwood 35 Day	25,934	-	25,934	25,602
Senior Moments Cash	-	-	-	67
	<u>49,002</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>49,097</u>	<u>49,474</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	5,182	-	5,182	2,655
	<u>5,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,182</u>	<u>2,655</u>
C Liabilities				
Pension due	471	-	471	456
HMRC Payments	1,795	-	1,795	1,774
Fee for Independent Examination	960	-	960	2,010
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	6,815
	<u>3,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,226</u>	<u>11,054</u>
	<u>3,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,226</u>	<u>11,054</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Property	unrestricted	992,855
Equipment, Furniture and Fittings	unrestricted	84,911

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Russell Knell

Russell Knell

Wayne Campbell

Wayne Campbell

Date: 12 September 2023

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

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	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Care	3,886	1,250	5,136	250
Ministry Activities	3,761	758	4,519	3,323
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,402	-	2,402	3,873
Accounts Preparation & Independent Examination	2,220	-	2,220	-
Payroll Expenses	83,123	-	83,123	46,709
Premises Costs	7,796	967	8,763	7,148
Insurances	1,453	-	1,453	1,333
Utilities	2,711	-	2,711	1,111
Staff Costs	507	-	507	412
	<u>107,860</u>	<u>2,975</u>	<u>110,835</u>	<u>64,159</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to other charities and organisations				
SIM International	5,154	-	5,154	3,007
Africa Inland Mission	4,554	-	4,554	2,569
OMF International	3,000	-	3,000	1,663
FIEC	1,555	-	1,555	-
Other small grants to organisations	1,906	-	1,906	1,946
Grants to individuals	5,154	188	5,342	2,890
	<u>21,323</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>21,511</u>	<u>12,074</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Ben Epps and Russell Knell served as church pastors and were paid a gross salary of £34,816 and £34,738 (2021: £19,979 and £19,933) respectively and each benefited from employer's pension contribution of £1,390 (2021: £797) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	48,058	130,126	(129,183)	-	49,002
Restricted funds					
Holiday Club	95	-	-	-	95
Groups within church	67	-	(67)	-	-
Community Support Fund	262	204	(466)	-	-
Mission Fund	-	188	(188)	-	-
Care Fund	-	1,250	(1,250)	-	-
Fun Day	-	200	(200)	-	-
Straight Up	25	-	(25)	-	-
Building Improvement	967	-	(967)	-	-
	<u>1,416</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>(3,162)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>
Total funds	<u>49,474</u>	<u>131,968</u>	<u>(132,345)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,097</u>

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Legal Status

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During the financial year ended 31 December 2017 the trustees and church members voted to approve a motion to begin the process of changing the charity's legal structure from that of an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

This Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Longmeadow Evangelical Church, was registered on 7 April 2020. We had hoped to be able to transfer assets and liabilities to the new CIO at the end of 2020 and begin operating as a CIO from January 2021. Unfortunately delays in obtaining access to a suitable bank account for the CIO resulting from the pandemic meant this wasn't possible. Assets and liabilities we finally transferred to the CIO on 19 May 2021.

Objects of the charity

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Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

The church seeks to fulfil its charitable object of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith in the following ways which bring benefit to the community of Stevenage in which it is situated.

With Covid-19 restrictions lifting and the pandemic easing we were able to restart many of our regular community activities. The notable exception to this is our senior citizens lunch club which remains suspended.

Every Sunday the Church holds two services of worship at its Oaks Cross building which include preaching and/or Bible teaching; age-related activities are also provided in the morning for children and teenagers. All of these meetings are open to the general public, whom we regularly invite by word of mouth and through door to door leaflets and visitation.

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It has been possible for our Sunday mornings, small Bible study groups and young people's groups to return to in-person meetings, though with additional safety precautions guided by the changing Covid-19 transmission rates. We continue to live-stream Sunday morning services for the benefit of those not able to meet with us in-person, and some of our small groups have found advantages in continuing to use online meeting software.

These activities are made possible through the voluntary support of the members and friends.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our financial needs.

We were able to continue our financial support to our mission partners who are serving the Lord both in the UK and in other parts of the world.

During this period we were able to make some improvements to the entrance-way of the church building with new, more visible signage and a redecorated foyer. We also replaced the old wooden main entrance doors with new power-assisted aluminium & glass doors to improve both accessibility and visibility into the building. The final invoice for the doors was still pending at the end of this period, but would come to £6,815.

During this period total income was £67,999, and total expenditure was £76,232. This meant cash funds held by the charity was £49,474, of which £48,958 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

In December 2020, recognising the additional hardships facing people brought on by loss of income due to furlough and the prolonged closure of many industries due to Covid-19 a Community Support Fund. The intent of this restricted fund is to help to low income families and individuals in our area with the costs of food and daily essentials. In addition to helping people known directly to us we are working with our local primary school to provide support to families. During this financial period we have been able to give £1,241 in Easter gifts and supermarket vouchers to families in our local community. At the year end the fund stood at £1,415 which will distributed to those in need in the coming year.

Once again we want to express our gratitude to all church members who have given so generously towards the work at Longmeadow. Most of all we want to give thanks to God for all his blessings and provision for yet another year.

Reserves policy

The Church seeks to retain reserves at a level which will enable it to continue its activities. Given current regular obligations we seek to hold minimum reserves of £28,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. The unrestricted reserves of the fellowship at the year end were £48,058.

Governance

The trustees are those who exercise oversight as elders within the church. New elders are appointed by nomination of the elders from the membership of the church and subject to the approval of the church membership at a business meeting of the church. Each elder is required to be fully in agreement with the Basis of Faith.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

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 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Thompson

Benjamin Epps

Ian Thompson

Benjamin Epps

Date: 9 October 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Longmeadow Evangelical Church CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall BA, CA
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 17 October 2022

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £	
Income receipts					
Gifts and donations	54,534	696	55,230	-	
Gift Aid Recovered	12,150	38	12,187	-	
Other	255	-	255	-	
Letting of facilities	150	-	150	-	
Interest	177	-	177	-	
	<u>67,266</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>67,999</u>	<u>-</u>	
Capital and similar receipts					
Cash received from predecessor charity*	55,784	1,923	57,707	-	
	<u>123,050</u>	<u>2,656</u>	<u>125,706</u>	<u>-</u>	
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	62,918	1,241	64,159	-
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	12,074	-	12,074	-
		<u>74,992</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>76,232</u>	<u>-</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers	48,058	1,415	49,474	-	
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	
	<u>48,058</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>49,474</u>	<u>-</u>	
Net movement in funds					
Cash funds as at last year end	-	-	-	-	
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>48,058</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>49,474</u>	<u>-</u>

*From 19 May 2021 the Trustees of Longmeadow Evangelical Trust transferred its cash and bank balances to the CIO to carry out the church's activities.

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
A Cash funds				
CIO Current	22,389	1,415	23,805	-
Redwood 35 Day	25,602	-	25,602	-
Senior Moments Cash	67	-	67	-
	<u>48,058</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>49,474</u>	<u>-</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	2,630	25	2,655	-
	<u>2,630</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2,655</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities				
Pension due	456	-	456	-
HMRC Payments	1,774	-	1,774	-
Fee for Independent Examination	2,010	-	2,010	-
Accrued expenses	6,815	-	6,815	-
	<u>11,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,054</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>11,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,054</u>	<u>-</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	£
Property	unrestricted	882,538
Equipment, Furniture and Fittings	unrestricted	68,477

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

From 19 May 2021 the Trustees of Longmeadow Evangelical Trust transferred its cash and bank balances to the CIO to carry out the church's activities.

F Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Russell Knell

 Russell Knell

Wayne Campbell

 Wayne Campbell

Date: 9 October 2022

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

From 19 May 2021 the Trustees of Longmeadow Evangelical Trust transferred its cash and bank balances to the CIO to carry out the church's activities.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Care	250	-	250	-
Ministry Activities	2,082	1,241	3,323	-
Office/General Administrative Expenses	3,873	-	3,873	-
Payroll Expenses	46,709	-	46,709	-
Premises Costs	7,148	-	7,148	-
Insurances	1,333	-	1,333	-
Utilities	1,111	-	1,111	-
Staff Costs	412	-	412	-
	<u>62,918</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>64,159</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to other charities and organisations				
SIM International	3,007	-	3,007	-
Africa Inland Mission	2,569	-	2,569	-
OMF International	1,663	-	1,663	-
Other small grants to organisations	1,946	-	1,946	-
Grants to individuals	2,890	-	2,890	-
	<u>12,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,074</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Brian Epps and Russell Knell served as church pastors and were paid a gross salary of £19,979 and £19,933 respectively and each benefited from employer's pension contribution of £797 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income Receipts £	Transferred from Trust £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	-	67,266	55,784	(74,992)	-	48,058
Restricted funds						
Holiday Club	-	-	95	-	-	95
Groups within church	-	-	67	-	-	67
Community Support Fund	-	708	795	(1,241)	-	262
Straight Up	-	25	-	-	-	25
Building Improvement	-	-	967	-	-	967
	<u>-</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>1,923</u>	<u>(1,241)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,415</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>67,999</u>	<u>57,707</u>	<u>(76,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,474</u>

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188950

Accounts

**LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STEVENAGE**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Longmeadow Evangelical Church

Registered Charity 1188950

For the year 07/04/2020 to 31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Previous year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Receipts				
General Offerings & Regular Giving	-	-	-	-
Special Offerings	-	-	-	-
Restricted Gifts	-	-	-	-
Income Tax Reclaimed	-	-	-	-
Investments Income	-	-	-	-
Income from Groups and Activities	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire and Catering	-	-	-	-
Care Loan Repayment	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	-	-	-	-
Payments				
Grants Paid and Care	-	-	-	-
Activities and Groups	-	-	-	-
Restricted Gifts Paid Over	-	-	-	-
Special Offerings Paid Over	-	-	-	-
Staff Costs and Ministry	-	-	-	-
Premises Costs	-	-	-	-
Mission Giving	-	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	-	-
Administrative Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds from previous year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of Assets and liabilities at the end of the year, 31/12/2020

Cash Funds		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Details			
Cash		-	-
Total Funds		-	-

Other Monetary Assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Details			
Gift Aid Debtor		-	-

Assets retained for the charity's use			
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current Value	
Freehold Property	Unrestricted	-	
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	

Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount Due
Details			
HMRC Payments		Unrestricted	-
Pension Payments		Unrestricted	-
Accounts Examination Fee		Unrestricted	-

Balance of Restricted Funds		Closing Balance
Details		
Mission Giving		-
Groups within church		-

	Signature	Print name	Date
Signed on behalf of the Trustees	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

Wayne Campbell (Elder, volunteer)
John Cooper (Elder, volunteer)
Ben Epps (Elder, full-time employee)
Russell Knell (Elder, full-time employee)
Ian Thompson (Elder, volunteer)

Principal Office Address

Oaks Cross
Broadwater
Stevenage SG2 8LT
Hertfordshire

Name and Registered Office of the Charity

The full name of the charity is Longmeadow Evangelical Church and the operating address is Oaks Cross, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Legal Status

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 April 2020, Charity Number 1188950.

The CIO has not yet begun operations.

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was constituted in 1959 as a church and was governed by the Constitution and Notes adopted on 24 October 1959, and amended on 15 September 1962. A new constitution and church practices was adopted on 2 December 2008. The church was registered as a charity on 3 February 2010. A new constitution establishing a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was approved by the Charity Commission on 7 April 2020. The CIO is not yet operational and no assets have yet been transferred from the unincorporated charity (registration no. 1134018).

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are set out on page 3.

The trustees are those who exercise oversight as elders within the church. New elders are appointed by nomination of the elders from the membership of the church and subject to the approval of the church membership at a business meeting of the church. Each elder is required to be fully in agreement with the Basis of Faith.

Objects

The purposes of the Church shall be:-

1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stevenage and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church

Aims and Organisation

Longmeadow Evangelical Church is a fellowship of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ gathering together in His Name in the Longmeadow neighbourhood of Stevenage and affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). We are a gathering of ordinary people who by faith in Jesus have been adopted by God our Father. So with prayer and love we seek to: listen to His voice in the Bible, serve one another, and share His good news in the power of the Holy Spirit. Longmeadow Evangelical Church, its trustees, elders and members are committed to following these New Testament principles.

Our vision is to encourage and serve one another so that we grow in our love for God and make the most of where He has placed each of us; to support and mentor members in training for gospel work; to plant a new church or revitalise an existing church, as the Lord grants the opportunity.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (Continued)

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.

Risk

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature W Campbell Print Name Wayne Campbell Date 20/10/2021

Signature B Epps Print Name Ben Epps Date 20/10/2021