

HAMILTON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1189551

Details

Other names HREC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-19

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN WHITSTABLE AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: The church is involved with the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Whitstable and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in

accordance with the Basis of Faith.

Classification

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

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,404	£82,797	-	-
2024-03-31	£58,083	£82,815	-	-
2023-03-31	£124,071	£54,987	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Wreford Laughton	Chair	2022-09-01
David Lewis Platts		2020-05-19
LUKE CHRISTOPHER RELTON		2024-07-17
Michael Andrew Bedford		2025-07-16
Peter Charles Hawes		2020-05-19

HAMILTON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1189551

Accounts

This report is prepared for the church AGM (1st October 2025) as part of our obligations as a CIO. An anonymised version will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Introduction

The Trustees (Church Officers) have pleasure in presenting this report for the past year, to October 2025.

As a CIO, the aims of Hamilton Road Evangelical Church are:

- *The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Whitstable and the surrounding neighbourhood;*
- *Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare 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;*

Report

During the past year we have held regular Sunday worship services morning and evening, as well as prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings. These are usually led by our Pastor, although visiting speakers and church members also lead. We continue to see growth in attendance. These meetings are open to the public and guests are warmly welcomed. Attendance in the morning might typically be around 40-50 adults, with 10-15 children. Evening attendance is generally lower, although that has also been increasing.

Regular ministries within the church continue faithfully. Below are brief summaries.

- Junior Church typically has 9-10 children, occasionally more. They have been working through, “The Biggest Story Curriculum,” which focuses on a Christ-centred approach to all the Scriptures.
- Little Oysters Toddler group meets weekly on Thursdays (in school term time). Numbers have dropped slightly, with several regulars leaving, but the group remains well-loved by all who attend.
- Our Tuesday Bethany Lunch Club has met regularly through the past 12 months, with breaks coinciding with typical school holidays. Attendance remains steady with 30-35 being typical.
- Sunday Youth Group has met around 6 times during the year. We have 5 young people in the group and we have focused on how the Bible answers questions relevant to young people.
- The monthly women’s breakfast and bible study has resumed again, and a new women’s book group has also begun in the last year.

We have held other outreach events through the year, including Christmas Carol Services, Easter Service (with breakfast), Harvest Thanksgiving (with buffet) and our May Family Fun day. All were well attended and provided opportunities for gospel outreach. We have held other, “social,” events, including church BBQ and fellowship meals. These are good ways of fostering deeper friendship and love within the church.

Membership

We gained 8 new members. Our current membership has risen and now stands at 39 (5 of these associate and 1 child member).

Church Officers

Our church officers currently consist of two Elders and three deacons (see below). We rejoice at the recognition of XX as an elder and thank him for his willingness to serve. This was raised as a matter for prayer at last years AGM and we acknowledge the Lord's gracious answer in this.

In September, XX shared with the church officers his intention to stand down as a deacon. We received this news with sadness, coupled with deep thankfulness to him for many years of devoted service to the church. We pray for him and his wife as they continue to encourage and serve the church as members.

All church officers automatically become trustees of the CIO, with Pastor being Chair of Trustees. Trustees must oversee the CIO and ensure it is well managed, in line with our charitable aims. We continue to oversee the policies and procedures of the church as well as fabric and maintenance. Areas of work this past year have included the new carpet for the main building as well as additional seating.

Pastors final thoughts

The last year (like the previous two years) has been one of consolidation, growth and encouragement. We are thankful for the blessing we have known and trust it will continue. We give all the glory to the Lord. As we have grown, it has been wonderful to see the Lord answering our prayers to "knit us together," as one people. This was an area for prayer mentioned at last year's AGM and we give glory to God for hearing us.

By the Lord's grace and mercy, we look to him to continue to bless and strengthen the work. Many of the areas we mentioned last year are similar, outlined below.

- Evangelism. The, "Passion for Life," evangelism training sessions on Sunday evenings were generally well received. Passion for Life have produced a new series of training sessions, some of which we may use in the coming year. We want to see members increasingly enthused and equipped and we are looking to host several evangelistic events around the Easter of 2026, God willing.
- Elders and Deacons. We give thanks for the current church officers and pray that the Lord will send the right men at the right time for the church.
- Service, involvement and "organisation." With growing numbers, the need to do all things, "decently and in order," increases. We remain encouraged by the willingness of people to serve in whatever ways the Lord has enabled them. As new people join us, they need to be able to see clearly how the ministries of the church function, and where they might be able to serve. The elders and deacons intend to produce a clear summary of teams and ministries, to help people get involved.
- Prayer. The growth in attendance at prayer meeting is a wonderful encouragement and I trust shows our increasing awareness that, "unless the Lord builds the house," we labour in vain. Without the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ, nothing we attempt will have lasting significance. We must together as a church all give priority to prayer together and individually.
- Unity & Fellowship. Like last year, we rejoice at the loving spirit that exists amongst us. Much of the ministry last year (e.g. "One Another's,") focused on the community that the Lord Jesus wants to build. Our, "practical unity," is founded on our, "theological unity," in the gospel of grace. With this in mind, we pray that the series on Romans will help us to clarify what we believe and to unite around this wonderful good news.

Account Balance 2024-25 at 31.3.25

Account: All Accounts

Net Worth at: 31/03/2025 (in GB Pounds)

Bank	
Cash	20.00
Current	1,533.55
Reserve	20,405.36
Bank Total	21,958.91

Income & Expenditure 2024-25

From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 (in GB Pounds)

Category (Income)	
Bank Interest	487.94
Bethany Lunches	4,331.51
General	39,235.70
Gifts Received	1,149.15
Manse Rent	15,200.00
Total Income	60,404.30
Category (Expense)	
Accounts Inspection	-200.00
Advertising and Publicity	-263.36
Bethany	-3,438.28
Caretaking	-172.10
Charitable contributions	-49.50
Church Utilities:Electricity	-1,316.83
Church Utilities:Gas	-3,905.39
Church Utilities:Phone & Wifi	-785.18
Church Utilities:Refuse	-116.12
Church Utilities:Water	-415.77
Category Total:	-6,539.29
Equipment	-1,380.29
Events	-764.24
FIEC Subscription	-500.00
Gift Sent	-500.00
Insurance	-3,002.11
Literature	-965.02
Maintenance:Church	-22,126.42
Maintenance:Manse	-348.31
Category Total:	-22,474.73
Ministry: Bethany	-190.00
Ministry: Lord's Day	-970.00
Ministry: Missionary	-150.00
Category Total:	-1,310.00

Misc Exp	-828.15
Pastor:Accommodation	-2,196.77
Pastor:Conference expenses	-347.50
Pastor:Pension	-4,524.00
Pastor:Salary	-33,011.37
Pastor:Travel	-57.26
Category Total:	-40,136.90
Stationery	-198.06
Sunday School	-74.87
Total Expenses	-
	82,796.90

Total: -22,392.60



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Hamilton Road Evangelical church, Whitstable

On accounts for the year ended

March 31st 2025

Charity no (if any)

CIO 1189 551

Set out on pages

1+2 and summary sheets A - D

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/25

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R J. Hutton

Date:

Sept. 23rd 2025

Name:

ROBERT JOHN HUTTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

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BROAD STAIRS

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

n/a

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Hamilton Road Evangelical Church

CIO Registered No: 1189551

Year 2024-25

Balances

Opening 01 April 2024	£44,351.51	✓
Current Account	£1,533.55	✓
Reserve Account	£20,405.36	✓
Cash Account	£20.00	✓
Closing Balance 31 March 2025	£21,958.91	✓
Opening Balances@1 st April 2024	£44,351.51	✓
Income	£60,404.30	✓
Expenditure	£-82,796.90	✓
Closing Balance 31 March 25	£21,958.91	✓

Income & Expenditure 2024-25

From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 (in GB Pounds)

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Hamilton Road Evangelical Church

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HAMILTON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1189551

Accounts

Annual Trustees Report - October 2024

This report is prepared for the church AGM (2nd October 2024) as part of our obligations as a CIO. An anonymised version will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Introduction

The Trustees (Church Officers) have pleasure in presenting this report for the past year, to October 2024.

As a CIO, the aims of Hamilton Road Evangelical Church are:

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Report

During the past year we have held regular Sunday worship services morning and evening, as well as prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings. These are usually led by our Pastor, although visiting speakers or members of the church lead occasionally.) Attendance has increased, with new adults and families attending. These meetings are open to the public and guests are warmly welcomed. Average attendance in the morning would be around 35-40 adults, with 9-15 children approximately. Evening attendance is generally lower.

Regular ministries within the church have all seen encouragements. Below are brief summaries. ***(Separate written reports were submitted to the AGM)***

- Junior Church continues to grow, with typically 9-10 children, occasionally more.
- Our Thursday morning toddler group (now, "Little Oysters") has met regularly, with breaks coinciding with typical school holidays. There are usually around 12-15 children in the group.
- Our Tuesday Bethany Lunch Club has met regularly through the past 12 months, with breaks coinciding with typical school holidays. Bethany continues to be very popular and attendance has grown slightly, with 30-35 now being typical.
- We recently held the first of our monthly Sunday afternoon youth group meetings. This is for the benefit of our 11-18 year olds (currently 5 young people).
- The monthly women's breakfast and bible study has resumed again (see Appendix 2), and a new women's book group has also begun in the last year.

We have held other outreach events through the year, including Christmas Carol Services, Easter Service (with breakfast), Harvest Thanksgiving (with hot food) and our Easter Family Fun day. All were well attended and provided opportunities for gospel outreach. We have also held a number of "social," events, including the bonfire event and church BBQ. These fellowship events are good ways of fostering deeper friendship and love within the church.

We have gained 8 new members and lost one (deceased). **Our current membership now stands at 31** (with 4 of these being associate members).

Our church officers currently consist of one Elder (our Pastor) and 4 deacons. We rejoice at the appointment of an additional deacon. All church officers automatically become trustees of the CIO, with Pastor being Chair

of Trustees. Trustees must oversee the CIO and ensure it is well managed, in line with our charitable aims. Some areas that we have focused on this year include: updating our Safeguarding Policy (and assorted documents), our Fire Risk Assessment, our Doctrinal Basis and Distinctives. All these things help the church to function, "decently and in order."

We have seen a number of improvements to the fabric of the building. These projects include the redecoration of the Junior Church room, the reworking of the pulpit area, the new front doors and the renewed fire doors and storage cupboard in the rear hall.

Pastors final thoughts

The past year, like the one before, has generally been one of consolidation, growth and encouragement. We are thankful for the ongoing spirit of love and unity, as well as growing numbers. We give all the glory to the Lord.

By the Lord's grace and mercy, we look to him to continue to bless and strengthen the work. In line with this, we suggest the following areas require our ongoing (or renewed) prayerful attention:

- **Evangelism.** We need to be encouraged and equipped both in personal and corporate evangelism. We should consider some training sessions and seasons of prayer in this vital area. We want to see members increasingly enthused in their own personal evangelism.
- **Eldership.** The need for elders and deacons remains. In particular, eldership to share the pastoral and leadership responsibilities. At present, we are maintaining the regular weekly ministry and planning, but the pressures of time restrict the amount of "important but not necessarily urgent," matters that also require attention. The biblical pattern for local churches should be a plurality of both elders and deacons. We pray the Lord will raise up suitable men.
- **Service and involvement.** We rejoice at the number of people actively using their gifts in service already. We are encouraged to see more people leading in public prayer, reading the Scriptures, giving testimony, etc. We hope to promote more of this as we go forward.
- **Prayer.** The growth in attendance at prayer meeting is a wonderful encouragement and I trust shows our increasing awareness that, "unless the Lord builds the house," we labour in vain. Without the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ, nothing we attempt will have lasting significance. We must together as a church all give priority to prayer together and individually.
- **Unity & Fellowship.** As already stated, we rejoice in the loving spirit that exists amongst us. We have been blessed with many new faces in the past year. We must prioritize welcoming new people, and help them to settle into the fellowship, with a view to joining as members (in the Lord's time.) We can also listen and learn from new perspectives on church life – we must be open to fresh ideas about how we function as a church. Our prayer is that together "new faces," and "long-standing regulars," will grow together into one new church family in Christ. Pastor will soon begin a Sunday morning series of sermons, looking at the, "One Another," commands in the New Testament, which provides some valuable teaching on our shared church life together in Christ.

This report was accepted at the Annual General Meeting of Hamilton Road Church, 2nd October, 2024.

Signed: 

(ADAM LAUGHTON Chair of Trustees) 2ND OCTOBER 2024

Income & Expenditure 2023-24

From 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 (in GB Pounds)

Category (Income)	
Bank Interest	648.17
Bethany Lunches	3,952.50
General	34,336.89
Gift Received	1,098.58
Manse Rent	12,000.00
Refunds	982.06
Tax Reclaimed - HMRC	5,065.01
Total Income	58,083.21
Category (Expense)	
Accounts Inspection	-450.00
Advertising and Publicity	-715.46
Bethany	-2,912.32
Caretaking	-231.60
Catering	-213.60
Charitable contributions	-122.08
Church Utilities: Electricity	-2,060.68
Church Utilities: Gas	-7,804.43
Church Utilities: Phone & Wifi	-632.34
Church Utilities: Water	-345.13
Category Total:	-10,842.58
Equipment	-1,653.07
FIEC Subscription	-300.00
Insurance	-2,802.59
Literature	-712.83
Maintenance: Church	-17,134.04
Ministry: Bethany	-200.00
Ministry: Lord's Day	-960.00
Ministry: Missionary	-590.00
Category Total:	-1,750.00
Misc Exp	-577.63

Pastor: Accommodation	-10,587.53
Pastor: Conference expenses	-310.00
Pastor: Pension	-3,824.00
Pastor: Salary	-27,352.60
Pastor: Travel	-35.20
Category Total:	-42,109.33
Stationery	-163.69
Sunday School	-102.70
Training	-22.00
Total Expenses	-
	82,815.52

Total: -24,732.31

Account Balance 2023-24 at 31.3.24

Account: All Accounts

Net Worth at: 31/03/2024 (in GB Pounds)

Bank	
Cash	20.00
Current	2,114.09
Reserve	42,217.42
Bank Tot al	44,351.51



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

HAMILTON RD EVANGELICAL CHURCH WHITSTABLE

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 31st 2024

Charity no (if any)

C10 Reg No, 1189 551

Set out on pages

1 + 2 and summary SHEETS A, B, C + D

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable. N/A

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Signed:

R. J. Hutton

Date:

26/9/24

Name:

ROBERT JOHN HUTTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

N/A

(if any):

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Section B

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Hamilton Road Evangelical Church

CIO Registered No: 1189551

Year 2023-24

Balances

Opening 01 April 2023	£69,083.82
Current Account	£2,114.09
Reserve Account	£42,217.42
Cash Account	£20.00
Closing Balance 31 March 2024	£44,351.51 ✓

Opening Balances@1 st April 2023	£69,083.82
Income	£58,083.21
Expenditure	£-82,815.52
Closing Balance 31 March 24	£44,351.51 ✓

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Income and Expense by Category

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HAMILTON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1189551

Accounts

Trustees Report – September 2023

This report was presented and accepted at the church AGM (13th September 2023).

Introduction

The Trustees, who are the church officers have pleasure in presenting this report for the past year, ending August 2023.

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Report

In August 2022, HREC called their first full-time Pastor since 2004. The Pastor accepted this call and began his official pastoral duties on 1st October 2022. He and his wife have become members and are now living in Whitstable, for which we give thanks.

During the past year, we have held regular Sunday worship services morning and evening, as well as weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings. These have usually be led by our Pastor, with occasional meetings led by other church members or visiting preachers. Sunday attendance has increased during the past year, with a number of new adults and families attending (more or less) regularly. All these meetings are open to the general public and any guests are warmly welcomed. Average attendance in the morning would be around 22-26 adults and 4-8 children approximately. Evening attendance is generally lower.

From September 2022, Junior Church amended their start times to allow families and children to spend the first 15 minutes approximately in the morning service. The main teaching resource was, "Go Teach," but we have recently begun trialling resources by, "Faith in Kids." Attendance has grown during the year, with typical numbers averaging around 7-9 children. This does not include secondary school age children, who we are now encouraging to attend the morning service. The regular adult team consists of 5 church members.

Our Thursday morning Toddler group has met regularly through the past year, with breaks that coincide with typical school holiday dates. There are usually around 6-9 carers who attend with the pre-school children. In the past year, we have changed the group name to, "Little Oysters," and we have introduced short devotional style messages, designed to engage with the adults and to encourage them to consider the Christian message. Those who attend speak very positively about the group. The regular adult team consists of 4 church members.

Our Tuesday Bethany Lunch Club has also met regularly through the past 12 months, with breaks that coincide with typical school holiday dates. Bethany is very popular with those who come and attendance has grown during the year, with 25-30 now being a regular number. The meetings always begin with a short gospel message, followed by a cooked lunch and dessert. With the arrival of our Pastor, we have also been able to run, "Hope Explored," and "Just Looking," evangelistic groups before Bethany begins.

These were well received and a number of Bethany attendees have now begun attending Sunday services as a result. The regular adult team consists 5 church members, assisted by a number of other members as appropriate.

HREC has also held a number of one-off evangelistic events, including a Christmas Carol service, Easter Service (with breakfast) and Coronation Celebration. All events were well attended, and we were able to make contact with encouraging numbers of non-Christians. The Coronation Celebration also gave us more contact with Jewsons, who advertised the event on their social media accounts.

During the past year we have lost one member, who passed away. We have received 5 new members. Current membership stands at 24.

The church officers currently consist of one Elder (our Pastor) and 3 deacons. All church officers are Trustees of the CIO, the Pastor being Chair of Trustees. During the year one deacon stepped down from the diaconate; we wish to formally acknowledge our thankfulness to him for his faithful service to the church as a deacon and now as a member.

Adam Laughton
on behalf of the Trustees

Income and Expense by Category

From 01/ 04/ 2022 to 31/ 03/ 2023 (in GB Pounds)

Category (Income)	
Bank Interest	268.15
Bethany Lunches	2,778.10
General	27,948.86
Gift Received	44,293.37
Manse Rent	12,000.00
Other Income	590.00
Transfer from antecedent organisation	36,192.37
Total Income	124,070.85
Category (Expense)	
Advertising and Publicity	-904.27
Bethany	-2,456.46
Caretaking	-333.09
Catering	-506.38
Charitable contributions	-50.00
Church Utilities: Electricity	-1,617.18
Church Utilities: Gas	-4,820.22
Church Utilities: Phone & Wifi	-510.02
Church Utilities: Refuse	-455.65
Church Utilities: Water	-242.89
Category Total:	-7,645.96
Equipment	-35.93
Funeral: Flowers	-40.00
Gift Sent	-25.00
Insurance	-2,574.31
Legal Services	-447.48
Literature	-918.87
Maintenance: Church	-2,022.34
Maintenance: Manse	-1,280.00
Category Total:	-3,302.34

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Ministry: Bethany	-300.00
Ministry: Bible Study	-870.00
Ministry: Funeral	-150.00
Ministry: Lord's Day	-2,870.00
Ministry: Missionary	-480.00
Category Total:	-4,670.00
Misc Exp	-322.88
Missionary	-1,125.00
Pastor: Accommodation	-15,796.85
Pastor: Conference expenses	-300.00
Pastor: Pension	-1,185.00
Pastor: Salary	-11,472.10
Category Total:	-28,753.95
Photocopier	-431.70
Stationery	-57.93
Sunday School	-300.65
Training	-84.83
Total Expenses	-
	54,987.03

Total: 69,083.82

Account Balance

Account: All Accounts

Net Worth at: 31/03/2023 (in GB Pounds)

Bank	
Cash	10.00
Current	8,504.57
Reserve	60,569.25
Bank Total	69,083.82

Investments	
Investment Total	0.00

Assets	
Asset Total	0.00

Credit Card	
Credit Card Total	0.00

Liabilities	
Liability Total	0.00

Overall Total: 69,083.82



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

HAMILTON RD EVANGELICAL CHURCH WHITSTABLE

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 31ST 2023

Charity no (if any)

CIO REG. NO. 1189551

Set out on pages

1 & 2 and SUMMARY SHEETS ABC+D

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable. N/A

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: R. J. Hutton

Date: 30 | 8 | 23

Name: ROBERT JOHN HUTTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

N/A

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

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England & Wales - Charity number 1189551

Accounts

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www.hamiltonroad.org.uk

06/01/2023

Dear Charity Commission

Ref: 1189551

As the CIO had not yet begun operating in this period, it has had £0 income and expenditure to report in the annual return form.

The CIO was registered on 19 May 2020 as the successor charity to the charitable unincorporated association known as Hamilton Road Evangelical Church ("the CUA"). However, the transfer of assets from the CUA to the CIO had not yet taken place and the CIO had therefore not begun operating in this period.

Kind regards

Peter Hawes

Trustee

Hamilton Road Evangelical Church

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