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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Stephen Hill Partnership Limited
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THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by:

- Being an active church in the North Kent Area
- Seeking to advance the Christian faith
- Helping to relieve sickness and financial hardship
- Helping to advance education consistent with these objectives

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's objectives and planning its future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

CEC comprises a group of Christians whose aim is to demonstrate the Christian faith wherever possible to people locally, nationally, and internationally.

The activities of CEC attract a multi-national congregation of believers. The age ranges are also very evenly balanced and this provides the church with a broad outlook.

The Sunday morning services are held at the nearby Fort Pitt Grammar School due to the size of the congregation for these services. During these services, the church provides a Sunday school for children between the ages of 3 to 11 years of age and one for ages 12 to 14.

At the CEC premises in Ordnance Street Chatham, the church holds a Prayer Meeting, Bible Teaching, Chatterbox (parents with toddlers' group), Youth Group, Ladies Group, and a Christian Music Group. Church House Groups and common interest Connect Groups are also organised by the church. Children's Holiday Clubs also take place during school holidays.

A Foodbank is operated from the CEC building by Medway Foodbank on a Wednesday. CEC covers all the heating and lighting costs and provides suitable secure storage for the food stocks.

CEC also continues to support, through an informal network, the activities of Churches Together in Medway.

During the year, CEC allowed a local church with the same objectives and purposes to hold Sunday morning services at 138 Ordnance Street whilst they looked for possible alternative venues.

Due to the planned voluntary retirement at the of March 2025 of the current Pastoral team, the Trustees began a formal recruitment process from May 2024 to find a replacement Pastor.

The new Pastor subsequently commenced employment on the 1 April 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The results for the year and the Charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £118,947 and expenditure of £126,485. There was an operating deficit of £7,538.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

CEC is reliant on the voluntary giving of those who attend the CEC weekly church services. In normal circumstances each year as a guide 10% of the income of CEC is donated to other organisations which the Trustees collectively decide upon with reference to the aims of the CEC as set out in the Charity Constitution.

To benefit from HMRC Gift Aid, CEC participates in the Assemblies of God Gift Aid Scheme.

In planning the activities of CEC, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

With effect from the 1 April 2025, CEC has three employees which consists of a part-time Pastor, a part-time Children's Worker and a part-time Treasurer. CEC believe that the primary focus of the employees should be on pastoral care and Christian teaching. Around 11% of the total related salary costs are for administrative/finance work. Many of the activities are achieved through voluntary service and these valuable CEC members cover a wide range of duties from Trusteeship to every day cleaning to ensure that CEC operates in line with it's objectives and purpose.

Reserves policy

The board of trustees have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the Charity should be maintained in accessible bank accounts at Kingdom Bank and Shawbrook Bank.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, incorporated on 26 June 2020 and commenced to trade on 1 June 2021. The Charity was established under a foundation model constitution which establishes the objectives and powers of the charitable incorporated organisation and is governed under its constitution. The Charity has its own safeguarding policy and uses a professional third party provider for DBS certification.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet each month with key staff and deal with the administration of the Charity encompassing the strategic vision, financial accountability and risk management.

Related parties

There were no related party transactions for the period end 31 March 2025.

The Charity does subscribe to the Assemblies of God, Great Britain, (Charity Number 1032245) as this provides the church with access to pastoral oversight and support.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1190135

Principal address

Ordnance Street
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4SE

Trustees

Mr M Leicester-Smith
Mr D S Hadlum (resigned 31.03.2025)
Mr B J Sloan
Mr G S R N Arulmani
Mr S Popoola
Mr S W Friday
Mr S Mensah (with effect from 24.11.2024)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Stephen Hill Partnership
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr B J Sloan - Trustee



GLADY NADAR ARULMANI
CHAIR PERSON

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

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Evangelical Church

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Evangelical Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	108,849	6,217	115,066	107,585
Charitable activities	5		596	596	
Children and youth income		-	-	-	
Other trading activities	3		-		15
Investment income	4	<u>3,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>2,357</u>
Total		<u>112,134</u>	<u>6,813</u>	<u>118,947</u>	<u>109,957</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		<u>120,188</u>	<u>6,297</u>	<u>126,485</u>	<u>149,889</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(8,054)	516	(7,538)	(39,932)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>664,165</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>664,365</u>	<u>704,297</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>656,111</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>656,827</u>	<u>664,365</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	470,749	-	470,749	486,208
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	8,192	-	8,192	8,698
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>179,464</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>180,180</u>	<u>171,628</u>
		187,656	716	188,372	180,326
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,294)	-	(2,294)	(2,169)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>185,362</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>186,078</u>	<u>178,157</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>656,111</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>656,827</u>	<u>664,365</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>656,111</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>656,827</u>	<u>664,365</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				656,111	664,165
Restricted funds				<u>716</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>656,827</u>	<u>664,365</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr B J Sloan - Trustee



GLADYS WAPARA ARULMAN
CHAIR PERSON

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	93,727	89,045
Gift aid	15,122	13,843
Grants	<u>6,217</u>	<u>4,697</u>
	<u>115,066</u>	<u>107,585</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Foodbank	65	325
Ladies	204	52
Ashburnham	-	205
Newday	5,885	3,744
Kids Church	-	100
chatterbox/youth	<u>63</u>	<u>271</u>
	<u>6,217</u>	<u>4,697</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	15
Hall hire	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,285</u>	<u>2,357</u>

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024
	Activity	£	£
Children and youth income	Children and youth income	<u>596</u>	<u>-</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One trustee, Rev D Hadlum, received remuneration of £34,440 in his capacity as minister of the church and not as a trustee.

Trustees' expenses

The church did reimburse entry ticket and accommodation costs for some Trustees to attend the Assemblies of God Annual Conference. This was done as part of their Trustee duties and not for any professional services provided to the church.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Charitable activities		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	102,889	4,696	107,585
Charitable activities			
Children and youth income	-	-	-
Other trading activities	15	-	15
Investment income	<u>2,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,357</u>
Total	<u>105,261</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>109,957</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	<u>143,627</u>	<u>6,262</u>	<u>149,889</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(38,366)	(1,566)	(39,932)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>702,531</u>	<u>1,766</u>	<u>704,297</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>664,165</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>664,365</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	500,000	38,506	404	538,910
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>2,559</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>2,939</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>500,000</u>	<u>41,065</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>541,849</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	30,000	22,480	222	52,702
Charge for year	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,213</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>18,398</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>40,000</u>	<u>30,693</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>71,100</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>460,000</u>	<u>10,372</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>470,749</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>470,000</u>	<u>16,026</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>486,208</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>8,192</u>	<u>8,698</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	734	609
Other creditors	<u>1,560</u>	<u>1,560</u>
	<u>2,294</u>	<u>2,169</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	664,165	(8,054)	656,111
Restricted funds			
General	200	516	716
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>664,365</u>	<u>(7,538)</u>	<u>656,827</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,134	120,188	(8,054)
Restricted funds			
General	6,813	6,297	516
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>118,947</u>	<u>126,485</u>	<u>(7,538)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	702,531	(38,366)	664,165
Restricted funds			
General	1,766	(1,566)	200
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>704,297</u>	<u>(39,932)</u>	<u>664,365</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,261	(143,627)	(38,366)
Restricted funds			
General	4,696	(6,262)	(1,566)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,957</u>	<u>(149,889)</u>	<u>(39,932)</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	702,531	(46,420)	656,111
Restricted funds			
General	1,766	(1,050)	716
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>704,297</u>	<u>(47,470)</u>	<u>656,827</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,393	(263,813)	(46,420)
Restricted funds			
General	11,510	(12,560)	(1,050)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>228,903</u>	<u>(276,373)</u>	<u>(47,470)</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were related party transactions for the period end 31 March 2025. The church reimbursed tickets and accommodation costs for some trustees to attend the Assemblies God Annual Conference, at a cost of £1,594.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	93,727	89,045
Gift aid	15,122	13,843
Grants	<u>6,217</u>	<u>4,697</u>
	115,066	107,585
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>
	-	15
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,285	2,357
Charitable activities		
Children and youth income	<u>596</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	118,947	109,957
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	64,126	62,334
Light, heat and cleaning	5,029	4,542
Sundries	1,915	723
Ministry and training	2,238	1,151
Children and youth work	373	498
Subscriptions	3,295	3,132
Hall hire	10,747	8,742
Communion	138	232
Property repairs	1,483	8,450
Grace church donation	-	23,597
Conference expenses	1,973	2,827
Grants to institutions	3,360	3,360
Grants to individuals	<u>6,297</u>	<u>7,959</u>
	100,974	127,547
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	2,147	2,048
Telephone	648	327
Postage and stationery	205	202
Computer running expenses	732	-
Bank charges	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>
	3,747	2,577

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Management		
Other		
Freehold property	10,000	10,000
Plant and machinery	8,213	7,684
Computer equipment	<u>185</u>	<u>89</u>
	18,398	17,773
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>3,366</u>	<u>1,992</u>
Total resources expended	<u>126,485</u>	<u>149,889</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(7,538)</u>	<u>(39,932)</u>

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