

Annual Report for the Charity Commission – The Choral Evensong Trust

Reporting Period: 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

Charity Number: 1190208

Website: <https://choralevensong.org>

Principal address: 20 Willow Road, London, NW3 1TJ

1. Overview of Charitable Objectives and Activities

The Choral Evensong Trust was established to promote the appreciation and accessibility of choral evensong, a traditional, free-to-attend Anglican service combining spoken and sung prayer in the heart of local communities, through education, outreach, and digital resources. Our mission is to introduce and engage the public with this rich cultural heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of its historical, musical and religious significance.

2. Achievements and Performance

The website choralevensong.org remains central to our outreach. In 2023, we enhanced the user experience with updated resources and interactive features such as livestream schedules to support newcomers and enthusiasts in finding and understanding choral evensong services nationwide. Visitor engagement had thousands of users regularly accessing our “Find a Service” feature.

3. Financial Review

The Trust’s financial position remains stable, supported by donations and grants. We allocated funding to maximize outreach and digital development.

4. Plans for 2024

In the coming year, the Trust aims to further its mission by:

- Developing additional online resources and how-to guides, including videos and improved social media content, to increase accessibility.
- Expanding partnerships with schools and community groups.
- Hosting regional events to bring choral evensong to wider audiences.

5. Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that all activities undertaken in 2023 were aligned with our charitable objectives and provided public benefit, in accordance with the Charity Commission’s guidance.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The British Pilgrimage Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

Trustees:

Ralph Allwood
Rupert Sheldrake
Sir Jonathan Jones
Guy Hayward

Approved by the Trustees on:

31st Oct 2024

Signed:

Guy Hayward

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	THE CHORAL EVENSONG TRUST
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No (if any)
1190208

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date 1/1/

To

Period end date
12/31/23


1/1/23

12/31/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	- 0	-	-	-	2,905
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	- 0	-	-	-	2,905
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	2,905
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	- 0	-	-	-	-
Advertising & Marketing	- 0	-	-	-	329
Website costs	1,871	-	-	1,871	2,720
Accountancy fees	- 0	-	-	-	120
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,871	-	-	1,871	3,169
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	1,871	- 0	- 0	1,871	3,169
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,871	-	-	- 1,871	- 264
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,607	-	-	5,607	5,871
Cash funds this year end	3,736	-	-	3,736	5,607

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	3,736	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,736	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Guy Hayward		31st Oct 2024