

# Hope Church Truro

England & Wales · Charity number 1191260

## Details

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**Other names** TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Hope Church Truro

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-09-14

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

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## Activities

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**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 TRURO AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, 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:** .

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cornwall

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£134,235	£68,025	-	-
2024-12-31	£71,124	£62,615	-	-
2023-12-31	£56,477	£58,468	-	-
2022-12-31	£64,927	£62,752	-	-
2021-12-31	£93,994	£99,114	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Nicholas Jonathon Fuller</b>	Chair	2021-09-01
Dr William Marshall Woodward		2025-01-21
Ian Miles Conrad Leedham		2026-04-28
Patrick Buckley		2020-09-13

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No. 1191260**

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, ACCOUNTS and INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Truro Evangelical Church CIO  
Charity number: 1191260

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### **Objectives and Activities**

The main purpose of Truro Evangelical Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the church's Basis of Faith, primarily within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the church also aims to carry out other charitable purposes that put into practice the Christian faith.

The main activities that relate to the church's purposes are: two Sunday services of corporate worship (morning and afternoon), with a fellowship lunch in between; meetings for prayer and Bible study each Tuesday evening; Sunday school for children; weekly evangelistic outreach in Truro city-centre to share the Christian faith; monthly ladies' breakfasts and occasional men's gatherings for fellowship and Bible study; monthly ladies' prayer meetings; occasional outdoor evangelistic services during the summer; promotion of mission and matters of social concern through prayer, financial giving and monthly donations of food to Truro Food Bank; monthly evangelistic outreach in conjunction with the Free Church in St Just, Penwith; and occasional informal social gatherings.

The trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and confirm that benefit has been provided for any members of the public who wish to avail themselves of the spiritual support provided by the Sunday worship services, and the emotional support and company provided by opportunities to join us for lunch on Sundays; all of which is freely open to all. Further spiritual help is offered to all in the public who will receive, through the distribution of Christian literature and one-to-one conversations in our weekly city-centre outreach; through the pre-Christmas distribution of Christian literature to the homes near where our services are held; and through our summer outdoor evangelistic services in a local park and carol service in a nearby school. In all this, the gospel of Jesus Christ is explained and freely offered: the good news that receiving Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Saviour can bring peace, joy, meaning and hope. The Bible teaches, and history affirms, that this gospel has the public benefit of being able to transform broken and troubled lives and communities.

Pastoral visiting for those in need is also available for any who wish to attend our services. Public benefit is also provided for those in financial need, through monthly donations to the Truro Food Bank. Finally, all may benefit from the Christian teaching that is provided freely in our Sunday services, or to children through our Sunday school. Those unable to attend in person are able to benefit from joining the Sunday morning service on Zoom, or subsequent free access to the sermons via the church's website.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### *Sunday services*

Our main ministry this year continued a series in Luke's gospel, from after the narrative of Jesus' birth, in chapter 2, through to the end of his 'sermon on the plain', in chapter 6. It has been wonderful to see Luke's emphasis on Jesus coming to bring hope to the poor and needy, and challenging to sit under Jesus' no-nonsense teaching about how his followers ought to behave. We also took a break in the middle of the Luke series to look at some significant passages in 1 & 2 Kings that had blessed the pastor on his sabbatical the previous year, with some prophetic glimpses of Christ seen in King Solomon and the prophet Elisha. Once a month our other elder, Patrick Buckley, has been leading us through Romans chapters 12-14, considering the ethical responsibilities of believers towards God, one another and governing authorities, in response to God's gracious salvation. We have also been blessed by the occasional ministry of a number of visiting preachers.

On Sunday afternoons our interactive Bible studies continued and completed a series in the Apostles' Creed begun last year, studying the core tenets of the Christian faith. We then completed a series working through the letter of James, with his exhortation to put our faith into practice. In autumn we began a series of studies based on Andy Paterson's book, 'Ready? Evangelism for everyone', exhorting us to consider ways in which our lives can encourage others to put their faith in Jesus. Concurrently, we have run a Sunday school for secondary-school aged children, called 'Connect-Plus'. In February we introduced a monthly 'Agape feast', where we enjoyed a hearty lunch together, followed by a service celebrating the Lord's Supper. Our aim was to improve our fellowship and give more attention to Christ's death for his people. The monthly repetition of a grand meal proved over burdensome with our limited manpower, and we reduced that aspect to quarterly.

Through all this, we have been encouraged, corrected and challenged to live out the Christian faith with integrity and perseverance, rooted in a firm focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also put on a number of evangelistic guest services, for those seeking God and investigating the Christian faith, such as when it has been the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. In addition, we were able to take the gospel out to the community as a whole church, when we had four open-air 'Praise in the Park' events in Boscawen Park over summer. We sang a number of old favourite hymns, and heard simple gospel preaching from our elders, and encouraging personal testimonies of how God transforms lives for the good.

Due to a fire in the Trelander Community Centre, where we had been meeting, we were temporarily rendered 'homeless' in September. But instantly God provided our new venue: the community centre on the Malabar estate. We give him thanks and praise for such swift and suitable provision, but prayerfully await the construction of a new larger community centre next door.

Our morning services have also been run with Zoom, for the benefit of members unable to attend in person due to ill-health or immobility.

### *Membership*

This year began with the appointment of Leota Morris to be our church administrator, which has proved a great blessing to the organisation, fellowship and evangelism of the church, and we give thanks to God for Leota. It was a delight to welcome into membership Phil Willets, who has thrown himself into our weekly outreach in the city-centre, eager to share the gospel of Jesus. Sadly, we have had a few losses this year: our dear sister Wendy Sharpless being promoted to the glories of heaven; the removal from membership of Jolena Salunga for non-attendance, and the resignation of

Elizabeth Haigh. So we end the year with 22 members, which continues a slow decline in numbers, suffered virtually every year for the last 8 years. We pray for God to add to our number those being saved, and workers for the harvest field. But we give thanks to God for each precious brother and sister in Christ, and trust that his power is made perfect in our weakness.

### *Evangelism*

#### a) Courses

At the beginning of the year we ran the 7-week video course, *Christianity Explored*, grateful to use the facilities of Petty Fours restaurant. Leota provided wonderful home-cooked meals, which were followed by a video and discussion based on Mark's gospel, exploring who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him. It was encouraging to have five seekers join us for some or all of the course, most wanting to know more.

Then in summer we ran the 7-week video course, *Life Explored*, again grateful for the use of the same restaurant, but with just coffee and cake. Each video/discussion looked at a different idol in our lives, and at how only the true God can fill the hole that we try to fill with that idol. We were joined by two or three seekers, for whom we continue to pray.

#### b) City-centre outreach

Our weekly evangelistic outreach (a book table) in the city-centre has run consistently since our last AGM. We praise God that we have been able to give out thousands of gospel tracts in that time, and have many hundreds of good gospel conversations, sharing the Christian faith. Our team comprises Patrick, Priscilla, Ian, Ursula, Rosemary, Phil, Chris R and Nick, with occasional help from an enthusiastic lady from Penryn. We give thanks to God for all the open doors for the gospel, and for the inestimable privilege to proclaim the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We also had a special week of outreach in June, in which we hired a room in the city-centre and held a coffee morning for a couple of hours, inviting people from the street in "for a coffee and a chat", giving free drinks and cake as we sat down and talked about the gospel hope. We were delighted by the warm response and great opportunities to speak about Jesus. In the afternoons we engaged in open-air street preaching, with a board for visual aids, again encouraged by the response and opportunity, both for public proclamation and also for a number of good conversations that resulted. These activities led into the *Life Explored* course described above. It was thrilling to see virtually every church member making time to get involved and help out in this special week.

As a result of that week we decided to make the coffee morning a regular monthly feature, called 'Hope for Truro', beginning in autumn, and have had many encouraging opportunities to chat to people about faith in Jesus, in a warm, relaxed and happy environment. We are very grateful for the sizeable band of volunteers from the church (too many to name) who help variously in the baking and serving of refreshments, inviting people in from the street, and engaging in gospel conversation.

#### c) Events

We had an evangelistic harvest meal at the Carnon Inn in October, with a low-key evangelistic epilogue from local Open-Air Campaigner Marten Holmes, to bring the good news to our friends and neighbours. We were encouraged by a good number of visitors who heard the gospel message. Then we held our carol service in a nearby school hall, with a good number of unbelievers present to hear of the example of the wise coming to worship the greatest of all kings. Thanks go especially to Rosemary for her labourers in organising the catering and the children's sketch.

#### d) St Just

With a desire to take the gospel beyond Truro, and to help a strategically placed church, with whom we had personal links, we continued to transport our book table to St Just, aiming at once a month,

joining to help the Free Church there. We give out a different set of tracts, inviting people to the Free Church, joined faithfully by Jean and Fran China from the church there, and recently by our own Ian. This year we have had a number of good gospel conversations.

We give God the thanks and praise for all the opportunities to speak about him and our wonderful Saviour Jesus, and pray that he would bring many of these people into a loving relationship with him, for the saving of their souls.

#### *Community-focussed endeavours*

Each month church members and attenders have donated a considerable amount of packaged food to make a corporate gift to the Truro Food Bank, to help those in the community who are in financial need. Furthermore, the city-centre outreach sometimes puts us into contact with the homeless, lonely and other needy persons, who receive from us emotional and spiritual support, and sometimes practical help such as being bought food or clothes. Members are encouraged to be actively involved individually in their communities, and several give their time and efforts to do good in Truro or among their communities, such as volunteering in local schools, a charity shop, a vaccination clinic, a community choir for the blind and the Food Bank. Patrick Buckley also continues to work with Southwest Community Chaplaincy in mentoring people discharged from prison, helping them to settle back into life after prison.

Two volunteer days were organised by the Trelander Community Centre committee in conjunction with City Life Church in February and May, to help maintain the community centre. Several of our members gave gladly of their time and energies to help with cleaning, painting, litter-picking and gardening jobs.

A stall at the Truro Children's Day was organised by Rosemary Griffiths with support from a number of the members of the church, with a colourful display of the story of the Bible and multiple activities for children to engage with. Leota Morris particularly contributed to the packs of the activities available to children for them to take home. Members of the church manned the stall in the piazza throughout the day. Many families stopped by, with children enjoying colouring and making small models while parents were engaged in conversation. Everyone visiting the stall was offered a gift pack containing the Bible story book and an activity. Despite some heavy rainstorms during the day, everyone involved enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and interactions, and good conversations were had with surrounding stallholders. It was a great day. A number of the packs were taken. The Church felt it was an opportunity to be taken in 2026.

#### *Pastoral care*

The elders have continued to visit, or meet up with, both members and non-member regular attenders, as they have been able, for pastoral oversight. Informal pastoral visiting also occurs as members look out for one another, and visit one another as the need arises. In addition, our church WhatsApp social group continues to keep members connected with one another with their current news and prayer needs, and proves a great blessing to a number.

The sense of loving community enjoyed by the church has also been fostered by informal get-togethers, including: a pasty lunch and relaxed afternoon on Good Friday at the home of Chris Rotheray; meeting for tea and cake at Gyllyngdune Gardens in Falmouth in May; a fish and chips supper on Porthtowan beach in June; and a tea and cake celebration for decade birthdays at Killiow in November. Regular fellowship is enjoyed at our weekly Sunday lunches together, especially at our quarterly Agape feasts.

The ladies of the church enjoy mutual support and edification, both in monthly prayer meetings, and also in their monthly breakfasts, kindly provided by Priscilla and Leota, where they study Scripture and relevant issues together.

### *Safeguarding*

Patrick Buckley: the trustee lead

Leota Morris: Safeguarding Officer

Chris Rotheray: assistant Safeguarding Officer

We have not met through 2025. And so we must meet in 2026 to discuss safeguarding policy and check DBS, whether any need to be renewed. Patrick Buckley joined an online session run by Christian Safeguarding Service dealing with recording low levels of concern in a church, storage of information and different practises in recording concerns. The session ended with a briefing on a new bespoke computer program that is intended to make recording of concern, retrieval of information and security easier. We have not met because of illness and forgetfulness. We are aiming to address this. Thanks to Leota and Chris for their diligence and support in this area of the church life.

### *Trustees' meetings*

At the last AGM we added Will Woodward as a trustee, to replace Robin Griffiths, after his sad death. We have met to give attention to the church's stated aim of advancing the Christian faith within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood.

We considered our charitable works, persuaded that we are 'putting our faith into practice' (as our charitable aim) by our monthly contributions to the Food Bank, our emotional and practical support of needy people at the book table and coffee morning, also offering them Sunday lunch, and by individual members actively volunteering in the community in a number of different ways (see Objectives and Activities).

We considered the advancement of the faith within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood, assessing our evangelistic activities. We decided to propose to the church that we move our afternoon services to the Malabar estate, in order to begin reaching out with the gospel to this community. We discussed the possibility of making these services more accessible to unbelievers. God in his providence accelerated this ahead of a members' meeting, by forcibly removing us wholesale from Trelander to Malabar via a fire in the Trelander Community Centre.

We also considered the advancement of the faith outside of Truro, and decided that we should propose to cease our support of the London City Missioner James Tredgett, now that he has begun working full-time for the Globe Church, and not to replace him, but concentrate our resources on the five remaining causes that we support. We also hope to have representatives of these causes joining our missionary prayer meetings on Zoom, to improve our support of them.

## **Financial Review**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to the end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Total income:	£124,704 plus deposit funds interest £9,531 =	£134,235
Total expenditure:	£68,025 plus transfer of £63,300 to funds =	£131,325
Total in our CCLA/COIF deposit funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025:		£277,946
Total in Bank and Deposit funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025:		£287,378

The church has a policy for holding reserves equivalent to 3 months of the pastor's salary and expenses, rental of the community hall where we meet for worship, plus our missionary giving and bookkeeping fees, as a safety net to ensure these prime responsibilities can be paid. This amounts to £13,000.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Truro Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The governing document for Truro Evangelical Church is the Constitution based on the Charity Commission Association Model for a CIO, as approved for independent churches, in conjunction with our Church Handbook.

Trustees are the elders of the church, as according to the Constitution. They are nominated by the other elders, and appointed by the vote of the membership at a members' meeting. In the event (as is current) where we have fewer than 3 elders, the third trustee is similarly nominated by the other trustees and appointed by the vote of the church members.

Most of the members volunteer their services to help in the life of the church, according to their ability. They are too many to name for personal thanks, and we do not wish to downplay the significance of those with limited physical capabilities, who are nonetheless stalwart pillars upholding the church by their faithful prayers. However, the trustees would like to give particular thanks to Priscilla Buckley for her diligent services as treasurer, and to Paul Sebuava for his faithful and tireless service in ensuring the practical functioning of our Sunday services.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Truro Evangelical Church CIO  
Charity number: 1191260  
Charity's principal address: 27 Navigator Way, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3GE

Independent Examiner: Rev. Michael Coles BSc. (Fully trained HMIT)  
14 Pengarth Road Falmouth TR11 2TY

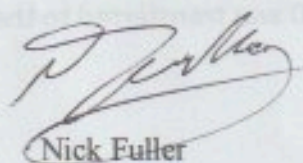
Bank: Lloyds Bank plc  
Lewisham (309089) Branch  
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Charity trustees	Office:
Name:	
Patrick Buckley	Elder
Nick Fuller	Elder (pastor)
William Woodward	

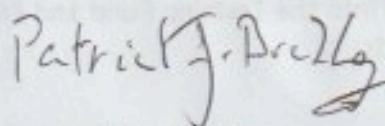
## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

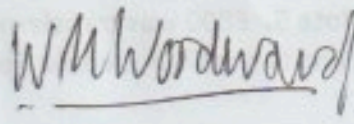
Signatures:



Nick Fuller



Patrick Buckley  
Trustee



William Woodward  
Trustee

Position:

Chair

Date:

25.1.26

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1191260  
**CHARITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES [INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT] FOR 12 MONTHS 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		£	£	£
Regular Giving	<b>1</b>	41,906	1,348	43,254
One-off gifts	<b>2</b>	75,500		75,500
Gift Aid & GASD claim		5,950		5,950
<b>TOTAL INTO BANK</b>		<b>123,356</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>124,704</b>
Plus Interest from funds	<b>3</b>	9,531		9,531
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>132,887</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>134,235</b>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		£	£	£
Regular outgoing		59,177	1,348	60,525
One-off outgoing	<b>4</b>	7,500		7,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>66,677</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>68,025</b>
Deposits into CCLA funds	<b>5</b>	63,300		63,300
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>129,977</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>131,325</b>

Balance in Bank @ 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 = £16,053  
Balance in Bank @ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 = £9,433

**Note 1.** The restricted gifts were towards the Truro Foodbank, payments towards the evangelistic Harvest meals and towards our ongoing evangelistic work, purchase of books and rent of rooms and expenditure associated with the Christianity Explored Course and Hope for Truro Coffee and Chat mornings.

**Note 2.** A bequest of £75,000.00 was left to the church by a deceased church member to be used as we see fit. A gift of £500 was received as a one-off gift.

**Note 3.** The interest in the Deposit accounts remains in the account funds but counted here as income.

**Note 4.** A tithe of the bequest was sent to London Seminary to be used as a bursary for a student.

**Note 5.** £800 was transferred into the Training Fund and £62,500 was transferred to the General Fund in the CCLA Deposit Funds.

Regular outgoing		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Pastor</b>				
Stipend		30,016		30,016
HMRC		6,766		6,766
Pension		2,021		2,021
<b>Ministry</b>				
Pastor's expenses	6	1,020		1,020
Rent		4,595		4,595
Fees/Insurance		1,595		1,595
Evangelism/books		1,679	1,183	2,862
Preaching expenses		165		165
Administrator		3,000		3,000
Printing/Office costs		325		325
Children's work		118		118
Refreshments/Sundries		1,134	165	1,299
Other monies out	4	7,500		7,500
<b>Mission support total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6,744</b>		<b>6,744</b>
Transfer to Deposit account		63,300		63,300
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>		<b>£129,978</b>	<b>£1348</b>	<b>£131,326</b>

**Note 6.** The **Pastor's expenses** include books for evangelism and conference expenses as well as the 45p per mile travel using his own car.

**Note 7. Mission**

Truro Evangelical Church regularly supports six mission organisations/individuals. Gifts are sent quarterly and over the year £718.00 has been given to: Armond Anderyassian (Church evangelism in Arequipa, Peru) London City Mission (James Tredgett), GBM (Jason and Andrea Murfitt), Grace Partnership (Jyoti Chakravartty, India), International Mission to Jewish People, and the London Seminary.

We have given voluntary donations to Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches over the year of £926, and we support a small church in St. Ives £960. We have also given one-off gifts to missions and churches when a need has arisen - totalling £550. These include the Slavic Gospel Association, Open Doors, IMJP, and the Open-Air Mission.

## Investment Funds

Truro Evangelical Church have four accounts in the COIF Charity Deposit Funds (CCLA Investment Management Ltd – a general account, a Church Building Fund account, a Benevolence Fund account, and a Training Fund account. Interest is added into the accounts and quarterly statements are sent. The accounts are designated but not restricted.

The Building Fund was set up to save money for when/if a building became available for us to purchase as a church building. This is not a restricted fund and those asking for money to be credited to this account know that if we are not able to purchase a building it can be used for the work of the church or employment of additional staff.

The Benevolence Fund is for one-off special gifts to those experiencing difficulty, and is at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder.

CCLA/COIF Charities Deposit Funds	January 1 <sup>st</sup> '25	Interest Dec'24 to Dec'25	Out	In	December '25
General Fund	124,224.30	6,044.67		62,500.00	192,768.97
Building Fund	80,167.95	3,426.26			83,594.21
Benevolence Fund	722.15	30.87		800.00	753.02
Training Fund	--	29.50			829.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£205,114.40</b>	<b>£9,531.30</b>		<b>£63,300.00</b>	<b>£277,945.70</b>

### **Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2025**

The value of the assets owned are approx. £3,000.

The church does not own any property.

We do not have any debts or liabilities due to the church.

### **Serious incidents**

We have not had any serious incidents in our charity over this period of 12 months.

### **Fundraising**

We do not raise funds from the public.

### **Grant making/receiving**

We do not have any grants or receive income from other contracts with central government or local authorities.

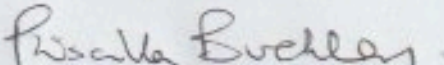
We do not receive income from outside the UK.

### **Employees**

The church has one employee whose remuneration and expenses were not in excess of £60,000.

Our Pastor is a trustee and receives remuneration but not for work as a trustee. No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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

Signed: 

Priscilla Buckley                      Treasurer

Date: 25 January 2026

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Truro Evangelical Church**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025  
Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

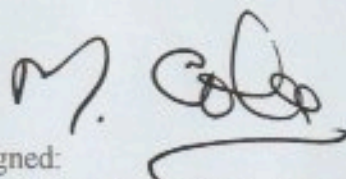
### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:  
Michael C Coles B Sc (Fully trained HMIT)  
14 Pengarth Road  
Falmouth  
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09<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**Registered Charity No. 1191260**

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, ACCOUNTS and INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Truro Evangelical Church CIO  
Charity number: 1191260

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### **Objectives and Activities**

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## **Achievements and Performance**

### *Sunday services*

The year began with a highlight in a service of thanksgiving for 25 years of TEC's history. We were joined by many friends from across Cornwall, and had a warm exhortation, from Hebrews 12, to look to Jesus, given by FIEC ministry adviser, Ray Evans. Our main ministry this year began by completing the second section of Isaiah, from chapters 51 to 55, with wonderful views of Jesus in the prophetic Servant songs. We then had a short series addressing such contemporary social issues as addiction, mental illness, homosexuality and transgenderism. After a 3-month sabbatical for our pastor, Nick Fuller, the main ministry began a series in Luke's gospel, anticipating the birth of the Messiah, in the months leading up to Christmas. Once a month, and every other week during Nick's sabbatical, our other elder, Patrick Buckley, has been leading us through Romans chapters 9 to 11, with its great focus on election and God's dealings with Israel. We have also been blessed by the occasional ministry of our members, Ian Leedham and Robin Griffiths, and a number of visiting preachers, especially during Nick's sabbatical.

On Sunday afternoons our interactive Bible studies continued and completed a series in Acts begun last year, identifying the powerful work of Jesus by his Holy Spirit in the life of the early church. We then began a new series working through the Apostles' Creed, studying the core tenets of the Christian faith. Concurrently, we have run a Sunday school for children. Furthermore, alongside a monthly Bible club ('Connect') for primary-school aged children from the estate we meet on, we then began a monthly afternoon Bible club in September, for secondary-school aged children, called 'Connect-Plus'.

Through all this, we have been encouraged, corrected and challenged to live out the Christian faith with integrity and perseverance, rooted in a firm focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also put on a number of evangelistic guest services, for those seeking God and investigating the Christian faith, such as when it has been the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. In addition, we were able to take the gospel out to the community as a whole church, when we had three open-air services in Boscawen Park over summer. We also heard encouraging personal testimonies at these services, of how God transforms lives for the good.

Our morning services have also been run with Zoom, for the benefit of members unable to attend in person due to ill-health or immobility.

### *Membership*

It was a delight to welcome into membership Kristine Savicka, who has already been a great help through keeping our website up-to-date. Sadly, we have had a few losses this year: the removal from membership of Darrel Leigh for no longer walking in the Christian faith, and our dear brothers Peter Johnson and Robin Griffiths passing on to be with Christ, which is better by far. So we end the year with 24 members, which continues a slow decline in numbers, suffered virtually every year for the last 7 years. This is a matter for our concern and prayer. But we give thanks to God for each precious brother and sister in Christ.

### *Evangelism*

Our weekly evangelistic outreach (a book table) in the city-centre has run consistently since our last AGM. We praise God that we have been able to give out thousands of gospel tracts in that time, and have many hundreds of good gospel conversations, sharing the Christian faith. Since October our team has been strengthened by an enthusiastic lady from St Ives, and our own Phil Willets, adding to our staunch team of regular evangelists: Patrick, Priscilla, Ian, Ursula, Rosemary, Chris and Nick, and we are grateful for Hugo's partnership when able. We give thanks to God for all the open doors

for the gospel, and for the inestimable privilege to proclaim the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With a desire to take the gospel beyond Truro, and to help a strategically placed church, with whom we had personal links, we continued to transport our book table to St Just once a month, joining to help the Free Church there. We give out a different set of tracts, inviting people to the Free Church, joined faithfully by Jean and Fran China from the church there. This year we have had dozens of good gospel conversations.

We also had an evangelistic meeting at our anniversary weekend, with a gospel message from Ray Evans (FIEC), and an evangelistic meal at Epiphany House, in December, with a low-key evangelistic epilogue from local Open-Air missionary Bernard Little, to bring the good news to our friends and colleagues. We were encouraged by a good number of visitors who heard the gospel message. Finally, this year's carol service on a local farm was a particular highlight, with by far the largest number of unbelievers we have ever had in attendance (over 100), to hear the good news of Jesus come to save us from our sins, in the context of a truly memorable evening. Thanks go to Leota for her hard labourers in organising the event.

We also seek to bring gospel hope to those in need through involvement with two local initiatives:

(i) Southwest Community Chaplaincy assists in helping people discharged from prison to settle back into life after prison through support by mentors. Patrick Buckley, one of our elders, has been supporting someone in this position. This involves regular meetings in a coffee shop to review how the person is getting on with employment and supporting agencies post-prison.

(ii) Jericho Road: this is a project run by the vicar of St John's Church, Truro to provide spiritual support for homeless people. Patrick and Priscilla Buckley have assisted with meeting at St John's church for a service and a chat. However, this ministry sadly ceased earlier in the year, due to lack of take-up.

We give God the thanks and praise for all the opportunities to speak about him and our wonderful Saviour Jesus, and pray that he would bring many of these people into a loving relationship with him, for the saving of their souls.

#### *Pastoral care*

The elders have continued to visit, or meet up with, both members and non-member regular attenders, as they have been able, for pastoral oversight. Informal pastoral visiting also occurs as members look out for one another, and visit one another as the need arises. In addition, our church WhatsApp social group continues to keep members connected with one another with their current news and prayer needs, and proves a great blessing to a number.

The sense of loving community enjoyed by the church has also been fostered by informal get-togethers, including: an afternoon of fun and games in a nearby community centre in March; a pasty lunch and walk at Trelassick Gardens on Good Friday; and an afternoon tea gathering at Gyllyngdune Gardens in Falmouth in September. Regular fellowship is enjoyed at our weekly Sunday lunches together.

The opportunity for the men of the church to have fellowship together has changed this year from monthly breakfasts to occasional evening gatherings for leisure activity and sharing together, which better suits our current needs and availability. In October we enjoyed an evening of tennis instruction, led by our own brother and coach, Vaughan, and followed by a delicious meal at the Buckleys'.

The ladies too enjoy mutual support and edification, both in monthly prayer meetings, and also in their monthly breakfasts, kindly provided by Priscilla and Leota, where they study Scripture and relevant issues together.

### *Safeguarding*

Patrick Buckley: the trustee lead

Leota Morris: Safeguarding Officer

Chris Rotheray: assistant Safeguarding Officer

A training session on Zoom for all those involved in teaching children and caring for vulnerable people was arranged for March.

Thanks to Leota and Chris for their diligence and support in this area of the church life.

### *Trustees' meetings*

Unfortunately, due to the long-term illness of one of our trustees, Robin, and also the sabbatical of the chair, Nick, the trustees have not been able to meet together this year. However, the elders have met many times to ensure adequate oversight of the church, and to give attention to the church's stated aim of advancing the Christian faith within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood.

With respect to advancing the faith through making disciples of our attenders, we propose to deepen our reflections on the sufferings of the Saviour, and deepen our fellowship and prayerful concern for one another, through monthly 'Agape feast' services, centred around a meal and celebration of the Lord's Supper.

With respect to advancing the faith within the locality, we intend to begin a Christianity Explored course in a local restaurant, at the end of January, inviting friends and contacts to discover more about Jesus.

Sadly, the year ended with the death of Robin. Patrick and Nick wish to record their deep gratitude for Robin's wise and helpful contributions to the trustees' meetings, and his steadfast eagerness that the church meet its aim to advance the Christian faith. He will be much missed. His death requires that a third trustee be appointed to meet the Charity Commission requirements, and we hope to appoint such a trustee at our Annual General Meeting.

## **Financial Review**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to the end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Total income:	£71,124
Total expenditure:	£62 615
Total funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024:	£234,806

The church has a policy for holding reserves equivalent to 3 months of the pastor's salary and expenses, rental of the community hall where we meet for worship, plus our missionary giving and bookkeeping fees, as a safety net to ensure these prime responsibilities can be paid. This amounts to £13 600.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Truro Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The governing document for Truro Evangelical Church is the Constitution based on the Charity Commission Association Model for a CIO, as approved for independent churches, in conjunction with our Church Handbook.

Trustees are the elders of the church, as according to the Constitution. They are nominated by the other elders, and appointed by the vote of the membership at a members' meeting. In the event (as is current) where we have fewer than 3 elders, the third trustee is similarly nominated by the other trustees and appointed by the vote of the church members.

Most of the members volunteer their services to help in the life of the church, according to their ability. They are too many to name for personal thanks, and we do not wish to downplay the significance of those with limited physical capabilities, who are nonetheless stalwart pillars upholding the church by their faithful prayers. However, the trustees would like to give particular thanks to Priscilla Buckley for her diligent services as treasurer, and to Paul Sebuava for his faithful and tireless service in ensuring the practical functioning of our Sunday services.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Truro Evangelical Church CIO  
Charity number: 1191260  
Charity's principal address: 27 Navigator Way, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3GE

Independent Examiner: Rev. Michael Coles BSc. (Fully trained HMIT)  
14 Pengarth Road Falmouth TR11 2TY

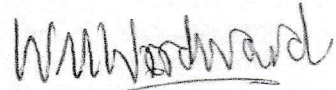
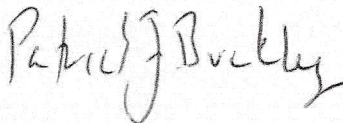
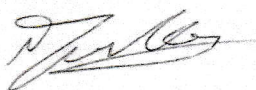
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Charity trustees  
*Name:* Patrick Buckley *Office:* Elder  
Nick Fuller Elder (pastor)  
William Woodward

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:



Position: Nick Fuller  
Chair

Patrick Buckley  
Trustee

William Woodward  
Trustee

Date: 12.5.25

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
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**CHARITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES [INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT] FOR 12 MONTHS 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£
Regular Giving	<b>1</b>	44,722	945	45,667
One-off gifts	<b>2</b>	8,450	1,250	9,700
Gift Aid & GASD claim		5,687		5,687
Deposit funds interest		10,070		10,070
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>68,929</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>71,124</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		£	£	£
Regular outgoing		59,220	945	60,165
One-off outgoings	<b>2 &amp; 3</b>	1,200	1,250	2,450
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>60,420</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>62,615</b>

Balance in Bank @ 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 = £17,615  
Balance in Bank @ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 = £16,054

**Note 1.** The restricted gifts were towards the Evangelicals Now newspaper, gifts to the Truro Foodbank, payments towards the evangelistic meals held in Epiphany House in December and towards the community 'Carols by Candlelight' held in a local farm barn.

**Note 2.** A bequest of £5,000 was left the church by a deceased church member to be used as we see fit. A gift of £2,250 was received as a gift from a local church that was closing.

**Note 2 & 3.** A one-off designated gift of £1,000 was given to be passed anonymously to a needy church member. £250 was transferred from the Benevolence Fund and designated as a gift to help a church member. A transfer of £500 was also made but returned to the Benevolence Fund. A mistaken deposit of £700 was made and immediately returned to the giver.

<b>Regular outgoing</b>		<b>£60,420</b>	<b>£2,195</b>	<b>£62,615</b>
<b>Pastor</b>				
Stipend		28,860		28,860
HMRC		6,516		6,516
Pension		2,099		2,099
<b>Ministry</b>				
Pastor's expenses	4	988		988
Rent		6,012		6,012
Fees/Insurance		1,859		1,859
Evangelism/books		820		820
Preaching expenses		750		750
AV Equipment		58		58
Printing/Office costs		126		126
Children's work		356		356
Refreshments/Sundries		378	805	1,183
Other monies out	2/3	1,200	1,250	2,450
<b>Mission support total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>10,538</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>		<b>£60,420</b>	<b>£2,195</b>	<b>£62,615</b>

**Note 4.** The **Pastor's expenses** include books for evangelism and conference expenses as well as the 45p per mile travel using his own car.

**Note 5. Mission**

Truro Evangelical Church regularly supports six mission organisations/individuals. Gifts are sent quarterly and over the year £854.00 has been given to Armond Anderyassian (Church evangelism in Arequipa, Peru). London City Mission (James Tredgett), GBM (Jason and Andrea Murfitt), Grace Partnership (Jyoti Chakravartty, India), International Mission to Jewish People, and the London Seminary. An additional gift of £1,100 was given to Jyoti Chakravartty for the purchase of air conditioning units for his mission. Also, a extra gift of £250 was sent to I.M.J.P for an evangelistic mission in Australia.

We have given voluntary donations to Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches over the year of £1,074. We support a small church in St. Ives (£500 during 2024) and have given one-off gifts to missions and churches when a need has arisen - totalling £2,290. These include the Open-Air Mission, West Cornwall Convention, Truro Foodbank, Hoylake Church, the Free Grace Baptist Church and Evangelical Press Missionary Trust.

## Investment Funds

Truro Evangelical Church have four accounts in the COIF Charity Deposit Funds (CCLA Investment Management Ltd – a general account, a Church Building Fund account, a Benevolence Fund account, and a Training Fund account. Interest is added into the accounts and quarterly statements are sent. The accounts are designated but not restricted.

The Building Fund was set up to save money for when/if a building became available for us to purchase as a church building. This is not a restricted fund and those asking for money to be credited to this account know that if we are not able to purchase a building it can be used for the work of the church or employment of additional staff.

The Benevolence Fund is for one-off special gifts to those experiencing difficulty, and is at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder.

Funds	1 <sup>st</sup> January '24	Interest	Out	In	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec '24
<b>Charities Deposit</b>					
General Fund	116,665.73	6,094.16			122,759.88
Building Fund	75,290.03	3,932.86			79,222.89
Benevolence Fund	922.93	42.50	750.00	500.00	715.43
Training Fund	nil				nil
<b>Total of COIF funds with CCLA</b>	<b>£192,878.69</b>	<b>£10,069.52</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>£218,752.00</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2024**

The value of the assets owned are approx. £3,000.

The church does not own any property.

We do not have any debts or liabilities due to the church.

**Serious incidents**

We have not had any serious incidents in our charity over this period of 12months.

**Fundraising**

We do not raise funds from the public.

**Grant making/receiving**

We do not have any grants or receive income from other contracts with central government or local authorities.

We do not receive income from outside the UK.

**Employees**

The church has one employee whose remuneration and expenses were not in excess of £60,000.

Our Pastor is a trustee and receives remuneration but not for work as a trustee. No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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

Signed: 

Priscilla Buckley

Treasurer

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Truro Evangelical Church**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

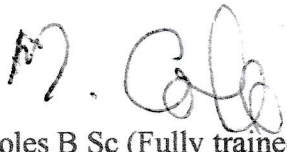
### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  
  
Michael C Coles B Sc (Fully trained HMIT)  
14 Pengarth Road  
Falmouth  
TR11 2TY

18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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# Accounts

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## **Achievements and Performance**

### *Sunday services*

Our main ministry this year began by completing Peter's second epistle, with its reminder of Christ's certain return, and the call to holy living in the light of this. We then resumed the prophecy of Isaiah, having worked through the first 39 chapters on Sunday afternoons during the previous 2 years. We looked at chapters 40-50, with God's wonderful message of comfort to bring an end to his people's exile, with the focus on the supremacy of the LORD God over all other gods, and the promise of a redeemer, ultimately the Lord Jesus Christ. We also had a short break in the summer to consider a few psalms, for our encouragement. Our other elder, Patrick, preaching once a month, has brought us lessons of faith and of God's grace, as he led us through the life of Abraham, in the book of Genesis.

On Sunday afternoons we adopted an interactive Bible-study approach to our services, splitting into smaller groups for study, and using trusted material from various published authors. We began by working through the Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 5-7. After this we used the Living Christianity course produced by the Christian Institute, to address how our faith is worked out in our communities, that we might be a greater blessing to the world at large. We then studied 'the path to godliness' in Paul's letter to Titus, and finally began working through the book of Acts, identifying the powerful work of Jesus by his Holy Spirit in the life of the early church.

We have also been blessed by the ministry of a few visitors: Mike Griffiths from Myanmar, Tim McShane from Open-Air Mission, and our local brother Matt Kuhlmann.

Through all this, we have been encouraged, corrected and challenged to live out the Christian faith with integrity and perseverance, rooted in a firm focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also put on a number of evangelistic guest services, for those seeking God and investigating the Christian faith, such as when it has been the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, and for the coronation of King Charles. In addition, we were able to take the gospel out to the community as a whole church, when we had a couple of open-air services in Boscawen Park in June and July, with an encouraging number from the community listening in. We also heard encouraging personal testimonies at these services, of how God transforms lives for the good.

With the shift in focus of our Sunday afternoon services to interactive Bible studies, we have also moved our Sunday school for our children to the afternoon service, to help them develop their own relationship with God, led faithfully by Rosemary Griffiths, assisted by Ursula Hosking.

Our morning services have also been run with Zoom, and recorded onto DVDs, in particular, for the benefit of members unable to attend in person due to ill-health or immobility.

After 24 years of meeting at Tregolls Academy, that era finally came to an end in May, as the school no longer wanted external groups using their premises. We thank God for our time there, and also for faithfully providing us with Trelander Community Hall. This venue has proved a wonderful provision, having the entire premises to ourselves, and different rooms for separate study groups and for our weekly church lunch. It also places us much more visibly within a distinct community, to which we trust God will make us a great blessing.

### *Membership*

It was a delight to welcome into membership both Robin van Wyk and Ian Leedham, who have both proved such an encouragement and asset to the church already. Sadly, we have had a few losses this year: Sid Crutchley resigned from membership in January. Then our dear sister Ruth

Jenkin was called home to glory in November, followed in December by our brother Doug Marsh. But we rejoice that they have finished their race and are safely with Christ in paradise. In addition, Ieuan and Alice Richards decided to move to Grace Church St Austell. So we end the year with 26 members, and give thanks to God for each precious brother and sister in Christ.

### *Evangelism*

Our weekly evangelistic outreach (a book table) in the city-centre has run consistently since our last AGM. This year has seen a notable increase in hostility towards the work, and an apparent increase in contact with witches and Satanists. But we praise God that we've been able to give out around 8000 gospel tracts in that time (2000 more than in the previous year), and have nearly 700 (686) good gospel conversations, sharing the Christian faith. We had been joined by 2 enthusiastic evangelists from St Ives, but they decided to cease making the lengthy journey in March. They were always an encouragement, and we thank God for them and their efforts, but we have been joined by Ian's faithful presence. So our team of evangelists now comprises: Patrick, Priscilla, Ursula, Rosemary, Ian, Chris, Hugo and Nick, and we're grateful to God for all the open doors for the gospel, and for the inestimable privilege to proclaim the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With a desire to take the gospel beyond Truro, and to help a strategically placed church, with whom we had personal links, we continued to transport our book table to St Just once a month, joining to help the Free Church there. We give out a different set of tracts, inviting people to the Free Church, joined faithfully by Jean and Fran China from the church there. This year we have had 150 good gospel conversations.

We also received some encouragement from Emmanuel Church, Leamington Spa (where our pastor was once a member), to engage in a week of evangelistic outreach at the end of June, as they sent down a couple of helpers. We began with a well-attended open-air service in Boscawen Park on the Sunday afternoon. Then, in addition to our St Just and Truro book tables, we focussed on visiting the entire Trelander estate, to which we had recently moved as a church, with door-to-door evangelism, to make ourselves known and invite to our services. We had 5 such sessions in an afternoon or evening. On Friday evening we concluded with a special event of testimony and gospel talk in the upper room of the Old Ale House, to which people had been invited; we were glad to see one visitor turn up to hear the gospel. Altogether, we were able to have almost 100 good gospel conversations in the course of the week, for which we praise God.

We also had two evangelistic meals at Epiphany House, in March and December, with low-key evangelistic epilogues respectively from Andrew Chapple (pastor of Redruth Baptist Church), and local evangelist, Marten Holmes, to bring the good news to our friends and colleagues. We were encouraged by a good number of visitors who heard the gospel message on those occasions. Finally, this year's carol service was a particular highlight, with the largest number of unbelievers we've ever had in attendance, to hear the good news of Jesus shining light into our darkness, in the context of a truly memorable evening.

The church website has also been updated to make it more evangelistic, including highlighting available talks and literature.

We also seek to bring gospel hope to those in need through involvement with two local initiatives:

(i) Southwest Community Chaplaincy assists in helping people discharged from prison to settle back into life after prison through support by mentors. Patrick Buckley, one of our elders, has been supporting someone in this position for the last 18 months. This involves regular meetings in a coffee shop to review how the person is getting on with employment and supporting agencies post-prison.

(ii) Jericho Road: this is a project run by the vicar of St John's Church, Truro to provide spiritual support for homeless people. Patrick and Priscilla Buckley assist with meeting at St John's church for a service and a chat.

We give God the thanks and praise for all the opportunities to speak about him and our wonderful Saviour Jesus, and pray that he would bring many of these people into a loving relationship with him, for the saving of their souls.

#### *Pastoral care*

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In addition, our church WhatsApp social group continues to keep members connected with one another with their current news and prayer needs, and proves a great blessing to a number.

The sense of loving community enjoyed by the church has also been fostered by informal get-togethers, including: an afternoon of fun and games in a nearby community centre in February and a pasty lunch and walk at Trelissick Gardens on Good Friday. Regular fellowship is enjoyed at our weekly Sunday lunches together.

The men have enjoyed meeting for men's breakfasts once a month. We meet at our pastors' home. The fellowship begins with a full English breakfast. After breakfast we have been looking at a Bible study series of the Life Builder series, thinking about Daniel and the Thessalonian epistles. These have been excellent, addressing all kinds of issues relating to accepting the will of God and prayer. There are usually 5-7 of us. As well as thinking about the Bible together, we had a Phillipino meal prepared by Joel: an excellent and tasty meal. Thanks to Nick for his hospitality and breakfast, and to all the men who have led our thoughts.

The ladies too enjoy mutual support and edification, both in monthly prayer meetings, and also in their monthly breakfasts, kindly provided by Priscilla and Leota, where they have recently begun a series of studies in contentment.

#### *Safeguarding*

Patrick Buckley: the trustee lead

Leota Morris: Safeguarding Officer

Christ Rotheray: assistant Safeguarding Officer

The Church Safeguarding team met twice in this past year. We are working on a system to ensure that information is stored safely and is easily accessible to those who are responsible for safeguarding. We have also devised principles for framing application forms which are required for safeguarding. Chris is in the process of ensuring that DBS checks are up to date. A training session for all those involved in teaching children and caring for vulnerable people has been arranged for March this year.

Thanks to Leota Morris and Chris Rotheray for their diligence and support in this area of the church life.

#### *Trustees' meetings*

The trustees have met quarterly to ensure the church is meeting our main purposes of the advancement of the Christian faith and other Christian charitable purposes (see Objectives and Activities).

We considered our charitable works, and identified the ways that several of our members individually give their time and efforts to do good in Truro or among their communities.

We considered the advancement of the faith within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood, assessing how best to mark our move to the Trelander estate, and what opportunities should be taken. Leaflets were produced, and every house on the estate was visited during a week's mission in summer. We also considered how we might use the church's silver anniversary as a means of sharing the gospel, and a weekend of events was planned.

We also considered the advancement of the faith outside of Truro, by proposing that the church supports an outreach to a needy estate in St Ives, by prayer and regular financial giving. This was accepted by the membership, and duly commenced.

We considered the advancement of the faith through making disciples of our attenders, by reviewing our formal services and meetings, and by considering how to encourage informal, one-to-one discipleship among the members of the church.

## **Financial Review**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to the end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Total income:	£ 56 477.30
Total expenditure:	£ 58 467.95
Total funds on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023:	£ 211 304.83

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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

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14 Pengarth Road Falmouth TR11 2TY

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc  
Lewisham (309089) Branch  
PO Box 1000  
BX1 1LT

Charity trustees	
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Office:</i>
Patrick Buckley	Elder
Nick Fuller	Elder (pastor)
Robin Griffiths	Deacon

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:



Nick Fuller  
Chair



Patrick Buckley  
Trustee



Robin Griffiths  
Trustee

Date: 24.3.24

24/3/24

24-03-24

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1191260**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES [INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT] FOR 12 MONTHS 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£
	<b>1</b>			
Regular Giving		46,994	799	47,793
One-off gift		4,000		4,000
Gift Aid & GASD claim		4,684		4,684
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>£55,678</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>£56,477</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		£	£	£
Regular outgoing		55,568	799	56,367
One-off expenditure	<b>2</b>	2,101		2,101
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>£57,669</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>58,468</b>

Balance in Bank @ 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 £19,605.86  
Balance in Bank @ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 £17,615.21

**Note 1.** The restricted gifts were towards the Evangelicals Now newspaper, a gift to support missionaries in Myanmar, and for the evangelistic meals held in Epiphany House in March and December.

The one-off anonymous gift was not restricted or designated.

**Note 2.** The one-off expenditure was for the purchase of an electric piano and accessories for the church.

<b>Regular outgoing</b>		<b>£55,568</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>£56,367</b>
<b>Pastor</b>				
Stipend		26,726		26,726
HMRC		6,563		6,563
Pension		1,957		1,957
				( = £35,246)
<b>Ministry</b>				
Pastor's expenses		592		592
Rent		6,700		6,700
Fees/Insurance		1,334		1,334
Conference expenses		815		815
Evangelism/books		703	719	1,422
Visiting preachers		350		350
AV Equipment		923		923
Printing/Office costs		733		733
Children's work		59		59
Refreshments/Sundries		731	30	761
Electric piano & accessories	2	2,101		2,101
<b>Mission support total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7,432</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>		<b>£57,669</b>	<b>£799</b>	<b>£58,468</b>

### Note 3

#### Mission

Truro Evangelical Church regularly supports six mission organisations/individuals. Gifts are sent quarterly and over the year £4906 has been given to –  
to Armond Anderyassian (Church evangelism in Arequipa, Peru). London City Mission (James Tredgett), GBM (Jason and Andrea Murfitt), Grace Partnership (Jyoti Chakravartty, India), International Mission to Jewish People, and the London Seminary.

We have given voluntary donations to Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches over the year of £1,056. We also support a small church in St. Ives with £100 per month. (£500 during 2023) and have given one-off gifts to missions and individuals when a need has arisen - totalling £970. These include the Open Air Mission, a Bible Fund Gift to the Murfitt's, and a gift for the support of a student in London Seminary.

## Investment Funds

Truro Evangelical Church have four accounts in the COIF Charity Deposit Funds (CCLA Investment Management Ltd – a general account, a Church Building Fund account, a Benevolence Fund account, and a Training Fund account. Interest is added into the accounts and quarterly statements are sent. The accounts are designated but not restricted.

The Building Fund was set up save money for when/if a building became available for us to purchase as a church building. This is not a restricted fund and those asking for money to be credited to this account know that if we are not able to purchase a building it can be used for the work of the church or employment of additional staff.

The Benevolence Fund is for one-off special gifts to those experiencing difficulty, and is at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder.

<b>Funds</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January '23</b>	<b>Interest</b> Jan-Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> 23	<b>Out</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Dec '23</b>
Lloyds Bank a/c <b>Charities Deposit</b>	19,605.86				17,615.21
General Fund	117,156.23	3,947.76			117,156.23
Building Fund	75,606.58	2,547.68			75,606.58
Benevolence Fund	926.81	31.24			926.81
Training Fund	nil				nil
<i>Total of Funds</i>	<i>£187,162.94</i>				<i>£193,689.62</i>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£206,054.35</b>	<b>£6,526.68</b>			<b>£211,304.83</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2023**

The value of the assets owned are approx. £3,000.

The church does not own any property.

We do not have any debts or liabilities due to the church.

**Serious incidents**

We have not had any serious incidents in our charity over this period of 12months.

**Fundraising**

We do not raise funds from the public.

**Grant making/receiving**

We do not have any grants or receive income from other contracts with central government or local authorities.

We do not receive income from outside the UK.

**Employees**

The church has one employee whose remuneration and expenses were not in excess of £60,000.

Our Pastor is a trustee and receives remuneration but not for work as a trustee. No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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

Signed: 

**Priscilla Buckley**

**Treasurer**

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Truro Evangelical Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Truro Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **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 all 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 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.

Signed:



Name: Michael C Coles

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Fully Trained HMIT

Address: 14 Pengarth Road Falmouth Cornwall TR11 2TY

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Hope Church Truro**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191260

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No. 1191260**

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, ACCOUNTS and INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Truro Evangelical Church CIO  
Charity number: 1191260

# **Trustees' Annual Report**

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## **Objectives and Activities**

The main purpose of Truro Evangelical Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the church's Basis of Faith, primarily within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the church also aims to carry out other charitable purposes that put into practice the Christian faith.

The main activities that relate to the church's purposes are: two Sunday services of corporate worship (morning and afternoon), with a fellowship lunch in between; meetings for prayer and Bible study each Tuesday evening; Sunday school for children aged under 11; weekly evangelistic outreach in Truro city-centre to share the Christian faith; monthly men's and ladies' breakfasts for fellowship and Bible study; monthly ladies' prayer meetings; occasional outdoor evangelistic services during the summer; promotion of mission and matters of social concern through prayer, financial giving and monthly donations of food to Truro Food Bank; monthly evangelistic outreach in conjunction with the Free Church in St Just, Penwith; and occasional informal social gatherings.

The trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and confirm that benefit has been provided for any members of the public who wish to avail themselves of the spiritual support provided by the Sunday worship services, and the emotional support and company provided by opportunities to join us for lunch on Sundays; all of which is freely open to all. Further spiritual help is offered to all in the public who will receive, through the distribution of Christian literature and one-to-one conversations in our weekly city-centre outreach; through the pre-Christmas distribution of Christian literature to the homes near where our services are held; and through our summer outdoor evangelistic services in a local park. Pastoral visiting for those in need is also available for any who wish to attend our services. Public benefit is also provided for those in financial need, through monthly donations to the Truro Food Bank and a donation at Christmas to Cornwall Christmas Boxes, giving food to needy families over Christmas. Finally, all may benefit from the Christian teaching that is provided freely in our Sunday services, or to children through our Sunday school. Members of the public unable to attend in person are able to benefit from the services via Zoom video conferencing facilities, or subsequent free access to the sermons via the church's website.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### *Sunday services*

Our main ministry this year has taken us firstly through the book Song of Songs on Sunday mornings. This proved to be a wonderfully refreshing encouragement to stir and stimulate the believer's loving relationship with God, while also providing some helpful applications to those seeking to maintain or improve their marriages. We then worked through a series looking at the biblical exhortations regarding 'one another', to help develop and strengthen the loving unity we enjoy at TEC. A third series began working through the epistle 2 Peter, with its exhortations to live upright, godly lives in anticipation of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday afternoons we began the year by using material provided by A Passion for Life, with helpful videos and Bible-based discussion to encourage and equip us to share the good news of Jesus more effectively with our community, through one-to-one conversations with people we meet day to day. We then completed a series in the first major section of Isaiah (chapters 1-39), with its solemn warnings of judgement against evil behaviour, interspersed with messages of hope for those who trust in God.

Our other elder, Patrick, preaching once a month, completed a lengthy series in Romans, with the wonderful assurances from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter, before teaching us lessons of faith from the beginning of the life of Abraham, in Genesis.

Through all this, we have been encouraged, corrected and challenged to live out the Christian faith with integrity and perseverance, rooted in a firm focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also put on a number of evangelistic guest services, for those seeking God and investigating the Christian faith, when it has been the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. In addition, we were able to take the gospel out to the community as a whole church, when we had a couple of open-air services in Boscawen Park in May and June, with some of the community listening in. We also heard encouraging personal testimonies at these services, of how God transforms lives for the good, most especially of Ben Barker, whose MND-driven return to Christ impacted many when video-recorded and placed on our website.

Our Sunday morning services have been preceded by a half-hour Sunday school for our children, to help them develop their own relationship with God, led faithfully by Rosemary Griffiths, assisted by Ursula Hosking.

With the improvement of the covid state in the community by the end of February we were glad to resume our usual 'bring and share' lunches after the morning services, to foster our church family relations and be more welcoming to visitors to join with us.

We continue to have the morning services also run with Zoom, and recorded onto DVDs. This has proved helpful for members unable to attend in person due to ill health or immobility.

### *Membership*

It was a delight to baptise Darrel Leigh on Easter Sunday, after his profession of repentance and faith, having been met through our weekly city-centre outreach, and then to welcome him into membership. We have also been encouraged by the arrival and welcoming into membership of Elizabeth Haigh and Ieuan and Alice Richards. Having been so encouraged and inspired by the faith and courage of Ben Barker through his MND, it was a great sadness when he finally died in September; but we are greatly comforted to know that his suffering has been transformed into rejoicing in the presence of Christ. We also received notification, towards the end of the year, from Susanna Tufnell of her resignation and transfer of membership to Widcombe Baptist Church, Bath, where she has settled in recent years, and gladly commend her to God's safe-keeping in that fellowship. So we end the year with 29 members, and give thanks to God for each precious brother and sister in Christ.

### *Evangelism*

Our weekly evangelistic outreach (a book table) in the city-centre has run consistently since our last AGM. Having exhausted our previous stock of 'Looking for...' TEC leaflets, we produced 3 new leaflets with the good news, to be particularly relevant for younger, middle-aged and older people, and began distributing these this year, alongside a range of helpful booklets and books given freely to those who want to know more of the gospel message. We thank God that we've been able to give out around 6000 gospel leaflets in that time, and have about 700 good gospel conversations, sharing the Christian faith. Our increase on last year has been largely through being joined since June by an enthusiastic couple of evangelists from St Ives.

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and have had about 150 good gospel conversations there this year.

We also received some encouragement from Emmanuel Church, Leamington Spa (where our pastor was once a member), to engage in a few days of evangelistic outreach at the end of June, as they sent down a small team of helpers. The hope is that this initiative will grow, with a larger team coming to do more work for a week each summer. On this occasion we began with an open-air service in Boscawen Park on the Sunday afternoon, then ran our book table in St Austell, St Just and Truro on 3 consecutive days. We also engaged in door-to-door evangelistic visiting in 3 sessions in an afternoon or evening. Altogether, we were able to have about 100 good gospel conversations.

We also put on a fun quiz night in November in a local café, with a low-key evangelistic epilogue, to bring the good news to our friends and colleagues, and were grateful that a few people availed themselves of the opportunity.

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The sense of loving community enjoyed by the church has also been fostered by informal get-togethers, including: a pasty lunch and walk at Trelissick Gardens on Good Friday; a meal and games at a restaurant to celebrate the decade birthdays this year of several people from the congregation, in June; and a joint event with Grace Church St Austell in July.

The men have enjoyed meeting for men's breakfasts once a month, for fellowship around a hearty meal, and food for the soul through studying the books of Daniel and 1 Thessalonians. The ladies were glad to resume their physical breakfasts earlier in the year, having been previously meeting on Zoom, due to covid.

#### *Safeguarding*

Patrick Buckley: the trustee lead

Leota Morris: Safeguarding Officer

Chris Rotheray: assistant Safeguarding Officer

This year the church safeguarding team met on Zoom to devise an application form which is required by the Charity Commission for all different aspects of the Church work. The generic form devised covers relevant job specification, referees, and any relevant experience that the applicant may have. There was one Safeguarding issue that arose during the year which was dealt with according to Church agreed procedure and policy.

Thanks to Leota Morris and Chris Rotheray for their diligence and support in this area of the church life.

### *Data protection*

The church has implemented the requirements of the Data Protection Act as it pertains to charities. Members' and friends' data are held in a secure computer and all possible steps are taken to protect the data. No personal data are held on any external internet-based storage. In accordance with the DPA provision members and friends have to opt in to give permission to store their personal details and preferences on the church database. This is normally done in writing using a form for this purpose. Members and friends will not be included in e-mails sent from the church, or details added to the church data base, until specific consent is given. Unless consent is given, no personal data from the database will be shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, e.g. other churches, etc. Anyone may request a print-out of their data held on the church database. Details can be amended on request. Consent is to how data are used: e.g. contact methods; whether personal details can be included on the church website or in printed materials; etc. These options can be changed at any time on request.

All details of names & addresses plus phone numbers and e-mail address are made available to members and friends periodically. These printed lists should be stored carefully so as not to fall into unauthorised hands.

Currently Robin Griffiths is responsible for Data protection matters and maintaining the church database.

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We considered the advancement of the faith through making disciples of our attenders, by addressing the format of our Sunday afternoon services, and proposing a change to more of an all-age Sunday school format, dividing into small groups for Bible study for half of the service.

### **Financial Review**

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to the end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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### Charity trustees

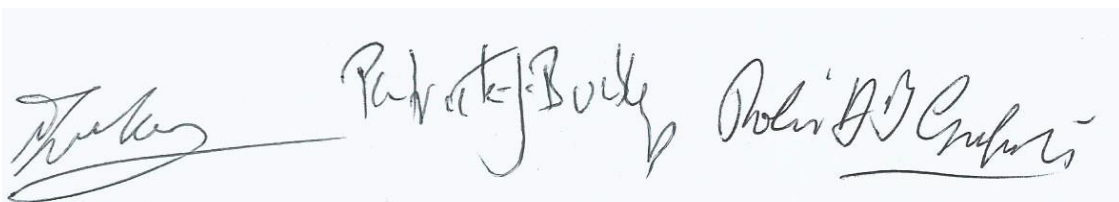
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Office:</i>
Patrick Buckley	Elder
Nick Fuller	Elder (pastor)
Robin Griffiths	Deacon

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:



	Nick Fuller	Patrick Buckley	Robin Griffiths
Position:	Chair	Trustee	Trustee
Date:	24.4.23		

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
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	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£
	<b>1</b>			
Regular Giving		48,224	105	48,329
Gift Aid claim		4,908		4,908
Bequest		11,690		11,690
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>64,822</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>64,927</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		£	£	£
Regular outgoing		50,978	105	51,083
Transfer	<b>2</b>	10,500		10,500
Extra mission gift		1,169		1,169
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>62,647</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>62,752</b>

Balance in Bank @ 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 £17,431.18  
Balance in Bank @ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 £19,605.86

**Note 1**

The restricted gifts were for Easter gifts supporting asylum seekers through our mission partner Lynne McLeavy, and towards a gift to Barnabas to support their Ukraine mission.

**Note 2**

£10,500 was moved to our CCLA General Fund. This was from the Bequest received in April 2022. A title of the Bequest was given as a one-off gift to our missionary in India.

<b>Regular outgoing</b>		<b>£50,978</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>£51,083</b>
<b>Pastor</b>				
Stipend		24,242		24,242
HMRC		5,876		5,876
Pension		1,720		1,720
				= 31,838

<b>Ministry</b>				
Pastor's expenses	3	1,177		1,177
Rent		8,190		8,190
Fees/Insurance		1,093		1,093
Conference expenses		330		330
Evangelism		617		617
Visiting preachers		633		633
AV Equipment		291		291
Printing/Office costs		80		80
Children's work		205		205
Refreshments/Sundries		330		330
				=12,946
<b>Mission</b>				
Regular support total	4	6,194	105	6,299
Extra mission gift		1,169		1,169
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>		<b>£52,147</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>£52,252</b>

**Note 3****Pastor's expenses include:**

Travel £540.55, Conferences £356.15, Books £110.53, Zoom charges £129.51, Office equipment £39.77.

**Note 4****Mission**

Truro Evangelical Church regularly supports six mission organisations/individuals. Gifts are sent quarterly and over the year £757 has been given to each of the six – London Seminary, UFM (Lynne McLeavy), SIM (Matt and Nair Jones), GBM (Jason and Andrea Murfitt), Grace Partnership (Jyoti Chakravarty, India), and International Mission to Jewish People.

We have given voluntary donations to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches over the year of £992.

We have also given individual missions and individuals one-off gifts when a need has arisen.

Barnabas Fund Ukraine - £220 (£40 designated)

Armond in Peru - £50

Igor – Ukraine - £100

West Cornwall Convention - £200

Slavic Gospel Association - £140.00

L. McLeavy for asylum seekers Easter gifts - £55 designated

Jyoti Chakravarty with Grace Partnership in India (tithe from bequest)- £1,169

**Investment Funds**

Truro Evangelical Church has four accounts in the COIF Charity Deposit Funds (CCLA Investment Management Ltd – a general account, a Church Building Fund account, a Benevolence Fund account, and a recently set up Training Fund account. Interest is added into the accounts and quarterly statements are sent. The accounts are designated but not restricted.

In April this year, we were sent a bequest from the estate of a previous church member, and this was tithed and £10,500 was put into the General Fund. We continue to look to employ a trainee pastor, and the cost for this will come from this fund.

The Building Fund was set up to save money for when/if a building became available for us to purchase as a church building. This is not a restricted fund and those asking for money to be credited to this account know that if we are not able to purchase a building it can be used for the work of the church or employment of additional staff.

The Benevolence Fund is for one-off special gifts to those experiencing difficulty, and is at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder.

Funds	1 <sup>st</sup> January '22	Interest (Jan - Oct)	Out	In	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec '22
Lloyds Bank a/c	17,431.18				19,605.86
<b>Charities Deposit</b>					
General Fund	101,623.50	652.82		10,500.00	112,776.32
Building Fund	72,352.98	427.03			72,780.01
Benevolence Fund	886.94	5.22			892.16
Training Fund	nil				nil
<b>Totals</b>	<b>192,294.60</b>	<b>1,085.07</b>		<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>£206,054.35</b>

#### Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2022

The value of the assets owned are approx.£2,000.

The church does not own any property.

We do not have any debts or liabilities due to the church.

#### Serious incidents

We have not had any serious incidents in our charity over this period of 12 months.

#### Fundraising

We do not raise funds from the public.

#### Grant making/receiving

We do not have any grants or receive income from other contracts with central government or local authorities.

We do not receive income from outside the UK.

#### Employees

The church has one employee whose remuneration and expenses were not in excess of £60,000. No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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

Signed:

*Priscilla Buckley*

**Priscilla Buckley Treasurer**

Date:

*17 January 2023*



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of Truro Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 Charity no (if any) 1191260

Set out on pages 1-4

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

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.

Signed:  Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Name: Michael C Coles

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): (EX) Fully Trained HMIT

Address: 14 Pengarth Road

Falmouth
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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.**

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**Hope Church Truro**

England & Wales - Charity number 1191260

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity No. 1191260**

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, ACCOUNTS and INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE 16 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Truro Evangelical Church CIO**

**Charity number: 1191260**

**Trustees' Annual Report**  
From 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Objectives and Activities**

The main purpose of Truro Evangelical Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the church's Basis of Faith, primarily within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the church also aims to carry out other charitable purposes that put into practice the Christian faith.

The main activities that relate to the church's purposes are: two Sunday services of corporate worship (morning and afternoon), with a fellowship lunch in between; meetings for prayer and Bible study each Tuesday evening; Sunday school for children aged under 11; weekly evangelistic outreach in Truro city-centre to share the Christian faith; monthly men's and ladies' breakfasts for fellowship and Bible study; monthly ladies' prayer meetings; occasional outdoor evangelistic services during the summer; promotion of mission and matters of social concern through prayer, financial giving and monthly donations of food to Truro Food Bank; monthly evangelistic outreach in conjunction with the Free Church in St Just, Penwith; and occasional informal social gatherings.

The trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirm that benefit has been provided for any members of the public who wish to avail themselves of the spiritual support provided by the Sunday worship services, and the emotional support and company provided by opportunities to join us for lunch on Sundays; all of which is freely open to all. Further spiritual help is offered to all in the public who will receive, through the distribution of Christian literature and one-to-one conversations in our weekly city-centre outreach; through the distribution of Christian literature to the homes near where our services are held, at Christmas and Easter; and through our summer outdoor evangelistic services in a local park. Pastoral visiting for those in need is also available for any who wish to attend our services. Public benefit is also provided for those in financial need, through monthly food donations to the Truro Food Bank. Finally, all may benefit from the Christian teaching that is provided freely in our Sunday services, or to children through our Sunday school. Members of the public unable to attend in person are able to benefit from the services via Zoom video conferencing facilities, or subsequent free access to the sermons via the church's website.

**Achievements and Performance**

*Sunday services*

The covid pandemic meant that for many months we were unable to meet in person, or at our usual premises in Tregolls School. However, we are very grateful to St John's church for the use of their church hall for a good period (October 2020 to January 2021, then April to August 2021), before a very welcome return to the school at the end of August. We are also very grateful to have been able to run services on Zoom for those unable to attend in person, and to distribute DVDs and CDs to those unable to access Zoom. So, we are especially grateful to all who have been involved in helping with the challenge of using the technology and ensuring that everyone has been able either to participate live or to receive recordings. This has been a spiritual lifeline to the housebound and those at particular risk from covid.

Due to covid, we had decided to drop our Sunday lunches, to minimise risk of infection. We had moved our afternoon service to the evening, and kept this on 'Zoom only', for logistical reasons, while we used St John's Hall. It was a delight to resume our normal pattern of lunch followed by the afternoon service, when we returned to the school in August. But we await the improvement of covid circumstances before returning to our more visitor-friendly 'bring and share' lunches. Due to the effort involved in running Zoom, and the lack of demand, it was decided only to have the morning services as hybrid, with Zoom.

Our main ministry since our last AGM has taken us through the book of Revelation on Sunday mornings, which we completed in November. This has been a wonderful, enriching series that has urged us to persevere through the trials and opposition that believers face, and has thrilled us with the future with Christ that lies ahead for the faithful believer. On Sunday afternoons we completed a lengthy series in the book of Exodus, then went through the book of Ezra, before beginning a series in Isaiah. Our other elder, Patrick, has also continued to lead us faithfully through the letter to the Romans. Through all this, we have been encouraged, corrected, and challenged to live out the Christian faith with integrity and perseverance, rooted in a firm focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also put on a number of evangelistic guest services, for those seeking God and investigating the Christian faith, when it has been the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, with titles such as, "How can I be sure I'm going to heaven?", "Where is God in a global pandemic?" and "Sin can't be condoned, but it can be covered". We were also able to take the gospel out to the community as a whole church, when we had an open-air service in Boscawen Park in July, with an encouraging number of the community listening in. We also heard encouraging personal testimonies from our members at these services, of how God transforms lives for the good.

We have also recently been able to reintroduce a Sunday school after the morning service, now that we are back at the school, and that more children are attending, led faithfully by Rosemary Griffiths.

### *Membership*

It was a delight to welcome Ben Barker into membership, after his return to the Lord, prompted by his motor-neurone disease, and it has been so encouraging to have him worship with us on Zoom, and to listen to his solid hope in Christ. We have also been encouraged by welcoming into membership the long-standing friends and helpers of the church, Mike & Chris Fuller. But we lost one of our founding members to heaven, Doreen Johnson, and grieve our loss, albeit tempered with thankfulness to her Saviour. So, we end the year with 27 members, and give thanks to God for each precious brother and sister in Christ.

### *Evangelism*

Our weekly evangelistic outreach in the city-centre has run consistently since our last AGM, apart from the lockdown from January to Easter. We thank God that we've been able to give out around 2000 gospel tracts in that time, and have 550 good gospel conversations, sharing the Christian faith. With a desire to take the gospel beyond Truro, and to help a strategically placed church, with whom we had personal links, we initiated a gospel outreach in St Just, joining to help the Free Church there, in September. We simply transported our Truro city-centre outreach to St Just once a month. There was a slow start, but it seems to be gradually building, with plenty of opportunities to share the Christian faith with locals.

### *Pastoral care*

In the midst of a pandemic that led to feelings of social isolation and loneliness, it was a delight to be able to have some outdoor informal social gatherings through the period. We enjoyed two such gatherings at Gyllyngdune Gardens in Falmouth, another at Trellissick Gardens, and three small walking groups when we were limited to the 'rule of 6'. Furthermore, the church WhatsApp social group, enabling people to keep in touch with one another and with their current news and prayer needs, has proved a great blessing to a number, especially those less able to get out and socialise.

The men have been able to meet for men's breakfasts: on Zoom when food was not in order due to covid, but now in person once again, studying Psalms and the book of Daniel. The ladies continue to meet for virtual 'breakfasts' on Zoom, studying the book, 'Women of the Word'.

The elders have continued to visit both members and non-member regular attenders, as they have been able, for pastoral oversight. An informal team of pastoral visitors also visits members according to need.

### *Safeguarding*

Patrick Buckley: Trustee Lead

Leota Morris: Safeguarding Officer

Christ Rotheray: Assistant Safeguarding Officer

We have kept up to date with Safeguarding training with a session on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The theme was dealing with complaints: how to both acknowledge the complaint and not to treat its subject as convicted or vindicated until due process is complete. We have received certificates to show that we have attended the training session. We meet twice a year to check on Safeguarding.

### *Trustees' meetings*

The trustees have met quarterly to ensure the church is meeting our main purposes of the advancement of the Christian faith and other Christian charitable purposes (see Objectives and Activities).

We considered the advancement of the faith outside of Truro, initiating increased prayer for missions during our Sunday morning services and a monthly gospel outreach in St Just. We considered the advancement of the faith through making disciples of our attenders, addressing the discipleship needs of various individuals. We updated our finance and reserves policies. We also addressed our charitable activity in the community, proposing to provide practical help for foreign immigrants.

### **Financial Review**

For the period 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 when we received our charity registration number to the end of financial year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Total income: **£93,994**

Total expenditure: **£99,114**

*These figures include two donations totalling £30,000 which was transferred out to our Investment Building fund.*

Total funds on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021: **£192,294.60**

The church has a policy for holding reserves equivalent to 3 months of the pastor's salary and expenses, rental of the school hall where we meet for worship, plus our missionary giving and bookkeeping fees, as a safety net to ensure these prime responsibilities can be paid. This amounts to £10 593.35.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Truro Evangelical Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The governing document for Truro Evangelical Church is the Constitution based on the Charity Commission Association Model for a CIO, as approved for independent churches, in conjunction with our Church Handbook.

Trustees are the elders of the church, as according to the Constitution. They are nominated by the other elders and appointed by the vote of the membership at a members' meeting. In the event (as is current) where we have fewer than 3 elders, the third trustee is similarly nominated by the other trustees and appointed by the vote of the church members.

Most of the members volunteer their services to help in the life of the church, according to their ability. There are too many to name for personal thanks, and we do not wish to downplay the significance of those with limited physical capabilities, who are nonetheless stalwart pillars upholding the church by their faithful prayers. However, the trustees would like to give particular thanks to Priscilla Buckley for her diligent services as treasurer, and to Paul Sebuava for his faithful and tireless service in ensuring the practical functioning of our Sunday services.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity name: Truro Evangelical Church CIO

Charity number: 1191260

Charity's principal address: 27 Navigator Way, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3GE

Independent Examiner: Rev. Michael Coles BSc. (Fully trained HMIT) 14 Pengarth Road Falmouth TR11 2TY

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc

Lewisham (309089) Branch  
PO Box 1000  
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Charity trustees

*Name: Office:*

Patrick Buckley Elder

Nick Fuller Elder (pastor)

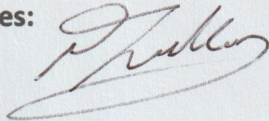
Robin Griffiths Deacon

**Declarations**

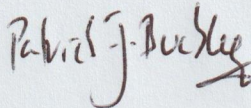
The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

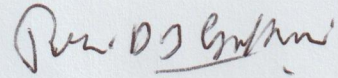
**Signatures:**



Nicholas Fuller



Patrick Buckley



Robin Griffiths

**Position:**

Chair

Trustee

Trustee

**Date:**

8th March 2022

**TRURO EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
**Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1191260**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES [INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT] FOR 16 MONTHS (14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020) END 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£
	1			
Regular Giving		58,760	187	58,947
Other		31,000		31,000
Gift Aid claim		4,047		4,047
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>93,807</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>93,994</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		£	£	£
	2			
Regular outgoing		58,427	187	58,614
Transfer		9,500		9,500
Other		31,000		31,000
<b>TOTAL OUTGOINGS</b>		<b>98,927</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>99,114</b>

Balance in Bank @ 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 £22,550

Balance in Bank @ 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 £17,431.18

**Note 1**

£1,000 was given for an anonymous gift to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party but returned to the sender.

Two 'one-off' donations (£20,000 and £10,000) were given and moved into the CCLA/COIF Building Fund

The restricted gifts and giving was for Harvest and Christmas gifts supporting asylum seekers through our mission partner Lynne McLeavy.

## Note 2

£9,500 (money saved from not renting the school for our meetings during the lockdown months) was transferred to our CCLA Building Fund.

£30,000 (2x donations) was moved to our CCLA Building Fund.

£1,000 was returned to sender as it was not possible to forward it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party (Note 1)

<b>Regular outgoing</b>		<b>58,427</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>58,614</b>
		£		£
<b>Pastor</b>				
Stipend		30,286		30,286
HMRC		6,910		6,910
Pension		2,079		2,079
<b>Ministry</b>				
Pastor's expenses	3	1,244		1,244
Rent		3,975		3,975
Fees/Insurance		1,343		1,343
Solicitors (setting up CIO)		1,258		1,258
Evangelism		375		375
Visiting preachers		360		360
AV Equipment		1,168		1,168
Printing/Office costs		694		694
Children's work		10		10
Safeguarding training		450		450
<b>Mission support total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8,275</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>8,462</b>

### Note 3

Pastor's expenses include:

Travel/Conferences £520, Evangelism/Tracts £412, Zoom charges £144, Sundries £168

### Note 4

#### Mission

Truro Evangelical Church regularly supports six mission organisations/individuals. Gifts are sent quarterly and over the 16 months of this report, £1,094 has been given to each of the six –

London Seminary, UFM (Lynne McLeavy), SIM (Matt and Nair Jones), GBM (Jason and Andrea Murfitt), Grace Partnership (Jyoti Chakravartty, India), and International Mission to Jewish People.

We have given voluntary donations to Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches over the sixteen months of £1036.

We have also given individual missions and individuals one-off gifts when a need has arisen. Middle East Reformed Fellowship - £75

Caring for Life - £100

M&J Griffiths in Myanmar - £200

L. McLeavy for asylum seekers harvest and Christmas gifts - £200 plus £187 designated Emmanuel Church, Marlborough for the support of their trainee - £100

#### Investment Funds

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The Benevolence Fund is for one-off special gifts to those experiencing difficulty and is at the discretion of the Pastor and Elder.

Funds	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept '20	Interest	Out	In	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec '21
Lloyds A/C	22,550.46				17,431.18
General Fund	101,607.93	15.57			101,623.50
Building Fund	32,844.67	8.31		39,500.00	72,352.98
Benevolence Fund	886.79	0.15			886.94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£157,889.85</b>	<b>24.03</b>		<b>39,500.00</b>	<b>£192,294.60</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2021**

Equipment has been bought over the last few years for the use of Zoom both during lockdown and now as a hybrid use in the in-person services.

The value of the assets owned are approx.£2,000.

The church does not own any property.

We do not have any debts or liabilities due to the church.

**Serious incidents**

We have not had any serious incidents in our charity over this period of 16 months.

**Fundraising**

We do not raise funds from the public.

**Grant making/receiving**

We do not have any grants or receive income from other contracts with central government or local authorities. We received no payments from the government's furlough programme during the pandemic.

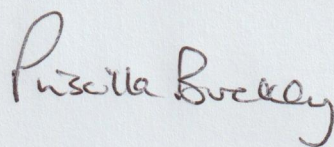
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**Employees**

The church has one employee whose remuneration and expenses were not in excess of £60,000. No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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

**Signed:**



**Priscilla Buckley**

**Treasurer**

**Date:**

8 March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of Truro Evangelical

Church. I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

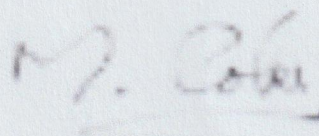
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:  
Michael C Coles B Sc (Fully trained HMIT)  
14 Pengarth Road  
Falmouth TR11 2TY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022