



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 1st January to 31st 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 8th 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 5th 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.

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, invite people to the Free Church,

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.

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. Furthermore, a monthly prayer diary is compiled to encourage members to pray for one another and for mission outreach in their personal prayer times.

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 3rd 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.

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 within Truro and the surrounding neighbourhood, identifying that our website needs updating, to ensure that the most frequently accessed pages contain appropriate evangelistic content, and implementing the holding of two evangelistic events per year, outside of the church premises, to which to invite unbelieving friends. We also considered the advancement of the faith outside of Truro, seeking to employ a trainee pastor for 2 or 3 years, whom we could give experience working alongside our pastor, to send him out to minister in another church. Much time was given to the consideration of one candidate, who visited us for a 2-week placement, but later withdrew his application.

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 1st January 2022 to the end of financial year 31st December 2022

Total income:	£64 926.42
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Total expenditure:	£62 751.74
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Total funds on 31 st December 2022:	£206 054.35
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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 £12 060.

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

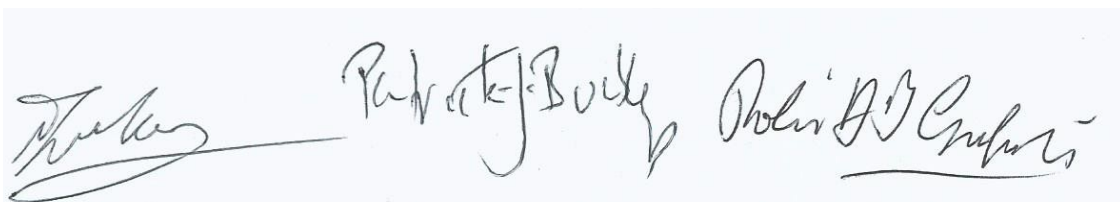
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Office:</i>
Patrick Buckley	Elder
Nick Fuller	Elder (pastor)
Robin Griffiths	Deacon

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
Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1191260
CHARITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES [INCLUDING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT] FOR 12 MONTHS 1st January - 31st December 2022

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

Balance in Bank @ 1st January 2022 £17,431.18
Balance in Bank @ 31st 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.

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

Ministry				
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
Mission				
Regular support total	4	6,194	105	6,299
Extra mission gift		1,169		1,169
TOTAL OUTGOING		£52,147	105	£52,252

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 Chakravartty, 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 Chakravartty 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 st January '22	Interest (Jan - Oct)	Out	In	31 st Dec '22
Lloyds Bank a/c	17,431.18				19,605.86
Charities Deposit					
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
Totals	192,294.60	1,085.07		10,500.00	£206,054.35

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 Treasurer

Date:

17 January 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Truro Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1191260

Set out on pages

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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: 25th January 2023

Name:

Michael C Coles

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

(EX) Fully Trained HMIT

Address:

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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.