

NEWTOWN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1193768

Details

Other names EGLWYS EFENGYLAIDD Y DRENEWYDD

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-03-10

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

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN NEWTOWN, POWYS AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 3.1.2 SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: WE are an evangelical church holding various services as can be seen on our website and well integrated into the local community serving young and old alike.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Powys

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£124,820	£143,768	-	-
2024-03-31	£192,868	£172,606	-	-
2023-03-31	£218,598	£135,908	-	-
2022-03-31	£38,393	£41,287	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gareth Francis Pugh	Chair	2022-01-01
Andrew Christofides		2025-04-01
Benjamin Michael Christofides		2022-01-01
Daniel Owen		2022-01-01
Dr ANDREW PETER GEORGE MITCHELL		2026-04-29
Geraint Owain Jones		2022-01-01
Timothy Gill		2022-01-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction:

The Trustees of the church are the elders. They have the responsibility to ensure that the church, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, fulfils the purposes laid down in its Constitution and in a way that is consistent with the Church Handbook. To that end the Trustees are required, by the Charity Commission, to produce an Annual Report to report on what activities the church has conducted in seeking to fulfil those objectives. This document is in the public domain.

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Newtown Evangelical Church or Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd

Registered Charity Number: 1193768

For the period beginning on 01/04/24 and ending on 31/03/25

Charity Address: Newtown Evangelical Church, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1HL

Governance Documents: Constitution adopted by the Church Members on 17th February 2021 and approved and registered by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, and Church Handbook which was approved by the Church Members on 17th February 2021

Objects of the Charity: According to the Constitution (Section 3), “The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, 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.”

Section 2: Trustees and Governance

Trustees consisting of

- Elders: Ben Christofides, Tim Gill, Owain Jones, Dan Owen and Gareth Pugh.

Section 3. Activities and Achievements

• According to our constitution the first purpose of the church is “the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood”.

• Throughout the period we have met twice a week on a Sunday for corporate worship. Throughout the period we have also provided a private live stream of the services on our YouTube channel, so that those of our congregation who were prevented from attending because they are “housebound”, or temporarily unable to attend, might benefit from the services. These meetings contain praise of God. At the centre of them has been the systematic exposition of Scripture. We have completed a sermon series on the books of John, had a series of sermons on the book of 1 John, continued our sermon series on Psalms and on Isaiah’s prophecy, and have started a series of sermons on the subject of Spiritual Disciplines. We have been very grateful to have received faithful and helpful preaching from visiting preachers. Separate Bible teaching is given for children aged 4-11 during the morning service, and a creche for pre-school aged children is run, so that all those attending can hear

teaching that they are capable of understanding. We have continued to give prayer a central place in those meetings, believing that the Christian faith can only be advanced through a prayerful dependence on God.

- We have held weekly midweek meetings. Some of these meetings are held on the church premises on a Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible Study (or to hear reports of missions work). Twice monthly “Home Groups” have continued (except in late July, August and September). These “Home Groups” include both discussion about the teaching of the Bible and prayer for one another and for the work of the church.
- We have celebrated the Lord’s Supper on Sundays twice monthly, and have, on occasion, celebrated it in the context of a meal - during our fellowship lunch.
- We have continued to hold two prayer meetings each week online (using Zoom), and one in the building, to pray specifically for the salvation of sinners and the restoration of backsliders and for the strengthening of those who are struggling in their faith. We have also held regular prayer meetings prior to our Sunday services to seek God’s blessing on the services. A Fellowship Meeting for Women in the church meets twice a month. Groups to particularly help children aged 11-14 and young people aged 14-18 grow in their Christian faith have normally been held weekly.
- We thank God that we have held two baptismal services during the year, at which a total of three people were baptised.
- The Elders (trustees) have sought to consistently lead the church in such a way that all our teaching and practice is in accord with the Word of God. We do this through the regular preaching and teaching ministry, and through regular Elders’ Meetings at which we seek to apply the teaching of the Bible to the issues facing the church. We have been supported in this by the Deacons who have been delegated the responsibility to oversee many practical areas of the life of the church. These decisions are subject to further scrutiny at Church Members’ meetings which have been held throughout the year. By God’s grace we believe that we are a church that is preserved from serious error; but recognise that we can never be complacent in this regard.
- In seeking to train up potential future leaders, we have continued to support Josh Edwin in his two-year post at a church in North London as a “Cross Cultural Ministry Trainee”. Dave Owen has completed his second year of work as a “Ministry Trainee” (which involved being employed by the church 12 hours a week, and part-time working as a volunteer). The training component of his work involved study on the Theological Training Course run by the Evangelical Movement of Wales, and also placements at other churches. This year Dave has had placements at churches in Penrhyndeudraeth and also in Bordeaux in France. He has also served in many ways in this church – leading services, preaching, helping lead a home group, doing pastoral work with young men and teenage boys, helping with our children’s and youth work, in particular.
- Recognising that it would be good to employ a second pastor to strengthen our ability to preach and teach God’s word faithfully, from the pulpit and to small groups and in pastorally visiting individuals or couples, the church has agreed to employ Andy Christiofides as Assistant Pastor for two years. He will be starting work for the church on 1st April 2025.
- In our endeavour to advance the Christian faith we have run a number of evangelistic events for young and old, for men and women – and some open to all. “Coffee and Cake”, once a month on Fridays, has continued as have the two monthly outreach meetings for women on a Monday (“Craft and Chat” and “Getting to Know”). Occasional evangelistic events for women – aimed particularly at those who are not free for daytime meetings – have also continued, as have occasional evangelistic events for men. We have also run Hot Potato evenings, where speakers are invited to talk about a controversial subject with the aim both of defending the faith before those from outside the church and also of equipping members to live in a God-honouring way in 21st century Wales, as well as equipping them to answer questions those outside the church might have. We have also run a “Christianity Explored” course, which aims to introduce people to the Christian faith.

- In seeking to strengthen the provision of pastoral care for members of the church, and also in seeking to support the work of the church in proclaiming the Christian faith to those who are not yet Christians we have employed Rob and Gill Burridge (both for 12 hours a week). Rob was employed by the church until the end of January 2025, and Gill was employed throughout the year. They have both helped with the provision of pastoral care and, in our evangelism.
- One of the strengths of the church has been the work amongst children and young people. As mentioned earlier, classes for providing age-appropriate Bible teaching for children take place within our morning services. Suitable teaching for those aged 11-14 is arranged either on a small group basis, or on a one-to-one basis. On Friday evenings there are clubs for primary aged children and high school aged children. These have been very well attended throughout the period. We also organised a “Holiday Bible Club” for primary school aged children for five days in the summer holidays. In this way we have had much opportunity to advance the Christian faith among these age groups. They all meet charitable purposes (our other aim) by providing leisure activities for youth which are greatly appreciated in our local community. Additionally, a Bible study for girls has been run on a weekly basis so that those in the Youth Club who wish to find out more about the Christian faith can do so. Bible Studies with boys have also been organised. Our Parents and Toddlers group (attended by as many as 80) also meets a need amongst parents of young children, and for the young children themselves. There is also some Christian teaching provided at a suitable level to these very young children.
- Our interest in advancing the Christian faith beyond our area has been widespread. One couple are doing evangelistic work in south-west Shropshire – an area that has been without a gospel proclaiming, Bible teaching church. Other members of the church have been to other countries for short periods to assist in the work of proclaiming the Christian faith there. During the period we have also heard from speakers on a monthly basis who assist us in playing our part in the advancement of the Christian faith across the world. A number of our church members have served on Christian Easter and Summer camps for children and young people. We have continued to have strong links with churches in Ukraine and Poland, and have sought to support the work of these two churches.
- We have expressed our co-operation, in the work of advancing the Christian faith, with other Churches who embrace the evangelical faith in a variety of ways. For example, at a national level we have continued to be linked to the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and through them with Affinity. These links arise from a desire to further partner with other churches in reaching Wales, England and Scotland with the gospel. We have continued to seek to express our fellowship with other Christians and churches who suffer persecution for their faith across the world in a variety of ways.

Section 4: Policies

- Reserves policy: To have reserves amounting to approximately £60,000 which the managing trustees consider to be an appropriate level of general reserve, being sufficient to cover at least 6 months expenditure.
- Grant-making policy: We do not make grants.
- Investments selection policy: The Managing Trustees have adopted a low risk approach to investments, as we require access to funds on a short term basis, so deposit accounts bearing the maximum interest with the minimum length of term commitment are used.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity as chair of the charity trustees, that:

- they have approved the report above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Gareth Pugh (Chairman of Trustees)

Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	For the Year Ended 31.3.2025			Year Ended 31.3.2024	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS £	TOTAL FUNDS £
INCOME					
General Fund Donations (inc Gift Aid)	118,572			118,572	141,060
Unrestricted Designated New Build Fund		13,777		13,777	12,865
Restricted Funds Donations (inc Gift Aid)			33,300	33,300	34,283
Donations for use of premises	2,112			2,112	1,242
Bookstall	239			239	525
Interest Received	3,897			3,897	2,893
	<u>124,819</u>	<u>13,777</u>	<u>33,300</u>	<u>171,896</u>	<u>192,868</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Salary & Pension Costs	57,640			57,640	75,519
Travel and Conference Expenses	3,164			3,164	2,560
Visiting Preachers	1,423			1,423	1,465
Outreach (inc Young Peoples Work)	2,697			2,697	2,620
Literature	1,289			1,289	1,582
Total Ministry Costs	<u>66,214</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,214</u>	<u>83,746</u>
AWM / Missionary Support				0	8,516
Welshpool Community Church			31,686	31,686	31,698
Graingers			240	240	2,455
Mission Support	7,901			7,901	2,950
South Shropshire			584	584	683
Benevolent Fund			2,250	2,250	567
Camp			420	420	187
Barnabas Fund			674	674	631
FIEC & AECW	2,700			2,700	2,500
Ukraine House			2,861	2,861	3,144
Ukraine Camp				0	3,000
Ukraine			675	675	0
Poland				0	1,863
Total Mission Support	<u>10,601</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,389</u>	<u>49,990</u>	<u>58,194</u>
Insurance	3,039			3,039	3,027
Water Rates	1,170			1,170	858
Light and Heat	6,109			6,109	6,786
Repairs and Maintenance	45,135			45,135	8,879
Architects Fees		2,820		2,820	3,642
Cleaning	219			219	171
Grounds Expenses	3,963			3,963	93
Total Property Expenses	<u>59,635</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>62,455</u>	<u>23,456</u>
A/V	268		236	504	1,917
Photocopying and Stationery	1,022			1,022	1,126
Communications	1,538			1,538	1,173
Subscriptions and Licences	2,247			2,247	1,790
Independent Examination of Accounts	375			375	350
Bank Charges	65			65	80
Consumables	1,803			1,803	775
Total Office Costs	<u>7,318</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>7,210</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>143,768</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>39,626</u>	<u>186,213</u>	<u>172,606</u>
Net Income / (expenditure) for the Year	<u>-18,948</u>	<u>10,957</u>	<u>-6,326</u>	<u>-14,317</u>	<u>20,261</u>
<i>Reconciliation of Funds</i>					
Funds brought forward	117,329	12,865	25,975	156,169	135,908
Funds carried forward	<u>98,381</u>	<u>23,822</u>	<u>19,649</u>	<u>141,852</u>	<u>156,169</u>

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newtown Evangelical Church CIO /
Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO, Charity Number 1193768.**

I report on the accounts of the Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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.

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.

A Woodbridge

Alan Woodbridge MIC

Date: 21st May 2025

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Section 2: Trustees and Governance

Trustees consisting of

- Elders: Ben Christofides, Tim Gill, Owain Jones, Dan Owen, Lloyd Pritchard (up to 30/10/23) and Gareth Pugh.

Section 3. Activities and Achievements

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We thank God that we have held two baptismal services at which a total of seven people were baptised.

- The Elders (trustees) have sought to consistently lead the church in such a way that all our teaching and practise is in accord with the Word of God. We do this through the regular preaching and teaching ministry, and through regular Elders’ Meetings at which we seek to apply the teaching of the Bible to the issues facing the church. We have been supported in this by the Deacons who have been delegated the responsibility to oversee many practical areas of the life of the church. These decisions are subject to further scrutiny at Church Members’ meetings which have been held throughout the year. By God’s grace we believe that we are a church that is preserved from serious error; but recognise that we can never be complacent in this regard.

- One of our employed trustees, Lloyd Pritchard, went on paid leave from 30th October 2023, to give him opportunity to address personal matters which meant he wasn’t qualified to serve as an elder at that point. At this point he ceased to serve as an elder, and thus as a trustee. He was originally given three months paid leave (till the end of January 2024). This was subsequently extended by two months (to the end of March 2024). During those latter two months it became clear to him that he ought to hand in his written notice. This happened on 26th February 2024. (He ceased to be employed by the church on 14th April 24.)

- In seeking to train up potential future leaders, our two employed elders met regularly, during the first part of the year, with two young men – Joshua Edwin and Dave Owen – to engage in training. On 1st September 2023 Josh took up a two-year post at a church in North London as a “Cross Cultural Ministry Trainee”. The church supported him in his decision to further his training in this way. Dave Owen started work as a “Ministry Trainee” (which involves being employed by the church 12 hours a week, and part-time working as a volunteer) for two years beginning on 1st April 23. The training component of his work involves study on the Theological Training Course run by the Evangelical Movement of Wales, and also placements at other churches. This year Dave has had placements at churches in Abergavenny, Abersychan and Penrhyndeudraeth. He has also served in many ways in this church – leading services, preaching, helping lead a home group, doing pastoral work with young men and teenage boys, helping with our children’s and youth work, in particular.

- In our endeavour to advance the Christian faith we have run a number of evangelistic events for young and old, for men and women – and some open to all. “Coffee and Cake”, once a month on Fridays, has continued as have the two monthly outreach meetings for women on a Monday (“Craft and Chat” and “Getting to Know ...”). Occasional evangelistic events for women – aimed particularly at those who are not free for daytime meetings – have also continued, as have occasional evangelistic events for men. We have also run Hot Potato evenings, where speakers are invited to talk about a controversial subject with the aim both of defending the faith before those from outside the church and also of equipping members to live in a God-honouring way in 21st century

Wales, as well as equipping them to answer questions those outside the church might have. We have also run a “Christianity Explored” course, which aims to introduce people to the Christian faith.

- In seeking to strength the provision of pastoral care for members of the church, and also in seeking to support the work of the church in proclaiming the Christian faith to those who are not yet Christians we have employed Rob and Gill Burridge (both for 12 hours a week) starting on March 1st 2023 (for a fixed period of 18 months). They both help with the provision of pastoral care and, in Rob’s case, to help us with our evangelism.
- One of the strengths of the church has been the work amongst children and young people. Classes for providing age-appropriate Bible teaching for children take place within our morning services. Suitable teaching for those aged 11-14 is arranged either on a small group basis, or on a one-to-one basis. On Friday evenings there are clubs for primary aged children and high school aged children. These have been very well attended throughout the period. We also organised a “Holiday Bible Club” for primary school aged children for five says in the summer holidays. In this way we have had much opportunity to advance the Christian faith among these age groups. They all meet charitable purposes (our other aim) by providing leisure activities for youth which are greatly appreciated in our local community. Additionally, a Bible study for girls has been run on a weekly basis so that those in the Youth Club who wish to find out more about the Christian faith can do so. Studies with boys have been organised on a one-to-one basis as needed. Our Parents and Toddlers group (attended by as many as 80) also meets a need amongst parents of young children, and indeed for the young children themselves. There is also some Christian teaching provided at a suitable level to these very young children.
- Our interest in advancing the Christian faith beyond our area has been widespread. Two of our members, together with their youngest child, served the Lord in another country until June 2023. Another couple served in Cyprus particularly among two particularly disadvantaged communities until July 2023. Another couple are doing evangelistic work in south-west Shropshire – an area currently without a gospel proclaiming, Bible teaching church. Other members of the church have been to other countries for short periods to assist in the work of proclaiming the Christian faith there. During the period we have also heard from speakers on a monthly basis who assist us in playing our part in the advancement of the Christian faith across the world. A number of our church members have served on Christian Easter and Summer camps for children and young people, and on Beach Missions.
- We have expressed our co-operation, in the work of advancing the Christian faith, with other Churches who embrace the evangelical faith in a variety of ways. For example, at a national level we have continued to be linked to the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and through them with Affinity. These links arise from a desire to further partner with other churches in reaching Wales, England and Scotland with the gospel. We have continued to seek to express our fellowship with other Christians and churches who suffer persecution for their faith across the world in a variety of ways.

Section 4: Policies

- Reserves policy: To have reserves amounting to approximately £60,000 which the managing trustees consider to be an appropriate level of general reserve, being sufficient to cover at least 8 months expenditure.
- Grant-making policy: We do not make grants.
- Investments selection policy: The Managing Trustees have adopted a low risk approach to investments, as we require access to funds on a short term basis, so deposit accounts bearing the maximum interest with the minimum length of term commitment are used.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- they have approved the report above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Gareth Pugh (Chairman of Trustees)

Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	For the Year Ended 31.3.2024			Year Ended 31.3.2023	
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	£		£	£	£
INCOME					
General Fund Donations (inc Gift Aid)	141,060			141,060	118,783
Unrestricted Designated New Build Fund		12,865		12,865	0
Restricted Funds Donations (inc Gift Aid)			34,283	34,283	68,814
Donations for use of premises	1,242			1,242	1,294
Bookstall	525			525	100
Insurance Claim	0			0	28,922
Interest Received	2,893			2,893	685
	<u>145,720</u>	<u>12,865</u>	<u>34,283</u>	<u>192,868</u>	<u>218,598</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Salary & Pension Costs	75,519			75,519	66,450
Travel and Conference Expenses	2,560			2,560	2,514
Visiting Preachers	1,465			1,465	1,879
Outreach (inc Young Peoples Work)	2,620			2,620	3,016
Literature	1,582			1,582	3,675
Total Ministry Costs	<u>83,746</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83,746</u>	<u>77,533</u>
AWM / Missionary Support	6,790		1,726	8,516	13,333
Welshpool Community Church			31,698	31,698	27,640
Graingers			2,455	2,455	5,060
Mission Support	2,950			2,950	0
South Shropshire			683	683	738
Benevolent Fund			567	567	1,854
Camp			187	187	2,045
Barnabas Fund			631	631	0
FIEC & AECW	2,500			2,500	2,200
Ukraine House			3,144	3,144	500
Ukraine Camp	1,000		2,000	3,000	0
Poland			1,863	1,863	13,000
Various Missions				0	1,965
Total Mission Support	<u>13,240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,954</u>	<u>58,194</u>	<u>68,335</u>
Insurance	3,027			3,027	2,846
Water Rates	858			858	393
Light and Heat	6,786			6,786	5,524
Repairs and Maintenance	8,879			8,879	16,368
Architects Fees	3,642			3,642	4,308
Cleaning	171			171	513
Grounds Expenses	93			93	89
Total Property Expenses	<u>23,456</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,456</u>	<u>30,041</u>
A/V	1,717		200	1,917	1,900
Photocopying and Stationery	1,126			1,126	1,168
Communications	1,173			1,173	1,771
Subscriptions and Licences	1,790			1,790	1,824
Legal Fees	0			0	975
Independent Examination of Accounts	350			350	330
Bank Charges	80			80	120
Consumables	775			775	1,086
Total Office Costs	<u>7,010</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>7,210</u>	<u>9,174</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>127,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,154</u>	<u>172,606</u>	<u>185,083</u>
Net Income / (expenditure) for the Year	<u>18,267</u>	<u>12,865</u>	<u>-10,871</u>	<u>20,261</u>	<u>33,515</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>					
Funds brought forward	99,062	0	36,846	135,908	102,393
Funds carried forward	<u>117,329</u>	<u>12,865</u>	<u>25,975</u>	<u>156,169</u>	<u>135,908</u>

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newtown Evangelical Church CIO /
Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO, Charity Number 1193768.**

I report on the accounts of the Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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.

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.

Alan Woodbridge

Alan Woodbridge MIC

Date: 29th May 2024

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NEWTOWN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1193768

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction:

The Trustees of the church are the elders. They have the responsibility to ensure that the church, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, fulfils the purposes laid down in its Constitution and in a way that is consistent with the Church Handbook. To that end the Trustees are required to produce an Annual Report to report on what activities the church has conducted in seeking to fulfil those objectives. This document is in the public domain.

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Newtown Evangelical Church or EglwysEfengylaidd y Drenewydd

Registered Charity Number: 1193768

For the period beginning on 01/04/22 and ending on 31/03/23

Charity Address: Newtown Evangelical Church, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1HL

Governance Documents: Constitution adopted by the Church Members on 17th February 2021 and approved and registered by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, and Church Handbook which was approved by the Church Members on 17th February 2021

Objects of the Charity: According to the Constitution (Section 3), “The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, 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.”

Section 2: Trustees and Governance

Trustees consisting of

- Elders: Ben Christofides, Tim Gill, Owain Jones, Dan Owen, Lloyd Pritchard and Gareth Pugh.

Section 3. Activities and Achievements

- According to our constitution the first purpose of the church is “the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood”.
- Throughout the period we have met twice a week on a Sunday for corporate worship. Throughout the period when we have been holding services in the building we have provided a private live-stream of the services on our YouTube channel, so that those of our congregation who were prevented from attending because of concerns about the pandemic, or are otherwise “housebound” might benefit from the services. These meetings contain praise of God. At the centre of them has been the systematic exposition of Scripture. We have completed sermon series on the book of Acts and on the book of Daniel. Series on Esther and Hebrews have started and the (long-running!) series on Psalms has continued. We have been very grateful to have received faithful and helpful preaching from visiting preachers, particularly from those who came

during Tim's sabbatical. We have continued to give prayer a central place in those meetings, believing that the Christian faith can only be advanced through a prayerful dependence on God.

We have held weekly midweek meetings. Some of these meetings are held on the church premises on a Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible Study (or to hear reports of missions work). Twice monthly "Home Groups" have continued (except in late July, August and September). These "Home Groups" include both discussion about the teaching of the Bible and prayer for one another and for the work of the church. We have celebrated the Lord's Supper on a fortnightly basis. We have continued to hold two prayer meetings each week (online using Zoom), and one in the building, to pray specifically for the salvation of sinners and the restoration of backsliders and for the strengthening of those who are struggling in their faith. We have also held regular prayer meetings prior to our Sunday services to seek God's blessing on the services.

A Fellowship Meeting for Women in the church has been restarted (after the pandemic). This meets twice a month. We thank God that we have held a baptismal service at which one person was baptised.

- The Elders (trustees) have sought to consistently lead the church in such a way that all our teaching and practise is in accord with the Word of God. We do this through the regular preaching and teaching ministry, and through regular Elders' Meetings at which we seek to apply the teaching of the Bible to the issues facing the church. We have been supported in this by the Deacons who have been delegated the responsibility to oversee many practical areas of the life of the church. These decisions are subject to further scrutiny at Church Members' meetings which have been held throughout the year. By God's grace we believe that we are a church that is preserved from serious error, but recognise that we can never be complacent in this regard.

- In seeking to train up potential future leaders, our two employed elders have been meeting regularly with two young men – Joshua Edwin and Dave Owen – to engage in training. The church has recently approved the appointment of Dave Owen as a Ministry Trainee (which will involve being employed by the church part-time, and part-time working as a volunteer) for two years beginning on 01/04/23.

- In our endeavour to advance the Christian faith we have run a number of evangelistic events for young and old, for men and women – and some open to all. This year "Coffee and Cake" has restarted (after stopping during the pandemic), and a new monthly outreach for women on a Monday afternoon has started ("Getting to know ..."). The aim of this latter activity is particularly to build on the contacts we made during "Holiday@Home" held in July. Occasional evangelistic events for women – aimed particularly at those who are not free for daytime meetings – have also restarted. We have also run Hot Potato evenings, where speakers were invited to talk about a controversial subject with the aim both of defending the faith before those from outside the church and also of equipping members to live in a God-honouring way in 21st century Wales, as well as equipping them to answer questions those outside the church might have.

- One of the strengths of the church has been the work amongst children and young people. Classes for providing age-appropriate Bible teaching for children take place within our morning services. Suitable teaching for those aged 11-14 is arranged either on a small group basis, or on a one-to-one basis. On Friday evenings there are clubs for primary aged children and high school aged children. These have been very well attended throughout the period with any up to about 150 attending the two clubs. In this way we have had much opportunity to advance the Christian faith among these age groups. They all meet charitable purposes (our other aim) by providing leisure activities for youth which are greatly appreciated in our local community. Additionally, Bible studies for boys and girls have been run on a weekly basis so that those in the Youth Club who wish to find out more about the Christian faith can do so. Our Parents and Toddlers group (attended by as many as 60-70) also meets a need amongst parents of young children, and indeed for

the young children themselves. There is also some Christian teaching provided at a suitable level to these very young children.

- Our interest in advancing the Christian faith beyond our area has been widespread. Two of our members, together with their youngest child, have continued to serve in another country. Another couple have been serving in Cyprus particularly among two particularly disadvantaged communities. Another couple are doing evangelistic work in south-west Shropshire – an area currently without a gospel proclaiming, Bible teaching church. During the period we have also heard from speakers on a monthly basis who assist us in playing our part in the advancement of the Christian faith across the world. A number of our church members have served on Christian Easter and Summer camps, and on Beach Missions. We have continued a monthly prayer meeting specifically devoted to praying for the missionaries we have particular links with.
- We have expressed our co-operation, in the work of advancing the Christian faith, with other Churches who embrace the evangelical faith in a variety of ways. For example, at a national level we have continued to be linked to the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and through them with Affinity. These links arise from a desire to further partner with other churches in reaching Wales, England and Scotland with the gospel. We have continued to seek to express our fellowship with other Christians and churches who suffer persecution for their faith across the world in a variety of ways.
- A major development in the life of the church over these twelve months has been our involvement in supporting Christians who have left Ukraine as a result of the war there. Fourteen Ukrainians – from four families – all of whom are members of, or connected to, a church in the south-west of Ukraine, are now living with members of the church, or in housing organised by a member of the church, and are worshipping with us. This we believe is in accordance with our second purpose as a church according to our constitution as a charity. Being joined by these Christian brothers and sisters has been a great blessing to us as a church.

Section 4: Policies

- Reserves policy: To have reserves amounting to approximately £100,000 which the managing trustees consider to be an appropriate level of general reserve, being sufficient to cover at least 9 months expenditure.
- Grant-making policy: We do not make grants.
- Investments selection policy: The Managing Trustees have adopted a low risk approach to investments, as we require access to funds on a short term basis, so deposit accounts bearing the maximum interest with the minimum length of term commitment are used.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the have approved the report above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Gareth Pugh (Chairman of Trustees)

Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	For the Year Ended			3 months to
	31.3.2023		31.3.2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Funds	Funds	FUNDS	FUNDS
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
General Fund Donations (inc Gift Aid)	118,783		118,783	27,240
Restricted Funds Donations (inc Gift Aid)		68,814	68,814	11,151
Donations for use of premises	1,294		1,294	0
Bookstall	100		100	0
Insurance Claim	28,922		28,922	0
Interest Received	685		685	2
	149,784	68,814	218,598	38,393
EXPENDITURE				
Salary & Pension Costs	66,450		66,450	17,935
Travel and Conference Expenses	2,514		2,514	660
Visiting Preachers	1,879		1,879	720
Outreach (inc Young Peoples Work)	3,016		3,016	97
Literature	3,675		3,675	526
Total Ministry Costs	77,533	0	77,533	19,937
AWM / Missionary Support	8,153	5,180	13,333	1,800
Welshpool Community Church		27,640	27,640	7,460
Graingers		5,060	5,060	298
South Shropshire		738	738	61
SAT7	230		230	125
Benevolent Fund		1,854	1,854	0
SGA	100		100	2,075
Camp		2,045	2,045	0
Open Doors	345	690	1,035	0
OM	200		200	0
UFM	200		200	0
Cardiff Met CU	200		200	0
FIEC & AECW	2,200		2,200	0
Ukraine House		500	500	0
Poland		13,000	13,000	0
Total Mission Support	11,628	56,706	68,335	11,818
Insurance	2,846		2,846	1,669
Water Rates	393		393	63
Light and Heat	5,524		5,524	1,192
Repairs and Maintenance	16,368		16,368	2,564
Architects Fees	4,308		4,308	0
Cleaning	513		513	0
Grounds Expenses	89		89	0
Total Property Expenses	30,041	0	30,041	5,488
A/V	1,650	250	1,900	3,039
Photocopying and Stationery	1,168		1,168	239
Communications	1,771		1,771	171
Subscriptions and Licences	1,824		1,824	136
Legal Fees	975		975	0
Independent Examination of Accounts	330		330	450
Bank Charges	120		120	9
Consumables	1,086		1,086	0
Total Office Costs	8,923	250	9,174	4,043
Total Expenditure	128,126	56,957	185,083	41,287
Net Income / (expenditure) for the Year	21,658	11,857	33,515	-2,894
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>				
Funds brought forward	77,404	24,988	102,393	105,287
Funds carried forward	99,062	36,846	135,908	102,393

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO, Charity Number 1193768.

I report on the accounts of the Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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.

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

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Alan Woodbridge MIC

Date: 9th June 2023

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Newtown Evangelical Church CIO
Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO

Charity Registration 1193768

Statement of Financial Affairs

for the Period ended

31st March 2022

Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction:

The Trustees of the church are the elders. They have the responsibility to ensure that the church, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, fulfils the purposes laid down in its Constitution and in a way that is consistent with the Church Handbook. To that end the Trustees are required to produce an Annual Report to report on what activities the church has conducted in seeking to fulfil those objectives. This document is in the public domain.

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Newtown Evangelical Church or Eglwys Efenwylaid y Drenewydd

Registered Charity Number: 1193768

For the period beginning on 10/3/21 and ending on 31/03/22¹

Charity Address: Newtown Evangelical Church, Llanidloes Road, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1HL

Governance Documents: Constitution adopted by the Church Members on 17th February 2021 and approved and registered by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, and Church Handbook which was approved by the Church Members on 17th February 2021

Objects of the Charity: According to the Constitution (Section 3), "The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, 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."

Section 2: Trustees and Governance

Trustees consisting of

- Elders: Ben Christofides, Tim Gill, Geraint Jones (until 31.12.21), Owain Jones, Dan Owen, Lloyd Pritchard and Gareth Pugh.

Section 3. Activities and Achievements

- According to our constitution the first purpose of the church is "the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Newtown, Powys and the surrounding neighbourhood".
- Throughout the period we have met twice a week on a Sunday for corporate worship. Throughout the period when we have been holding services in the building we have provided a private live-stream of the services on our YouTube channel, so that those of our congregation who were prevented from attending

¹ The application to become a CIO was approved by the Charity Commission on 10th March 2021, so this report is taking that as the commencement of the CIO. However the church continued to operate under the auspices of the old charity until 31st December 2021. All the assets of the old charity were transferred to this charity on 1st January 2022, at which point the church started operating as a CIO. This report is therefore relates to the activity of the charity from 1st January 2022 until 31st March 2022. When the phrase "this period" is used in the report it refers to these three months.

because of concerns about the pandemic, or are otherwise “housebound” might benefit from the services. These meetings contain praise of God. At the centre of them has been the systematic exposition of Scripture, with a sermon series on the book of Acts continuing and a series on the book of Daniel. We have continued to give prayer a central place in those meetings, believing that the Christian faith can only be advanced through a prayerful dependence on God.

We have held weekly midweek meetings. Some of these meetings are held on the church premises on a Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible Study (or to hear reports of missions work). Twice monthly “Home Groups” have continued over these months. We have celebrated the Lord’s Supper on a fortnightly basis. We have continued to hold two prayer meetings each week (online using Zoom), and one in the building, to pray specifically for the salvation of sinners and the restoration of backsliders and for the strengthening of those who are struggling in their faith. We have also held regular prayer meetings prior to our Sunday services to seek God’s blessing on the services.

We thank God that we have held a baptismal service in which two people were baptised.

- The Elders (trustees) have sought to consistently lead the church in such a way that all our teaching and practise is in accord with the Word of God. We do this through the regular preaching and teaching ministry, and through regular Elders’ Meetings at which we seek to apply the teaching of the Bible to the issues facing the church. We have been supported in this by the Deacons who have been delegated the responsibility to oversee many practical areas of the life of the church. These decisions are subject to further scrutiny at Church Members’ meetings which have been held throughout the year. By God’s grace we believe that we are a church that is preserved from serious error, but recognise that we can never be complacent in this regard. During the period a former elder, Geraint Jones, who was also one of the founding members of the church, was called home to be with his Lord. We are very thankful to God for his faithful service over many years. We are also thankful for the provision of two more deacons, Dan Stachura and David Owen, who were appointed during this period. One of our deacons, Dan Crowe, has moved with his wife to Welshpool Community Church to support the work of that young church. This is in support of our aims as a church.
- In our endeavour to advance the Christian faith we have run a new Evangelistic course, “Hope Explored”, and have sought to acquaint the church with the course by following it in our Home Groups with the prayer that this would equip members to invite friends along to future courses. We have also run a Hot Potato evening, where a speaker was invited to talk about a controversial subject with the aim both of defending the faith before those from outside the church and also of equipping members to speak about their faith to others.
- One of the strengths of the church has been the work amongst children and young people. Classes for providing age-appropriate Bible teaching for children take place within our morning services. On Friday evenings there are clubs for primary aged children and high school aged children. These have been very well attended throughout the period with any up to about 150 attending the two clubs. In this way we have had much opportunity to advance the Christian faith among these age groups. They all meet charitable purposes (our other aim) by providing leisure activities for youth which are greatly appreciated in our local community. Additionally, Bible studies for boys and girls have been run on a weekly basis so that those in the Youth Club who wish to find out more about the Christian faith can do so. Our Parents and Toddlers group (attended by 60-70) also meets a need amongst parents of young children, and indeed for the young children themselves. There is also some Christian teaching provided at a suitable level to these very young children.
- Our interest in advancing the Christian faith beyond our area has been widespread. Two of our members, together with their children, have continued to serve in another country. Another couple have been serving in Cyprus particularly among two particularly disadvantaged communities. Another couple are actively

investigating where the Lord would have them seek to plant a church in south west Shropshire – an area currently without a gospel proclaiming, Bible teaching church. During the period we have also heard from speakers on a monthly basis who assist us in playing our part in the advancement of the Christian faith across the world. We have continued a monthly prayer meeting specifically devoted to praying for the missionaries we have particular links with.

- We have expressed our co-operation, in the work of advancing the Christian faith, with other Churches who embrace the evangelical faith in a variety of ways. For example, at a national level we have continued to be linked to the Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales and the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and through them with Affinity. These links arise from a desire to further partner with other churches in reaching Wales, England and Scotland with the gospel. We have continued to seek to express our fellowship with other Christians and churches who suffer persecution for their faith across the world in a variety of ways. In particular, we have a formal link with Open Doors (a Christian charity which supports the persecuted church) to help us to be informed about the needs and also practical ways of expressing our fellowship with such Christians and churches.

Section 4: Policies

- Reserves policy: To have reserves amounting to approximately £60,000 which the managing trustees consider to be an appropriate level of general reserve, being sufficient to cover at least 8 months expenditure.
- Grant-making policy: We do not make grants.
- Investments selection policy: The Managing Trustees have adopted a low risk approach to investments, as we require access to funds on a short term basis, so deposit accounts bearing the maximum interest with the minimum length of term commitment are used.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- they have approved the report above; and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Gareth Pugh (Chairman of Trustees)

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newtown Evangelical Church CIO /
Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO, Charity Number 1193768.**

I report on the accounts of the Newtown Evangelical Church CIO / Eglwys Efengylaidd y Drenewydd CIO for the Period ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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.

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.

A. Woodbridge.

Alan Woodbridge MIC

Date: 8th August 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the Period Ended 31.3.2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS £
INCOME			
General Fund Donations (inc Gift Aid)	27,240		27,240
Restricted Funds Donations (inc Gift Aid)		11,151	11,151
Interest Received	2		2
	<u>27,242</u>	<u>11,151</u>	<u>38,393</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Salary & Pension Costs	17,935		17,935
Travel and Conference Expenses	660		660
Visiting Preachers	720		720
Outreach (inc Young Peoples Work)	97		97
Literature	526		526
Total Ministry Costs	<u>19,937</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,937</u>
AWM / Missionary Support	1,669	131	1,800
Welshpool Community Church		7,460	7,460
Graingers		298	298
South Shropshire		61	61
SAT7		125	125
Benevolent Fund			0
SGA (Ukraine)	544	1,531	2,075
Total Mission Support	<u>2,213</u>	<u>9,606</u>	<u>11,818</u>
Insurance	1,669		1,669
Water Rates	63		63
Light and Heat	1,192		1,192
Repairs and Maintenance	2,564		2,564
Total Property Expenses	<u>5,488</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,488</u>
A/V	2,414	625	3,039
Photocopying and Stationery	239		239
Communications	171		171
Subscriptions and Licences	136		136
Independent Examination of Accounts	450		450
Bank Charges	9		9
Total Office Costs	<u>3,418</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>4,043</u>
Total Expenditure	31,056	10,231	41,287
Net Income / (expenditure) for the Year	-3,814	920	-2,894
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>			
Funds transferred from antecedent organisation	81,218	24,069	105,287
Funds carried forward	<u>77,404</u>	<u>24,988</u>	<u>102,393</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

	NOTES	<u>As at 31.3.2022</u>	
		£	£
Fixed Assets	1 (i)		-
Current Assets			
Debtors	2	6,091	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>96,301</u>	
		102,393	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year		<u>0</u>	
Net Current and Total Assets			<u>102,393</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted General Fund	3	77,404	
Restricted Funds	4	<u>24,988</u>	
			<u>102,393</u>

Notes to the Statement of Financial Affairs for Period Ended 31.3.2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102))*, the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)*.

Newtown Evangelical Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Legal status of the Charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Though the period of the Accounts is longer than 3 months, the Income and Expenditure relates to the 3 months from 1st January to 31st March 2022. The CIO took over the Assets of the Antecedent organisation which was an unincorporated association.

(c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about Newtown Evangelical Church's ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Restricted funds are funds of the charity restricted for specific purposes.

(e) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Donations, grants and gifts are recognised when receivable. Income from Gift Aid tax reclaims for any donations with relevant Gift Aid certificates is recognised in income for the year. Any amounts of Gift Aid not received by the year-end are accounted for in income and accrued income in debtors.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or

the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(f) Donated goods and services

No adjustment has been made for donated services or facilities as they are not regarded as material this year.

(g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

(h) Volunteers

The value of the services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

(i) Fixed assets

Fixed Assets were transferred from the Antecedent Organisation with no value attributed to them due to their previously reporting Accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. An accurate figure of the value of Fixed Assets which largely consists of freehold land and buildings is not available. The trustees do not consider there is any value in paying for a valuation of these assets at present.

(j) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included with the associated staff costs. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employee's contributions.

2 Debtors and Prepayments

Consists entirely of Gift Aid Claim.

3 Unrestricted General Funds

Reserves amount to approximately 7 months of current general fund expenditure.

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Note 4 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Transfer from Antecedent Organisation £	Income £	Expenditure £	Closing Balance £
Welshpool	20,144	6,013	7,460	18,697
Graingers	298	1,165	298	1,165
AWM / Missionary Support		131	131	0
Benevolent	2,992	75		3,067
Camp	480	1,560		2,040
SAT7	125		125	0
South Shropshire	30	50	61	20
SGA (Ukraine)		1,531	1,531	0
A/V Equipment		625	625	0
	<u>24,069</u>	<u>11,151</u>	<u>10,231</u>	<u>24,988</u>