

**TRUSTEES REPORT for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023****GRANVILLE STREET EVANGELICAL CHURCH****Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The Trustees during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023, were as follows. All three trustees served for the entire period, and remain in office at the date of this report.

David Wall	(appointed 23 March 2012)
Philip Richardson	(appointed 23 March 2012)
David Watkins	(appointed 30 Nov 1977)

All three trustees have served since the current CIO was incorporated on 17 Jun 2021 and were also trustees of the predecessor unincorporated charity.

**Charity number** 1194843 Registered in England and Wales

**Registered office address**

Granville Street Church  
Granville Street  
Aylesbury  
Buckinghamshire  
HP20 2JR

**Governing document**

Constitution registered 17 June 2021 on establishment of CIO. (Written with close regard to the previous trust deed, dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1914.)

**Bankers**

CAF Bank Limited  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

**Independent Examiner**

Matt Ryan FCCA  
32 High Street  
Wendover  
Buckinghamshire  
HP22 6EA

**CIO Name:** Granville Street Evangelical Church

### **Structure, governance and management**

The CIO was incorporated on 17 June 2021, replacing the previous unincorporated charity (294636)

All trustees are volunteers. The trustees are in regular contact week to week as active members of the church, but meet formally as trustees as needed and at least once each year to review governance, safeguarding, financial policy and reporting.

The existing trustees are authorised to appoint new trustees. The last change was on 16th January 2021, upon the retirement of a trustee.

The church is served, under the governance of the trustees, by a leadership team, who meet monthly, consisting of four deacons and two elders. The current elders are also trustees.

### **Public benefit statement**

The CIO benefits the public by providing a welcome, pastoral care and spiritual encouragement through worship services, teaching, fellowship groups, prayer and community activities within the Aylesbury area, and by resourcing similar work locally and further afield.

### **Risk management**

The CIO has health and safety policies relating to food safety, fire risk, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, first aid, and electrical appliances, as well as risk assessments for specific activities.

These policies are maintained and reviewed from time to time. One of the deacons has particular responsibility for health and safety and one of the trustees is the nominated safeguarding officer.

The church building and the charity's other asset and liabilities are adequately insured

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith in Aylesbury, throughout England and overseas for the benefit of the public mainly but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, religious ceremonies and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the community.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the charity include weekly worship services, including spiritual instruction and small groups offering fellowship and prayer each week. We run a monthly community group for dads and children, a monthly free lunch, and meetings in several local retirement homes. We maintain contact with mission partners elsewhere who we support through prayer and financial gifts. In partnership with other local churches we help to provide a town chaplaincy service and Street Angels project as well as an annual open air worship service and community banquet. We run a Sunday school for children, and young people are provided for through the local Youth for Christ organisation. Our building is let 3-4 days per week to a mental health charity who run a support group for vulnerable adults.

### **Main achievements in 2023:**

During 2023 we continued to serve a committed informal membership, and saw a small number of new regular attenders join us, as well as a number of departures. We also had worthwhile contact with the wider community through a number of activities. We continued to re-establish the work post-covid. We were able to re-start a monthly lunch which has been greatly appreciated, and numbers have grown in our monthly dads' group. On Sundays we provided a varied program of teaching, including visiting and internal speakers. At harvest we collected a substantial amount of goods as a gift to a local food bank, and we have maintained a very active support of missionary work in the UK and abroad.

As several of our members have grown older a greater degree of pastoral care has been needed which we have sought to provide.

In the autumn, in partnership with others, we supported a programme of high profile guest events, 'Why I Believe' featuring prominent speakers from the disciplines of science and philosophy.

Recognising the need to strengthen the leadership team we identified and approached several potential new leaders. As a result we were pleased to appointed a new deacon.

We maintained our facilities as needed, in particular, renewing the tiling at the entrance of the building. As part of our financial governance, we conducted a full review of our missionary support, resulting in several changes in light of current needs. We changed electricity supplier in order to reduce costs.

Having secured planning permission in March 2022 for refurbishment work and a small extension to our building, some considerable effort was made during 2023 to raise grant funding to supplement funds already in hand and allow the full project to proceed. However, in the event only one small grant was obtained. We have therefore begun key refurbishments, including a much needed renewal of the kitchen, which took place in 2024, without the proposed extension.

### **Financial review and reserves policy**

The total income for the period was £ 56,592 (compared to £57,260 in 2022). The main sources of income are:

- Individual donations from church members – approx. 65%
- Rent from Mind Buckinghamshire (3-4 days per week) – approx. 30%

Total expenditure for the period was £48,378 (compared to £49,963 in 2022). Main areas of expenditure include:

- Gifts to mission partners (including local Christian organisations and overseas missionaries)
- Utility bills
- Building maintenance and repair
- Speaker's expenses and gifts
- Payments to cleaners
- Food, drink and cleaning products
- Equipment, children's materials and literature

Cash in the bank and additional accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2003 was £ 172,457 (vs £164,219 previous year).

In October 2023 our rental income fell as Mind Buckinghamshire chose to reduce their mental health support group from 4 to 3 days per week.

The CIO owns the church building and has no other property assets. The leadership team and trustees all serve on a voluntary basis and so the charity has no employees or salary costs. Church members (including the trustees) are reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with church activities. We employ the services of a cleaning company.

Through 2023 we held a reserve of approximately £120k. this is considerably higher than the trustees would ordinarily consider prudent. But was held pending the much needed refurbishment work to the building (especially the kitchen, toilets and entrance area) and hoped for extension.

The total income is under the current £500,000 audit threshold in the Charities Act 2011 and the Trustees have therefore agreed that the accounts should be independently examined rather than incurring the additional costs of audit.

### **Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees of the charity acknowledge their responsibility to maintain proper accounting records, to prepare Annual Accounts which show a true and fair view of the activities of the charity and to take appropriate measures to protect the assets of the charity from major loss.

This Report is made under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 and is signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Richardson', written in a cursive style.

Philip Richardson (Trustee and Elder)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Granville Street Evangelical Church

1194843

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and gift aid	35,389	-	-	35,389	40,093
Voluntary income	14,145	-	-	14,145	16,657
Investment income	858	-	-	858	510
Grants	6,200	-	-	6,200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>56,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,592</b>	<b>57,260</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,592</b>	<b>57,260</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	48,378	-	-	48,378	49,963
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,378</b>	<b>49,963</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,378</b>	<b>49,963</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>7,297</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>164,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>164,243</b>	<b>156,946</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>172,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172,457</b>	<b>164,243</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Shawbrook	110,000	-	-
	CAF account	45,822	-	-
	Metro	9,772	-	-
	Lloyds	6,863	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>172,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

**Granville Street Evangelical Church**

#### On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1194843

#### Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**.

#### 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 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**



**Date:** 25/10/2024

**Name:**

Matt Ryan FCCA

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

ACCA

**Address:**

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