

Park Hill Evangelical Church

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024**

Charity Number: 1198587

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PARK HILL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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PARK HILL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1198587
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	01st October 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th September 2024
TRUSTEES SERVING DURING AND AFTER THE YEAR	Derek Fortnam - Chair of trustees John Prideaux Margaret Ann Clarke - Treasurer John Dean
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 12 Apr 2022
OBJECTS	<p>To advance the Christian faith in Brighton, East Sussex and such other parts of the UK or the world and in such ways as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.</p> <p>To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, or who are aged or sick, in such ways as the Trustees may from time to time think fit, consistent with the statement of beliefs.</p>
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Park Hill Evangelical Church Park Hill Brighton BN2 0BT
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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We have regular Sunday morning services with the aim of clearly sharing the teaching of the Bible and encouraging those present to respond to and apply its truth to their lives. Week night prayer meetings via Zoom are ongoing, there is also an opportunity for fellowship and prayer at Park Hill each Saturday morning. . Pastoral care, outreach by means of YouTube videos. Visiting and caring for people in need.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

All members of the church are expected to engage in caring for the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of individuals as opportunity and ability allows.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Whilst our present Pastor's presence in person has been quite restricted during the year due to necessary home responsibilities and some health issues, he has been keeping well informed and has issued pastoral letters, phoned individuals and recorded sermons during the year. He has also taken an active part in preparing for future leadership; we have been engaging visiting preachers with a view to finding a suitable person to take over leadership responsibilities, and some of these he has had discussions with either by telephone or by personal meetings.

Although the numbers of people attending the Sunday services have been quite low, people have generally expressed appreciation of the preaching. The coffee time following the morning services has facilitated supportive friendship; helpful fellowship and support via Zoom meetings continues. Recording of sermons and publishing them on YouTube enabled those to listen who could not attend the services.

As regards our main objective of advancing the Christian faith, the regular expository preaching and teaching from the Bible strengthened existing members and visitors spiritually and emotionally; this was confirmed by beneficiaries directly and by comments on YouTube.

Those with various needs including the elderly and infirm were visited and sometimes taken for trips out. People with other needs were given assistance, sometimes by phone calls or emails.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

We have two sources of income, freewill offerings mainly from members of the church and (in accordance with the Trust Deed of Flats we own) a proportion of our funds comes from rent from these Flats. (The Trust Deed of the Flats says that benefits from the property should be used in line with the religious and charitable objects of Park Hill Church.) However, until the assets were fully transferred from the old charity to the CIO, these monies continued to be received and administered via the old charity bank account and therefore were excluded from the CIO annual accounts represented here for year 2023/24. Assets transfer was successfully completed in financial year 2024/25 on the 31st of December 2024.

The charity started the process of asset transfer from legacy trust Park Hill Evangelical Church (excepted charity) and £13,500 of cash funds were transferred to the CIO in the financial year 2023/24. The cash funds at 30th of September 2024 was £13,540 (2023: Nil).

When planning an annual budget, an amount not less than would cover 3 months expenditure should be retained throughout the year, the amount of reserves held at the end of the year is £10,000.

Structure, Governance and management

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO since 12 Apr 2022.

New trustees will be selected by the existing trustees, with a view to having persons with a variety of skills and experience.

The Charity is guided by a very helpful paper 'Ten Trustee responsibilities' produced by Trust Advice, along with the Charity Commission's 'Essential Trustee' publications which indicate the important matters to share with potential and new Trustees.

The Church is normally overseen by a Pastor, assisted by Diaconate.

The Church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, Sussex Gospel Partnership, Affinity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees , Trustee.

Print name: Mrs. Margaret Anne Clarke.....

Date: 11th July 2025.....

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2	40	0	40	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		40	0	40	0
PAYMENTS :					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		0	0	0	0
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		40	0	40	0
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Assets transferred from legacy trust Park Hill Evangelical Church (excepted charity)		13,500	0	13,500	0
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		13,540	0	13,540	0

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	30-Sep-24 Total £	30-Sep-23 Total £
ASSETS				
Cash Funds:				
General Account	13,540	0	13,540	0
Other Monetary Asset:				
N/A	0	0	0	0
	13,540	0	13,540	0

Assets retained for the Charity's own use:

Equipment	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

LIABILITIES

Independent Examiners Fee	300	0	300	0
	300	0	300	0

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Approved by the Trustees on 11th July 2025.....and

Signed on their behalf by *M. A. Clarke*, Trustee.

Print name: Mrs. Margaret Anne Clarke.....

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
Bank compensation	40	0	40	0
	40	0	40	0

3. PAYMENTS

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
Costs of Charitable Activities				
N/A	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

There was no payment made in the 2023/24 or 2022/23 financial periods of the CIO.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity held no restricted funds in the financial year 2023/24 and 2022/23.

5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

There was no payment made to any trustees or related parties in the financial year 2023/24 and 2022/23.

6. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.