



Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number 1199002

Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham SN14 0BA

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the period from 1st October 2023 – 30th September 2024

Introduction

Ladyfield Evangelical Church is an independent Christian church which has operated at its premises in the Ladyfield area of Chippenham since 1957. It is a member of the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Governance

Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO is managed by a Board of Trustees. The Trustees are selected from among the Elders and Deacons of the Church, and appointed by the Board of Trustees, having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. The Trustees are also the Members of the CIO.

An annual meeting of the wider community of all church members was held in November 2024, where the Trustees reported on the activities of the CIO and church and answered questions.

The following were the Trustees of the CIO at the start of this period: Andrew McFarlane (Chair), Bruce Brain, David White, Stephen Heal and James Stewart (Pastor).

Bruce Brain died in March 2024: the Trustees and the whole church congregation acknowledged and recorded with deep gratitude his enormous contribution, over the whole of his lifetime, to the leadership of Ladyfield Evangelical Church.

The Board of Trustees met formally three times during the year, with one meeting focussed on an annual review of financial controls as well as approving the accounts for the preceding year and the budget for this year, and one meeting focussed on an annual review of safeguarding. Additionally, they met as Members of the CIO to approve a minor change to the constitution, which was subsequently uploaded to the Charity Commission.

Objectives

The objective of Ladyfield Evangelical Church is to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit. This is achieved by:

- Raising awareness and understanding of the Christian faith for existing believers and members of the Church fellowship;
- undertaking activities to support practical needs of anyone living in the Ladyfield area;
- telling people in the community about the Christian faith and encouraging them to become believers;
- Supporting some other organisations and individuals who are working to advance the Christian faith, in the UK and overseas.

When planning the church's activities, the trustees have considered and taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

To facilitate this, Ladyfield Church leases land and its building in Hungerdown Lane from the Church Growth Trust, maintaining them in good order.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

Christian Worship

Worship meetings have been held on every Sunday morning and evening throughout the period. These meetings are open to anyone to attend, and are advertised on external posters, on Facebook and on our website. They include singing, prayer, bible-teaching and communion. The meetings are generally led by one of the Elders, with bible-teaching mainly delivered by our Pastor, supplemented by the other elders and visiting speakers. Attendance varies, but typical Sunday morning attendance is 50-60 adults.

Children attend the early part of the Sunday morning meeting, then moving to their own Sunday School teaching.

Live-streaming of services has continued for those unable to attend in person. These are accessible to anyone through YouTube with links posted on Facebook, and are much appreciated by those unable to attend, with some who first encountered Ladyfield Church online now attending in person when they can.

Mid-week prayer meetings were also held weekly throughout the year, which were well-attended. While generally focussed on our own activities and community, there were occasional prayer meetings led by missionary organisations whom we support.

The Pastor is a frequent visitor at Middlefields House Care Home (Pilgrims' Friend Society).

Café 3:16

Following the practice established for many years, on every Tuesday and Saturday morning members of the local community were welcomed into the café, for drinks, cake or hot snacks. There is never any charge for food or drink, though donations are accepted which are entirely given to other nominated Christian charities. There is a thriving community of friendship and support at this café.

From time to time special themed café events are held, with presentation of the gospel.

Ladies Meeting

A Ladies Meeting (Ladybirds) was held weekly during term-time attended typically by over 20 ladies, including some from the community who do not attend the Sunday worship services. These meetings both encourage Christian believers in their faith and introduce others to the Christian faith.

Children's Activities

The "Little Stars" Toddler Group met weekly during term-time, open to anyone in the community, with typically 20 children attending with their parents or carers. This group is thriving and has provided an opportunity to build a relationship with the parents and carers.

Use of the Building by other groups

Where possible and appropriate the building has been made available for other groups without charge. This has included:

- Two primary schools holding their Christmas events;
- A number of funerals for people not associated with the church;
- The Chippenham Twinning Association;
- Christmas tea for more than 80 disabled adults from the Chippenham Gateway Club;
- The use of the car park for coaches by local schools when they go on school trips.
- Meetings by Christian organisations including Counties and SAT-7.
- Weekly meetings throughout the winter months of the Corsham and Chippenham Central Bible Study.

The church buildings are also made available to Wiltshire Council when needed for a polling station in national or local elections.

Community Events

A "Holiday at Home" was offered in June, supported by a team from Operation Mobilisation which was appreciated by the community.

A Family Fun Day was again held in the church grounds in September, open to anyone, with a variety of events for all ages and food. It was well-attended and much enjoyed by all who attended.

For the first time, the church building was used as a collection centre for Samaritans' Purse's Operation Christmas Child: over 200 shoeboxes were received from many local organisations and individuals which were subsequently sent to Central Asia.

Financial Review

The accounts are published separately covering the period 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024, prepared on a receipts and payments basis and reported using Charity Commission form CC16a. They were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed by Andrew McFarlane and Stephen Heal on 22nd October 2024. They are summarised in the table below.

£	General Fund	Designated	Total 23/24	Total 22/23
Receipts				
Voluntary donations	67,581	12,210	79,791	74,607
Gifts for use of building	2,527		2,527	1,050
Gift aid tax refund	19,829	3,053	22,882	14,098
Bank interest	1,773		1,773	
Legacy	100,000		100,000	
Total receipts	191,710	15,263	206,973	89,755
Payments				
Missionary support – general	12,647		12,647	13,108
Premises & Administration	24,733		24,733	19,141
Pastoral support	48,412		48,412	37,356
External Speakers' expenses	2,435		2,435	3,205
Outreach activities	2,908		2,908	3,074
Missionary support - designated		15,690	15,690	13,843
Special purchase of defibrillator	1,000		1,000	
Total payments	92,135	15,690	107,825	89,727
Net receipts	99,575	(427)	99,148	28
Cash funds 1 Oct 2023	45,352	427	45,779	
Cash funds 30 Sep 2024	144,927	-	144,927	

Assets

In addition to the cash assets of £144,927, the CIO accounts show a value of tenant's capital improvements to the building of £1,088,035. Although the building is owned by the Church Growth Trust, the cost of capital improvements undertaken in 2008 was borne by the church (as tenant) and is depreciated over 50 years.

Debts

There were no debts outstanding on 30th September 2024.

Independent Examination

The accounts and accounting records for both the charitable association and the CIO were independently examined by Trevor James FCA DChA FCIE, who reported to the trustees on 19th May 2025, summarised as follows:

I have completed my Independent Examination of your financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 and am pleased to report that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect your accounting records were not kept in accordance with the Charities Act or that your accounts do not accord with your accounting records.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Board of Trustees is to maintain a cash reserve broadly sufficient to meet one year's planned expenditure on the general fund.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
9th June 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO	No (if any) 1199002
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-23	To	Period end date 30-Sep-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary donations	67,581	12,210	-	79,791	74,607
Gifts for use of building	2,527	-	-	2,527	1,050
Gift aid income tax refund	19,829	3,053	-	22,882	14,098
Bank interest	1,773	-	-	1,773	-
Legacy	100,000	-	-	100,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	191,710	15,263	-	206,973	89,755
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	191,710	15,263	-	206,973	89,755
A3 Payments					
Missionary support - general	12,647	-	-	12,647	13,108
Premises and Administration	24,733	-	-	24,733	19,141
Pastor	48,412	-	-	48,412	37,356
External speakers	2,435	-	-	2,435	3,205
Outreach Activities	2,908	-	-	2,908	3,074
Missionary support - designated	-	15,690	-	15,690	13,843
Purchase of defibrillator etc	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	91,135	15,690	1,000	107,825	89,727
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	91,135	15,690	1,000	107,825	89,727
Net of receipts/(payments)	100,575	427	1,000	99,148	28
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,352	427	1,000	45,779	45,751
Cash funds this year end	144,927	-	-	144,927	45,779

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 £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Bank Current Account	13,154	-	-
	NatWest Bank Savings Account	131,773	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	144,927	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Capital improvements to building	Unrestricted	1,689,473	1,088,035
	Furniture and equipment used in building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio-visual equipment used in building	Unrestricted	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andrew McFarlane	22-Oct-24
	Stephen Heal	22-Oct-24

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024

This report is made solely to the Trustees of Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees of Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Act. You consider that the audit requirements of the Act do not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account of Ladyfield Evangelical Church CIO for the year ended 30 September 2024 and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 September 2024, set out on the attached pages, carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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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19 May 2025