

EASTBOURNE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered charity number 1199215

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023

Background

Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church is a continuation of the excepted charity Eastbourne Evangelical Free Church, now renamed and registered as a CIO with the Charity Commission on 8th June 2022. The year 2023 is the first full year of ministry as Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church.

Objectives and Achievements

The object of Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church is to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the summary statement of beliefs and practice as outlined in the constitution.

In pursuance of this, public worship services consisting of sung praise, bible readings, prayer and bible preaching are held in the church building on Sunday mornings and evenings and on Thursday evenings. These services are open to all. The Lord has blessed the church with increasing congregations.

All services are live-streamed on YouTube and all sermons are uploaded to "Sermon-Audio" – an international on-line repository of Christian preaching and teaching available to all via the internet.

A monthly service continues to be held in a local care home.

Open-air outreach is undertaken by means of open-air preaching and tract distribution.

Various UK charities, supporting the relief of poverty and the advancement of the Christian faith in the UK and overseas are supported by twelve monthly gifts. Examples of charities supported in this way are Christian Compassion Ministries (the Philippines), Caring for Life (UK), Mombasa Mission (Kenya), Daylight Prison Ministries (UK).

At the request of the local authority the church building is now made available for use as a polling station for elections. It was offered as such for the first time for the local elections held in 2023.

Income and expenditure

Church income is almost exclusively from voluntary contributions from church members and members of the congregation, through collection boxes at the church and through monthly giving via BACS. We are thankful to the Lord that giving has remained generous.

Expenditure comprises a ministerial stipend and associated costs, maintenance of the church building and facilities, utilities and various services eg broadband, Sermon-Audio.

As noted above twelve UK charities are supported by monthly gifts.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a CIO, governed by a Constitution. The trustees of the charity are the Pastor and deacons. These are elected to office by the members of the church in accordance with the procedures laid down in the constitution.

The trustees are:-

Thomas Allen – Pastor
Ken Simcock – Deacon
Simon Fermor – Deacon and Secretary
Hugh Pollington – Deacon and Treasurer

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' annual report and accounts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Thomas Allen	
Hugh Pollington	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1199215

Set out on pages

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(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 31st December 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:

03/06/2024

Name:

Mr Colin Dadswell FCA DChA

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

Caladine Ltd, Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 1BF.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church

UIN (if any)
199215

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period end date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

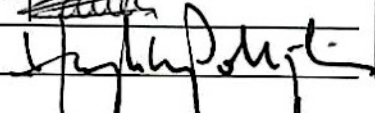
Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Giving	43,053	-	-	43,053	4,040
ET subscriptions	247	-	-	247	-
Gift Aid tax reclaims	5,830	-	-	5,830	-
Other income	275	-	-	275	-
Investment income	1,040	-	-	1,040	-
Transfer of funds from EEFC (RBS)	71,000	-	-	71,000	4,560
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,445	-	-	121,445	8,600
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,445	-	-	121,445	8,600
A3 Payments					
Utilities	1,522	-	-	1,522	-
Cleaning	813	-	-	813	-
Services (sermon audio, broadband, FIEC, etc)	2,825	-	-	2,825	186
Maintenance of buildings, etc	369	-	-	369	786
Equipment and consumables	712	-	-	712	-
Insurance	1,027	-	-	1,027	-
Pastoral and ministry	41,406	-	-	41,406	2,331
Evangelism and Missionary	2,842	-	-	2,842	-
Other	360	-	-	360	-
Sub total	51,877	-	-	51,877	3,303
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,877	-	-	51,877	3,303
Net of receipts/(payments)	69,568	-	-	69,568	5,297
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,297	-	-	5,297	-
Cash funds this year end	74,865	-	-	74,865	5,297

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	Current	5,824	-	-
	Savings	69,041	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	74,865	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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
	Thomas Allen	22/5/24
	Hugh Pollington	22/5/24