

EASTBOURNE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered charity number 1199215

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2024

Structure, governance and management

Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church is an independent Christian church. The church is a CIO and is governed by a constitution. The trustees of the church are the Pastor, Elders and Deacons, appointed by ballot by the church members as stipulated in the constitution. The trustees (Pastor, elders and deacons) manage the ministry and the practical needs of the church in accordance with the constitution.

The trustees during 2024 were:-

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

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 continues to bless the church with increasing congregations.

All services are live-streamed on YouTube and all sermons have been 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. From time to time members of the team are asked to visit residents in their rooms.

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 was made available for use as a polling station in the general election.

During the year the church as a CIO became the registered owner of the church building by means of a no cost transfer from the previous trustee: the Fellowship Property Trust.

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.

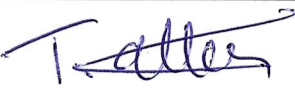
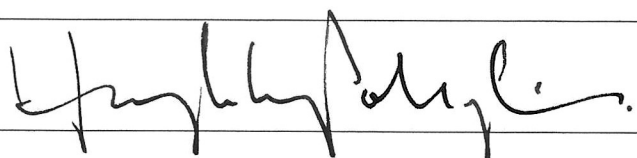
Expenditure comprises a ministerial stipend and associated costs, maintenance of the church building and facilities, utilities and various services eg broadband, Sermon-Audio.

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

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

Charity Name
Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1199215

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

24/06/2025

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church

No (if any)
1199215

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

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	44,836	-	-	44,836	43,053
ET subscriptions	72	-	-	72	247
Gift Aid tax reclaims	7,226	-	-	7,226	5,830
Other income	394	-	-	394	275
Investment income	1,856	-	-	1,856	1,040
Transfer of funds from EEFC (RBS)	809	-	-	809	71,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,193	-	-	55,193	121,445
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,193	-	-	55,193	121,445
A3 Payments					
Utilities	2,751	-	-	2,751	1,522
Cleaning	875	-	-	875	813
Services (sermon audio, broadband, solicitors etc)	2,024	-	-	2,024	2,825
Maintenance of buildings, etc	9,195	-	-	9,195	369
Equipment and consumables	309	-	-	309	712
Insurance	1,150	-	-	1,150	1,027
Pastoral and ministry	42,720	-	-	42,720	41,406
Evangelism and Missionary	4,257	-	-	4,257	2,842
Other	166	-	-	166	360
Sub total	63,447	-	-	63,447	51,877
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,447	-	-	63,447	51,877
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,254	-	-	- 8,254	69,568
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	74,865	-	-	74,865	5,297
Cash funds this year end	66,611	-	-	66,611	74,865

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	3,715	-	-
	Savings	62,896	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	66,611	-	-
	(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)
	Church Premises - Value unknown	General fund	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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




Tom Allen
Hugh Pollington

22/6/25
19/6/25