

EASTBOURNE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered charity number 1199215

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2025

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 2025 were:-

Thomas Allen – Pastor

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.

During the year a Sunday School was started, taking place on Sundays each week during school term times.

A monthly service continues to be held in the local care home which the church has been visiting for some years. Starting in 2025 a monthly service is now held in a further care home following a request from the home for a Christian service.

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 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).

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 eleven UK charities were supported during the year 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

Charity Name
Eastbourne Grace Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**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 **31/12/2025**.

**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..

Signed:

Colin Boswell

Date:

15/04/2026

Name:

COLIN BOSWELL

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

FCA

Address:

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EASTBOURNE BN21 1BF

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

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 - general fund	56,976	-	-	56,976	44,836
Giving - diaconal	-	2,120	-	2,120	-
Gift-aid tax reclaim	7,884	-	-	7,884	7,226
Other	345	-	-	345	466
Investment income	1,227	-	-	1,227	1,856
Transfer of funds from EEFC	-	-	-	-	809
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,432	2,120	-	68,552	55,193
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,432	2,120	-	68,552	55,193
A3 Payments					
Services - utilities, cleaning, sermon audio, accountants, broadband, etc	5,192	-	-	5,192	5,650
Maintenance of buildings, etc	1,642	-	-	1,642	9,195
Equipment and consumables	2,006	-	-	2,006	309
Insurance	1,219	-	-	1,219	1,150
Pastoral and ministry	44,455	-	-	44,455	42,720
Evangelism, Missionary & Diaconal	2,291	2,120	-	4,411	4,257
Other	468	-	-	468	166
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	57,273	2,120	-	59,393	63,447
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	57,273	2,120	-	59,393	63,447
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,159	-	-	9,159	8,254
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,611	-	-	66,611	74,865
Cash funds this year end	75,770	-	-	75,770	66,611

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

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current	11,587	-	-
	Savings	64,183	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,770	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

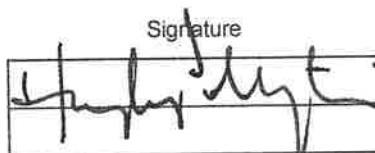
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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: H.L. POLLINGTON Date of approval: 15/4/2026