



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2023 To 31st August 2024

Charity name: South Craven Evangelical Church

Charity registration number: 1200255

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within South Craven, Yorkshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life; provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the doctrinal distinctives and ethical statements as may be adopted and amended by the church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the church handbook.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Public services for worship on Sunday. Children's work and other activities operate during the week. Anyone who chooses to embrace the Christian Faith will benefit from the teaching, care, and support of the church. Those not yet believing or choosing not to, will still gain from the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith, observe a Christian community in action and receive love and support from the Church
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>South Craven Evangelical Church provides weekly Christian services for the local community, including the main Sunday morning and evening worship gatherings and a midweek meeting for prayer and bible study. These are led by preachers from within the church or visiting preachers from other churches. Corresponding gatherings are held in Keighley as part of our church plant Emmanuel Church Keighley. Emmanuel runs a creche as part of the morning gathering, partnering with attenders in order to help adults and young children access the service. The services are available on YouTube or the church website to enable individuals to listen or catch up. Regular meetings and activities are advertised via social media. The midweek meeting either takes the form of a central meeting for all held in the church building or house groups held in various members' homes for smaller, more informal times of prayer, bible study and discussion allowing time to explore various aspects of the Christian faith and life in more localised gatherings. There are also seasonal services and activities at Christmas and other times such as well attended carol services at South Craven and Emmanuel, carol singing in the local shopping centre in Keighley and a short Good Friday service at South Craven.</p> <p>The Church provides community support for members and local people including the following regular meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiny Toes at South Craven-Weekly during term time for parents and pre-school children. This is a growing group of Mums and their babies and pre-school children. The children enjoy time to play, simple crafts, singing, a simple bible story and snacks whilst parents enjoy time to chat, eat cake and receive support from fellow parents going through the same joys and challenges of parenting. Opportunities for half-termly/ termly get togethers for the parents and their partners have included a "Toddler Sports Day" and BBQ and craft evenings. Ongoing

		<p>contact is maintained by a WhatsApp group. This enables friendships to be maintained even if parents return to work following maternity leave etc</p> <p>It has been encouraging to commence a similar work at Emmanuel called Toddler Time. This offers a warm space in the centre of Keighley for local parents and children of all backgrounds to come and enjoy community, play, bible stories and craft activities. It's been a great way to meet new people in the surrounding area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food for Thought- Monthly light lunch time meal and thought for the day for anyone free during the daytime. This has been much appreciated by older members of the community, not only for the food but for valuable time to chat and deepen friendships. • Fellowship Sunday lunch- Monthly "Bring and share" lunch after a morning service for any to attend. This informal time of chatting and fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend and there is always enough food for unexpected visitors! <p>Recently a fellowship tea has been introduced which will alternate with the monthly fellowship lunch. Again, this offers time to cultivate and deepen friendships following the sharing of the Lord's Supper.</p> <p>Various members are always happy to check in on members and regular attenders throughout the week for reasons of friendship and informal support. Additionally, meals have been prepared and delivered to regular attenders who have recently given birth to help and support them at this exciting but tiring and challenging time.</p> <p>At the opposite end of life the church family has been privileged to be involved in the funerals of two much loved members with members providing food and supporting with practical jobs on the day and beyond.</p> <p>The church has been much encouraged by the baptisms of two of our newer attenders.</p> <p>Emmanuel church attended the local Keighley show and enjoyed conversations with folk who stopped by the stall to chat and find out about what the church has to offer.</p> <p>The Church provides support for Christian ministries in the UK and overseas by way of prayer and gifts. The trustees are thankful for those members who volunteered their time to support these activities and keep the work of the church going in these important areas.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		Over the year the church and Trustees have experienced some challenges and changes which have impacted the church fellowship and the financial situation. Following an extended period of ill health and a sabbatical our full-time pastor sadly resigned leaving at the end of May although he stood down from Trustee and pastoral duties from January 24. Our pastor with responsibility for Emmanuel has taken up the baton supported ably by a lay elder and two further lay elders have taken on responsibility for South Craven whilst we commence the search for a suitable replacement.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity is financially viable and sustainable in the short to medium term with its existing cash reserves and continued voluntary donations. During the period, the Church received total incoming resources of £98839. The largest proportion of these resources is received in the form of voluntary income from the members of the Congregations. The church does not make regular appeals for this form of income but relies on the generous spirit of the members towards the operation of the church.</p> <p>During the period, these donations (including related tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme) amounted to £87598.</p> <p>The Church's total expenditure for the year was £86598. The largest proportion of the expenditure relates to ministry costs, in particular staff costs alongside pastoral and evangelistic activities.</p> <p>The extended period of unplanned pastoral leave and subsequent resignation has led to extra expenditure on visiting speakers to cover the main Sunday services at South Craven. The remainder of expenditure relates to the operation and maintenance of the Church's building at Crosshills and costs associated with Emmanuel Church Keighley including the hire of an office and meeting space.</p> <p>The trustees have been cognisant that over recent years regular income (excluding exceptional income) has not met current levels of expenditure due, in the main, to supporting the work of our church plant, Emmanuel, Keighley which has not yet reached the point of financial viability.</p> <p>As the congregation at Emmanuel has grown there has been an increasing desire to work towards independence. The Trustees proposed that Emmanuel start making links with other Gospel churches in our area and beyond, asking them for prayer and financial support to relieve the pressure.</p> <p>We have been encouraged that like-minded churches have willingly partnered with us and supported this work and we have received one-off gifts and promises of ongoing support. Total exceptional gifts towards Emmanuel, this year, have totalled £10437. The situation will be monitored closely with no fixed time scale for independence at this point.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church has agreed to keep a reserve fund of circa £20,000, which is enough to cover running costs for a 3-month period in the event of the need to wind up the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the	Para 1.23	Trustees will closely monitor the financial position throughout this transitional period of seeking a new paid

charity continuing as a going concern		pastor and the road towards independence for the Emmanuel Church.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Income is derived from voluntary gifts received from Church members and other interested parties making regular and one-off donations. Many members give under the Gift Aid scheme and the Church is permitted to reclaim income tax on their giving. Some donations are given with a specific purpose such as a particular activity or project (restricted funds)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	In normal circumstances each year, as a guide, 10% of the income of South Craven Evangelical Church is donated to other organisations which the Trustees collectively decide upon with reference to the aims of SCEC as set out in the Charity Constitution.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		Many of the activities are achieved through voluntary service and these valuable SCEC members cover a wide range of duties from Trusteeship to everyday cleaning to ensure that SCEC operates in line with its objectives and purpose

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Church Handbook
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed following election by church membership.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
		For the purposes of this document, South Craven Evangelical Church refers to the registered charity. The

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Charity conducted its main affairs through the church located in Crosshills, known as South Craven Evangelical Church. Another church has been started in Keighley although this has not yet grown to the point that it is able to run independently of the South Craven church. The church in Keighley is known as Emmanuel Church Keighley and the two churches operate as two congregations under the legal framework of the registered charity. For the purposes of this document the term "Congregation" refer to the individual churches, South Craven Evangelical Church and/or Emmanuel Church Keighley.</p> <p>The church has maintained its membership of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) throughout the period of this report.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Craven Evangelical Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200255
Charity's principal address	SOUTH CRAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH Back Colne Road Crosshills Keighley West Yorkshire BD20 8TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jeremy John Simms	Elder Trustee		South Craven Evangelical Church
2	Pieter Jonathan Alan de Jong	Elder Trustee		South Craven Evangelical Church
3	Joseph Daniel Cook	Pastor Trustee		South Craven Evangelical Church
4	Judith Alexandra Nevin	Trustee		South Craven Evangelical Church
5	Paul James Gamston	Pastor Trustee	1/9/23-11/5/24	South Craven Evangelical Church
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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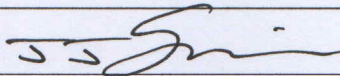
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOSEPH COOK	JEREMY JOHN SIMMS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR TRUSTEE	ELDER TRUSTEE
Date	17/10/2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2023

To

31/08/2024

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					
Income				-	
		-	-	-	
Gift aid Offerings	62,129	-	-	62,129	59,500
Gift aid Reclaimed	16,648			16,648	14,444
Non Gift Aid	19,828	-	-	19,828	11,485
Exceptional Gift Aid	234	-	-	234	25,020
Holiday Income	-			-	3,042
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,839	-	-	98,839	113,491
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,839	-	-	98,839	113,491
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Wages and national insurance	57,282	-	-	57,282	69,547
Printing, postage and stationery	64	-	-	64	295
Legal costs	2,696	-	-	2,696	5,095
Rent/ hire of rooms	8,290	-	-	8,290	5,749
Telephone/ internet	285			285	331
Light and heating	3,227			3,227	3,296
Cleaning	104			104	55
Water	236			236	216
Repairs and maintenance	575			575	219
Costs of charitable activities:	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Costs	9,149	-	-	9,149	3,804
Mission	3,816	-	-	3,816	5,949
Advertising	280			280	518
Travel	393			393	1,445
Church Holiday	200	-	-	200	2,226
Sub total	86,598	-	-	86,598	98,745
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	86,598	-	-	86,598	98,745
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,241	-	-	12,241	14,746
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,908	-	-	46,908	32,162
Cash funds this year end	59,149	-	-	59,149	46,908

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	Bank Current account	20,713	-	-
	Bank active saver	38,436	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,149	-	-
	(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			-	-
			-	-
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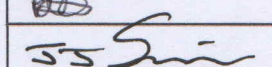
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
	HMRC PAYE		970	19/9/23
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

PIETER DE JONG
 JEREMY JOHN SIMMS

17/10/2024
 15/10/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
South Craven Evangelical Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1200255

Set out on pages

1 - 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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: *Simon Hart*

Date: 07/10/2024

Name: Simon Hart

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

FCCA

Address:	24 Hall Drive
	Sutton In Craven
	BD20 7NH

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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