



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 To 31st August 2025

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.</p> <p>Children are welcomed within all services and are supported to access the service in an age-appropriate way. However, if parents wish to take their children out of the services space is provided to facilitate this. Emmanuel runs a creche as part of the morning gathering and South Craven has begun to offer a short story and activity during the sermon for children who leave the service although this has led to various challenges due to space restrictions. This work has now been formalised as "Bible Explorers" for children age 2 up to the end of year 2 and makes use of the new garden room. The aim is to teach the truths of the Bible through songs, craft, games and prayer and to help each child respond to the Bible in their everyday life.</p> <p>The services are available on YouTube or the church website to enable individuals to listen or catch up.</p> <p>Regular meetings and activities are advertised via word of mouth and social media.</p> <p>There are also seasonal services and activities throughout the year. A well-attended traditional Christmas Eve carol service by candlelight was held at South Craven and Emmanuel hosted a family Nativity service celebrating the Christmas story. Children were encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Nativity</p>

		<p>character. Everyone joined to sing well-loved Christmas carols and heard a bible message about the true meaning of Christmas.</p> <p>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.</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 BBQ and sports activities for the children and parents. Ongoing contact is maintained by a WhatsApp group. This enables friendships to be maintained even if parents return to work following maternity leave etc • A similar work at Emmanuel is 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. It has been decided to pause this work for the moment due to not having a consistent engagement and to reduce spending while the church works towards independence. It has also allowed the church to focus more of its energies on Sunday services. • With increasing children attending both congregations it was felt the right time to run a Holiday Bible Club throughout February Half Term. This provided a fun packed 2hrs for children aged 3-7 over 4 days with crafts, singing, games and refreshments culminating in a meal for the families of the children. We were thrilled to welcome children who regularly attend church as well as some of their friends who have not attended church before. It is hoped this can run annually. • 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. Faced with the decline of numbers attending the difficult decision was made to end this ministry after 12 years. The regular volunteers are looking forward to offering their time to support other ministries. The Trustees wish to thank all volunteers involved for their faithful service over the years!
--	--	---

		<p>• Fellowship Sunday lunch- Bi-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> <p>• Fellowship tea also runs bi-monthly and alternates with the 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 funeral of a much loved friend of the church.</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.</p> <p>Emmanuel members have enjoyed a day away together in November to enjoy teaching and time together over food. It was good to get the core team together and think about key biblical values whilst also having an extended time for building relationships and enjoying activities.</p> <p>South Craven members enjoyed a long weekend at Bassenfell Manor in the Lake District for fun, fellowship and teaching.</p> <p>Both events were enjoyed by all attendees.</p> <p>The Trustees wish to extend their thanks to all members who volunteered their time to support these activities and keep the work of the church going in these important areas.</p>
--	--	--

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41		
	Para 1.41		

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other	<p>Over the year the South Craven congregation has been ably led by two lay elders whilst we have commenced the search for a man to take up the paid role of full-time pastor to lead the church. Our pastor with responsibility for Emmanuel has led the work there supported by a lay elder.</p> <p>There has long been the desire to see the Emmanuel congregation reach the point of independence. With this in mind, both congregations have been setting in place the legal and practical foundations for this to happen with the aim of independence from South Craven Evangelical Church CIO as Emmanuel Church Keighley CUA by 1st September 2025.</p>	

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 £103779. 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 £87608.</p> <p>The Church's total expenditure for the year was £99529. The largest proportion of the expenditure relates to ministry costs, in particular staff costs alongside pastoral and evangelistic activities.</p> <p>In the absence of a man to fill the role of full time pastor at South Craven funds have been used to pay for visiting speakers to cover Sunday services.</p> <p>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>As the number of young children has grown at South Craven the need for more space has become apparent. After a period of reflection and exploration of options it was decided to build a garden room which will provide additional space for children's work during the services as well as use for other church functions.</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.</p> <p>Over this year Emmanuel has made links with other Gospel churches in our area and beyond, asking them for prayer and financial support with the aim of independence by 1st September 2025.</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 £16171. This, in addition to regular giving from Emmanuel attendees has meant that Emmanuel only has a small deficit of £-2544 at the end of this year. A proposal by the Trustees was agreed that this would be covered by South Craven funds and a Memorandum of Understanding was accepted for additional financial support over the next three years as Emmanuel becomes an independent church.</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 charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees have continued to monitor the financial position throughout this transitional period of seeking a new paid pastor and the road towards independence for the Emmanuel Church.

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	Each year funds are donated to other organisations which the Trustees collectively decide upon with reference to the aims of SCEC as set out in the Charity Constitution. There is no set proportion identified, however, the Trustees wish to give generously and develop a sense of partnership between the church and the organisations we support.
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	Para 1.25	Appointed following election by church membership.

to appoint one or more trustees			
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		
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>For the purposes of this document, South Craven Evangelical Church refers to the registered charity. The 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	<p>SOUTH CRAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH</p> <p>Back Colne Road</p> <p>Crosshills</p> <p>Keighley</p> <p>West Yorkshire</p> <p>BD20 8TS</p>

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				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for whole year
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	1 Stimms	Elder Trustee	
	2 Pieter Jonathan Alan de Jong	Elder Trustee	
	3 Joseph Daniel Cook	Pastor Trustee	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	4 Judith Alexandra Mevin	Trustee	
	5		
	6		

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

--

Other optional information

--

Trustee name	Date acted if not for whole year

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. A. Nevin	J. Simms
Full name(s)	JUDITH ALEXANDRA NEVIN	JOHNNY SIMMS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	29/1/26	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

South Craven Evangelical Church

1200255

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2024

To

31/08/2025

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					
Income				-	
Gift aid Offerings	56,869	-	-	56,869	62,129
Gift aid Reclaimed	13,846	-	-	13,846	16,648
Non Gift Aid	30,519	-	-	30,519	19,828
Exceptional Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	234
Holiday Income	-	-	-	-	-
Holiday Account Income	2,544	-	-	2,544	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,779	-	-	103,779	98,839
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,779	-	-	103,779	98,839
A3 Payments					
Wages and national insurance	30,803	-	-	30,803	57,282
Printing, postage and stationery	192	-	-	192	64
Legal costs	2,860	-	-	2,860	2,696
Rent/ hire of rooms	7,168	-	-	7,168	8,290
Telephone/ internet	529	-	-	529	285
Light and heating	2,459	-	-	2,459	3,227
Cleaning	104	-	-	104	104
Water	154	-	-	154	236
Repairs and maintenance	37,938	-	-	37,938	575
Costs of charitable activities:	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Costs	8,683	-	-	8,683	9,149
Mission	4,963	-	-	4,963	3,816
Advertising	353	-	-	353	280
Travel	305	-	-	305	393
Church Holiday	3,017	-	-	3,017	200
Sub total	99,529	-	-	99,529	86,598
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	99,529	-	-	99,529	86,598
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,249	-	-	4,249	12,241
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,149	-	-	59,149	46,908
Cash funds this year end	63,398	-	-	63,398	59,149

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	24,409	-	-
	Bank active saver	38,990	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	63,398	-	-

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

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	-
	HMRC PAYE		970	19/9/23
			-	-
			-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Rachel Liu
Jerome Simms

Rachel Liu
Jerome Simms

29-1-26
29-1-26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	South Craven Evangelical Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2025	Charity no (if any)	1200255
Set out on pages	1 - 4		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		
Signed:	<i>Simon Hart</i>		Date: 07/10/2025
Name:	Simon Hart		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		

Address:	24 Hall Drive
	Sutton In Craven
	BD20 7NH

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).

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