

Pastor's Report for Charity Commission

Oxford Evangelical Free Church continues to function as a place of Christian worship.

To this end – the church conducts services at 11 am and 6.30 pm on a Sunday and holds a prayer meeting/ Bible study on a Wednesday evening at 8.

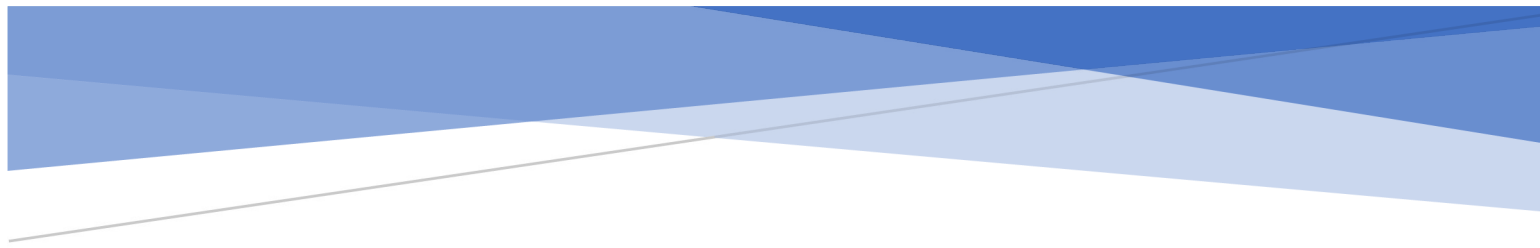
For the older children on Sundays – there is a pre-service morning Bible time and for the younger – there is Sunday school during the latter part of the morning service.

The church also sees Christian mission at the heart of its ministry and in this connection has a weekly play group term-time which has proved so popular in the community that a booking system has had to be introduced.

For the older generation in the village – the church has a monthly coffee, cake and conversation afternoon.

The church also has a presence at village events such as the Annual Parish Meeting, the Village late Spring Fete and the Village Christmas Fayre.

Kevin Bracken, pastor



Otford Evangelical Free Church

Accounts 2024-25

Elaine Bracken

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

Receipts	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Designated £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations	43,564	14,436	4,452	62,452	150
Gift Aid	7,871	0	802	8,673	0
Interest	1,028	0	0	1,028	0
Total receipts	52,463	14,436	5,254	72,153	150
Payments	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Designated £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Ministry	37,187	0	0	37,187	0
Chapel	4,981	0	0	4,981	0
Administration	6,101	0	0	6,101	0
Donations	7,183	0	3,999	11,182	0
Church Life	1,628	0	0	1,628	0
Total payments	57,080	0	3,999	61,078	0
Net receipts over payments	(4,617)	14,436	1,256	11,075	150
Transfer from Unincorporated Trust	109,778	0	563	110,341	0
Net receipts including transfer from Trust	105,161	14,436	1,819	121,416	150
Transfers between funds	(95,311)	95,311	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	150	0	0	150	0
Cash funds this year end	10,000	109,747	1,819	121,566	150

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricte	Designate	Restricted	Total	Total
	d	d		£	£
	£	£	£		
Cash & bank balances					
Bank current account: Co-op	9,942	28,958	1,819	40,718	150
Bank notice account: Co-op	0	80,789	0	80,789	0
Cash in hand	59	0	0	59	0
Totals	10,000	109,747	1,819	121,566	150
Other monetary assets	0		0	0	0
Investment assets	0		0	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use	0		0	0	0
Liabilities	0		0	0	0

Gifts to missionaries / individuals

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	
Compassion UK	372	0	372	0
CRIBS	400	0	400	0
Falconer Trust	400	0	400	0
GBM re Jason & Andrea Murfitt	2,000	0	2,000	0
Individuals	-39	0	-39	0
Kent Gospel Partnership	250	0	250	0
London City Mission	1,000	0	1,000	0
Open Air Mission	400	0	400	0
Samaritans Purse - Shoeboxes	0	320	320	0
Samaritans Purse - Middle East Appeal	0	1,308	1,308	0
SIM International UK	2,000	0	2,000	0
Tear Fund - Middle East Emergency Fund	0	1,510	1,510	0
UFM re Andrew & Jenny Love	400	0	400	0
World in Need - Marima	0	381	381	0
Benevolent	0	0	0	0
Pastors Benevolent Fund	0	480	480	0
Totals	7,183	3,999	11,182	0

Otford Evangelical Free Church, 81 Pilgrims Way West, Otford, Kent TN14 5JH is registered with the Charity Commissioners under two legal entities:

1. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) - No 1202246 - first constituted on 23 March 2023
2. An unincorporated trust - No 1045221.

These accounts relate to the CIO entity.

The Church is affiliated to The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.

Basis of accounts

This is the second set of accounts prepared for Otford Evangelical Free Church as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO"). The assets of the unincorporated trust were transferred from the trust to the CIO on 15 May 2025 and the cash funds transferred are included as "Transfer from Unincorporated Trust" within Receipts. The NatWest bank accounts previously used for the unincorporated trust were then subsequently closed prior to 31 March 2025, once all the receipts and payment transactions were transferred Co Op current bank account.

These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis and accord with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees consider this basis of accounting to be appropriate given the income from the former unincorporated trust.

Reserves Policy

The church have agreed the Reserves Policy as follows: One quarter of annual expenditure to be kept as reserves ie. £10,000.

Designated Funds

The Church has created a designated Property Fund for any future building expenditure of £20,000

Property Fund	20,000
Total Designated	20,000

Restricted Funds

The table below summarises the balances, receipts and payments for the restricted funds.

	Bal 2024	Transfer from	Receipts	Payments	Transfer from/ (to)	Bal 2025
		Uninc. Trust			Unrestricted	
Barnabas Fund - General	0	29	0	0	0	29
Barnabas Fund - Morocco	0	0	534	0	0	534
Benevolent	0	275	500	0	0	775
Pastors Benevolent Fund	0	0	750	480	0	270
Samaritans Purse - Middle East Appeal	0	0	1,300	1,308	0	(8)
Samaritans Purse - Shoeboxes	0	59	433	320	0	172
Tear Fund - Middle East Emergency Fund	0	0	1,510	1,510	0	0
World in Need - Marima	0	201	228	381	0	48
Total	0	563	5,254	3,999	0	1,819

Signed on behalf of the Church Trustees

Trustee 1:

Date

Trustee 2:

Date

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Otford Evangelical Free Church CIO

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on page 1 - 3.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 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.



Name: Abigail Gardner

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant of the Chartered Institute of England and Wales

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Date: 19 October 2025