



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 13 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

Charity name: Royston Evangelical Church CIO

Charity registration number: 1202296

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in, but not exclusively, Royston and the surrounding area. As well as carrying out other charitable purposes that, in the opinion of the trustees facilitate the work of the Church.
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	We act for the public benefit in enabling all people to live out their Christian faith as part of our church and town communities through: • regular worship services • teaching related to evangelical Christianity for children and adults • regular coffee morning, toddler groups, children's clubs • food bank/community cafe • teaching church members to promote Christianity where they live and work International mission activities including Latin Link, TEAR Fund, Slavic Gospel Mission, CMCT India We strive to advance citizenship and community development through: • Pastoral care, primarily to those who attend church but also extended to those outside the church All the above activities are open to all sections of the general public.

Additional Information:

The Church only has one full time paid employee (the Pastor), and therefore relies on the voluntary contribution of many of its members and attenders to run its activities.

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	Worship • Sunday Morning services and occasional Evening Prayer and Praise services. The Sunday Morning services continued to be made available on line. • All are welcome to join us in our services in the building and on line. Mid-week meetings • Midweek small groups have continued. Pastoral Care • Pastoral care continues through the small groups and directly by the Pastoral Care Team with issues passed on to the Leadership Team when appropriate. The wider community benefits from our pastoral care as appropriate through the Food Bank and Community Café • This particularly helps those of the wider community who may be in financial hardship, lonely or in need of a chat. Carer and Toddler Group • Continues throughout the year. Market Square Outreach • Last year's new initiative continued on Saturday mornings offering to listen and support any with issues who wished to share, particularly offering prayer support. Inter-Church Relationships • The church continues to work together with other evangelical churches – mainly in the North Hertfordshire and Stevenage areas.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of 2023, the Charity had no funds as the operations of the Church were still being conducted via the legacy unincorporated Charity (Royston Evangelical Church). New bank accounts in the name of the Charity are due to be opened during 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy will be to hold sufficient reserves to fund the Charity's normal activities for a period of 3 months. Additional reserves are likely to be used for a future building project.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of 2023, nil reserves/funds are held by this Charity.

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This Charity will not begin its operations until during 2024.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

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	The Charity's principal source of funds will be the voluntary donations of members and attenders of the Church.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	Trustees are appointed by the Church elders, and their appointment must then be agreed at a Church members meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Royston Evangelical Church CIO
Other name the charity uses	NA
Registered charity number	1202296
Charity's principal address	Royston Evangelical Church York Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5HJ

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	Mark Scorer	Elder		CIO Trustees
2	Jonathan Scott	Elder and Pastor		CIO Trustees
3	Jason Smith	Elder		CIO Trustees
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Jonathan Scott		
Jason Smith		

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	NatWest	

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

Jonathan Scott - Pastor

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NA

Other optional information

NONE

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Jonathan Scott	Jason Smith
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee and Pastor	Trustee and Elder
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Date

30 August 2024
