



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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 & 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 in the wider community who may be in financial hardship, lonely or in need of a chat. Carer and Toddler Group • Continued 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	During the period 1 January to 31 December 2024, the Charity recorded a surplus of £11,858 on unrestricted funds and £3,221 on restricted funds.
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 2024, £86,769 of unrestricted funds and £11,368 of restricted funds are held by this Charity.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
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 are 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	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted?	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

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	
Bankers	Kingdom Bank	
Solicitors	Edward Connor	

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

Jonathan Scott - Pastor

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Jonathan Scott</i>	<i>Jason Smith</i>
Full name(s)	Jonathan Scott	Jason Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Pastor	Trustee and Elder

Date	15 June 2025
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Royston Evangelical Church CIO

**Financial Statements
Year to 31st December 2024**

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Royston Evangelical Church CIO

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity, 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

S Hardwick

Steven Hardwick ACA FCCA MCIPPDip
Chartered Accountant

Compton Hardwick Ltd
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Meldreth
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SG8 6LX

Date: 4th June 2025

Royston Evangelical Church CIO**Receipt and Payments Account for the year end 31st December 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>		<u>Total - 2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>							
Donations and Gift Aid	57,835		17,570		75,405		60,440
Rent and Hire	18,839		-		18,839		17,450
Other Income	<u>91</u>	<u>76,765</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>17,573</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>94,338</u>	<u>199</u>
Total Receipts		76,765		17,573		94,338	78,089
<u>Payments</u>							
Salary	29,024		-		29,024		23,000
Church Buildings	8,358		-		8,358		5,974
Mission Giving - UK	1,932		-		1,932		1,476
Mission Giving - Overseas	6,669		133		6,802		6,484
Church Activities	8,924		-		8,924		7,165
Food Bank Activities	-		14,219		14,219		16,551
Legal Fees	8,258		-		8,258		2,427
Other Expenses	<u>1,742</u>	<u>64,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,352</u>	<u>1,742</u>	<u>79,259</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>11,858</u>		<u>3,221</u>		<u>15,079</u>	<u>15,012</u>
Opening Balance of cash funds		75,911		7,147		83,058	68,046
Transfer between funds	-	1,000		1,000	-		-
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Cash funds as at 31st December 2024		<u>86,769</u>		<u>11,368</u>		<u>98,137</u>	<u>83,058</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
	£	£
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
Barclays Bank Accounts	140	117
Kingdom Bank Accounts	-	2,153
Natwest Bank Accounts	86,629	9,098
Total Cash Funds	86,769	11,368
<u>Other Assets</u>		
Church Building Hire - December 24	289	-
Church Car Park Hire - December 24	175	-
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Community Centre Hire - December 24	(575)	-
Independent Examiner's fee	(650)	-

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Jonathan Scott

Dated 15/JUNE/2025

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Signed Mark Scorer

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