

Brookdale Evangelical Church

Report and Accounts

Period 1 September 2024 - 31 December 2024

BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH BROOKDALE AVENUE ILFRACOMBE EX34 8DB
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 12 September 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1205639
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Rev Jonathan D Smith BA Geoffrey F Burge (appointed May 2024) Martin R Fry Deborah J Rutherford Stuart W Plowman (resigned June 2025) Anthony C Lovering Isobel E Strong Frances J Down (resigned June 2025) Vincent A Gray
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ending 31 December 2024.

Aims and Objectives

The Church's purpose taken from the constitution is, " The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Ilfracombe 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."

Our aim is to make Jesus known in Ilfracombe as we grow to know Him better ourselves, individually and as a church.

Activities Though the Year

The primary activity of the church continued to be the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in Ilfracombe and surrounding area and through support of mission at home and abroad. The church held regular Sunday services throughout the year. The broadcast of services online continues for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast of services has increased the reach of the Church in presenting the Gospel to people in different ways. All prayer meetings, house groups and other activities are held in person.

The regular activities for children and young people were held throughout the year. The monthly prayer meeting and groups for regular Bible study and prayer continues though the year. We continued to support our linked mission partners. Christianity Explored courses for those interested in finding out more about being a Christian were held during the year.

Except for formal Church Members Meetings which are for formal Members only all the church's meetings and events including those online are open to the general public, who are regularly invited through the church's website, social media, and other means of engaging the local community.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Financial review

During the period income was received of £93,294 (including £51,780 transferred from the previous unincorporated charity), and expenditure was incurred of £26,170. As a result the cash held by the charity was £67,124, of which £66,821 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £40,000 (which equates to around 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £66,821 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Future plans

The church's future plans are to continue to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in Ilfracombe and the surrounding area and to continue to grow the faith of those attending the church.

Structure, governance and management

The church is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission.

The Church is controlled by its governing documents, the Church Constitution and Church Handbook. Trustees meet eleven times a year to oversee and manage the activities and finances of the Church.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


I Strong (Sep 9, 2025 22:50:01 GMT+1)

ISOBEL STRONG
Date: Sep 9, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brookdale Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the period ended 31 December 2024 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (Sep 10, 2025 08:17:23 GMT+1)

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LONDON
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Date: Sep 10, 2025

BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	
Notes		£	£	£	£
Income receipts					
		19,307	-	1,815	21,122
		3,318	-	-	3,318
		15,510	-	-	15,510
		51,780	-	-	51,780
		1,565	-	-	1,565
		91,479	-	1,815	93,294
Payments					
	2	24,578	-	1,592	26,170
		-	-	-	-
		24,578	-	1,592	26,170
		66,901	-	223	67,124
	4	(80)	-	80	-
		66,821	-	303	67,124
		-	-	-	-
	A	66,821	-	303	67,124

The notes on pages 7 form part of these accounts.

BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024
		General funds	Designated funds		
		£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		66,821	-	303	67,124
		<u>66,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>67,124</u>
B Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination		570	-	-	570
Total		<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>

C Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I Strong
I Strong (Sep 9, 2025 22:50:01 GMT+1)
 ISOBEL STRONG
 Date: Sep 9, 2025

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BROOKDALE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds		
	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment costs (see note 4)	12,509	-	1,003	13,512
Ministry expenses	50	-	-	50
Mission expenses	1,125	-	589	1,714
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	239	-	-	239
Utilities	3,428	-	-	3,428
Insurance	1,025	-	-	1,025
Subscriptions	1,358	-	-	1,358
Other costs	4,843	-	-	4,843
	<u>24,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>26,170</u>

3 Transactions with related parties

Jonathan Smith served as a church leader and was paid £12,509 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	-	91,479	(24,578)	(80)	66,821
Restricted funds					
Mission Fund	-	303	-	-	303
Harvest appeal for Challenge Ministries	-	589	(589)	-	-
Biblical Counselling Fund	-	923	(1,003)	80	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>(1,592)</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>303</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>93,294</u>	<u>(26,170)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,124</u>

£80 was transferred from the General fund to the Biblical Counselling fund on the end of scheme. The Fund has now ceased and the related employment ended.

The balance held in the Mission Fund has been paid out following the period end.

A special appeal was held to provide donations for the work of Challenge Ministries. £589 was raised and paid over in full to Challenge Ministries.