

Ebenezer Church Machen

Report and Accounts

Period 23 November 2023 to 31 March 2025

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EBENEZER CHURCH MACHEN
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	4 Cwm Fedw Machen Caerphilly CF83 8QD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Association registered 23rd November 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1205866
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jonathan Bilton Gregory Dainty Philip Dean Richard Penrose Andrew Tamplin Mark Williams
BANKERS	The Co-operative Bank p.l.c.
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	23	November	2023		31	March

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Ebenezer Church Machen		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1205866		
Charity's principal address	Ebenezer Chapel		
	Wyndham Street		
	Machen		
	Postcode	CF83 8PU	

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	Greg Dainty			
2	Jon Bilton			
3	Philip Dean			
4	Andrew Tamplin			
5	Richard Penrose			
6	Mark Williams			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

3.1 The purposes of the Church are:

- 3.1.1 the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with Baptist Principles and the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Machen and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>3.1.2 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;</p> <p>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.</p>	
	<p>The church meets weekly on Sundays at 10:30am. This service is open to members and non-members and provides opportunity for people to offer worship to God, to hear Christian preaching and teaching and to meet and have fellowship with others.</p> <p>The church also has a series of weekly meetings which people are invited to join in with, including:</p> <p>Tuesday evening Women’s meeting Wednesday Bible study and prayer Friday Evening – Youth Meeting Sunday evening Youth worship and fellowship meeting</p> <p>In addition to these regular meetings the church organises events for the public benefit including (for example):</p> <p>Pop up café Christmas craft evening Carol singing and carol service Evangelistic outreach services</p> <p>The church also organises an annual away weekend for members.</p> <p>The church also supports other charities and mission work including for example:</p> <p>Maes Profundo (Church mission in Portugal) Pont a medical support charity in Uganda Compassion.</p> <p>On a practical level, the maintenance team, which is a collective of men and women from within the wider church membership, have worked to maintain the buildings and ensure they remain fit for purpose, enabling the church to carry out its objectives effectively.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This report is related to the first year of the charity's operation and, whilst Ebenezer Machen has existed for generations in the village, we have been pleased to see how the work has evolved over the first period of its operation as a CIO.

The church has grown significantly over the past year and we have reached a point where our regular services are reaching the capacity of the buildings that we use. We have had significant interest from the general public with a number of people coming to regular and other events to join in and explore the church in an open and welcoming environment.

Regular women's events provide an opportunity for women from the village to join in a social event with a core message about the love of Jesus and their value and worth as individuals and members of the wider community.

Giving and supporting mission

It has also been a blessing to be able to support other works and make contributions to the hard work that others are undertaking at a local and international level. We made sure that we are using the charity's resources responsibly and generously in this respect and have taken into account the Commission's public benefit guidance when making our decisions.

The appointment of our Church Missionary worker in November 2024 has been a key milestone for us and it has been exciting to see the work that we have been able to do flourish as a result. The church missionary worker has run a number of events within the church and reaching out for the benefit of the public over the period since appointment. Examples include youth meetings and women's events for the community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity endeavours to keep a minimum of £5,000 in the Church Deposit account (equivalent to 3 months of expenditure). This figure seems to represent a prudent and sensible balance between holding funds unnecessarily that could be better used in other ways and ensuring that there is enough resource available to cope with needs that arise in the short term (e.g. remedial building work, or other unexpected requests for support).

At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £66,000. These funds have accumulated in the last few years as a result of donations to the church. We envisage that the building where we meet will need a new roof in the near future (although we have done remedial work in the short term that will delay the expense). We also plan to continue supporting our Missionary worker, and we will consider other needs which meet our charitable objectives.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Greg Dainty</i> <small>Greg Dainty (Jan 20, 2026 12:13:04 GMT)</small>	<i>Jon Bilton</i> <small>Jon Bilton (Jan 20, 2026 13:13:39 GMT)</small>
Full name(s)	Gregory Dainty	Jonathan Bilton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	Jan 20, 2026	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
EBENEZER CHURCH MACHEN

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ebenezer Church Machen ('the charity') for the period ended 31 March 2025 on pages 10 to 13 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.

J. Young
J. Young (Jan 20, 2026 15:28:00 GMT)

Jaimée Young
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Jan 20, 2026

EBENEZER CHURCH MACHEN
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Period 23Nov2023 to 31Mar2025
	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations	5	29,110	-	3,680	32,790
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-
Transfer from Ebenezer Independent Evangelical Baptist Church	6	44,569	-	-	44,569
Income from letting of facilities		4,700	-	-	4,700
Other		125	-	-	125
<i>Total receipts</i>		78,504	-	3,680	82,184
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	5,707	-	842	6,550
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	6,661	-	1,159	7,820
<i>Total payments</i>		12,368	-	2,001	14,370
Net of receipts / (payments) before		66,135	-	1,679	67,814
Transfers between funds	5	158	-	(158)	-
Net movement in funds		66,293	-	1,521	67,814
Cash funds as at last year end		-	-	-	-
Cash funds at this year end	A	66,293	-	1,521	67,814

The notes on pages 12-13 form part of these accounts.

EBENEZER CHURCH MACHEN
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds £	Period 23Nov2023 to 31Mar2025 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £		
A Cash funds					
Current account		16,293	-	1,521	17,814
Deposit account		50,000	-	-	50,000
		<u>66,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,521</u>	<u>67,814</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Deposit paid		750	-	-	750
		<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination		840	-	-	840
		<u>840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>840</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2025 £
<i>Ebenezer Chapel</i>		
<i>Manse</i>		
Contents and equipment		<u>34,964</u>
		<u>34,964</u>

Current values have not been quoted for properties (disclosure is not mandatory).
 Contents and equipment insurance value has been used.

E 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:

Greg Dainty
Greg Dainty (Jan 20, 2026 12:13:04 GMT)
 Gregory Dainty
 Date: Jan 20, 2026

Jon Bilton
Jon Bilton (Jan 20, 2026 13:13:39 GMT)
 Jonathan Bilton
 Date: Jan 20, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	Period 23Nov2023 to 31Mar2025
		General funds	Designated funds		
		£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	Note 5	1,277	-	842	2,120
Utilities		2,123	-	-	2,123
Insurance		985	-	-	985
Governance and legal fees		1,104	-	-	1,104
Conference and events		207	-	-	207
Other costs		11	-	-	11
		<u>5,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>6,550</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:

Other small grants to organisations	1,527	-	-	1,527
Missionary housing support	4,228	-	1,159	5,387
Grants to individuals	905	-	-	905
	<u>6,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>7,820</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them except for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	-	78,504	(12,368)	158	66,293
Restricted funds					
Missionary worker	-	1,159	(1,159)	-	-
Education support	-	1,521	-	-	1,521
Computer	-	1,000	(842)	(158)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,680</u>	<u>(2,001)</u>	<u>(158)</u>	<u>1,521</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>82,184</u>	<u>(14,370)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,814</u>

Missionary worker funds are given to support the housing costs of a full-time Christian worker.

Education support raises funds for Wyclif Independent Christian school.

Computer: these funds were given towards the cost of a new church computer. The remaining funds have been transferred to the general funds with permission from the donor.

6 Movement of funds

On 13th December 2024, the assets from the predecessor charity, Ebenezer Evangelical Baptist Church Machen, an excepted trust, were transferred to this CIO.