

Trustees annual Report. April 2024 – March 2025

Beresford Road

Without question, it has been a year of seeing how the Lord would provide for the church. We have had a more stable year, in terms of the fact that our regular attendees and members has remained around 15 to 20 on a regular weekly basis. Whilst this has been good to see, regular giving has slowed due to the cost of living, but people have been sacrificial and God has provided to support the activities, the upkeep of the buildings and regular bills.

Cliff Beckett remains our pastor, ministering to the church each Sunday and once a fortnight on a Wednesday for the regular prayer meeting and bible study. He also attends the Monday and Friday coffee mornings to meet and greet and minister to those who attend, particularly those who come to use the pantry on a Friday morning. He does this, whilst still working for himself as a mechanic, supporting himself financially. He continues to invoice us monthly on a self-employed basis.

God has continued to give strength and help to those on the leadership team of the church. The team of four meet monthly to discuss progress and future opportunities. We are still holding our coffee morning drop ins on a Monday and Friday and on a Friday, we still have our community pantry, alongside the coffee morning, which now supports around 50 families.

Sunday morning and evening services have been regularly attended by those in membership and others who are regular attendees, but not members. Meetings continue to be broadcast on zoom, as we still have others away from the fellowship who like to attend; we now have someone in India that regularly comes online to worship with us. The Sunday school continues, but on a reduced basis and only when required. We have very few children in attendance, and this is sporadic at best, but we are always ready for when they are at church, providing them with Biblically based stories and activities.

Footprints – Community Coffee drop in.

This continues at the church on a Monday and Friday morning. It is now well established and well attended. Friday is particularly well attended due to the pantry running alongside.

CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

The formalities of this are now complete and we have officially transitioned into a CIO church. We are now in the process of the solicitors transferring the assets from the old charity to the new. We await the completion of this, which should be done midway through 2025.

A local pantry

We are now supporting nearly 50 families with the pantry. This has been an amazingly positive experience, and we have been able to help many families, not just with food issues, but mental health and spiritual solace. We continue to be blessed by the provision of monetary grants from Government organisations and food donations from local supermarkets and Fair Share. We pray that these will continue, so that we can further help others in need. Saxon House in Ipswich has been a regular, monthly provider of food and non-food items. We have recently learned that their funding will continue, therefore being a source of items for the year ahead.

Building works

We continue to maintain our outside areas and buildings. We have continued to re-decorate areas of the church building to ensure it is welcoming to those who visit. This last year has seen the redecoration of the toilet areas and the entrance and main sanctuary being spruced up, touching in paintwork that has been damaged by furniture etc. We are trying to seek funding to re-surface the

car park outside the church. Over the last few years, this has been worn away in patches and is now in need of re-development. We have started a car park fund and have applied for grants to see if we can get help with this. We need around £10000 to complete the work.

Into 2025/26

We continue to seek God's guidance and leadership as we look forward to another year. We want to explore how, as a church, we can continue supporting the local community and seek guidance as to how we grow and develop as a fellowship, without a full-time pastor.

All matters which should concern the trustees, that are financial, social inclusion, child protection, criminal records bureau, racism and general transparency within the community and in the larger area of Christian unity and fellowship, have been kept continuously under review.

J. Power – Chairman _____

J. Cartlidge – Secretary _____

cc. All other trustees and Church Pastor



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Beresford Road Evangelical Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1210808

Set out on pages

One to Three

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R Sullivan

Date:

11/8/2025

Name:

RICHARD SULLIVAN

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qualification(s) or body
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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Beresford Road Evangelical Church

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2024

To

Period end date
31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sunday offerings	13,308	-	-	13,308	14,184
Sale of equipment	334	-	-	334	-
Grants	-	5,930	-	5,930	8,000
User donations	-	6,709	-	6,709	5,730
Interest	-	13	-	13	8
Other income	-	-	-	-	376
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,642	12,652	-	26,294	28,298
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,642	12,652	-	26,294	28,298

A3 Payments					
Pastor	7,250	-	-	7,250	7,121
Safeguarding	150	-	-	150	170
Heat, light, water	2,366	-	-	2,366	2,525
Telephone	933	-	-	933	692
F.I.E.C.	547	-	-	547	547
Legal fees	1,362	-	-	1,362	780
Repairs premises	171	-	-	171	-
CCLI Licence	466	-	-	466	447
Insurance	1,610	-	-	1,610	1,594
Photocopying	72	-	-	72	1,055
fellowship meal	203	-	-	203	-
Sundries	135	-	-	135	49
Cost of goods	-	7,008	-	7,008	7,558
Gifts	-	760	-	760	1,000
Donation to mission	-	325	-	325	300
Maintenance	-	370	-	370	2,551
Travel/delivery	-	-	-	-	840
Pantry equipment	-	-	-	-	1,600
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	32
Bank charges	-	60	-	60	50
Christmas expenses	-	-	-	-	94
Cleaning	-	800	-	800	-
Office costs	-	373	-	373	-
Sub total	15,265	9,696	-	24,961	29,005

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,265	9,696	-	24,961	29,005

Net of receipts/(payments)	-	1,623	2,956	-	1,333	-	707
A5 Transfers between funds		500	-	500	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		8,580	4,221	-	12,801		13,508
Cash funds this year end		7,457	6,677	-	14,134		12,801

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Church current account	7,457	-	-
	Footprints	-	6,678	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,457	6,678	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	SIA Beresford Road		-	-
	Lowestoft.		-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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