



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.09.2021 To 31.08.2022

**Charity name: Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
(EPCEW)**

Charity registration number: 801935

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote for the public benefit the advancement of the Christian religion by supporting the work and outreach of its member churches and fellowships within England and Wales, and in such other parts of the United Kingdom, or the world, as the trustees may from time to time think fit, for as long as these churches adhere to the historic Christian faith as defined by the Westminster confession and catechism.
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	<p>The Presbytery advances the Christian faith by the help and support it gives to the member churches, and by organising conferences during the year.</p> <p>A church planting committee considers how the outreach of the member churches can be assisted, and of the Presbytery itself, and how the Christian religion can be advanced by the planting of new churches, and churches strengthened in their work of the advancement of religion for the public benefit.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In doing so, we can confirm that the Presbytery's activities wholly comply with this guidance.</p> <p>In particular, this is evidenced by the way we have sought to advance the Christian faith through supporting the work and outreach of its member churches. This has been achieved through regular meetings of the churches together in conference (Presbytery meetings), and other ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial assistance given to churches for training of men for the ministry in the EPCEW churches.• Advising and helping churches as need arose.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing administrative back-up for the churches as necessary. Helping to provide for Christian ministry in the churches by the training and examination of office bearers. • The organisation of conferences for the benefit of the churches. <p>The churches in Sweden and Germany have been fully a part of the work of the Presbytery.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales Presbytery (Charity number 801935) has no paid personnel and relies on volunteers for its effective work. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales could not function without the contribution of time and expertise made by its volunteers.</p> <p>The volunteers consist of the moderator, clerk, second clerk and treasurer. There are five standing committees, which assist in the work of the Presbytery voluntarily.</p>
Other		

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	<p>The charity has been able to help its member churches effectively throughout the year. The charity has been able to give administrative advice and support to its member churches throughout the year.</p> <p>The churches at Tranås in Sweden, Zurich in Switzerland and Berlin in Germany are fully a part of the charity's supportive work, and are fully a member of the EPCEW churches.</p> <p>The EPCEW has continued to support the work of the member churches through spiritual counsel and support offered in the meetings of the member churches in Presbytery meetings, four of which were held throughout the year.</p> <p>During this financial year the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions continued to impact the work of the charity, resulting in greater online activity whenever possible, particularly at committee level.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity does not have a formal reserves policy, however, the following can be noted:</p> <p>The charity has five funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General fund (unrestricted) • Church Planting fund • Publication fund • Ministerial Training fund • Ministerial Assistance fund <p>The Presbytery does not accumulate large reserves, and all of its funds are regularly in use. The general fund is for day-to-day running of the organisation. The church planting fund is used to support ministers in the church plants.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£106,467
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	<p>The principal sources of funds are from the churches comprising the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, which are donated to the Presbytery. Individuals may also contribute to Presbytery funds. The Presbytery does not intentionally raise funds from the general public but would receive funds from the public if donated.</p> <p>Expenditure has been mainly for church planting activities, and the day-to-day administrative costs of the Presbytery, doing its work of supporting the constituent churches.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales has no long-term investments and owns no property.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Trust
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	New Trustees are appointed by serving trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity gives practical and spiritual help and guidance to its member churches. The charity is a geographical organisation that has a number of churches. The office bearers of these member churches meet regularly to discuss and decide on matters brought to the meeting.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales has sister church relations with a number of similar church bodies in the UK and across the world, but these related parties are not connected in matters of governance or finance.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
Other name the charity uses	EPCEW
Registered charity number	801935
Charity's principal address	Naunton Lane EPC Church Building 23 Naunton Lane Cheltenham GL53 7BJ

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	DONALD JOHN MACLEAN			Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
2	STEPHEN DANCER		Resigned 22.11.2022	Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
3	RUSSEL LEE YOUNG		Resigned 28.09.2021	Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
4	STEPHEN ALEXANDER JOHNSTON			Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
5	REV MATTHEW THOMAS FAUX	Chair	Appointed 29.4.2022	Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
6	DR FALKO PIETER DRIJFHOUT		Appointed 28.9.2021	Trustees of Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds TSB	Gonville Place, Cambridge

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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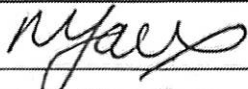
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Matthew Faux	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	23/06/2023
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EPCEW Financial Report 2021-2022

3rd September 2022

Period September 2021 – August 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Congregations - regular contributions	20000	14458	-5542
Gift for Salford	0	500	500
Individual contributions	500	515	15
Publications	250	82	-168
Other Income	250	28936	28,686
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>44491</u>	<u>23491</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Support			
Hull	2500	450	2050
Tranas	1500	0	1500
Berlin	1500	0	1500
Gloucester	5000	5000	0
Salford	12000	12000	0
Sheffield	0	5976	-5976
Training	1000	0	1000
Travel Expenses Committees	1500	1453.62	46.38
Travel Expenses International Synods etc	2000	0	2000
Printing, Distribution, Website	6300	4029.95	2270.05
Clerks Expenses	250	0	250
Room Hire	500	105	395
Subscriptions	500	300	200
Insurance	500	505.57	-5.57
STEM	500	0	500
Miscellaneous	250	0	250
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>33800</u>	<u>29820.14</u>	<u>3979.86</u>

<u>ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</u>	<u>-12800</u>	<u>14670.86</u>	<u>27470.86</u>
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EPCEW Proposed Budget 2022-2023

3rd September 2022**INCOME****GBP**

Congregations - regular contributions	20000
Individual contributions	500
Publications	250
Other Income	250
<u>TOTAL PLANNED</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>21000</u>

EXPENDITURE**GBP**

Support	Hull	3000
	Tranas	1500
	Berlin	1500
	Salford	11600
	Training	1000
Travel Expenses Committees		1500
Travel Expenses International Synods etc		2000
Printing, Distribution, Website		6300
Clerks Expenses		250
Room Hire		500
Subscriptions		500
Insurance		500
STEM		500
Miscellaneous		250
<u>TOTAL PLANNED EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>30900</u>

ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)**-9900**

EPCEW Bank Accounts Statement

3rd September 20221**BANK ACCOUNTS per 3/09/2022**

OPENING	General	22237
	Church Planting	75379
	Training	8728
	Conferences	0
	Ministerial Support	0
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Comments re: 2021/22

1. Congregational contributions did not meet budget (13 congregations and plants did not make any contributions), with a variance to budget of -£5,542
2. Unplanned 'Other' income was substantially above budget – however this was largely due to two factors:
 - a. Sheffield Pres congregation's reimbursement of prior church planting grants made by the denomination on their behalf, in the sum of £20,750.
 - b. During the period January to May 2022, the EPCEW Trust covered the Pulpit Supply expenses of Sheffield Pres Church, which was subsequently reimbursed, in the sum of £5976.
3. Budgeted expenditure for the support of the Hull, Tranas and Berlin Congregations was not spent. In fact, the Hull congregation made one of the largest individual church contributions to the denomination this year.
4. Likewise budgeted expenditure for Training support was not spent this year.

Recommendations

1. Congregations seek to honour their commitments to regular contributions. If congregations are realistically unlikely to be in a position to do this, they should advise the Treasurer or a member of the Trustees as soon as possible, to ensure the budget for the coming year is accurate as possible.
2. Consideration of the need to include support for the Tranas Congregation for the coming financial year.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2022	Charity no (if any)	801935
Set out on pages	3 - 4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 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
- 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.

Signed: *Graham Ricketts* Date: 26 June 2023

Name: Graham Ricketts FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: Gordon Down & Company Limited
144 Walter Road
Swansea, SA1 5RW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales
(EPCEW)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01.09.2021

To

31.08.2022

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					
Donations, legacies and grants	15,333	22,600	-	37,933	17,938
Bank interest	-	7	-	7	-
Sundry	82	-	-	82	757
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,415	22,607	-	38,022	18,695
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,415	22,607	-	38,022	18,695
A3 Payments					
Church support	-	17,000	-	17,000	3,338
Travel	1,454	-	-	1,454	586
Printing, postage and stationery	4,030	-	-	4,030	9,320
Subscriptions	358	-	-	358	300
Insurance	505	-	-	505	506
Sundry	105	-	-	105	330
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,452	17,000	-	23,452	14,380
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,452	17,000	-	23,452	14,380
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,963	5,607	-	14,570	4,315
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,124	69,773	-	91,897	87,582
Cash funds this year end	31,087	75,380	-	106,467	91,897

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	Cash at bank	31,087	75,380	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,087	75,380	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-


	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Rev Mathew Faux

Date of
approval

23/6/23