

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31 AUGUST 2024



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CHARITY INFORMATION

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Mr Thomas Hutchings
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Mr Stephen Johnson
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Charity number

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Trustees' Report

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales ('the charity') for the year ended 31st August 2024.

1 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are 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.

2 Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated trust governed by a declaration of trust of 11th July 1989, as amended on 16th October 2001 and 7 March 2009. It is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered charity number: 801935)

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.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Rev Matthew Faux
Mr Thomas Hutchings (appointed 25 September 2023)
Dr Falko Drijfhout
Mr Stephen Johnson
Dr Donald John MacLean

New trustees are appointed by serving trustees.

3 Review of activities

The charity advances the Christian faith by the help and support it gives to the member churches, and by organising conferences during the year.

A church planting committee considers how the outreach of the member churches can be assisted 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.

Activities in the year included:

- Financial assistance given to churches for training of men for the ministry in the EPCEW churches.
- Advising and helping churches as need arose.
- 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.

Use of volunteers

The charity has no paid personnel and could not function without the contribution of time and expertise of its volunteers.

Trustees' Report (continued)

4 Public benefit statement

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In doing so, we can confirm that the charity's activities wholly comply with this guidance.

5 Financial review

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. Cash receipts for the year amounted to £28,728 (2023: £20,433) and cash payments were £31,436 (2023: £54,543) resulting in a deficit for the year of £2,708 (2023: deficit of £34,110). Total cash funds (unrestricted and restricted funds) carried forward at 31 August 2024 were £69,649 (2023: £72,357).

6 Reserves policy

The charity does not have a formal reserves policy. Unrestricted cash funds for the day-to-day running of the organisation at 31 August 2024 amounted to £23,574 (2023: £21,871).

7 Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner is Mr J R Caladine Esq of Caladine Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants of Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 1BF.

On behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Faux', written over a horizontal line.

Rev Matthew Faux
Trustee

Date: 24 June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 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.



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Date: 25 June 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations, Legacies and grants	18,139	10,150	28,289	
Bank interest	-	439	439	
Prior year receipts (detail unavailable)	-	-	-	20,433
Total receipts	18,139	10,589	28,728	20,433
<u>Payments</u>				
Church support	10,000	15,000	25,000	
Travel	2,111	-	2,111	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,013	-	2,013	
Conference fees	972	-	972	
Room hire	450	-	450	
Subscriptions	300	-	300	
Insurance	522	-	522	
Sundry	68	-	68	
Prior year payments (detail unavailable)	-	-	-	54,543
Total payments	16,436	15,000	31,436	54,543
Net receipts/(payments)	1,703	(4,411)	(2,708)	(34,110)
Cash funds at 1 September 2023	21,871	50,486	72,357	106,467
Cash funds at 31 August 2024	23,574	46,075	69,649	72,357

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank (Unrestricted)	23,574	21,871
Cash at bank (Restricted)	46,075	50,486
Total cash funds	<u>69,649</u>	<u>72,357</u>

Other assets and liabilities

Liabilities

Accountancy and independent examination fee	720	-
	<u>720</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Rev Matthew Faux
Trustee

Date: 24 June 2025

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

Unrestricted funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The funds of the charity include the following restricted funds:

	Balance at 1 Sept 2023 £	Cash receipts £	Cash payments £	Balance at 31st Aug 2024 £
Church planting	41,758	10,589	(15,000)	37,347
Ministerial training	8,728	-	-	8,728
	<u>50,486</u>	<u>10,589</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>46,075</u>

Church planting - this fund comprises donations received to support new churches.

Ministerial training - this fund is used for training of church ministers.