# York Evangelical Church
# 2025 Annual Report to the Charity Commission

## 1. Reference and administrative details

York Evangelical Church is a CIO with charity registration number 1170144. The short-form YEC is often used to refer to the church. The church office is at 60 South Bank Avenue, York YO23 1DP. The short-form 60SBA is often used to refer to this building.

## 2. Structure, governance and management

As a church, we aim to follow what we believe is the New Testament pattern, in which local churches are led and served by elders and deacons. As a CIO, however, we must be governed by trustees. Our constitution reconciles these two viewpoints by requiring that all elders and two deacons (the secretary and the treasurer) are also trustees. Elders and deacons are appointed following a nomination duly endorsed by at least 75% of those voting at a meeting for all members.

At the start of 2025 the trustees were Gordon Frame, Ed Hambleton, Neil Hulse, Alastair Jakeman (Secretary), Scott Franklin, Daniel Rozday (Treasurer) and Phil Williams.

The trustees form a small group, and are in frequent contact. We use password-protected email and shared digital documents for communication supporting day-to-day decision making. We aim to meet four times a year.

YEC is a member of FIEC, the national Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. We benefit from the support network, resources and conferences provided by FIEC for church leaders. Our constitution and church handbook were drawn up with assistance from FIEC in 2016, and approved by the Charity Commission as part of our CIO application.

## 3. Volunteers

Most of the activities organised by YEC are run by volunteers and we are grateful for their hard work and commitment. For each activity there is a link elder who maintains oversight. We have a rolling programme of applications and renewals for DBS checks where needed, and safeguarding training is provided by Christian Safeguarding Services.

## 4. Objectives and activities

In summary the purposes of YEC are: (a) to advance the Christian faith, primarily but not exclusively within York and the surrounding neighbourhood; (b) to put our faith into practice, for example by the prevention and relief of need or hardship, by the advancement of education, and by the provision of community facilities.

Our single most important activity in pursuit of (a) continues to be to maintain a regular pattern of morning and afternoon Sunday worship meetings, to which all are welcome, with an emphasis on biblical teaching and its contemporary application. In pursuit of (b) we have particularly aimed to serve our local community in the South Bank area of York. Further details, and a summary of various activities, are given in the next section.

The trustees have due regard to the expectation that a CIO should provide a public benefit. As a local church we are keen that YEC should be a good neighbour to the diverse community around us. We are keen to serve that community in a variety of ways, to welcome everyone, and to share with them the transformational good news of the Christian gospel.

**5. Achievements and performance**

On Sundays throughout 2025 we held two meetings for public worship, with provision for all ages. These services were held in hired facilities at a local secondary school (Millthorpe School). Our morning services included specific age-appropriate provision for children from 0-14. In February 2025 we took on a part time Children's Worker to coordinate and enhance this provision. The children's activities were largely volunteer-run and their delivery falls within our safeguarding policies and procedures. Our morning and evening services continued to be streamed live via Zoom so that those who were ill or infirm were able to benefit from the teaching and worship.

YEC continued to deliver a wide range of midweek events for the furtherance of our charitable objectives of the advancement of the Christian faith (prayer meetings, home groups, Bible studies, etc.) and the support of the local community. Many of these activities were based at 60SBA where we regularly hosted activities for pre-school children and their parents/carers, such as All Sorts. A local Christian housing charity (Restore (York) Limited) made use of the space on a weekly basis for a lunch and Bible study with their residents. Community users, such as the local Nappy Library, also made regular use of 60SBA. There were regular coffee mornings for elderly people in the locality. We also renewed and refurbished the exterior and interior of 60SBA through the summer to keep the property in a decent condition for use.

We once again decided to hold a church weekend away. In order to make the weekend affordable for all of the church family we continued our practice of hiring a village hall within easy driving distance of York. Over 100 people attended Terrington Village Hall for a weekend in May 2025, either as campers or as day visitors. We were pleased to welcome Dan James from Nottingham to be our speaker for the weekend.

During 2024/5 YEC continued to see a large increase in the number of students attending the church. Various activities were provided for the students throughout the year. On a weekly basis members of the church provided student lunch in their homes, and Grounded, a social gathering for students and young adults after the Sunday evening service. We also held several Dinner and Discussion evenings for students to provide supplementary teaching and support.

Beyond the immediate circle of our church family, our pastoral elders continued specific contributions for the benefit of the wider community. For example, these included parenting courses under the auspices of Family Matters, and support work with groups of inmates at HMP Full Sutton.

We also continued to support various missionary and Christian relief agencies, both in the UK and internationally, by prayer, by financial sponsorship, and where possible by volunteering direct assistance. Closer to home, YEC continued to support and partner with

local charities working for the social good, such as Family Matters York, The Besom, Restore, and Friends International.

**6. Financial matters**

A statement of accounts, with commentary, is provided as a separate document. A report from an independent examiner is also provided separately.
We have no explicitly stated policy about the level of reserves held. At the start of 2025 the balance of our general account was £68,754.93, sufficient to cover an emergency such as a building repair and temporary accommodation. At the close of the year the balance was £54,258.86.

We do not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Neil Hulse
**Elder and Trustee of York Evangelical Church**

Approved by the trustees on 17th October 2026

# York Evangelical Church Accounts 2025

The 2025 Annual Accounts were presented to the YEC Trustees and Church Membership at the Annual General Meeting on 15th April 2026. Copies of the accounts were made available to Trustees and Church Members over two weeks in advance of the meeting in accordance with the constitution. The Trustees and Church Membership had the opportunity to ask the Church Treasurer questions about the accounts.

An independent examination of the complete 2025 Annual Accounts will be undertaken by an external, independent and qualified accountant. A copy of the examiner's report will be included as part of the submission to the Charity Commission.

The accounts run from January to December, a calendar year accounting period.

## Income

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | **Totals** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tickets | | | | | | | | | £2,768.00 | **£2,768.00** |
| Members Donations | | £1,020.00 | £122,899.11 | | £4,000.00 | £100.00 | £10,000.00 | | £50.00 | **£138,069.11** |
| Gft Aid Rebate | | | £24,561.94 | | | | | | | **£24,561.94** |
| Newspaper Subscriptions | | | | | | | £20.00 | | | **£20.00** |
| Loose Offerings | | | £722.51 | | | | | | | **£722.51** |
| Interest | | | £3,311.03 | | | | | | | **£3,311.03** |
| Tenants Rent and Bills | £4,840.00 | | | | | | | | | **£4,840.00** |
| Room Hire | £1,065.00 | | | | | | | | | **£1,065.00** |
| **Totals** | **£5,905.00** | **£1,020.00** | **£151,494.59** | | **£4,000.00** | **£100.00** | **£10,020.00** | | **£2,818.00** | **£175,357.59** |

# Internal Transfers

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weekend Away | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |
| Sundry for specific uses | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |
| Pastoral Fund | | £900.00 | | | | | | | | **£900.00** |
| Missions | | | -£18,526.47 | | | | | | | **-£18,526.47** |
| General Fund | £31,000.00 | | | £18,526.47 | | | | | | **£49,526.47** |
| Balazs and Detti Varga | | | | | -£900.00 | | | | | **-£900.00** |
| 60 South Bank Avenue | | | -£31,000.00 | | | | | | | **-£31,000.00** |
| **Totals** | **£31,000.00** | **£900.00** | **-£49,526.47** | **£18,526.47** | **-£900.00** | **£0.00** | **£0.00** | **£0.00** | **£0.00** | **£0.00** |

# Expenditure

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utility Bills & Insurance | -£3,394.82 | | | | | | | | | **-£3,394.82** |
| Building Maintenance | -£46,154.65 | | | | | | | | | **-£46,154.65** |
| Balazs and Detti Varga | | -£1,276.75 | | | | | | | | **-£1,276.75** |
| Administration | | | -£4,667.44 | | | | | | | **-£4,667.44** |
| Room Hire | | | -£9,707.00 | | | | | | | **-£9,707.00** |
| Employment | | | -£71,773.76 | | | | | | | **-£71,773.76** |
| Giving to non-YEC minist. | | | -£14,716.00 | | | | | | | **-£14,716.00** |
| Ministries | | | -£13,557.64 | | | | | | | **-£13,557.64** |
| Visiting Speakers | | | -£2,042.35 | | | | | | | **-£2,042.35** |
| Missions | | | | -£16,400.00 | | | | | | **-£16,400.00** |
| Pastoral Fund | | | | | -£538.96 | | | | | **-£538.96** |
| Stillman Fund | | | | | | -£150.00 | | | | **-£150.00** |
| Sundry for specific uses | | | | | | | -£177.75 | | | **-£177.75** |
| Training Fund | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |
| Weekend Away | | | | | | | | | -£2,392.88 | **-£2,392.88** |
| **Totals** | **-£49,549.47** | **-£1,276.75** | **-£116,464.19** | **-£16,400.00** | **-£538.96** | **-£150.00** | **-£177.75** | **£0.00** | **-£2,392.88** | **-£186,950.00** |

# Balances and Difference

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 Opening Balance* | £14,831.98 | £640.00 | £68,754.93 | £4,707.65 | £1,765.66 | £1,500.00 | £28,204.50 | £0.00 | £494.58 | **£120,899.30** |
| 2025 Closing Balance | £2,187.51 | £1,283.25 | £54,258.86 | £6,834.12 | £4,326.70 | £1,450.00 | £38,046.75 | £0.00 | £919.70 | **£109,306.89** |
| Difference in Year | -£12,644.47 | £643.25 | -£14,496.07 | £2,126.47 | £2,561.04 | -£50.00 | £9,842.25 | £0.00 | £425.12 | **-£11,592.41** |

*There are two balance differences from 2024 Accounts Summary: £1,700 re-allocated from 'General Fund' to 'Sundry for specific.', and £200 'General Fund' giving was omitted last year, leading to the different total opening balance.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31st December 2025

## Cash

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wise Sterling Account | | | £1,206.70 | | | | | | | **£1,206.70** |
| Lloyds Current Account | £2,187.51 | £1,283.25 | £4,844.45 | £6,834.12 | £4,326.70 | £1,450.00 | | £0.00 | £919.70 | **£21,845.73** |
| Lloyds 30 Day Account | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |
| Lloyds Savings Account | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |
| Kingdom Bank Reserve | | | £48,207.71 | | | | £38,046.75 | | | **£86,254.46** |
| Loose Cash | | | | | | | | | | **£0.00** |

## Other

| | 60 South Bank Avenue | Balazs and Detti Varga | General Fund | Missions | Pastoral Fund | Stillman Fund | Sundry for specific. | Training Fund | Weekend Away | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gift Aid Claim for 2025 | | | ~£24,579.13 | | | | | | | **~£24,579.13** |

## Signatures

These accounts have been prepared by Daniel Rozday, York Evangelical Church Trustee and Treasurer. These accounts were accepted by all Trustees on 15th April 2026.

Signed: DRozday Date: 5/5/26

# York Evangelical Church

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of York Evangelical Church**

**Year Ended 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of York Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**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 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 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

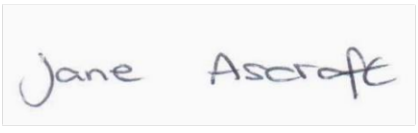
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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