Carley Evangelical Baptist Church Wharf Street North Leicester LE1 2AB

Annual Report

for the year ended 31st December 2025

Name:-	Carley Evangelical Baptist Church
Charity Number:-	1182735
Governing Documentation:-	Church Constitution (approved by Charity Commission 01/04/19) and Church Handbook (adopted 10/11/18)
Minister:-	None at present
Trustees / Church Officers :-	Christopher J Baines (Deacon until 23/03/25) Stephen M Hardy (Secretary / Deacon) David E Harrington (Treasurer until 31/12/24 Deacon until 16/03/25) Mohanlal J Shah (Deacon / Treasurer from 12/01/25) Christopher M Dee (Deacon until 21/08/25) Joel S Spaxman (Deacon / Elder from 07/12/25)
Charity Commission Correspondent:-	Stephen M Hardy 1 Willowbrook Close, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3FW
Website:-	www.carleychurch.co.uk
Bank:-	Co-Operative Bank – 77/79 Market Place Leicester LE1 5EW
Independent Examiner of Accounts:-	Mrs Susan Taylor FCCA

Purposes and aims of the church.

The purposes of the Church are for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within the city of Leicester and the surrounding neighbourhood; and such other charitable purposes that in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith that will further the work of the church.

Background

The church was formed in 1823 and has been in the current building since being built in 1958. The church is an independent church and welcomes people from all backgrounds and denominational beliefs.

Membership of the church is open to anyone who professes the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, meets the admission procedures and has indicated agreement to accept the duty of a church member as contained in the Church Constitution document (signed 1st April 2019).

The current church membership at 31st December 2025 stands at 16.

The provision of church leadership is by Elders and Deacons (collectively known as Church Officers) who are elected by the church membership. The Church Officers make decisions collectively, and certain matters as set out in the Church Handbook are decided by the Church Members at a duly convened Church Members Meeting. As at 31st December 2025 the church leadership consists of 1 Elder and 2 Deacons.

The church is independent of any other organisation, but maintains links and interests with other Christian and charitable organisations and is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Main Activities

We endeavour to enable people to live out their Christian faith as part of the church community through:- Worship and prayer; learning about the Bible and developing and growing their faith and knowledge in the Lord Jesus Christ. Providing pastoral care for the local community and those attending the church. Missionary and outreach work especially (but not exclusively) within the local community.

The church currently meets every Sunday morning, Wednesday morning and evening and on other occasions for worship and these are open for the public to attend. Other activities for adults (both men and ladies, and children are held during the year which are regularly attended by the local community.

Sunday Worship and Sunday School.

The church holds Sunday morning public worship and expository teaching services throughout the year. These services take place on the church premises and all meetings are open to all. As part of the Sunday morning worship, a Sunday School is provided for children of all age groups for Bible teaching applicable to their age.

Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Meetings specifically for Bible Study and prayer occur weekly within the church building on a Wednesday morning and evening. The prayer meetings are to encourage open prayer for the church, the community, the world and for each other. These meetings are open to all.

Ladies Craft & Chatter

The church run a weekly (during school term time) ladies afternoon craft and chatter time together in the local primary school. This is an opportunity to make craft items and a time for friendship and support for ladies within the local community. The time is open for all women and children under school age to attend and meet to get to know one another.

Mens "Drop in"

The church holds a weekly (during school term time) afternoon men's time together in the St Matthews Matters Lounge. This is a time for the men to enjoy coming together to play games or just a time to chat. It is open for all men within the community offering a time for support and friendship.

English Conversation Classes

The church run weekly English Conversation Classes on a Monday afternoon (during school term time) in the St Matthews Matters Lounge. These classes are open to all adults to help support both men and women in developing their spoken English Language and to develop community friendships.

Outreach and Mission

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church supports various missionary and missionary organisations with worldwide interest and speakers are invited to provide updates and information of their work.

The church supports and is involved with the local community including activities outside of the church.

During August 2025, an event (St Matthews Matters) was held in the local school to build relationships and provide activities and opportunities for the community to meet together.

Other local community activities include "building bridges" and relationships within the community through cross cultural events, supporting other community organisations, visiting and meeting local

people in cafes, a series of Christmas Services with lunch for the community, supporting the local community in obtaining employment, supporting children's education by hearing children read in the local primary school. Also helping to support with school trips and special events. In addition the church is involved with outreach to local University overseas students through an International Cafe.

Contact with other churches

Carley Evangelical Baptist Church maintains regular contact with other Leicester churches many of whom support the St Matthews Matters week.

Church Operation and Management

All church activities are led and supported by volunteers including designated "St Matthews Matters" Community Workers from within the church and missionary organisations who are DBS checked and receive training as appropriate. During the year, the Church Trustees continue to review specific legislations and guidance, as they may affect the church to ensure compliance and identify areas where improvements and changes are required, as part of overall risk management . There were no serious incidents during the year ending 31st December 2025.

Finances

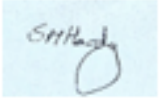
The finances of the church are as recorded in the Statement of Accounts. The church income mainly comes from the regular giving and donations by church members and congregation through which all financial commitments of the church are met and allows the provision to support missionary work. The Church Trustees constantly review the level of funds and seek to ensure sufficient is carried forward to meet anticipated expenditures necessary to enable the church to continue its activities and to maintain the property in good condition.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:-



Stephen Mark Hardy

Date:- 22/05/26

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025			**2024**	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Church Building & Car Park @ cost		54260		54260
Shop Building @ cost		12343		12343
		66603		66603
Current Assets				
Debtors & Prepayments	9724		8322	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	32504		23418	
	42228		31740	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors & Accrued Charges	1661		1711	
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		40567		30029
		107170		96632
Represented by				
Trustees Fund		54589		54589
General Fund (See Note 1 below)		48644		38417
Home & Overseas Missionary Fund (See Note 2 below)		-572		192
Short Terms Missionary Fund		3572		3034
Long Term Reserve		937		400
		107170		96632

Notes to the Accounts

1- General Fund	
Balance brought forward	38417
Transfer to Missionary Fund	0
Surplus for the Year	10227
Balance Carried forward	48644

2- Home & Overseas Missionary Fund	
Balance brought forward	192
Transfer of 10% from Weekly Offering	2686
Transfer from General Fund	0
Payments from the Fund	-3450
Balance Carried forward	-572

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Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

				2024	
Income		£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings			4754		6087
General Donations			400		765
Interest receivable			0		22
In " Memorium"			0		6674
Gift Aids			17368		16263
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aid			4342		6114
			26864		35925
Less Transfer of 10% to HOMF		2686		3592	
Transfer of 2% to STMF		537		719	
Long Term Reserve 2%		537	3760	400	4711
			23104		31214
Add:-					
Specific Gifts Towards	Food		500		270
	Missionaries		320		575
Grants			3228		0
Other Donations			1115		0
Car Park Donations			350		400
			28617		32459
Less:- Expenditure					
Visiting Preachers Expenses		320		350	
Lighting & Heating		5804		7224	
Repairs & Equipment		572		24084	
Insurance & Rates		4391		5204	
Caretaking		0		852	
Postage, Telephone, Stationary & Computer Expenses		589		670	
Printing, Duplicating & Advertising		260		221	
FIEC		1244		560	
Conferences		315		367	
Legal & Professional		39		209	
Family Church / Youth Work		1413		1064	
Miscellaneous		0		93	
Paid out of Grant Money		3123		0	
Paid onto Missionaries		320	18390	575	41473
Surplus for the Year			10227		-9014

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of **Carley Evangelical Baptist Church** for the period ending **31st December 2025** which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Responsibilities of Trustees and examiner Church officers.
In their capacity as trustees, are responsible for preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charites Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Responsibility of Independent Examiner
It is my responsibility to: -

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner 's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from church officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charites Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ..... Taylor ..... Susan Taylor FCCA. Date 17/4/26..

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