Longmeadow Evangelical Church CIO

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2025

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LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Oaks Cross Broadwater Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 8LT
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Constitution dated 07 Apr 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1188950
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Wayne Campbell John Cooper Ben Epps Russell Knell James Thompson John Remison
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES	FIEC Limited 39 The Point Market Harborough LE16 7QU
BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
	Redwood Bank The Nexus Building Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Nicola Harrison CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Name and Registered Office of the Charity

The full name of the charity is Longmeadow Evangelical Church, and the operating address is Oaks Cross, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Legal Status

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 April 2020, Charity Number 1188950.

Longmeadow Evangelical Church was constituted in 1959 as a church and was governed by the Constitution and Notes adopted on 24 October 1959, and amended on 15 September 1962. A new constitution and church practice was adopted on 2 December 2008. The church was registered as a charity on 3 February 2010. A new constitution establishing a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was approved by the Charity Commission on 7 April 2020.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are set out on the index tab of the accounts.

The trustees are those who exercise oversight as elders within the church. New elders are appointed by nomination of the elders from the membership of the church and subject to the approval of the church membership at a business meeting of the church. Each elder is required to be fully in agreement with the Basis of Faith.

Objects

The purposes of the Church shall be:-

1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Stevenage and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church

Aims and Organisation

Longmeadow Evangelical Church is a fellowship of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ gathering together in His Name in the Longmeadow neighbourhood of Stevenage and affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). We are a gathering of ordinary people who by faith in Jesus have been adopted by God our Father. So with prayer and love we seek to: listen to His voice in the Bible, serve one another, and share His good news in the power of the Holy Spirit. Longmeadow Evangelical Church: its trustees, elders and members are committed to following these New Testament principles.

Our vision is to encourage and serve one another so that we grow in our love for God and make the most of where He has placed each of us; to support and mentor members in training for gospel work; to plant a new church or revitalise an existing church, as the Lord grants the opportunity.

The church employs two full-time pastors, one part-time pastoral worker to assist primarily with ministry to women, and one part-time church administrator.

The two pastors are also elders and trustees of the church. The elders are required by constitution to call a meeting of the members to conduct Church Business at least once in each quarter of the year.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the commission on public benefit.

The church seeks to fulfil its charitable object of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith in the following ways which bring benefit to the community of Stevenage in which it is situated.

Every Sunday the Church holds two services of worship at its Oaks Cross building which include preaching and/or Bible teaching; age-related activities are also provided in the morning for children and teenagers. All of these meetings are open to the general public, whom we regularly invite by word of mouth and through door-to-door leaflets and visitation.

Our weekday activities for children include an evening group for 6- to 11-year-olds, and an evening group for those aged 11 to 16.

Home groups are also held on various days and evenings during the week.

We have continued to run new regular activities that were started this year,

- going into a local nursing home to run monthly services of worship for the benefit of residents and staff
- Community Lunches. Putting on regular free hot lunches for anyone to come and attend

Both of these activities continue to see regular attendees and are greatly appreciated by those people who directly benefit from them.

The pastors of the Church take funeral services for deceased members of the community who are not members of, nor attend, this Church. From time to time, we engage in various activities such as family fun days which are for the benefit of all members of the public. The Church building is regularly used as a public polling station by Stevenage Borough Council.

The Church assists with the religious education of local school children, with the Pastors taking assemblies in local primary schools.

We support the local branch of Good News for Everyone! which has as its main activity the distribution of Bibles to local Year 7 school children, hotels, sheltered accommodation for senior citizens and hospitals.

The Church promotes the spread of Biblical Christianity which has brought significant public benefit to society. Some of the Church's current members are former offenders and addicts whose lives have been dramatically changed for the benefit of society.

The Church also seeks to fulfil its charitable objects by supporting a number of overseas missionaries working in various countries in relief, education and other Christian activities. In times of disaster the Church also facilitates the collection and sending of funds to various parts of the world where the Church has contacts for emergency relief.

We continue to make use of internet technologies to allow engagement with those unable to attend in-person meetings. Sunday services are live-streamed, a number of our small groups have opted to continue to meet online, and our quarterly members' meetings are now held in a hybrid format – allowing members attending both in-person and online to engage in the decision making of the church.

These activities are made possible through the voluntary support of the members and friends.

Review of Financial Transactions

We are grateful to the Lord for meeting our financial needs.

We were able to continue our financial support to our mission partners who are serving the Lord both in the UK and in other parts of the world.

During this period total income was £159,337 and total expenditure was £154,274. Cash funds held by the charity increased by £5,064 to £68,088, of which £67,948 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Once again, we want to express our gratitude to all church members who have given so generously towards the work at Longmeadow. Most of all we want to give thanks to God for all his blessings and provision for yet another year.

Reserves

The Church seeks to retain reserves at a level which will enable it to continue its activities. Given current regular obligations we seek to hold minimum reserves of £30,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At year-end unrestricted cash at bank was £67,948 and the reserves policy was met.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (Continued)

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Risk

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Disclosure of information to Independent Examiner

The trustees have taken all the steps necessary to ensure that the charity's examiners are aware of all relevant information. To the knowledge and belief of the trustees, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiners are not aware.

This report was agreed by the trustee and signed on their behalf by:

B. Epps
B. Epps (Oct 1, 2026 12:00:46 GMT+1)

Ben Epps - Trustee

Date: Oct 1, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Longmeadow Evangelical Church CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 9 to 11 following.

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 2011 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 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Nicola Harrison
Nicola Harrison (Oct 8, 2026 08:49:14 GMT+1)

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Date: Oct 8, 2026

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts					
Gifts and donations		123,951	8,442	132,393	109,028
Gift Aid Recovered		23,270	238	23,507	19,872
Other		1,538	-	1,538	881
Letting of facilities		985	-	985	1,675
Interest		915	-	915	1,022
Total receipts		150,658	8,680	159,337	132,478
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	117,995	8,572	126,568	112,657
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	23,492	313	23,804	24,472
Purchase of fixed assets		3,902	-	3,902	-
Total payments		145,389	8,885	154,274	137,129
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		5,269	(205)	5,064	(4,651)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,269	(205)	5,064	(4,651)
Cash funds as at last year end		62,680	344	63,024	67,675
Cash funds at this year end	A	67,948	140	68,088	63,024

The notes on page 11 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds					
CIO Current		39,459	140	39,599	35,393
Redwood 35 Day		28,489	-	28,489	27,631
		67,948	**140**	**68,088**	**63,024**
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		4,551	-	4,551	4,642
Other debtors		2,421	-	2,421	1,158
		6,972	**-**	**6,972**	**5,801**
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Pension due		530	-	530	514
HMRC Payments		2,146	-	2,146	1,875
Fee for Independent Examination		1,440	-	1,440	1,080
		4,116	**-**	**4,116**	**3,469**

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Insured value £
Property	unrestricted	1,320,954
Equipment, Furniture and Fittings	unrestricted	84,911

The trustees have used insurance values as an approximation for current values.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

B. Epps

B. Epps (Oct 1, 2026 12:00:46 GMT+1)

Ben Epps, Trustee

Date: Oct 1, 2026

The notes on page 11 form part of these accounts.

LONGMEADOW EVANGELICAL CHURCH CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Care	924	-	924	2,095
Ministry Activities	6,501	-	6,501	5,405
Office/General Administrative Expenses	2,474	-	2,474	2,941
Accounts Preparation & Independent Examination	1,080	-	1,080	110
Payroll Expenses	98,248	-	98,248	95,288
Premises Costs	2,952	8,572	11,524	1,738
Insurances	1,558	-	1,558	1,527
Utilities	3,654	-	3,654	3,306
Staff Costs	605	-	605	247
	117,995	8,572	126,568	112,657

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants to other charities and organisations				
SIM International	5,556	-	5,556	5,885
Africa Inland Mission	4,752	-	4,752	4,298
OMF International	3,072	-	3,072	3,118
FIEC	1,812	-	1,812	1,779
Other small grants to organisations	2,744	313	3,056	3,231
Grants to individuals	5,556	-	5,556	6,161
	23,492	313	23,804	24,472

4 Transactions with related parties

Ben Epps and Russell Knell served as church pastors and were paid a gross salary of £39,194 and £39,135 (2024: £37,927 and £37,815) respectively and each benefited from employer's pension contribution of £1,565 (2024: £1,513) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Income Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	62,680	150,658	(145,389)	-	67,948
Restricted funds					
Holiday Club	95	-	-	-	95
Christmas Offering Fund	250	63	(313)	-	-
Missionary Fund	-	45	-	-	45
Building Improvement	-	7,697	(7,697)	-	-
Garden	-	875	(875)	-	-
	344	8,680	(8,885)	-	140
Total funds	**63,024**	**159,337**	**(154,274)**	**-**	**68,088**