Hounslow West Evangelical Church

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 January 2026

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HOUNSLOW WEST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	22 Vicarage Farm Road Hounslow TW3 4NW
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Association registered 01 August 2022
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1199908
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Victor Pool John Scott (resigned 31 July 2025) Gerald Yuen
BANKERS	Santander UK plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a CIO. The purposes of the Church are: the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Hounslow, London and the surrounding neighbourhood; and holding regular church services and additional studies.
The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and the guidance for charities for the advancement of religion when making their decisions and planning activities. The activities and achievements are set out below.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

The advancement of the Christian faith
The regular morning and evening meetings of the church on Sundays are open to the public and form a central part of church life. They are held in the main building and have the pattern of sung worship, prayers, bible readings, and bible-based preaching. Communion is observed on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the morning and evening service respectively. Additionally, bible teaching for children also forms part of the Sunday morning service.
Both Sunday services are live-streamed, in order that those who are unable to attend in person for whatever reason are able to have some benefit, whether live or at any time afterwards.
We also have a Sunday school after the children's section in the morning service for children of primary school age which is held in a smaller room. Here the children are taught about the Christian faith, through instruction, songs and activities.

In our midweek meetings which are open to all, on the first and third weeks of the month, we meet for prayer. Here we seek to worship God, and pray for the world, the church worldwide and locally, and for ourselves. On the second and fourth weeks of the month, we meet to study the bible together.

On the first Saturday of the month, men meet for prayer and bible study. The bible study this year has focussed on living a godly life.
On the second Saturday of the month, ladies meet for prayer and bible study. The bible study this year has focussed on being women of faith.
A number of individuals have joined the membership which is a cause for much joy.
All of these meetings also provide opportunities for people to grow and exercise their Christian faith, as well as have fellowship with one another and to be able to share in each other's lives.

Other charitable purposes as shall put into practice the Christian faith
We run a toddler group called "Vicarage Farm Tea and Tots", which is open, free of charge, to children of preschool age and their parents/guardians. The group provides a safe and welcoming environment for children to play and socialise. The session starts with free play for kids, and tea and biscuits for adults. Half way through we sit for circle time where we read a story and sing nursery rhymes. We finish with kids sitting down around the table for fruits and snacks. This year we have introduced some bible stories from new books written specifically for toddlers. These are being well received by both kids and their adults.
An English Conversation group is run by a couple of volunteers. People from all over the globe live in the area around the church building, with varying English language proficiency. The English conversation group is an opportunity for people to practise their conversational English.

In March, an “International evening” was organised where the church congregation, along with friends and family, as well as others from the local community, could wear national dress and bring along food from their culture. This is a great event for people to get together to better understand and appreciate the different cultures of their friends and neighbours.
In July, the church congregation hosted a barbecue, which gave an opportunity to invite friends and family, as well as others from the local community, where the usual burgers and sausages were enjoyed, along with various other picnic type foods, consisting of vegetarian, other non-vegetarian options and halal.
In August, a picnic was planned, and a number of people attended and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon at Bedfont Lakes.
The church supports the local Food Bank and collects items on its behalf. All items donated during our Harvest Thanksgiving services are also passed on to the Food Bank.

Financial review
During the year income decreased by £6,500, to £54,000, and expenditure decreased by £10,600, to £40,600. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £13,500, to £27,400, of which £26,400 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £10,000 (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 the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £26,400 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Governance
Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by church members.
Our minister, Rev Dr John Scott, retired at the end of July and so has stepped down from the eldership and as a trustee. As he had announced his intentions to retire earlier in the year, we had started our search for a new minister, and trustee, before his retirement. To this end we placed a listing on the FIEC jobs board website.
To date, a number of candidates have been considered, but not have resulted in a new appointment and we continue our search.

Responsibilities of trustees
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.

Approval
This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gerald Yuen
Gerald Yuen (Oct 7, 2026 10:30:05 GMT+1)
Gerald Yuen
Date: Oct 7, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

HOUNSLOW WEST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hounslow West Evangelical Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 January 2026 on pages 5 to 8 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.

J. Young
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Date: Oct 12, 2026

HOUNSLOW WEST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 £	2025 £
Income receipts						
Donations		41,070	-	295	41,365	43,509
Gift aid receipts		12,401	-	139	12,540	12,615
Income from letting of facilities		-	-	-	-	1,300
Refund of business rates		-	-	-	-	3,051
Interest		93	-	-	93	18
Other		34	-	-	34	-
Total receipts		53,598	-	434	54,032	60,492
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	40,215	-	-	40,215	51,113
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	-	-	345	345	30
Total payments		40,215	-	345	40,560	51,143
Net of receipts / (payments) before		13,382	-	89	13,472	9,349
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,382	-	89	13,472	9,349
Cash funds as at last year end		12,987	-	989	13,976	4,627
Cash funds at this year end	A	26,369	-	1,078	27,448	13,976

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds: General funds £	Unrestricted Funds: Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 £	2025 £
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		26,207	-	1,078	27,285	13,951
PayPal		138	-	-	138	-
Petty cash		25	-	-	25	25
		26,369	-	1,078	27,448	13,976
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		638	-	-	638	2,949
		638	-	-	638	2,949
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		984	-	-	984	990
		984	-	-	984	990

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2026 £	Value 2025 £
Church buildings			
Manse			
Church contents and equipment	General	33,968	33,799
		33,968	33,799

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

Current values have not been quoted for the properties because reliable valuations are not available and disclosure is not mandatory.

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:

Gerald Yuen

Gerald Yuen (Oct 7, 2026 10:30:05 GMT+1)

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Date: Oct 7, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026

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

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	2026	2025
		£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	Note 4	17,641	-	-	17,641	33,759
Property costs:						
Main building		4,092	-	-	4,092	4,966
Manse	Note 4	2,767	-	-	2,767	2,787
Annex		1,229	-	-	1,229	1,553
Outreach activities and other ministries		5,736	-	-	5,736	1,733
Insurance		2,778	-	-	2,778	2,473
Governance and legal fees		948	-	-	948	1,369
Equipment and consumables		1,537	-	-	1,537	323
Administration and support		3,347	-	-	3,347	2,151
Other costs		142	-	-	142	-
		40,215	-	-	40,215	51,113

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:						
Other small grants to organisations	Note 6	-	-	295	295	-
Grants to individuals	Note 6	-	-	50	50	30
		-	-	345	345	30

4 Transactions with related parties

John Scott, a trustee until July 2025, served as a church leader and was paid £16,499 [2025: £32,581] for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document and the figures include employer pension contributions.

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £2,767 [2025 £2,787] in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to John Scott, so that they could better perform their duties.

No payments were made to any other trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Acting as agent

During the year the charity received funds relating to a collection for someone who left the church. The church bank account was used for convenience [agent] and therefore the receipts totalling £430 and the subsequent payment have been removed from the income and expenditure figures.

6 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	12,987	53,598	(40,215)	-	26,369
Restricted funds					
Benevolent fund	989	139	(50)	-	1,078
Special collections	-	295	(295)	-	-
	989	434	(345)	-	1,078
Total funds	13,976	54,032	(40,560)	-	27,448

The Benevolent fund was created for the purpose of supporting those in need of financial assistance. Gifts from this fund are at the discretion of the Benevolent Fund committee.

Special collections raise funds for supported charities.