CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity name: Royston Evangelical Church CIO

Charity registration number: 1202296

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in, but not exclusively, Royston and the surrounding area. As well as carrying out other charitable purposes that, in the opinion of the trustees facilitate the work of the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We act for the public benefit in enabling all people to live out their Christian faith as part of our church and town communities through: • regular worship services • teaching related to evangelical Christianity for children and adults • regular coffee morning, toddler groups, children's clubs • food bank/community cafe • teaching church members to promote Christianity where they live and work International mission activities including Latin Link, TEAR Fund, Slavic Gospel Mission, CMCT India. We strive to advance citizenship and community development through: Pastoral care, primarily to those who attend church but also extended to those outside the church. All the above activities are open to all sections of the general public.

Additional Information:

The Church only has one full time paid employee (the Pastor), and therefore relies on the voluntary contribution of many of its members and attenders to run its activities.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**Worship** • Sunday morning services and occasional evening Prayer & Praise services. The Sunday morning services continued to be made available on line. • All are welcome to join us in our services in the building and on line. **Mid-week meetings** • Midweek small groups have continued. **Pastoral Care** • Pastoral care continues through the small groups and directly by the Pastoral Care Team with issues passed on to the Leadership Team when appropriate. The wider community benefits from our pastoral care as appropriate through the Food Bank and Community Café • This particularly helps those in the wider community who may be in financial hardship, lonely or in need of a chat. **Carer and Toddler Group** • Continued throughout the year. **Market Square Outreach** • Last year's new initiative continued on Saturday mornings offering to listen and support any with issues who wished to share, particularly offering prayer support. **Inter-Church Relationships** • The church continues to work together with other evangelical churches – mainly in the North Hertfordshire and Stevenage areas.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the period 1 January to 31 December 2025, the Charity recorded a deficit of £30,393 on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £163,263 on restricted funds. The deficit on unrestricted spending is due to spending incurred in respect of our plan to replace the current Church building (which is now too small).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy will be to hold sufficient reserves to fund the Charity's normal activities for a period of 3 months. Additional reserves are likely to be used for a future building project.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of 2024, £52,147 of unrestricted

		funds and £178,860 of restricted funds are held by this Charity.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's principal source of funds are the voluntary donations of members and attenders of the Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the Church elders, and their appointment must then be agreed at a Church members meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Royston Evangelical Church CIO
Other name the charity uses	NA
Registered charity number	1202296
Charity's principal address	Royston Evangelical Church York Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5HJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Scorer	Elder		CIO Trustees
2	Jonathan Scott	Elder and Pastor		CIO Trustees
3	Jason Smith	Elder		CIO Trustees

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	NatWest	
Bankers	Kingdom Bank	
Solicitors	Edward Connor	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jonathan Scott - Pastor

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jonathan Scott	Jason Smith
Full name(s)	Jonathan Scott	Jason Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Pastor	Trustee and Elder
Date	27/9/2026	

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Royston Evangelical Church CIO

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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.

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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Sawston
Cambridge
CB22 3BL

Date: 25th August 2026

Royston Evangelical Church CIO

Receipt and Payments Account for the year end 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total - 2025		2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Donations and Gift Aid	64,922		178,747		243,669		75405
Rent and Hire	20,257		-		20,257		18839
Other Income	-	85,179	1,313	180,060	1,313	265,239	94
Total Receipts		85,179		180,060		265,239	94,338
Payments							
Salary	32,976		1,305		34,281		29,024
Church Buildings	6,602		-		6,602		8,358
Mission Giving - UK	2,112		-		2,112		1,932
Mission Giving - Overseas	6,756		-		6,756		6,802
Church Activities	16,886		-		16,886		8,924
Food Bank Activities	-		13,411		13,411		14,219
Make Lunch Activities	-		2,081		2,081		
Legal Fees	-		-		-		8,258
Architects and Planning Fees	48,792		-		48,792		
Other Expenses	1,449	115,573	-	16,797	1,449	132,370	1,742
Surplus for the year		- 30,394		163,263		132,869	15,079
Opening Balance of cash funds		86,769		11,368		98,137	83,058
Transfer between funds		- 4,229		4,229		-	-
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Cash funds as at 31st December 2025		52,146		178,860		231,006	98,137

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st December 2025

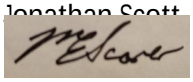
	Unrestricted	Restricted
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Cash Funds		
Kingdom Bank Accounts	-	166,666
Natwest Bank Accounts	52,146	12,194
Total Cash Funds	52,146	178,860
Other Assets		
Church Car Park Hire - December 25	175	-
Liabilities		
Community Centre Hire - December 25	(535)	-
Independent Examiner's fee	(650)	-

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Jonathan Scott

Signed _____ Dated 12 Sep 2026

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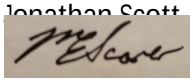
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