MELBOURNE HALL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH CIO

Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2026



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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	St Peters Road Leicester Leicestershire LE2 0DR
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	With effect from 23rd August 2024 the Church was registered with the Charity Commission (reg No 1209741) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is established under a Constitution dated 18th April 2024. The Constitution contains the main legal provisions governing the Church, its purpose and Statement of Doctrine, its powers and the use of any property owned by the Church. The Constitution appoints the Church Officers as the Managing Trustees and contains provision for the meetings of the Church Officers as the Managing Trustees. The CIO replaced the previous charity (reg No 1137505) which was adopted by the Church on 10th March 2010. The Church was founded on 12th May 1881 with a Property Trust. The Property Trust now sits within the CIO (no funds are held or generated within this Trust)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1209741

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY		
	Peter Mackenzie	Elder and Pastor
	Josiah Bell	Elder and Associate Pastor
	Clive Grosvenor	Elder and Church Secretary
	Carl Boulter	Elder
	Wez Miller	Elder
	Josh Boulter	Deacon
	Geoff Bown	Deacon
	Tim Oldridge	Deacon and Church Treasurer
	Martin Shirfield	Deacon and Membership Secretary
	Tim Smith	Deacon

BANKERS	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling KENT. ME19 4JQ

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Objects of the Charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a Constitution and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Leicester and the surrounding area and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:
The Church continued to meet for worship and teach 'those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ'. It placed a strong emphasis on all the means of grace and regularly met for prayer and Bible study. The Sunday services and midweek Bible Studies were Livestreamed to include people who were unable to attend. During the year, the church premises were used for the teaching programme including Sunday School classes and activities for children and young people. Regular meetings were held during the year including Mens Breakfast and Bible Study, Womens Group, Ladies Bible study, Fellowship lunch, and prayer meetings all of which are open to the General Public. All are very welcome. In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Financial review

This is the first year of financial reporting for the recently formed CIO and covers a period of ten months to 31st March 2026. There are no previous year comparative figures. The income of the church is primarily donations from church members and those associated with the church. Donations to the general fund were £95,752. Total income across all of the funds amounted to £151,102 including deposit interest of £13,054 and rental income of £15,155. Total expenditure across all of the funds amounted to £215,421 resulting in a deficit of £64,319 over the ten month period. The deficit is due to a drawdown on the retirement fund of £16,702, a net expenditure on our Melbourne House rental of £8,309, one off property costs of £22,462 and increased ministry costs. Accrued interest on the Retirement fund of £12,555 previously credited to the General fund over the past six years, was transferred to the Retirement fund within the year.

Future plans

The key strategies for the church are to remain the same.

Grants Policy

In keeping with the Aims of the Charity, the Church supported a number of institutions and individuals both withing the UK and overseas. The Church Trustees meeting determined those causes to which grants are made, based upon either an annual review of previous recipients or as a new cause. No ongoing commitment is given to any recipient prior to renewal.

Investments Policy

The Church Trustees have pursued an investment policy which provides shorter and longer term returns in vehicles specifically set up for Charities.

Policy on Reserves

The Officers have agreed a policy on reserves such that unrestricted funds are maintained at a level to: a) Cover ministerial, care, local outreach, administration and support costs without which the Church could not function: and b) Provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable those projects to be undertaken at short notice.

At the year end, the unrestricted net reserves held within the General fund were £159,044. This sum is being held to provide funds for future use. At the year end designated funds were £304,141 and restricted funds £31,277. The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed regularly by the Charity Trustees.

Governance

The names of the Trustees who served since 1st June 2025 are listed on Page 1. They were elected by the Members in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents. The Trustees meet monthly to monitor and review activities in accordance with existing policy and decisions, and propose new or modifications to existing policy and decisions for adoption at the Church members meeting.

Organisational Structure

All members subscribe to the Church Handbook, which covers the administration of the Church and its Officers. The roles of Elders and Deacons within the Church are described in that document and are based on the New Testament teaching. The scope of the authority of the Church Officers in the discharge of their legal responsibilities is documented within the Handbook.

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Risk Management

All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches' and employers' insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the Church's ability to fulfil its objectives. A review is undertaken during the year of the major risks to which the church is exposed. The officers have taken appropriate steps to mitigate these risks.

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 tp prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Clive Grosvenor _____ dated 21-05-2026

Carl Boulter _____ dated 21.5.26.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Melbourne Hall Evangelical Free Church CIO

I report to the trustees of my examination of the accounts of Melbourne Hall Evangelical Free Church CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2026 on pages 6 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 respect of the Trust as required by 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Peake
2 Bristol Avenue
Leicester
LE4 0HL

Date: 13/5/26

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR (10 months) ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2026 £	2025 £
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts						
Grants & gifts received	2a	105,667	0	8,755	114,422	0
Other receipts						
Interest received		13,054	0	0	13,054	0
Charitable activities	2b	7,364	16,262	0	23,626	0
Sale of Assets						
Total Receipts		126,085	16,262	8,755	151,102	0
Payments						
Payments in furtherance of the church's objectives						
Direct charitable activity	3	68,536	0	0	68,536	0
Grants paid	4	36,935	0	25,477	62,412	0
Support costs		60,745	23,728	0	84,473	0
Total Payments		166,216	23,728	25,477	215,421	0
Net Receipts/(Payments) Before transfers		(40,131)	(7,466)	(16,722)	(64,319)	0
Transfer between funds		(12,555)	0	12,555	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(52,686)	(7,466)	(4,167)	(64,319)	0
Cash funds as at last year end		211,730	311,607	35,444	558,781	0
Cash funds at this year end		159,044	304,141	31,277	494,462	0

The notes on pages 8-10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets						
Property (at cost)						
Melbourne Hall Church		9,931	0	0	9,931	0
Melbourne House		17,000	0	0	17,000	0
Property (at cost)						
Loan from Capital Fund		0	66,025	0	66,025	0
Total Fixed Assets		26,731	66,025	0	92,956	0
Current Assets						
Bank & Building Society Accounts						
CAF Bank Ltd Current account		41,506	0	0	41,506	0
CAF Bank Ltd – Gold account		0	0	0	0	0
COIF Deposit Fund account		90,607	238,116	31,277	360,000	0
Total Current Assets		132,113	238,116	31,277	401,506	0
Total Assets		159,044	304,141	31,277	494,462	0
Funds						
Unrestricted Funds	7					
General Fund		159,044	0	0	159,044	0
Melbourne House Fund			2,844	0	2,844	0
Ministry Capital Fund			301,297	0	301,297	0
Total Unrestricted Funds		159,044	304,141	0	463,185	
Restricted Funds	6					
Retirement Fund		0	0	31,277	31,277	0
Sundry Donations Fund		0	0	0	0	0
Total Restricted Funds		0	0	31,277	31,277	0
Total Funds		159,044	304,141	31,277	494,462	0

The Trustees are confident that the current market value of the two properties are above cost.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Clive Grosvenor _____ Dated 21-05-2026

Carl Bouter _____ Dated 21.5.26

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR (10 months) ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipt and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2 Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	General	Designated		2026	2025
a Voluntary Income	£	£	£	£	£
Gifts and donation	95,752	0	8,755	104,507	0
Tax recovered	9,915	0	0	9,915	0
Bequests received	0	0	0	0	0
	105,667	0	8,755	114,422	0
b Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Literature sales	601	0	0	601	0
Rental income	0	15,155	0	15,155	0
Sundry income	6,763	1,107	0	7,870	0
	7,364	16,262	0	23,626	0

3 Charitable activity costs	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	General	Designated		2026	2025
Direct charitable costs	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry	65,750	0	0	65,750	0
Pulpit supplies	650	0	0	650	0
Sunday school	620	0	0	620	0
Youth work	1,516	0	0	1,516	0
	68,536	0	0	68,536	0
Grants					
UK Missionary work	1,385	0	0	1,385	0
International work	32,000	0	0	32,000	0
Retirement fund grants	0	0	16,702	16,702	0
Benevolent grants	2,550	0	0	2,550	0
Sundry donation grants	1,000	0	8,775	9,775	0
	36,935	0	25,477	62,412	0
Support costs					
Property and repairs	29,278	19,659	0	48,937	0
Utility charges	14,118	3,805	0	17,923	0
Insurance	7,351	0	0	7,351	0
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
Other administrative costs	9,998	264	0	10,262	0
	60,745	23,728	0	84,473	0

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4 Grants paid

	Institutions	Individuals	2026	2025
	£	£	£	£
UK Missionary work	1,385	0	1,385	0
International Missionary work	7,400	24,600	32,000	0
Retirement fund grants	0	16,702	16,702	0
Benevolent grants	0	2,550	2,550	0
Sundry donation grants	9,775	0	9,775	0
	18,560	43,852	62,412	0

The grants paid in the year were:		
SIM – Simon & Allly Harrison	2,400	
SIM – Medical Outreach	5,560	
Valathi Outreach Christian Ministry	5,000	
Trinitarian Bible Society	250	
Prison Ministry	360	
European Mission Fellowship	530	
Daylight Christian Prison Trust	385	
Barnabas Fund – Jamaican Appeal	3,075	
Braunstone Evangelical Church	1,000	
Benevolent fund grants		2,550
Gurnam & Julia Singh		11,200
Andy & Carol Smith		13,400
Paul Bassett – Retirement grant		16,702
	18,560	43,852

5 Employees

The church has two employees, the Pastor, Peter Mackenzie and the Associate Pastor, Josiah Bell who are also managing Trustees. Payment of their salaries is allowed by the governing document. No payment was made to any other trustees during the year nor to any person connected to them. No trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the year. Many of the church activities are carried out by volunteers.

6 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1st June 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31st March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Retirement fund	35,424	0	(16,702)	12,555	31,277
Sundry donations	20	8,755	(8,775)	0	0
	35,444	8,755	(25,477)	12,555	31,277

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7. Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to special conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1st June 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31st March 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry Capital fund	300,454	1,107	(264)	0	301,297
Melbourne House fund	11,153	15,155	(23,464)	0	2,844
General Fund	211,730	126,085	(166,216)	(12,555)	159,044
	523,337	142,347	(189,944)	(12,555)	463,185