

Strangers Rest Mission

Report and Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2019

STRANGERS REST MISSION

CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Trustee	The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Limited
Secretary	Paul Walker, EFCC, PO Box 34, Beverley, HU17 0YY
Management Committee	Mark Mullins (Minister) Ernie Amurao (Assistant Minister)
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 5th October 1917 Scheme dated 18th September 1995
Charity Registration Number	209117
Principal Office	131 The Highway London, E1W 9BP
Independent Examiner	Neville Reid 19 Mills Grove London, E14 0RH
Bankers	Charities Aid Foundation National Westminster Bank

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2019. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

Objectives of the charity

- To maintain and keep the Trust premises in suitable and proper repair; and
- To permit the trust property to be used for the purpose of continuing thereon the mission work hitherto and at present carried on thereon; and
- To allow the trust property to be used for Evangelical Christian Mission work by persons holding the tenets set for in the Trust deed among the people of the district generally, or otherwise for the encouragement and furtherance of such objects and purposes as may be approved by the Trustees.

The Trustees have considered these objectives and believe that the Charity is fulfilling these objectives in its actions and activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and are of the opinion that this is achieved through the advancement of religion.

Governance

Throughout the year, the trust was administered by The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Limited (EFCC).

At the date of signing this report the EFCC Trust Corporation board members are Rev. Gwynne Evans (Chairman), Mr Robert Neilson (Vice-Chairman), Rev. Jackie Brown, Rev. Bill Calder, Mr Kevin Davies, Rev. Nick Gray, Rev. Matthew Rees, Mr Gilbert Stephenson and Mr Philip Williams.

The policy decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees. Representatives of the EFCC Trust Board make regular visits, and the EFCC office maintains regular contact by email and telephone.

The Trustees have delegated the operational management of the Mission to the local management committee consisting of Mark Mullins and Ernie Amurao.

Review of Activities

The church's objects are to glorify God through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of Shadwell and wider afield, and to build up of those who are believers so that they may grow to maturity in their understanding and obedience to the Word of God. The church also supports missionaries working overseas and gives assistance to those who are in financial hardship. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to preach the Word of God, to pray, and to encourage believers to build each other up. There has been no change in these during the year.

During the year the church held services of worship on Sunday mornings and evenings, pre-service prayer meetings on Sunday morning and evening, a Kids Club on Friday evenings during the school term time, prayer meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, Bible studies on Wednesday evenings, door to door visitation by the Church Evangelist during the week, occasionally accompanied by the pastor, and street witnessing by church members periodically at weekends. Preaching on Sunday mornings and evenings was on a wide variety of texts of scripture as they were laid on the heart of the preacher. In addition some street preaching took place.

The anniversary service was held on 25th May 2019. The speaker was Rev. John Thackway who also spoke at a meeting of the Bible League held at Strangers Rest in July 2019.

Main activities during the year

Numbers at services have dropped slightly with an average of 20-25 people attending services each week on Sunday mornings and about 6 on Sunday evenings. Numbers at midweek prayer meetings and Bible studies dropped to about 6. The number of those considered to be church members remained at around 15 during the year.

Various visitors have attended services.

Existing believers have also been strengthened in their faith and helped to continue to serve God, some in spite of quite considerable trials. An average of 10-12 children continued to come to the children's classes each week.

The Saturday morning English classes continue to attract new people most weeks and have presented many opportunities for the Gospel.

We held our annual Christmas party with the addition of musicians from the Royal College of Music who gave a short recital. In the summer we held a barbecue at the end of the summer term at which a gospel message was given.

During the year, the focus of the Occasional Notes has continued to be on the theme of the Trinity with an article on Impassibility but moving on to addressing pictures of the Godhead.

The charity is grateful for the assistance of its volunteers in running the above activities.

In April the Minister led a mission with the Assistant Minister (himself a Filipino) to the Philippines together with Dr Erdmann and his family. A conference was held for church ministers as well as preaching opportunities in churches and Sunday School teaching for children.

In September a part-time children's worker began to assist with the Friday Kids' Club and to start a Sunday meeting for the children after the main morning meeting. She is living in the flat with her brother. Other children's activities included three day trips to Devizes to attend teaching days arranged by Christian Worship specifically for teenagers and young people.

Church Flat

The church flat was occupied throughout the period with the exception of the months of July and August when it was refurbished.

Financial Review

Income from donations and gifts, including Gift Aid but excluding legacies, increased by £19,523. However, a large legacy was received in the previous year, so total income in 2019 was £28,806 lower than the previous year. The total level of expenditure was £13,782 higher than the previous year. The overall result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £26,685, but thanks to gains on investments there was a net increase on the General Fund of £14,640.

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds significant financial reserves. It aims to maintain general reserves of at least £140,000 to meet future capital needs.

Risk Statement

The charity is not exposed to any major financial risk. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years, but the legacies received in the previous year replenished reserves sufficiently to cover foreseeable deficits that might arise in the next few years.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Post Year-End Note

A transfer of trustees took place on 18th February 2020. The new trustees are: Rev Mark Mullins (Chairman), Mr Rupert Hollins OBE (Secretary), Rev Roland Brown (Treasurer), Rev John Thackway and Rev Jonathan Arnold.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th July 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G M Evans', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Rev. Gwynne M. Evans, Chair of the EFCC Trust Board, the Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
STRANGERS REST MISSION**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30 September 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Neville Reid ACA

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6 July 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	4	31,108	62,214
Charitable activities		4,725	3,758
Investments		4,005	2,694
Other		-	(22)
Total income and endowments		39,838	68,644
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities	5	66,523	52,741
Total expenditure		66,523	52,741
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(26,685)	15,903
Net gains on investments		38,325	8,247
Net movement in funds		11,640	24,150
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	3	216,353	192,203
Total funds carried forward		<u>227,993</u>	<u>216,353</u>

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 8–13 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	3,420	-
		<u>3,420</u>	<u>-</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	9,545	27,937
Investments		172,192	133,867
Cash at bank and in hand		74,891	70,003
		<u>256,628</u>	<u>231,807</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	32,055	15,454
		<u>32,055</u>	<u>15,454</u>
Net Current Assets		224,573	216,353
		<u>224,573</u>	<u>216,353</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>227,993</u>	<u>216,353</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds		179,539	164,899
Designated funds	13	48,454	51,454
		<u>227,993</u>	<u>216,353</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>227,993</u>	<u>216,353</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 6 July 2020 by:



Charity number: 209117

The notes on page 8–13 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (the Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant area of uncertainty relates to the downward trend of reserves over recent years; this is addressed in the Trustees' report.

2 Accounting policies

The following are the accounting policies which have been applied in dealing with material items.

a) Recognition of income:

Donations and legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes legally entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b) Tax reclaimed on donations and gifts:

Gift Aid receivable is included in income at the same time as the cash donations to which they relate, when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be unrestricted income unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

c) Settlement of insurance claims:

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met, and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

d) Volunteer help:

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' report.

e) Investment gains or losses:

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

f) Liability recognition:

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources, and the amount of the obligation can be measured with

g) Governance costs:

This includes the costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings, and any cost of legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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h) Church property:

In so far as consecrated property is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011, such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements. All expenditure on the building is charged to the SoFA in the year in which it is incurred.

i) Fixed assets and depreciation:

Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £2,000 when they are written off on purchase.

Depreciation periods are as follows:

Kitchen fittings & equipment	7 years
Office equipment	3 years

i) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used; SRM currently has no restricted funds.

3 Prior year adjustment

A material error in the 2018 accounts came to light during the preparation of the 2019 accounts, and is reported here as a prior year adjustment.

A governance-related invoice for £4,200 was paid in 2018, mainly for services relating to prior periods and for which accrual had been made in the 2017 balance sheet. It was only paid after 30 September 2018 and should therefore also have been accrued in the 2018 balance sheet, but was overlooked. The 2018 creditors figure was therefore understated, and there was a corresponding understatement of expenditure, which affected the expenditure line for payroll.

Reconciliation of funds per previous accounts to revised financial statements:

	2018 £
Statement of Financial Activities	
Net income before investment gains, previously reported	20,103
Adjustment: (Increase) in expenditure	(4,200)
Restated net income for the year 2018	<u>15,903</u>
Balance Sheet	
Net Assets previously reported in the 2018 accounts	220,553
Adjustment: (Increase) in creditors	(4,200)
Restated Net Assets and Funds carried forward	<u>216,353</u>

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4 Analysis of income

	2019	2018
	£	£
Donations and legacies:		
Donations and gifts	30,298	10,172
Gift Aid	809	1,412
Legacies	-	50,000
Sale of donated car	-	630
	<u>31,108</u>	<u>62,214</u>
Charitable activities:		
Parking income	4,677	3,728
Printing income	48	30
	<u>4,725</u>	<u>3,758</u>
Income from investments:		
Interest and other investment income	4,005	2,694
	<u>4,005</u>	<u>2,694</u>
Other income:		
Adjustments re prior years	-	(22)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(22)</u>
Total income	<u>39,838</u>	<u>68,644</u>

A used car was bequeathed to the church in 2017. It was sold to the Assistant Minister in 2018, as if the Assistant Minister was buying from a dealer (as opposed to a private sale) based on published guides. This was recorded as income in 2018.

In addition to the above, there were gains on the market value of investments. These are shown separately in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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5 Analysis of expenditure

	2019	2018
a Direct Charitable Costs	£	£
Staff costs	12,575	18,529
Payments in retirement	3,000	-
Building maintenance	5,021	5,770
Catering	-	592
Church car	1,023	1,263
Church flat	6,273	1,132
Cleaning	377	398
Evangelism	166	304
External Ministry Conferences	90	2,044
Gas, electricity & water	3,581	4,158
Internal events	-	124
Travel	131	283
Youth & children's work	631	714
Grants payable	1,491	5,690
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	<u>34,359</u>	<u>41,001</u>
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	28,165	6,829
Insurance	1,283	1,236
IT support	325	49
Telephone & internet	653	640
Other administration costs	1,738	2,986
	<u>32,164</u>	<u>11,740</u>
Total expenditure on charitable activities	<u>66,523</u>	<u>52,741</u>

The governance costs were mostly legal advice relating to a licence for occupation of the church flat, the new church constitution, a complaint (which was not upheld by the Charity Commission), a Freedom of Information request and a data subject access request. The remaining governance costs were for the Independent Examiner as detailed below.

6 Fees for examination of the accounts

Independent examiner's fees	800	700
Other fees paid to the examiner:		
Advice on Charity Commission enquiry	-	175
Attendance and report to Members meeting	600	175
Advice on financial procedures	-	350

7 Paid employees

a) Staff costs

Salaries and wages	11,971	15,550
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	604	2,979
Total staff costs	<u>12,575</u>	<u>18,529</u>

The charity has 2 permanent members of staff. In 2019 it also paid wages to 2 temporary staff.

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Under their contracts of employment, the permanent members of staff are entitled to employer contributions to an occupational pension at 5.5%. This has not yet been set up but contributions of £3,583 (2018: £2,979) have been provided for, backdated to the respective contract start dates in 2013.

b) Payments in retirement

Payments were also made in retirement to a former pastor as follows.
The full cost is allocated to the designated Retirement Fund.

	2019	2018
	£	£
Pension payment	3,000	-
Total payments in retirement	3,000	-

8 Trustees

The charity trustee, The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Limited (EFCC), was reimbursed £1,000 for staff time attributable to governance matters for Strangers Rest Mission in 2018. The trustee received no other payment or benefit from the charity in the year.

The charity paid no remuneration to any Board member of the Trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them; nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2018: £nil).

One member of the local Management Committee, the Assistant Minister, receives wages as one of the paid employees of the charity.

The Charities SORP requires disclosure of the aggregate amount of donations received from Trustees. No donations were received in the year from the corporate Trustee, or from members of its Board who act as Trustees. Material donations were received from a member of the local Management Committee, but the Trustees do not consider it necessary or desirable to disclose this amount.

9 Grants

	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£
Gifts to visiting speakers and missionaries	-	730	730	1,325
Gifts to other ministries	300	461	761	4,364
	300	1,191	1,491	5,689

The institutional grants in 2019 were £150 to Unevangelized Fields Mission and £150 to Protestant Alliance. (2018: £500 to Wattisham Chapel, £400 to Creation Research, £200 to Christian Compassion Ministries, £150 to Trinitarian Bible Society, and £100 to Soldiers' And Airmen's Scripture Readers Association.)

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value
	£	£	£
Fittings and equipment			
At 1 October 2018	-	-	-
Additions	3,420	-	3,420
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	-
At 30 September 2019	3,420	-	3,420

A printer/copier was purchased in the last week of the financial year.
Therefore no depreciation was charged in the year.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

11 Debtors and prepayments	2019	2018
	£	£
Tax recoverable	7,568	6,759
Prepayments and accrued income	1,977	21,178
	<u>9,545</u>	<u>27,937</u>

12 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	23,873	5,433
Accruals	8,182	10,021
	<u>32,055</u>	<u>15,454</u>

13 Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose. Movements in the year and the prior year for designated funds were as follows:

	Retirement Fund £	Reserve Fund £	Total designated funds £
Opening balance at 1 October 2017	38,033	13,421	51,454
Expenditure in 2017-2018	-	-	-
Closing balance at 30 September 2018	38,033	13,421	51,454
Expenditure in 2018-2019	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
Closing balance at 30 September 2019	<u>35,033</u>	<u>13,421</u>	<u>48,454</u>

The Retirement Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to provide payments in retirement to the Mission's former pastor, Gerald Daley. Payments are made when he requests them; no funds were disbursed in 2017-18.

The Reserve Fund is an unrestricted fund designated by the Trustees to allow for future expenditure on any emergency or capital need that might arise.

Analysis of net assets between funds:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,420	-	3,420
Investments	172,192	-	172,192
Cash	26,437	48,454	74,891
Other net assets	(22,510)	-	(22,510)
	<u>179,539</u>	<u>48,454</u>	<u>227,993</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Investments	133,867	-	133,867
Cash	18,549	51,454	70,003
Other net assets	12,483	-	12,483
	<u>164,899</u>	<u>51,454</u>	<u>216,353</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Note	General Fund		Designated Funds		Total Funds	
		2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations and legacies	4	31,108	62,214	-	-	31,108	62,214
Charitable activities		4,725	3,758	-	-	4,725	3,758
Investments		4,005	2,694	-	-	4,005	2,694
Other		-	(22)	-	-	-	(22)
Total income and endowments		39,838	68,644	-	-	39,838	68,644
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	5	63,523	52,741	3,000	-	66,523	52,741
Total expenditure		63,523	52,741	3,000	-	66,523	52,741
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		(23,685)	15,903	(3,000)	-	(26,685)	15,903
Net gains on investments		38,325	8,247	-	-	38,325	8,247
Net movement in funds		14,640	24,150	(3,000)	-	11,640	24,150
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		164,899	140,749	51,454	51,454	216,353	192,203
Total funds carried forward		179,539	164,899	48,454	51,454	227,993	216,353

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.