

**HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TRUST**

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

OFFICERS, PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE

MANAGING TRUSTEES: Mrs. M. Cliff
Mr. E. Cliff
Mr. D. Cliff
Mr. A. Wraight

HOLDING TRUSTEES: Mrs. M. Cliff
Mr. E. Cliff
Mr. D. Cliff
Mr. J. H. Sansom

ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. D. Cliff

REGISTERED OFFICE: Hurstwood Church,
Hurstwood Village,
Worsthorne,
Burnley,
Lancashire,
BB10 3LG

ACCOUNTANTS Ashworth Moulds,
11, Nicholas Street,
Burnley,
Lancashire,
BB11 2AL

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1008882

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HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

The Managing Trustees (the "Trustees") present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Hurstwood Christian Church Trust is a registered charity (No. 1008882). Its principal address is Hurstwood Church, Hurstwood Village, Worsthorne, Burnley, Lancashire BB10 3LG.

The present Trustees, and any past Trustees who served during the period, are given on the foregoing statement of officers, professional advisors and registered office, together with the name of the administrator and external advisors.

The title to the property is held under a freehold in the name of the Holding Trustees of Hurstwood Christian Church Trust. The names of the Holding Trustees are also given on the foregoing statement of officers, professional advisors and registered office.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a trust and governed by its Trust Deed dated 19th February, 1992.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of the charity. The total number of Trustees shall be not less than three but may not exceed seven. New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees and must assent to the doctrinal basis of the trust. The Trustees meet regularly to manage the affairs of the charity.

Since the end of September 2021 the church has relied on lay preachers, many of whom belong to the church. There was also one voluntary part-time administrator who managed the day to day administration of the charity. Since January 2025 the church has employed a full-time preacher and a part-time church secretary.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are the furtherance of the Christian Religion throughout the Hurstwood area and elsewhere, and the provision of general assistance where required.

The church holds weekly Sunday morning services, and the charity provides Sunday School for children, as well as weekly youth meetings and a children's club. The charity also organises church away days and conferences for men and women, runs holiday clubs for primary school children, and hosts family games nights.

In addition, the church facilitates prayer meetings, Bible studies, a mums' and toddlers' group, Christmas meals, and the provision of a weekly tearoom. All church activities are open to the wider community and available to anyone to attend.

In planning the activities for the year the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at their meetings and are satisfied that the charity's objects, and the activities it carries out in pursuit of those objects, as set out above, are for the public benefit.

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025 (CONTINUED)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The focus of the charity's activities throughout 2024 and 2025 has remained the provision of regular Sunday Services, Sunday School, Playgroup, Children's Club and Youth Club meetings, all held within its own premises. These activities support adults, children and young people in learning more about the Bible and the Christian way of life, while also providing valuable opportunities for fellowship and social interaction with their peers. The church welcomes all people, regardless of personal background, gender or personal circumstances.

In addition to these core activities, the charity provides a range of other services, including:

- a weekly tearoom offering refreshments and a welcoming space for social interaction.
- The provision of facilities for meetings of various community groups, including walking groups, other churches, and the parish council, when required.

During the year ended 31st March, 2025, the church experienced encouraging levels of attendance and participation across all activities.

RESERVES POLICY

All of the funds are of an unrestricted nature and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

The charity is entirely dependent on individual donations, the level of which can fluctuate year on year. As a result, the main financial risk is a reduction in donations. The charity's policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet twelve months' operating costs, plus an additional £25,000 for any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquid funds have risen over the last few years as there has not been a paid pastor. As of January 2025 the church decided to employ a preacher and an assistant on 12 month contracts to help fulfil the needs of the congregation and the activities in the wider community. In the future this will lead to a decrease in the level of reserves held.

As at 31st March, 2025 the charity held funds of £179,379 (2024: £138,312), all of which are unrestricted.

APPROVAL

This Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on

30th January, 2026

and signed on their behalf:

Mary Cliff

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST
CHARITY NUMBER 1008882

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hurstwood Christian Church Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March, 2025 set out on pages 4 to 6.

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 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Act and regulations made under section 154 of the Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 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.

M. Holmes F.C.A.
for Ashworth Moulds
11, Nicholas Street, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 2AL

30th January, 2026

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

	Grand Total Year Ended 31.03.25	Total Unrestricted	Grand Total Year Ended 31.03.24
INCOME RECEIPTS			
Gross Gift Aid donations	26,395	26,395	39,157
Voluntary donations from individuals (including GASDS)	17,477	17,477	18,016
Legacy Income	24,392	24,392	-
Sundry income	-	-	440
	<u>68,264</u>	<u>68,264</u>	<u>57,613</u>
Loan repayments	-	-	1,900
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£ 68,264</u>	<u>68,264</u>	<u>59,513</u>
PAYMENTS			
Wages and salaries (gross)	13,519	13,519	-
Preacher expenses	300	300	300
Food	2,275	2,275	5,378
Group activities costs	2,788	2,788	4,701
Donations	2,511	2,511	6,617
Courses and conferences	291	291	145
Rent and rates	211	211	266
Insurance	2,788	2,788	2,590
Premises expenses	(3,451)	(3,451)	11,468
Church resources	142	142	136
Licences and subscriptions	1,242	1,242	1,020
Independent examiner's fees	2,700	2,700	-
Legal and professional	221	221	275
Incidentals	580	580	1,169
	<u>26,117</u>	<u>26,117</u>	<u>34,065</u>
Loan advances	-	-	2,975
Purchase of assets	1,080	1,080	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£ 27,197</u>	<u>27,197</u>	<u>37,040</u>
NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	41,067	41,067	22,473
Cash and Bank Balances b/fwd	138,312	138,312	115,839
Cash and Bank Balances c/fwd	<u>£ 179,379</u>	<u>179,379</u>	<u>138,312</u>

All of the funds in the year ended 31st March, 2025 were unrestricted monies.

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025

	Notes	As at 31.03.25			As at 31.3.24
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
MONETARY ASSETS					
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Current Account		£ 179,379	£ -	£ 179,379	£ 138,312
NON-MONETARY ASSETS					
Functional Use by the Charity	2	£ 215,853	£ -	£ 215,853	£ 214,773
ASSETS					
Prepayments		630	-	630	601
Gift Aid Reclaim		16,805	-	16,805	8,938
Loans		10,000	-	10,000	18,881
		£ 27,435	-	27,435	£ 28,420
LIABILITIES					
Creditors and Accruals		5,297	-	5,297	5,220
Tax and Social Security Creditor		1,763	-	1,763	-
		£ 7,060	-	£ 7,060	£ 5,220

The accounts on pages 4 to 6 were approved on

30th January, 2026

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Mary Cliff

HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	As at 31.03.25 Total	As at 31.03.24 Total
Functional use by the charity - at cost:				
- Equipment	33,169	-	33,169	32,089
- Alterations to leasehold	177,344	-	177,344	177,344
- Freehold	5,340	-	5,340	5,340
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£	215,853	-	215,853	£ 214,773
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3 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In January 2025 A. Wraight, a trustee, was employed to further the objects of the charity as authorised in the trust deed. He received remuneration of £9,282 in the year ended 31st March, 2025 (2024: £nil).

Mrs. C. Cliff is the wife of D. Cliff (trustee). In January 2025 Mrs. C. Cliff was employed as a part time secretary of the church. She received remuneration of £6,000 in the year ended 31st March, 2025 (2024: £nil).