

Gospel Light International Church Trustees 'Annual Activity Report

For the year ending 31st December 2024

Charity Registration No: 1019747

Address: 1a, Copeland Road, London, E17 9DB

General Overview

Gospel Light International Church (GLIC) is a Pentecostal church and a UK-registered charity dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God. Our mission is threefold: to gather souls, equip and empower believers, and send them out to serve in ministry and community life. We are a family and community-centred church, committed to strengthening families, building communities, and sharing the transformative message of Jesus Christ.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Gospel Light International Church serves the community through a wide range of charitable and spiritual programmes — offering spiritual, emotional, and practical support to individuals and families in need, irrespective of background or belief.

Key Achievements

1. Advancement of the Christian Faith

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2. Youth and Children's Ministry

This year saw remarkable growth in our youth and children's ministries:

Youth Retreat: Over 50 young people attended our August retreat, themed around spiritual identity, leadership, and liberation. The event fostered spiritual maturity, self-confidence, and fellowship among participants.

Children's Ministry Expansion: We created a larger, more engaging space for children's activities, improving comfort, safety, and learning.

Knife Crime Prevention Initiative: In collaboration with local organisations and law enforcement, we hosted a community event that attracted over 50 young people. It provided mentorship, education, and positive alternatives to violence.

3. Advancement of Education

We invested in the educational development of children, youth, and adults through:

Tutoring Programmes: Over 70 participants improved literacy and numeracy skills, resulting in measurable academic progress.

Personal Development Workshops: More than 80 individuals attended sessions on job readiness, interview skills, financial literacy, and soft skills, empowering them for success in employment and life.

4. Marital and Family Counselling

We provided counselling and pastoral care to over 50 families, equipping couples with tools for stronger, faith-based relationships and fostering emotional and relational stability within homes.

Women's Empowerment

Our women's empowerment programme was launched to train and support women in entrepreneurship, self-confidence, and personal growth — serving both church members and the wider community.

6. Social Activities: Family Beach Trip – August 2025

Our annual family beach trip to Hastings brought together over 80 members and friends for a joyful day of fellowship and fun. Highlights included:

Sand & Spirit: Children built sandcastles while youth leaders shared faith stories on resilience.

Games & Praise: Friendly competitions and spontaneous praise sessions filled the air with joy.

Legacy Moments: Families wrote prayers on seashells — a symbolic act of renewal and faith.

It was truly a day of laughter, unity, and gratitude — “a touch of heaven on earth.”

7. Relief of Poverty & Health Support

Through our mother church in Ghana, we supported initiatives aimed at alleviating poverty and promoting community well-being. Locally, we offered free health screenings to over 150 individuals in partnership with healthcare providers.

8. Community Outreach and Evangelism

We actively engaged with our local neighbourhood through events such as community barbecues and youth outreach. Conversations are underway with a local youth hostel to co-develop support programmes for young people.

Plans are also in progress to host workshops on mental health, addiction recovery, and stress management, providing holistic care for our community.

9. Leadership Training

In July, we hosted a dynamic Leadership Training Conference, equipping both emerging and established leaders with spiritual insight and practical tools.

Workshops covered topics such as Leading with Integrity, Vision Casting, Strategic Planning, and Building Resilient Teams. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and this event will now be held annually as part of our leadership development programme.

10. Governance and Compliance

In January, a one-day training session was held for trustees, leaders, and members on governance, compliance, and charity law updates.

Key areas covered included:

Charity governance and safeguarding
Financial control and risk management
Data protection and confidentiality

The training reinforced our commitment to integrity, transparency, and accountability in all church operations.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees continues to serve faithfully as stewards of GLIC's mission, resources, and vision. With diverse expertise in ministry, finance, compliance, and community development, the Board ensures effective governance and spiritual oversight.

Trustees meet regularly to review strategy, assess risks, and support the leadership team. Their service reflects both administrative diligence and pastoral care ensuring that every decision advances Gospel Light's mission of transformation and discipleship.

Church Renovation Project

To accommodate growth and enhance ministry capacity, the church began a major renovation in March 2025.

Key Improvements:

Enhanced acoustics, lighting, and seating in the main sanctuary
Accessibility features including ramps and modernised restrooms
Upgraded kitchen and fellowship hall
Expanded children's ministry and multipurpose youth wing
Dedicated prayer and counselling rooms
A welcoming foyer for fellowship and hospitality

Funded through member contributions, this project is not merely structural — it is a spiritual investment in people, purpose, and community impact.

Strategic Goals (Next 3 Years)

Guided by Ephesians 4:1–16, Gospel Light International Church aims to be a thriving, Spirit-filled community rooted in love, service, and discipleship. Our strategic goals include:

- Expanding outreach and discipleship programmes
- Enhancing leadership capacity and volunteer engagement
- Strengthening financial sustainability and transparency

- Increasing community-based partnerships and educational support

We will continue to innovate and steward our God-given resources to fulfil this vision.

Financial Review

Our financial stewardship remains strong and mission-focused:

Growth: Over the past five years, income has increased by more than 50%.

Compliance: All financial returns were submitted promptly to the Charity Commission.

Purposeful Spending: One-third of annual income supports missions, outreach, and benevolence.

Strategic Budgeting: Resources are carefully allocated to programmes, staff, and facility improvements.

Future Investment: Financial planning supports new church plants and ongoing facility renovations.

Every pound given is prayerfully managed to advance the Gospel and empower communities.

Future Outlook

Our vision is to be an “Acts Church for Today” — centred on Christ, filled with the Spirit, rooted in Scripture, and joyful in service.

Mission: Leading generations into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ through transformation, not mere information.

Focus Areas:

Strengthening family and youth ministries

Expanding community outreach and pastoral care

Enhancing governance, safeguarding, and volunteer empowerment

Ensuring sustainability through faithful stewardship

We remain confident that as we walk in unity and purpose, the best days of Gospel Light International Church are yet to come.

Community Engagement

Continued focus on family life ministry, pastoral care, and youth empowerment.

Plans for church camps to foster fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Governance & Sustainability

Strong emphasis on trustee training, volunteer empowerment, and financial transparency.

Relevant policies are in place for safeguarding, risk management, and social media engagement.

Trustees

Rev. Frank Appiah

Rev. Joseph Ampiah

Rev. Isaac Denkyirah

Daniel Dapaah

Joyce Aboagye

Approved by the board on 17th October 2025

Reverend Frank Appiah

Trustee

GOSPEL LIGHT INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1019747

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31ST December 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Registered Charity Name

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Registered Office

1a Copeland Road, Walthamstow, London E17 9DB

Trustees

Bishop Frank Duodu Appiah
Apostle Isaac Denkyirah
Apostle Joseph Ampiah
Elder Mrs Joyce Aboagye
Pastor Daniel Dapaah

Independent Examiner

Marc Three Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountant
25 Rowallan Court
Cumberland Place
Catford
SE6 1LB

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution

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Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by not less than three board members. Newly appointed trustees to the charity are provided with the necessary documents and training required. The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. Membership of the Charity is open to all the residents of the community and the general public.

Objectives

The charity's objectives are summarised below:

- a) The advancement of the Christian religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ by propagating his message of hope and love to all nations
- b) The advancement of education in Christian doctrines by providing or assisting in the provision of training courses for pastors and church workers
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Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify, review the risk the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have instituted a Reserve Policy for the charity which specifies the holding of funds in Deposit Account equivalent to a minimum of 6 months' expenditure/ running cost.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



Apostle Isaac Denkyirah

Date: 31st March 2025

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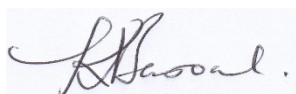
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Marc Three Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountant
25 Rowallan Court, Cumberland Place
Kent. ME7 2EB



Date: 30.10.25

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS – FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
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Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	2	110,663	-	110,663	143,317
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Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	83,893	-	83,893	102,534
Governance Costs	5	2,820	-	2,820	3,325
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		86,713	-	86,713	105,859
Total Payments					
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year					
		24,759	-	24,759	37,825
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STATEMENT OF BALANCES – AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

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Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 31/12/2023	54,235	-	54,235	16,410
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Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Account	71,057	-	71,057	50,412
Bank Current Account	7,936	-	7,936	3,823
	78,993	-	78,993	54,235
Other Assets				
Church Building	541,902	-	541,902	541,902
Equipment & Instruments (Estimated Cost)	25,100	-	25,100	20,311
Computers (Estimated Cost)	4,224	-	4,224	3,138
Furniture & Fittings (Estimated Cost)	3,784	-	3,784	1,383
	575,011	-	575,011	566,734
Liabilities				
Kingdom Bank - Mortgage	304,069	-	304,069	284,223

The Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 31st March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Welfare	-	-	-	1,300
Pastors' Appreciation	3,100	-	3,100	2,100
Mortgage Repayment	35,465	-	35,465	46,566
Ordination	-	-	-	2,935
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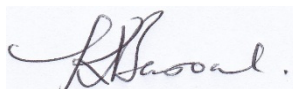
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