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Trustees' Annual Report - Year ending 31 March 2025

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration: 1050242

Principal Address: Connect Church, Molesworth Street, Wadebridge, Cornwall. PL27 7DS.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Connect Church Cornwall operates under the Model Constitution with Trust Deed for local Assemblies of God, adopted in March 2006, and is in fellowship with the Assemblies of God church for Great Britain.

The church is administered by a Church Council comprising:

Pastor: Mr. D. Cox (Chair)
 Mr. R Thomas
 Mrs. C.A Whitting (resigned 18/03/25)
 Mr D. Fowle
 Mrs C.E. Holliman (appointed 12/02/25)

All members of the council are appointed for the duration of their pastoral relationship or for a minimum of three years. Trustees are appointed by the church council from members of the charity.

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

The objects of the Charity are:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.



The above objectives are outworked through our Purpose and Values:

Our Purpose: Connecting with Jesus, Connecting with each other and Connecting with our Community.

Our Values are:

- Courageous Faith
- Transforming Hope
- Extravagant Love

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Connecting with Jesus

Connecting with Jesus is the primary purpose of Connect Church. Over the past year, the church has continued to carry out the core functions expected of a Christian Church, including:

- Regular public worship services
- Child dedications, funerals, and weddings
- Special services such as Remembrance Sunday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday, Christmas Day, Pentecost, and termly All Age Services

We have also delivered a range of discipleship and pastoral activities, including:

- Sunday morning children's and youth provision
- Discipleship programmes such as Living Free Course
- Connect Groups (both in-person and digital)
- Pastoral care and men's and ladies' ministry events
- The Alpha Course, offering people the opportunity to explore the Christian faith
- Regular prayer meetings and times of worship
- Annual times of prayer and fasting

Connecting with Each Other

As part of strengthening community within the church, we have:

- Hosted termly social events specifically for older members
- Held Connecting with each other social e.g. a Barn Dance at Haywood Cider Farm,
- Held a dedicated "Connecting with Each Other Sunday" once a term, venues have included Trevathan Farm and Sea View Farm Shop

Connecting with Our Community

Connecting with our community remains central to our purpose. Over the last year we have:

- Continued Little Acorns, our weekly parent and toddler group
- Run a weekly youth drop-in for school years 6–9
- Delivered assemblies and lunch clubs in local primary and secondary schools



- Run Muddy Church - a half-termly creative outdoor expression of church for children and families
- Hosted one-off outreach events including Messy Christmas, Messy Easter, Pancake Day outreach, and Christmas and Easter town trails

Our vision is that every child and young person in Wadebridge will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus. Engagement with these activities continues to grow.

We have also partnered with community organisations, including participation in Wadebridge Carnival (entering a *Noah's Ark* float), supporting the Wadebridge Foodbank camping weekend, and other town initiatives.

Rev. Drew Cox was appointed Chaplain to the Mayor, strengthening relationships with the Town Council. This role has included involvement in the town's 80th D-Day anniversary commemorations, the Civic Service, and joint initiatives with the Town Council and local secondary school.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS

In line with our value of Courageous Faith, in September 2023 the Leadership Team identified four priority areas for investment over 24 months:

- The Alpha Course
- Prayer
- Children's and Youth Ministry
- Church Planting

We continue to prioritise these areas, and have seen growth in Children's and Youth Ministry, Alpha, and Prayer. Plans to plant a new church serving Indian Queens, Fraddon, St Columb Road, and St Columb Major have been placed on hold due to limited volunteer capacity.

Staffing and Leadership Transitions

2024 was a year of significant transition, with several staff and volunteers retiring or stepping back from key roles. This required focused planning to ensure continuity, resulting in other projects temporarily pausing. A smooth transition has now taken place in these key areas of church life.

Growth and Capacity

Connect Church continues to grow, with people coming to faith, recommitting, and joining after relocating to the area. Increased attendance has placed additional demands on many areas of church life e.g. governance, HR, building management and pastoral care.

To address this, the Trustees and Leadership Team have:



- Developed an action plan to strengthen governance and operations
- Began work on creating a new Church Operations Manager role
- Introduced Advisors to the Trustees to provide specialist expertise
- Expanded the Pastoral Team to meet growing needs
- Established a new Safeguarding Team

Mission Partnerships

In living out our value of Extravagant Love, we continue to support mission and ministry organisations locally and globally, including a strong partnership with Wadebridge Foodbank and CreationFest.

Future Planning

A formal review of the Breaking Ground priorities is scheduled for September 2025, with feedback to be given to the church. In early 2026, we will launch our new GROW initiative, outlining four key priorities for January 2026 - December 2028.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING

The trustees have resolved to establish a reserve to provide for future activities, including future building projects. We also aim to provide a reserve of three months working capital. The trustees do not have wide powers of investment.

Most of the church's income is derived from the giving of the church members via the offerings taken at our meetings. Income tax refunds are claimed via the Gift Aid scheme. All income is applied to the purpose of the trust as laid down in its articles and instruments, model and deed.

We hereby confirm that we have fully complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 requiring trustees to have regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Charity does not have a policy or intention to provide Grants.

The trustees regularly review risks which could have an impact on the charity, applying mitigating actions where necessary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Cox".

Mr. D Cox
Pastor
For and on behalf of Church Council



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Connect Church Cornwall

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1050242

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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 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 which gives 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.

Signed:

J. A. Tamblyn

Date:

13/1/2026

Name:

Joseph Tamblyn

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant

Address: Trudgeon Halling Chartered Accountants, The Platt, Wadebridge,
Cornwall PL27 7AE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Connect Church Cornwall

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2024

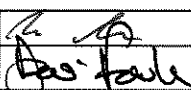
To

Period end date
31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Offering	117,044			117,044	101,571
Gift Aid	21,943	3,200		25,143	33,038
Lettings	1,300			1,300	1,740
Bank Interest	1,772			1,772	1,643
Restricted - Missional		5,672		5,672	5,303
Restricted - Other		40,512		40,512	4,000
Grants	997			997	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	143,055	49,384	-	192,439	147,295
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	143,055	49,384	-	192,439	147,295
A3 Payments					
Salaries & Associated Employment costs	81,993		-	81,993	75,028
Church activities	20,918		-	20,918	20,648
Missional Giving	20,499		-	20,499	18,755
Premises	15,136			15,136	21,007
Administration	2,339			2,339	2,445
Non-AV Equipment & Software	2,948			2,948	3,396
Insurance	1,803			1,803	1,888
Affiliations	3,490		-	3,490	2,680
Restricted - Missional		7,575		7,575	6,860
Restricted - Other		6,622		6,622	3,481
Sub total	149,126	14,197	-	163,323	156,189
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	149,126	14,197	-	163,323	156,189
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,071	35,187	-	29,116	(8,894)
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,969	8,409	-	75,378	84,272
Cash funds this year end	60,898	43,596	-	104,494	75,378

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Current Account	1,599	43,685	-
	Kingdom Bank	58,091		-
	Lloyds Mission Account		13	-
	Equals Money	1,207	(100)	-
	Petty Cash	1		-
	Total cash funds	60,898	43,598	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		DAVID FOWLER	08/01/26	
			11/01/26	