

**ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**GATEWAY CHURCH  
LEYTON**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1051913**

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# **GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**

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**GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1051913
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1st April 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2025
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Unincorporated Charity
<b>TRUSTEES DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025</b>	Amarh Amartei (Chair) Ruth Amartei David How

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

**GOVERNING INSTRUMENT**

Trust Deed Dated 21st November 1995, amended by Deed of Variation on 2nd December 2015.

**OBJECTS**

- a)** To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in the London borough of Waltham Forest and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- b)** To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said London borough and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- c)** To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said London borough and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	42 Forest Drive East, Leytonstone London E11 1JY
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<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	HSBC Bank Plc 20-21 Electric Parade George Lane South Woodford London E18 2LX
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<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Z Derbak Independent Examiners Ltd The Grain Store Hills Barns Appledram Lane South Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7EG
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**GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Correspondence address:** 42 Forest Drive East, Leytonstone, London, E11 1JY

**Trustees:**

Acting for the whole year: Amarh Amartei (Chair of trustees), Ruth Amartei and David How.

Gateway Church Leyton is a charitable trust. The governing document is a Trust Deed dated 11/1/1996, amended by Deed of Variation on 2/12/2015. New trustees are identified and appointed by the existing trustees.

The charity is financially dependent on the voluntary support of its church members. The Church Leadership Team is responsible for making decisions concerning the day to day running and finances of the church. It currently does not employ salaried staff.

**Summary of objects as set out in the governing document:**

- To advance the Christian faith.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship.
- To promote other charitable purposes beneficial to the community.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

**Summary of the main activities to further the trust's charitable purposes for public benefit:**

- Regular Sunday morning meetings for worship and teaching in Leytonstone School, London E11, which are open to all. Seminars to which other local churches are invited. Meetings held regularly each week, in the homes of various members of the church, for prayer, teaching and fellowship. Involvement of members in evangelistic and training events. Local outdoor service at Christmas & Easter and public distribution of Christian literature.
- Regular financial support to other Christian organisations working at locally & overseas in accordance with the objectives of the Trust.
- We have continued to regularly support Noah Mayiga who is working full time in Masaka, Uganda for the UK based charity Love in Action, which provides education and support for local children.
- Our web site, [www.gatewaychurchleyton.org](http://www.gatewaychurchleyton.org), is updated regularly to provide information about the church, recordings of talks & seminars, together with notices of future events.
- In view of the continuing high level of unrestricted funds, we anticipate that in the next financial year we shall give further substantial financial support for various projects in accordance with the objectives of the Trust.

The Trustees are confident that adequate assets are available to fulfil the existing obligations of the trust.

**Risk assessment**

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

**GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Financial Review**

The charity has maintained its level of income in line with previous financial years as a result of continued stability in church membership and consistent levels of giving by a core group of donors. Expenditure has also been maintained at the level of the previous financial year. As a result of the charity being run only by volunteers, gifts to speakers, worship leaders, other individuals and organisations constitute a significant proportion of annual expenditure (56% this financial year amounting to £27k).

Budgets and final reported net position for the charity remain at a net expenditure position (£15.4k this financial year and £11.5k in the previous financial year), to ensure the Charity is expending its reserves down in line with its charitable objectives at a rate which sees it operate closer to its target minimum reserves of £30k in future years. The church leadership continue to expend excess reserves through increasing regular giving to organisations for a defined period and provide one off donations. The Trustees review the minimum reserves policy on an annual basis and ensure budgets set are ensuring the charity only holds a reasonable level of reserves.

On the 12th July 2024, the Trustees approved the designation of £20k from the general fund to form a "Community Fund". The purpose of the Community Fund is to ringfence an element of general reserves for the charity preserve its ability to provide one off larger gifts to organisations as needs arise.

During the current financial year, the Charity closed its Santander deposit account in order to consolidate its savings and simply access. Final balance of £13.3k on closing was transferred to the charity's HSBC deposit account.

**Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 1993 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on:

19/1/26

Signed on behalf of the trustees by Amarh Amartey, Chair of trustees:



Printed Name: Amarh Amartey (Chair of Trustees)

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of Gateway Church Leyton on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 11.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

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Signed: 

Date: 21.01.2026

**GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024/25 £</b>	<b>Total 2023/24 £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS :</b>						
Donations & Legacies	<b>2a</b>	27,755	-	3,876	31,631	26,951
Investment Income	<b>2b</b>	845	-	-	845	981
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>28,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>32,476</b>	<b>27,932</b>
<b>PAYMENTS :</b>						
Costs of Charitable Activities	<b>3a</b>	43,375	-	3,756	47,131	38,808
Governance Costs	<b>3b</b>	756	-	-	756	720
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>44,131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>47,887</b>	<b>39,528</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>(15,531)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>(15,411)</b>	<b>(11,596)</b>
Balances Brought Forward		56,560	-	70	56,630	68,225
Transfer between funds		(20,000)	20,000	-	-	-
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>21,030</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>41,220</b>	<b>56,630</b>

All of the Charity's operations are classed as continuing operations.

# GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

<b>ASSETS</b>	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	<b>Total 31-Mar-25 £</b>	<b>Total 31-Mar-24 £</b>
<b>Cash Funds:</b>					
HSBC Current Account	3,922	-	190	4,112	3,680
HSBC Deposit Account	16,795	20,000	-	36,795	41,696
Santander Deposit Account	-	-	-	-	11,254
Cash in Hand	313	-	-	313	-
	<b>21,030</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>41,220</b>	<b>56,630</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>					
General Funds	21,030	-	-	21,030	56,560
Designated Fund	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
Restricted Funds	-	-	190	190	70
	<b>21,030</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>41,220</b>	<b>56,630</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>					
Gift Aid owed	22,081	-	-	22,081	21,702
	<b>22,081</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,081</b>	<b>21,702</b>
<b>Assets retained for the Charity's own use</b>					
Church Equipment	23,839	-	-	23,839	23,623
	<b>23,839</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,839</b>	<b>23,623</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Independent Examiners Fee	792	-	-	792	756
	<b>792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>756</b>

### TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a receipts & payments account and statement of assets & liabilities set out on pages 7 and 8.

Approved by the Trustees on, 19/1/26

Signed on their behalf by Trustee, 

Printed Name: Amarh Amarte (Chair of Trustees)



# GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and the accounts meet the appropriate legal requirements.

### 2. RECEIPTS

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024/25 £</b>	<b>Total 2023/24 £</b>
<b>a) Donations &amp; Legacies</b>					
GASDS Donations		5,200	291	5,491	2,698
Gift Aid Donations		18,545	3,200	21,745	19,929
Income Tax Recovered		-	-	-	-
Non Gift Aid donations	<b>4</b>	4,010	385	4,395	4,324
		<b>27,755</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>31,631</b>	<b>26,951</b>
<b>b) Investment Income</b>					
Bank Interest		845	-	845	981
		<b>845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>981</b>

**GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**3. PAYMENTS**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024/25 £</b>	<b>Total 2023/24 £</b>
<b>a) Costs of Charitable Activities</b>					
<b>Gifts</b>					
<u>Gifts to Organisations:</u>					
Elim Food Bank		1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Evangelical Alliance		100	-	100	200
Ichthus Christian Fellowship		1,400	-	1,400	900
International Health Partners		1,000	-	1,000	600
Love in Action		8,330	1,820	10,150	600
Noor Ministries		4,400	-	4,400	2,200
Open Doors		400	-	400	400
Samaritans Purse		400	-	400	-
Transform Europe Now	<b>4</b>	1,964	1,436	3,400	3,400
Waltham Forest Youth for Christ		1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Worth Unlimited		-	-	-	-
<u>Gifts to Individual Ministries</u>		2,800	500	3,300	2,900
<u>Gifts to Sunday Speakers</u>		4,120	-	4,120	4,260
Subtotal		27,314	3,756	31,070	17,860
<b>Ministry and operational costs</b>					
Bank Charges		154	-	154	155
Church Functions		458	-	458	1,162
Hall Rent		12,773	-	12,773	11,770
Office Costs		-	-	-	275
Insurance & Subscriptions		869	-	869	783
Music & Worship		138	-	138	132
Outreach		350	-	350	62
Sundry Expenses		216	-	216	574
Training & Personal Ministry		978	-	978	5,367
Youth & Children's Work		125	-	125	668
Subtotal		16,061	-	16,061	20,948
		<b>43,375</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>47,131</b>	<b>38,808</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>					
Independent Examiners Fees		756	-	756	720
		<b>756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>720</b>

## GATEWAY CHURCH LEYTON

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

#### 4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

##### CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Church Fellowship Fund	70	-	-	-	70
Transform Europe Now	-	1,436	(1,436)	-	-
Revive Camp Contribution	-	500	(500)	-	-
Open Doors	-	100	-	-	100
Worth Unlimited	-	20	-	-	20
Love in Action - Noah's car	-	1,820	(1,820)	-	-
	<b>70</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>(3,756)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190</b>

##### PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31-Mar-24 £
Church Fellowship Fund	70	-	-	-	70
Transform Europe Now	-	815	(815)	-	-
	<b>70</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>(815)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>

The restricted funds are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

#### 5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

##### CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Community Fund	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>

#### 6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

A total payment of £1,105 were made to a trustee for their out-of-pocket expenses in this financial year (2023/24: £6,049). These are mainly due to the ministry related cost related to catering, youth/children work, storage and church camp. Two trustees donated a total of £7,550 as unconditional gifts to the charity (2023/24: 5,180). No other material transaction took place between the organisation or any person connected to trustees.

#### 7. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.