




Annual Accounting Statement
For the twelve months ending 30 June 2025

Registered charity number: 1052019
Charity Name: Life Community Church (Warwickshire)
www.life-cc.org

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Legal and Administrative Information

Legal Charity Name:	Life Community Church (Warwickshire)
Known as:	"Life Community Church" or "LCC"
Charity Web Site:	www.life-cc.org
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Charity's Principal Address:	Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. CV31 3EB
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Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the externally examined financial statements of Life Community Church for the year ended 30th June 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity, and the charity's governing document.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Documents

The Church's governing document is the "Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God" dated 6th May 2012.

Life Community Church (Warwickshire) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission with registration number 1052019. The church is a member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and the Evangelical Alliance.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Church are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Church's business in accordance with the Church's objects.

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year
David Bolton	Chairman, Trustee / Holding Trustee	
David Onyekwe	Treasurer / Trustee / Holding Trustee	
Peter Stephanis	Trustee	
Peter Gale	Holding Trustee	
Richard Norton	Holding Trustee	

The Trustees meet approximately 4-8 times per year, to discuss a full range of matters relating to the life of the church including activities, finance, fabric, general administration, the implementation of the church constitution, and church membership. Decision making happens either through a simple majority vote in a meeting (a quorum being the highest of 3 or a third of the Trustees present) or by a written resolution and signed by all the Trustees.

One of the Church's Trustees receives remuneration for their employed position in the ministry. In compliance with Charity Commission guidelines, a greater proportion of Trustees are voluntary and receive no benefits or remuneration in connection with their duties. Also, David and Leanne Bolton are related parties in that they are married and serve as Co-Pastors of the Church, whilst individually receiving remuneration. However, Leanne does not actively serve on the Trustee Board.

Appointment of Trustees

The Church Council and Trustees of the Church identify suitable candidates, who are then invited to serve as Trustees. Their suitability for this role would be based mainly on their commitment to the Church, demonstrated by membership (or partnership), regular attendance and a high degree of involvement. Potential candidates are not appointed as Trustees due to any particular professional competence that they may be able to bring, although the Trustees do seek to ensure that an appropriate mix of skills are represented to help the charity identify and manage risks that might be faced by the Church. The induction

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and training process for a newly appointed Trustee, will include them having mentoring conversations with the Senior Pastor, to review their role and to seek to understand any training needs. They will also receive copies of the following documents:

- The charity's Constitution with Trust Deed
- The most recent financial statements
- Recent minutes
- Suitable Charity Commission guidance, such as CC10 "Hallmarks of a well-run charity", CC3 "The Essential Trustee" and guidance noted on "The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit".

Holding Trustees

Holding Trustees are individuals appointed to hold the property of the charity. They can only act on the lawful instructions of the charity Trustees and in accordance with any provisions contained in the governing document.

Church Elders

The church elders are:

Name	Role (if any)	Dates acted, if not for whole year
David Bolton	Chair with oversight of vision, teaching, pastoral care & administration	
Leanne Bolton	Oversight of worship, children's and youth ministry, and evangelism	
Friday Ehiguese	Minister in Training with AoG	
David Onyekwe	Oversight of Finance	

Church Members (Partners)

Church membership (or Partnership) is open to any individual who:

- By grace has exhibited saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- Desires to worship and serve God in the context of the statement of "What we Believe" as set out by the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, and
- Is committed to promoting the church's objects.

Church Members share in providing for the finances, administration, maintenance, and activities of the church.

Risk Management

The Church's primary concern and objective is the glory of God. Whilst it is the Church's policy to trust wholly in the Lord that He will work out His purpose to this end, the Church also acknowledges that it has a responsibility both as individual members and as a body of members, for the identification and proper management of risks faced by the church in achieving its primary aim.

The Trustees have therefore sought to assess the major risks to which the Church is exposed, particularly those relating to the specific operational areas of the Church, its investments, and its finances. The Trustees believe that, by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by

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examining the operational risks faced by the Church, it has established effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Controls used by the charity include:

- Formal agendas for all Board activities
- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Formal written policies
- Memorandums of Understanding with partner organisations
- Clear authorisation and appraisal levels

Accounts Preparation

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives

In accordance with the Constitution, the church's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public, are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith.
2. 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.
3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees do not believe that it is possible to accurately report on the individual performance of the 3 parts of the objectives above, as they are intrinsically linked, and therefore impossible to account for independently. The Trustees believe that doing so, would portray an inaccurate representation of the charity's achievements.

We are confident that we have tried to equip ordinary people from a wide variety of diverse backgrounds, to grow in their faith within the local community through:

- Provision of Sunday Services where anyone in the community is welcome, and can have an opportunity to worship, pray and hear teaching that can positively equip them in their lives.
- Provision of courses such as "Discovery Course", "H.A.B.I.T.S. Course" and "Practicing the Way", where people can discover more about the Christian Faith, as well as to develop those beliefs even further.
- Provision of "Life Groups", which are small groups designed to help people build relationships of support and care, and to provide an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.
- Provision of "Messy Church" events, designed to engage with people of all ages from the local community, to build relationships, provide a free meal, whilst teaching some basics of the Christian faith.
- Pastoral Care for people living in the local community, who may need guidance, support or simply an encouraging "listening ear".
- Provision of a Community Café to provide a free warm and safe space for people from the wider community to connect with others and make new friends over coffee and cake. This provides an opportunity for people to explore initial conversations of faith.
- Missionary and outreach work to help promote the faith, and to educate around finances and hardship.
- Sign-posting other organisations and ministries with shared values, to help work in partnership with others.

The Trustees are confident that with the comprehensive provision of activities to people of all age ranges and diverse backgrounds, the charity does provide benefit to the public. The Trustees and Elders of Life Community Church are confident that the church has advanced the objectives.

Public Benefit Statement

The previous section of this report, entitled "Objectives", sets out the aims and priorities of the charity.

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When planning our activities for this year, the Trustees and Church Leaders have considered both the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and the further specific guidance contained within "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit". We have concluded that we have had due regard to the guidance in exercising our powers, and so:

1. The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable.
2. The aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need.
3. The benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way, and certainly not by ability to pay.
4. There is no harm or detriment arising from the aims or activities.

Achievements and Performance

Life Community Church is an independent church and is affiliated to the Assemblies of God of Great Britain. The congregation is composed of a wide range of ethnicities and backgrounds from across Leamington Spa and the surrounding areas and caters for all age groups. The Church has maintained a presence in the town since 1937, and by God's grace, we continue to build on the work of previous generations. The Trustees are truly thankful to the great and growing number of volunteers who serve on teams to help Life Community Church outwork its objectives.

Performance Against Objectives

Life Community Church meets its objectives through the delivery of activities both on a Sunday, and during the rest of the week. During the main Sunday ministry, the congregation will gather for worship and teaching. The congregation will then outwork the benefit of that teaching, in both quantifiable and often non-quantifiable ways, in their everyday life within the local community, as well as through the various ministries in the life of the Church.

Sunday Ministry

Sundays play a key part in the life of the church, and our Sunday Morning Family Service plays a central role in helping us to meet our aims. Over the course of the year, the teaching team gave various series to positively equip people to live out the Christian faith every day. Messages over the year included:

- "Shine Like Stars" – A teaching series looking at key themes from the book of Philippians.
- "Follow Me" – A deep dive to look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- "The Cost of Christmas" – an advent teaching series
- "Ready to Run" – A series to kick start the new year with teaching on Prayer & Fasting
- "Stretch and Strengthen" – Our Vision Series for 2025.
- "Following and Fishing" – Learning from the life of St. Paul by exploring his Missionary Journeys.
- "Take a Step" – Exploring the key steps of following Jesus.
- "What Matters Most" – A teaching series to understand LCC's values, especially as we look to moving Sunday Gatherings to a larger venue.
- "Hello Holy Spirit" – A teaching series on the person and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

We were delighted to also receive ministry from the following guest speakers:

- Ps. Misheck Manhanha (in November, from !Audacious Church, Manchester and AoG's Church Planting Director)

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- Rev. Raj Kaul (in March, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association – God Loves You Tour Regional Coordinator)
- Ps. Stephen Gachengo (in May, Senior Pastor of Harvesters Christian Church in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Coordinator for CTMI, East Africa)
- Ps. Jon Froggett (in June, from Christian Life Centre, Rugby)

Sunday ministry also included:

- Kids' Take-over services in September and June. These services are when children and young people take over most of the roles during the service and on serving teams. They are really encouraging times, as we continue to see younger people step up, grow in confidence and gift, to serve us all so well.
- Family Services during our key times of the year such as Father's Day, Christmas and Mother's Day.
- Several messages from key Partners of LCC, namely Friday Ehiguese and Cathryn Myers. We also heard various interviews from Partners of LCC.

The church continues to livestream all our services onto Facebook and YouTube. This means that those from the church family who cannot attend in-person, can also join in live or on catch-up. We have heard from several people, how they can no longer attend due to age and ill health but watch regularly from home: a genuine lifeline for them. Also, others can watch when away or travelling and still feel connected. Our online presence has now become the new "shop window" for people to connect with the church, before visiting us for the first time. It has become a vital tool to help us reach new people.

We had two baptism services during the year. In October it was fantastic to see **4 people get baptised**, of different age groups. Then on Easter Sunday we saw **2 more people get baptised**, and going public in their faith, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

Making Space for Growth

The church continued to grow throughout this period, and so the Leadership Team started to explore other possible venues for our Sunday Gatherings. It was decided to take our Christmas Carol Service out of Charlotte Street into a new venue to trial a bigger space for the first time in years. We were allowed to rent the Jubilee Centre in Sydenham and had a great time with the local community. After much prayer and research we approached the leadership of the Jubilee Centre to explore a regular booking on a Sunday to hold our weekly services. This is a great win for both churches, and it gives us breathing space to grow, whilst still owning our offices and LCC centre at Charlotte Street as a home for ministry. We'd like to express our thanks to the leadership of Jubilee Church for allowing us to hire their venue. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers for their time and attention with training to help make the move a great success. Also, a big thank you to the wider church family for their willingness to embrace something new for the benefit of reaching the wider community.

Engagement, Service and Discipleship

The "Next Steps Journey" course is designed to help new guests (or the existing church congregation) meet some of the team, and to understand the church's mission, vision, and values. Over three sessions, they can "discover family and find their fit". This means that participants can learn more about LCC, explore their gifts and talents, and understand how to get more involved in the church through groups and teams. Attendees are encouraged to then pray and see if the Lord is leading them to make LCC their spiritual home. This has proven to be a highly successful method to engage new people and to also find out how

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we can serve them better. Throughout the course of the year, we have seen **11 people become Partners at LCC, choosing to make the church their spiritual home.**

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who serve on teams throughout the life of the church. Many serve on a Sunday, as well as on teams throughout the week. These are the heroes who always go above and beyond, to serve the needs of others. Our volunteers are the life blood of the church, and their selflessness really does make a difference to the lives of many people. Whether it has been teaching, playing in the worship team, leading a Life Group, calling and connecting with members of the church, pastoral visits and calls, serving on hospitality, hosting kid's work, the list goes on. **On behalf of the Leadership Team, I wish to thank you for all your commitment and hard work. You really are making an impact in the lives of the church family and wider community!**

Throughout this year, we have endeavoured to provide opportunities for people in the church to grow as disciples of Jesus. This has been outworked through the provision of 1:1 mentoring and pastoral sessions, our Life Groups, Leadership Development and courses such as "H.A.B.I.T.S." and "Practicing the Way".

Children, Youth and Families

We have 2 ministries in the life of the church that cater to children and young people – Sunday Stars (school years reception to year 5) and Elevate (school years 6+). We also aim to serve the children's respective families, as well as to reach out to other families within the local community.

Cathryn Myers, our Children's Ministry Leader, and her wider team have done a fantastic job in teaching and leading our children and young people. Here's a brief summary, **provided by Cathryn:**

Sunday Stars:

- Around 6 regular attendees
- The move to the Jubilee Centre in June 2025 meant that with a new space, items had to be purchased for the room set up, and the team were trained.
- We continued to learn about the Bible, with engaging and fun activities.
- The team met regularly to reflect on Sunday Stars, make improvements and to pray.
- Sunday Stars children, parents and team had a social to Jephson Gardens for a picnic and to use the pedaloes.
- The Sunday Stars performed their Christmas presentation at the Community Carol service

Elevate:

- With a team of 4, we currently have about 10 young people regularly attending on Friday Nights.
- During the period there were team meetings to help us reflect and improve on the ministry, a Summer Social at the Fun fair (with ice creams!) in the Summer, and a Bowling social. We also had a Neon Party in 2024 as an outreach where the young people invited friends, resulting in 30 people in attendance – our highest yet!
- We attended events outside of LCC, including: Limitless Youth Festival August 2024 with 6 young people and 2 leaders with thousands from UK; Thrive Base event evening (worship and teaching); Awaken AOG Youth conference day; and Pursuit of Worship youth event with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
- The Youth performed a Christmas presentation at the Community Carol service.

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- The church paid for 2 young people and Cathryn to attend the Young Lions Leadership Development weekend away. This is a part of AoG's leadership development programme for young people, consisting of a weekend of input, worship, workshops, and team building.

General:

- We're seeing more involvement from the children and young people in our family services, Kids' Take-over services and the Christmas Carol Service for the community. There is a high participation from the Elevate ministry.
- We have an annual Prize giving opportunity on a Sunday, during which Christian books are given to under 18s to encourage them and to help them grow.

Hopes/prayer points for Young People:

Please pray for:

- Growth of young people
- Growth of the team
- More opportunities for events with other young people
- Young people to grow in faith and discipleship
- Young people to grow in leadership

Messy Church Impact of ministry:

- We held our second Messy Church outreach in July 2024 and in total, hosted 5 Messy Church events from July 2024 to June 2025 (taking place almost every other month)
- Around 48 families attended Messy Church events with around 26 returning families.
- The Gospel message is given at each event, and a tract or book is given at Christmas, Easter and October.
- The attendees are offered a free event with craft activities related to the Bible, with a story or theme shared in the message, along with songs, games and a meal provided at every event by church volunteers.
- Many conversations are had with people from the community who either practice the Christian faith, have no faith (currently) or maybe practicing another religion.
- The event runs with a team of 15 people who support.
- Cathryn met with the staff member at Kingsway Children's centre who now promotes all of our messy church events.

Hopes/prayer points for Messy Church:

Please pray for:

- Continuation of high attendance of community and team at Messy Church
- More people and children to respond to the Gospel message
- More conversations about faith
- The team to step out in spiritual gifts

Kingsway Primary School:

- We had our first visit from Kingsway Primary school and St. Patrick's to Life Community Church for a Christmas outreach event in 2024 - around 170 children plus around 46 staff members
- Kingsway returned for an Easter event in 2025, with around 100 children and 16 staff.
- Learning activities took place about Christmas and Easter with songs, and a Gospel message was shared.

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- Good conversations with teachers took place, and we had a great team!

Hopes/prayer points Schools Outreach:

Please pray for:

- More opportunities for Kingsway to come to LCC to learn about Easter and Christmas and at other points of the year
- Continued strong relationship with the school
- Possible school connections in the Sydenham area to be formed, as we reach out this year.

The Trustees would like to thank Cathryn and the whole children's and youth teams for the amazing work they have done by equipping our children and young people and reach out to families in the community. We stand amazed, encouraged and thrilled at what the Lord is doing, as we see young and old serving side-by-side together in ministry!

Life Groups

Life Groups have also been a vital way for people in the church to connect with others, care for each other and grow together. They ran termly, three times a year, with an official start and end date, so people could attend for a season (if life is busy), or swap groups if they would like. Life Groups were open to attendees of LCC as well as the wider community to sign-up to. On average, seven groups ran per term, catering for different ages, and with each group having a unique focus. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Life Group leaders who have served to connect, care, and help disciple people in the Christian faith. **Life Groups changed to a new model, Life Communities, in the Autumn of 2025 for members of Life Community Church,** with a stronger emphasis on community and discipleship.

Corporate Prayer

Prayer continues to be a priority in the life of the church, as we seek to encourage people to gather in different settings to pray together. We still held our Monday morning prayer group (led by Peter and the late Anne Gale, who sadly passed away in May 2025) who meet to pray for requests both within the church family and now coming in from the community from the website and social media. Our Pre-Service Prayer meeting on a Sunday morning is gathering real momentum. At 9:45am on a weekly basis, everyone serving on team is asked to gather for a short time of prayer and encouragement to commit our morning to the Lord. People from the wider church family are also encouraged to come along. This continues to be an important and significant time together.

"Encounter Nights" continue to take place on the first Thursday of each month. This evening seeks to provide a time of extended worship and prayer. We are encouraged by the engagement of these evenings.

Seasons of Prayer and Fasting within the church, are significant and vital times for us to pause and to seek God in various settings. During this period, we held our annual "21 Days of Prayer and Fasting" towards the start of the year in January. We are thrilled by the engagement of people as they set aside time to pray individually as well as corporately on Zoom and in-person. It is no surprise that the impact of these seasons is always evident in the life of the church!

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Care Home Outreach

Sandra Middleton is our Care Home Outreach Team leader. Here is a brief summary on LCC's visits to Gainsborough Hall:

Sandra writes...

Since January 2023, Life Community Church has been involved in bringing the Gospel to the residents of Gainsborough Hall Retirement Home, through our monthly meetings, and annual Christmas Carol Services. Throughout most of the period between July 2024 to June 2025, Peter Gale and I taught on the Parables of Jesus and the Gospel of Matthew. Later we started to study the Psalms. Beverley Archer was a great asset by meeting the practical needs of our group, by distributing Bibles, finding the right page to read from, providing drinks etc.

We usually have between 8 to 10 residents at the meetings, and most are in various stages of dementia. The staff are very supportive and on occasions have joined us for the Bible Study. Our vision at Gainsborough Hall is to open the scriptures to people who may be hearing them for the first time, or have forgotten their Sunday school days. We would like to see these elderly people come to faith in Jesus and so we must be very clear and explain things in a basic way. One testimony is that a gentleman came back to faith before he died. Another lady who was with us from the start, put her hand up when we gave an appeal, but sadly she is not in the group at the moment and stays in her room – please pray for her. Another lovely man asked if he could take a Bible to read in his room, and he says he believes.

In the next season going forwards, we would like to see more positive interest as souls need saving. We are pleased that residents and staff support this ministry. They all need our prayers. We have performed 3 Carol services at the Home so far. At our December 2024 Carol Service, we had over 40 residents and families attend with 19 of us from LCC taking part. It is always a good opportunity to bring the gospel through songs, poetry, testimony, and Peter brings a 10 minute talk to sum it all up. We enjoy our visits to Gainsborough Hall and hope they continue in the future.

Community Café Outreach

Here is a report on LCC's Community Café by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

Sandra writes...

Ever since the cafe opened, our aim was to provide a safe, friendly and relaxing Christian atmosphere for everyone who attends. As volunteers, we mingle with the guests, offering prayer or a listening ear, if required. We have a variety of Christian literature on our display table, and anyone is welcome to take books away or read them at the table over cake and coffee. We also have a prayer box on display where people can write out any requests and put them into the box. On a Monday morning during the Prayer Meeting, we read out the items so we can include them in our prayers.

80% of our visitors are Christ followers from LCC or other Churches, but everyone seems to enjoy the warm atmosphere that we provide. The food and drink continue to be home made/ provided by the volunteers and we are happy to do this as part of our Christian giving. Numbers vary, and we get between 7 to 17 visitors arriving at the cafe each time.

Our hope going forward is that we see people impacted spiritually by reading our Christian literature and by the service we offer through prayer, a listening ear and serving others in Love.

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Pastoral Care Team

Here is a report on LCC's Pastoral Care Team by Sandra Middleton (Team Leader):

Sandra writes...

Between July 2024 to June 2025, there were 5 of us on the Pastoral Care Team. We meet every 3 months to discuss any problems, share people's needs (if not confidential) and pray. Most people who ask for prayer just need reassurance and encouragement, whilst some need ongoing support. We do this through phone calls, prayer and house visits. We have a number of people connected to LCC, who find it difficult to attend Church due to health issues, lack of confidence since COVID, or just find it more comfortable viewing the Church service online. These Pastoral visits are a good opportunity to have fellowship together, and people enjoy our visits.

Since last year we have enjoyed new people coming and staying at LCC. I suggested to Pastor Dave that our Team should have photo Ids, or that we should wear lanyards in Church to identify the members of the Pastoral Care Team if they need to talk to us. Pastor Dave will also direct anyone to us if necessary. As we go forward and LCC grows, hopefully we can continue to support anyone who needs support, encouragement, reassurance and prayer.

Missions and Partnerships

The church seeks to partner and build relationships with other organisations who share an affinity with our charity's objectives and values. We realise that more can be achieved in partnership than in isolation, and so we seek to partner through signposting and offering support through prayer, finance and volunteers. To help us achieve this, the church tithes on its income to produce an annual missions' budget (10% of the previous year's income as a minimum), whose expenditure is allocated to other organisations or individuals (e.g. Missions Partners) or needs as they arise. The table below, is a breakdown of our annual mission's expenditure for the Financial Year 2024-25.

Table: Church Spending on Missions' Partnerships in 2024-25

Thrive Youth Ministry (exists to help local churches be more effective in reaching out to young people and discipling them in the Christian faith).	£300	Warwick University Christian Union (helping them with their annual outreach to reach more Students with the good news of Jesus Christ, on campus).	£500
Christians Against Poverty, Debt Centre (based at St. Mary's Church)	£3,000	LCC Hardship Fund (This fund is available to people in the church family facing crisis or hardship).	£2,000
Street Pastors (work with other organisations to practically help vulnerable people under the influence of drink or drugs, or homeless, or disorientated by mental illness, or the young, lost or lonely).	£200	Christmas Appeal (see below) Christmas Hampers Operation Christmas Child – shoebox appeal (Samaritan's Purse)	£614 £3,120
Warwick District Foodbank (exists to provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK).	£700	Hope For Justice (exists to bring an end to modern slavery by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society).	£800
Jews for Jesus (exists to support Jews in exploring Jewish life with faith in Jesus).	£1,600	Children's Bible Camp in Poland (via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£700

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Heart Transformation Ministry (Seth Copeland's Ministry to Uganda & Zambia: £1,000; and £2,000 for Siloam Gospel clinic and church roof in Ghana –via Siloam Christian Ministries)	£3,000	Missions Trip to Ghana (Partnering with Seth & Heart Transformation Ministry to equip churches to make disciples in Ghana)	£1,321
Empart UK (Reaching the lost in South Asia)	£1,000	Other: Churches Together, Leamington Spa	£200
TOTAL			£19,055

At Christmas, we launched our annual Christmas appeal, seeking to give to those in need in the local community and overseas. This year, working in partnership with local schools, we were able to distribute **20** food hampers to families most in need. Also, participating in Operation Christmas Child, we were able to send off **104** shoeboxes to children around the world, containing toys, hygiene products and gospel literature. This was amazing, and we were so thankful to the generosity of the church, to be able to bless people in need at this time of year!

Venue Hire :

We continue to see a gradual increase in demand for the hire of the centre for small meetings and groups. We currently only offer the Life Lounge and Kitchen for hire, as this is helpful from a logistics perspective. During this year, we are pleased to report that LCC earned £3,723 from venue hire within the local community, compared with £1,608 (FY: 23-24), an increase of £2,115 (131.5%) YoY.

Financial Review

Financial Activity and Financial Position

Current Financial Review from 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

The main sources of funding for the Church are the free will offerings of Church members and income tax recovered under the Gift Aid scheme.

Due to the financial threshold in which the Church fell this year, the charity's accounts have been prepared on a "receipts and payments" basis. In the "Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts" found on the subsequent pages of this document, you can read the Statement of Financial Activities for the Accounts as well as a Summary Statement of Assets. A comparison of the current and previous Financial Year now follows:

- **Total Church Income increased by £8,290** from £159,225 to **£167,515** (increase of 5.2%)
- **Gift Aid** continues to really benefit the church, with **£29,540 reclaimed from HMRC** through Gift Aid donations. This is an **increase of 6.1%** (£1,710) from last year's reclaim of £27,830. This year, our total donations have increased, and the percentage of gift aided donations has also increased. To illustrate, **our total donations (ex. GA) for this year were £132,406** (cf. £128,401 in FY:2023-24). However, of this **gift-aided donations this year rose to £110,210 or 83.2% of total donations** (cf. FY:2023-24 £105,213 or 81.9%).

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- With people carrying less cash these days, electronic giving (i.e. card payments on a Sunday through our website, or standing orders) continues to be a popular method for donations. This past Financial Year, we saw giving continue to switch to electronic means. **Electronic giving was £127,570** (compared with FY:23-24 £119,148 excluding Gift Aid); **an increase of £8,423 or 7.1% Year on Year**. Also, this year the split of electronic giving to cash giving was 91.4% vs 8.6% (compared with FY 23-24: 89.1% vs 10.9%, excluding Gift Aid). This is helpful to the church, as it means that less cash is being physically handled by the offering counters for various reasons including security. Also, electronic giving methods reduce the time and administration of processing cash payments but also facilitate the ease and speed for people to donate. **Standing Orders remain the Church's preferred option of giving**, as there are no charges incurred with this method.
- **Vision Offering 2025**: On 23rd February 2025, we held our Vision Day, during which we asked people to seek God to see what they might pledge to give in faith throughout the year towards this offering. The purpose of the offering was to make progress in the areas of Property, People, Planting, and Present Ministries and Mission. Below is a summary of what happened:
 - Total amount pledged (incl. Gift Aid): £31,166
 - Total amount received (incl. Gift Aid): £21,930 (and £14,744 during financial year)
 - This compares with the previous Vision Offering 2024, where people pledged £44,556 in total, and gave £32,773 altogether.
- **Expenditure**: Total spending for the year increased significantly by 19.7% (£26,215) from £132,890 (FY:23-24) to £159,105 (FY:24-25). This included Vision Offering spend to aid with the move to a larger location at the Jubilee Centre, whilst providing equipment to run midweek activities at the LCC Centre in Charlotte Street. Investment included a new stage, sound and media equipment and portable lighting (A total of £20,673 was spent on equipment within the financial year). Our total spend this financial year means:
 - more people have the opportunity to explore the Christian Faith due to a larger space on a Sunday and with continued focus on Evangelism within the local community;
 - the £19,055 spent on missions both locally, nationally and internationally has helped to relieve sickness, financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health. By working with our Partner organisations countless people have been helped. Education and Training has also helped other churches to be better equipped to reach out and help those in their local communities overseas;
 - as we continue to focus on making disciples, who make disciples through courses such as "Practicing the Way", that not only does the Christian Faith advance, but people become better equipped in their overall spiritual life, mental health and overall well-being.
- **End of Year Surplus**: Overall, the charity made a **surplus of £8,410**, but this largely represents an amount of unspent Vision Offering for the financial year, ear-marked for future spend.

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Financial Position:

Cash at Bank: 30/06/202 5	£	122,225
Less		
Previous Missions Fund balances	£	-
AoG 3% balance	£	-
Unspent Vision Offerings	£	40,492
Unspent Vision80 Fund	£	32,875
Other commitments	£	-
Sub-Total	£	73,367
Balance	£	48,858
Essential Operating Expenditure for 2024-25 is c. :	£	62,637
Reserves Policy of 5 months OPEX would be c.:	£	26,100
FREE CASH POSITION: 30/06/202 5	£	22,758

The Trustees are pleased to report that no funds are materially in deficit, and we are instead, in a strong and healthy financial position, with the end of year free cash position being **£22,758** (after accounting for Reserves and unspent balances.)

We are so thankful to every person who gives within the life of the church. From regular donations in our weekly offerings, to those who gave sacrificially into our Vision 2025 offering, **the church Leadership Team and Trustees wish to express our deepest gratitude. Your giving is truly making a difference!**

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e., those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Church's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 5 months' routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls of incoming resources and will allow the church to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst action plans are implemented. However, as income increases, the Trustees will look to increase this amount to provide a greater safeguard for the charity.

As of the end of the current financial year, **free reserves requirement for 5 months budgeted routine expenditure is c.£26,100**. This money will be held in the current account, and through regular monitoring the account will not be allowed to slip below this amount without actions being put in place to mitigate against any decline in income.

Trustees' Annual Report

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Grants Policy

The Church makes grants, equivalent to 10% of its donated income annually, to support missionary endeavours both in the UK and abroad. This amount is transferred into the "designated account", known as the Mission Fund. The policy of the Church is to give grants on the basis that they are subject to annual review and only renewed based on meeting set criteria. These grants will either be donated as a "lump sum" or will be given on a monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the Church makes donations for hardship at the discretion of the Eldership, to those in need within the Church.

Future Plans

We are excited about the future of LCC. We continue to put in place a strategy where mission is kept at the forefront of the church in terms of Evangelism and future Church Planting, along with discipleship pathways to help people grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We continue to develop leaders through a leadership development pipeline, and finances are strong. In 2024-25, we took a step of faith to move into a larger space for our Sunday gatherings (as we had outgrown the LCC Centre at Charlotte Street). As attendance and engagement continue to increase, we will prayerfully see what the Lord wants us to do in terms of Property, exploring the possibility of owning a larger venue in the future.

Again, we are thankful for the all the volunteers who give of their time and their money to make a significant contribution to the Church, and as we expand our volunteer base in the future, Life Community Church will seek to continue to make an impact, both locally and beyond.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee's Statement

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report was approved has confirmed that:

- So far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware, and
- They have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee to be aware of any information needed by the Independent Examiner in connection with preparing their report, and to establish that the charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



16th April, 2026

David Bolton, Senior Pastor
Trustee

Date

Independent Examiners Report on the Annual Accounts

Report to the trustees of Life Community Church

Registered Charity number: 1052019

For accounts covering twelve-month period ended: 30 June 2025 prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

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.

Name: Matthew Davis (FCCA) Grace Accounting

Date: 16 April 2026

Address: Grace Accounting, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire

 **Grace Accounting**

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section A		Unrestricted Funds			
Receipts		Breakdown Using Own Analysis			
		2025	2025	2024	2024
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts Tithes & Offerings	132,406		128,401	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	29,540		27,830	
	Ministry Income	1,087		765	
			163,033		156,996
Receipts earned from assets	Room Hire Income	3,723		1,608	
			3,723		1,608
Other Receipts	Sundry Income	0		0	
	Interest Received (2025 treated as Designated)	0		621	
			0		621
TOTAL RECEIPTS			166,756		159,225
Payments		Breakdown Using Own Analysis			
		2025	2025	2024	2024
Ministry & Mission Payments	Ministry Salaries & Pensions	70,346		74,125	
	Teaching & Training	6,198		5,053	
	Outreach	4,337		1,238	
	Missions	19,055		16,186	
	Children, Youth & Students	3,501		2,897	
	Men's, Women's & Seniors	95		0	
	Worship & Production	0		0	
	Ministry Gifts	1,160		1,165	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	0		0	
			104,691		100,665
Administration, Property Energy & Other Support Costs	Telephone, Stationery, & Postage	1,794		1,721	
	Rent, Rates, Light & Heat	4,128		4,186	
	Church Insurance	3,236		3,198	
	Travelling	1,292		1,226	
	Publicity	975		101	
	Licences & Subscriptions	7,208		6,958	
	Bank Charges	713		749	
	Office Salaries & Pensions	0		0	
	Legal & Accounting Charges	1,076		3,896	
	Property Maintenance & Cleaning	6,916		4,907	
	Catering, Entertaining & Hospitality	1,781		1,306	
	Equipment & Venue Hire	270		264	
	Manse Costs	1,010		1,162	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	3,342		1,208	
			33,742		30,882
Other Payments (Not counting as expenditure)	Loan Principal Repaid	0		0	
	Equipment expenditure	20,673		1,344	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			20,673		1,344
			159,105		132,890
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			7,651		26,335
Transfer from/(to) Restricted Funds			(9,672)		(28,262)
Cash Funds last year end			50,879		52,806
Cash Funds this year end			48,858		50,879

The notes on page 23 form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Activities

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section B

Designated Funds

Receipts

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2025	2025	2024	2024
Gifts & Voluntary Receipts	Gifts & Offerings	0		0	
	Income Tax Recovery on Gift Aid	0		0	
	Missions Income	0		0	
			0		0
Receipts earned from assets	Bank interest	759		0	
			759		0
Other Receipts	Grants Received	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS			759		0

Payments

Breakdown Using Own Analysis

		2025	2025	2024	2024
Ministry & Mission Payments	Costs of Ministry Support	0		0	
	Subs & Donations to UK Ministries	0		0	
	Mission trips / Overseas Donations	0		0	
			0		0
Other Expenditure	Equipment purchase - Grant funded	0		0	
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0		0	
			0		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS			0		0
Net Surplus / (Deficit)			759		0
Transfer (to)/from General Funds			9,672		28,262
Cash Funds last year end			62,936		34,674
Cash Funds this year end			73,367		62,936

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Summary Statement of Assets

For the 12 month period to 30 June 2025

Life Community Church - Charity Number 1052019

Section C

Endowment Funds

The Charity does not have any Permanent or Expendable Endowment Funds

Section D

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

Monetary Assets	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Designated funds		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Church Current Account - General	48,858	50,879	-	-	-	-	48,858	50,879
Church Current Account - Missions	-	-	-	-	-	1,752	-	1,752
Life Vision Offering	-	-	-	-	40,492	28,701	40,492	28,701
Deposit Account (Vision80 Fund)	-	-	-	-	32,875	32,483	32,875	32,483
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds	48,858	50,879	0	0	73,367	62,936	122,225	113,815

Other Monetary Assets

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Designated funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Income Tax Claim Due for Repayment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Debtors & Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Monetary Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Fund to which it belongs		2025		2024	
			Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
Term Deposits	General Funds		0	0	0	0
Other Investments	General Funds		0	0	0	0
Total Investment Assets			0	0	0	0

Assets Retained for Charity's own use

	Fund to which it belongs		2025	
			Cost	Current Value
Land and Buildings (Valuation undertaken in 2023)	General Fund		820,000	820,000
Plant and Equipment	General Fund		15,747	12,597
Fixtures and Fittings	General Fund		4,705	3,764
Computer Equipment	General Fund		221	148
Total Retained Assets			840,673	836,509

Liabilities

	Fund to which it belongs		Amount due	< 1 Year	> 1 Year
Unpaid Income Tax & N.I. due	General Fund			0	0
Unpaid Salaries & Wages	General Fund			0	0
Suppliers Accounts Due	General Fund			0	0
Independent Examiners Account Due	General Fund			546	0
Contingent Liabilities	General Fund			0	0
Other Liabilities	General Fund			0	0
Total Liabilities				546	0

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

b. Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.



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