

# CHAMPIONS CHURCH SKIPTON

## Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

For the Year Ended 31st October 2025

Registered Charity 1052055 • Assemblies of God Great Britain

### 1. Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity Name</b>	Champions Church - Skipton
<b>Charity Structure</b>	Unincorporated Association (transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation in progress)
<b>Principal Address</b>	Champions Church, Carleton Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.championschurch.co.uk">www.championschurch.co.uk</a>
<b>Denominational Body</b>	Assemblies of God Great Britain (AOG GB)
<b>Reporting Period</b>	1 November 2024 - 31 October 2025

### Board of Trustees

The following individuals served as trustees during the reporting period:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role / Notes</b>
Rev Michael Hulland	Senior Pastor & Chair of Trustees
Thembi Sharp	Trustee
George Mackley	Trustee
Kevin Rhodes	Trustee
Nigel Cleaver	Trustee
Edward Dean	Trustee

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

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### Governing Document

Champions Church - Skipton is an unincorporated association operating under its governing document as a registered charity. During the reporting period, the trustees engaged Pathway Consultancy (Andy Strajnic) to review and update the charity's governance framework, and the trustees resolved to transition the charity structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This process is ongoing and will be completed in due course.

### Trustee Recruitment and Training

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document and serve in accordance with the charity's values and the requirements of the Charity Commission. During the year, the trustee board undertook a two-day professional training programme (23–24 April 2025) facilitated by Andy Strajnic of Pathway Consultancy. Key outcomes included:

- Review and updating of charity policies and procedures
- Clarification and communication of church vision
- Decision to progress the CIO conversion

A trustees' away day was also held on 11 July 2025 at Shekinah Christian Centre, providing dedicated time for strategic planning, vision alignment and review of building development priorities.

### Organisational Structure

Day-to-day management of the charity is undertaken by the Senior Pastor under the oversight of the trustee board. The charity is a member of Assemblies of God Great Britain and participates in regional and national AOG networks, conferences and hubs throughout the year.

### 3. Objectives and Activities

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#### Charitable Objects

The objects of Champions Church Skipton are the advancement of the Christian faith and, in furtherance of those objects, such other charitable purposes as the trustees may from time to time determine. All activities are carried out in pursuit of these objects for the public benefit.

#### Church Vision

During the year the trustees and senior leadership refreshed the articulation of the church's vision:

***"A community becoming champions through faith in Christ"***

This vision is expressed through four strategic priorities, described by the acronym R.A.C.E.:

<b>R – Relationship</b>	Sharing the Christian faith and welcoming people into a living relationship with God and with one another.
<b>A – All Scripture</b>	Teaching and upholding the authority of the Bible as the foundation of all church life and ministry.
<b>C – Community</b>	Building authentic relationships within the congregation, the wider Skipton community and the AOG network.
<b>E – Equipping</b>	Developing and releasing individuals to serve, lead and flourish in their calling.

## 4. Activities, Achievements and Performance

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### Sunday Worship and Teaching

The church continued to hold regular Sunday services throughout the year, providing worship, biblical teaching and pastoral care to the congregation. Visiting speakers during the year included Rev Agatha N'gambi, Jason and Jenny Spender, Ian Winter, Jarrod Cooper and Steve Hudson. A 'Triple Sunday' format was introduced, enabling lay members of the congregation to share short messages, widening participation in public ministry.

### Children's and Youth Ministry

Sunday children's ministry (Mini Champions) continued throughout the year under dedicated volunteer leaders, providing age-appropriate Christian education through songs, memory verses, storytelling and craft. A children's nativity ("It's a Baby Mini Champions Nativity") was performed on 21 December 2025.

Two young people attended the Young Lions Juniors residential event in Scotland (16–18 January 2025). The charity also facilitated young people's participation in the Youth Alive's Awaken Youth Event in Leeds (April 2025) and a Youth Alpha online course.

A new dedicated toy store was constructed on 28 October 2025, removing a longstanding health and safety concern associated with loft storage of parent and toddler group equipment.

### Parent and Toddler Group (Mini Champions)

The Mini Champions Parent and Toddler Group continued to meet weekly during term time, providing a welcoming community space for families and an opportunity to share the Christian faith with the wider Skipton community. The group is run entirely by volunteers.

### Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Club

The CAP Job Club, led by volunteer manager Steve Hudson, continued to operate as one of the highest-performing clubs in the country. The club provides:

- A complimentary hot meal at each session
- CV preparation and interview coaching
- Structured course content across an eight-week programme
- Job Club Extra sessions on Fridays at the Augment Community Space

Volunteers from the congregation — including Adrian, George, Lorna and Alan — supported the club throughout the year. The charity also represented the CAP Job Club at Job Fairs held at Skipton Town Hall.

### Community and Outreach Activities

Key outreach activities during the year included:

- Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse): shoe boxes filled and donated by congregation members and parent and toddler group families, submitted approximately 16 November 2025.
- Houses of Prayer: prayer gatherings held across five locations and six occasions during January 2025, including New Year's Day congregational prayer led by Thembi.
- Easter Enacted: a dramatic re-enactment of the resurrection account was performed during the Easter Sunday service (20 April 2025).
- Food Hygiene Training: three congregation members attended food hygiene training organised by Malcolm and Judith Hammond on 20 September 2025, benefiting multiple Skipton churches.

## **AOG GB Network Participation**

The charity maintained an active role within its denominational family, Assemblies of God Great Britain, attending:

- AOG National Conference, Harrogate, 7–10 May 2025
- AOG North Area day conferences at Legacy Church, Doncaster
- Regular AOG hub meetings at Clitheroe

## **Church Digital Presence**

A new church website ([www.championschurch.co.uk](http://www.championschurch.co.uk)) was launched in October 2025, providing improved information on church vision, ministries and giving options.

## 5. Plans for Future Periods

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### Building Extension

Planning permission has been submitted for an extension of approximately 5m x 5m to the church building, designed primarily to create dedicated space for children's and youth ministry on Sunday mornings. This would enable age-specific groupings to meet simultaneously for the first time. Following planning consent (awaited), the trustees intend to:

- Investigate cost-effective construction options and building materials
- Pursue grant funding and congregational fundraising
- Proceed to build, with a target of completion during summer 2026

### CIO Conversion

The charity will complete its conversion from an unincorporated association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), providing greater legal protection for trustees and updating the governance framework to reflect current best practice for church charities.

### Evangelism and Discipleship

The trustees have committed to the following evangelism and discipleship initiatives in 2026:

- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) Christian Life and Witness Course – 25 April 2026
- 'I Am Andrew Sunday' – 19 July 2026 (congregation-wide faith-sharing focus)
- God Loves You Tour, Manchester Co-op Live Arena – 3 October 2026 (Franklin Graham; coach arranged for congregation and guests)
- Walk Through the Bible: New Testament – 20 June 2026
- 321 evangelistic and discipleship course (to be scheduled)
- Freedom in Christ course (to be scheduled)

### Women's Ministry Conference

A full Women of Faith Conference is planned for 12 September 2026, open to women from Champions Church and neighbouring churches.

### Youth and Young People

The charity will continue to support young people's participation in Young Lions and Young Lions Juniors events, and will seek to develop age-specific Sunday provision following the completion of the building extension.

### Premises Improvements

Other planned premises works include toilet renovation completion, installation of new entrance doors, a new garden equipment shed, car park repainting and pathway improvements.

### AOG National Conference 2026

The senior pastor will attend the AOG National Conference 2026 (Peterborough, 14–16 May 2026).

## 6. Financial Review

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Note: Full financial statements, including a Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet, are appended to this report in accordance with the Charity Commission's requirements for charities at the applicable income threshold. The figures below are completed by the charity's treasurer.

Income and Expenditure Summary	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Total income	68206.25	72,584.15
Total expenditure	46,160.57	42,197.49
Net income	22,045.68	30,386.66

### Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately six months of normal operating expenditure which, based on current projections, equates to £16,352.97.

The trustees aim to review this set amount on an annual basis.

### Going Concern




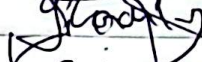
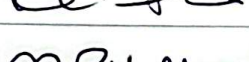
The trustees are satisfied that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

### Investment Policy

Given the nature of the charity's activities and the need to ensure the availability of funds for ongoing operations and commitments, it's been determined that a low-risk, highly liquid approach is appropriate for Champions Church. As such, funds are held in the bank in a deposit account.

## 7. Declaration of Trustees

The trustees confirm that they have approved this report and confirm that it gives a true and fair view of the activities and financial position of the charity.

Trustee Name	Signature	Date
N W CLEVER		19 APR 26
EDWARD DEAN		19.4.26
THEMBI SHARP		19.04.26
JOHN TACKLEY		19.04.26
KEVIN KNOW		19.04.26
Michael Hulband	M.P.Hulband.	19/4/2026

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## Champions Church Skipton

Charity No. 1052055

Accounting Period to 31 October 2025

### Income and Expenditure Account

	Current Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Building Fund	7351.34	2280.38
Gift and Donations	39861.47	36496.39
Gift Aid	5918.77	17166.07
Venue – Leasing	12522.17	14177.00
Investment Return	274.65	82.49
Job Club	1816.79	2000.00
Other Income	225.98	0.00
Parents and Toddlers	235.08	381.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>68206.25</b>	<b>72584.15</b>
	Current Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Pastor's Salary etc	21706.18	23582.71
Insurance	894.41	991.68
Building Costs (inc utilities)	4261.51	4234.15
Building Maintenance	6976.18	2974.42
Mini Champions	59.48	577.86
Parent and Toddlers	575.09	83.96
Events	1285.59	1684.43
Missions	1699.55	927.01
Hospitality	468.52	617.67
Bank Charges	60	60.00
Accountancy	328.50	413.50
Licences	879.20	350.00
Job Club	1816.79	1254.34
AOG Fees	1218.83	0.00
Sundry Costs	0	53.94
Equipment Depreciation	3007.78	3759.73
Office Supplies	922.96	0
Men's Group	0	632.09
AV Upgrade	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>46160.57</b>	<b>42197.49</b>
<b>Annual Surplus</b>	<b>22045.68</b>	<b>30386.66</b>



**Champions Church Skipton**  
**Charity No. 1052055**  
**Accounting Period to 31 October 2025**  
**Balance Sheet**

<u>Fund Summary</u>	Current Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
General Fund	58876.04	57415.05
Total Funds	58876.04	57415.05
<u>Monetary Assets</u>	Current Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
CAF Account	66227.38	56221.26
Total Monetary Assets	66227.38	56221.26
<u>Others Assets</u>	Current Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
Property	175000.00	73419.54
Fixtures and Equipment	1400.00	2400.00
Total Other Assets	176400.00	75819.54
Net Value of Charity	130040.30	75819.54

### Accounting Statements

1. The trustees consider that in accordance with section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed.
2. The Accounts are produced on a receipts and payment basis.
3. The Accounts for the period ended 31 October 2025 were approved by the trustee on:

Trustee Name: KEVIN RHODES

Signature: Ken Rhodes

Date: 28.3.26

Trustee Name: MICHAEL HULLAND

Signature: M.P. Hulland

Date: 28/3/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Champions Church Skipton

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 October 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1052055

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 10 / 2025.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

\* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

25/03/2026

Name: Antony Gudgeon

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

Address: 1 Crakelands Barn  
Halton East, Skipton  
North Yorkshire BD23 6EH

**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.