

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025



Ark Church Nottingham

Registered Charity Number 1052625

88 Strelley Road, Nottingham, NG8 3AQ

SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Mark Wheatley

Ellen Daft

Sarah Wheatley

Kate Simpson

Names of the holding trustees who hold the deeds for the building:

The Charity Commission has been appointed as Official Custodian to hold the deeds of the property. We are in the process of updating the Land Registry to reflect this. Land Registry still shows the following as holding trustees:

Mark Smedley

Eunice Blyth

Ellen Daft

Salary Committee Members:

Kate Simpson

Joan Arogbo

Paul Blyth

Joan Rix

Ellen Daft

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Paul Blyth

Assistant Safeguarding Officer: Mark Wheatley

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:

Model Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted:
2006

Assemblies of God Model Trust adopted in Oct

Trustee selection methods:

Appointed by minister, approved by church council

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship
3. To advance education

Summary of the main activities of the church in relation to these objects:

1. The church holds Christian worship services providing teaching and spiritual encouragement.
2. The church supports a number of missionaries, projects and other worthy causes both in this country and overseas as well as looking for opportunities

to express Christian love through practical support in our immediate community and beyond.

3. A team of children workers provide activities and opportunities for spiritual encouragement and education and growth for young people throughout the year.
4. The church runs regular table top sales to raise funds and reach out to the community. Reasonably priced food is provided at these events.
5. Monthly drop-in sessions are run for those who feel isolated and would like some friendship.

SECTION D: ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year we have welcomed a number of new people to the church and sadly lost a few. Our church continues to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where people can grow and share together and learn a life of Christian faith and service.

During the summer we had the kitchen refurbished and the new facilities are a great improvement and have helped us run new activities such as the Over 60s Christmas Dinner as well as improving our food hygiene standards for all other activities.

We also had some of the windows replaced in the back of the building, which are more energy efficient and versatile.

We have had several quotes for getting the toilets refurbished which have been very large and we hope to get a reasonable quote to get the work done in 2026.

Work has been underway to create a store room from the "purple room" and to transform the office into a youth / meeting room.

The Church Table Top Sales have continued to be an excellent way to connect with the local community and provide support and friendship to those who need it.

The Afternoon In sessions have proved popular and we have managed to secure funding for a further two years of activities including the summer trip and Christmas party.

Our children's club xPlore! continues to reach out to children in the community – providing fun and educational sessions, providing youngsters with faith based and educational activities as well organising trips and fund-raisers.

Our minister Mark's ministry in helping bereaved families continues to be fruitful. We held another Memorial Sunday in the autumn for bereaved families which was well attended.

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our church members have continued to be very faithful in their giving, and income from offerings has remained the same as last year, although still not currently covering the running costs of the church.

We have been successful in attracting £25,000 grant funding this year - £20,000 from Awards for All Community Lottery Fund (£17k towards the kitchen and £3k for Afternoon In) and £5,000 from the Beatrice Laing Foundation towards the toilet refurbishment.

£14,000 Grant funding has been spent this year on the refurbishment of the kitchen and new windows and we still have around £39k in grants to spend on refurbishment of the toilets, youth room, facelift of the front of the building, and refurb of the main hall.

We received a water bill for over £1,200 in December following a leak and toilet taps being left on. We are looking to change the taps during the refurb to minimise the chance of this happening again.

The church has a Reserves Policy in line with advice from the Charity Commission. Wherever possible the church will aspire to maintain reserves of at least 3 months' running costs based on the previous year's expenditure. This is currently set at £20k for in reserves in total. All of the reserves are met by the church's funds.

DECLARATION:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Full name:

Kate Wilson

Position:

Trustee

[Signature]

Rev H Wheatley

ARK CHURCH NOTTINGHAM

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ark Church Nottingham

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ark Church Nottingham for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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:

- 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 this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Name: Joan B-Arogbo
Address: 43, Cotswold Road
Nottingham
NG8 6LE
Date: 20/03/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

			2025	2024
RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Offerings	4,415	491	4,906	6,831
Gift Aid	15,040	1,671	16,711	15,565
Tax Refunds	5,684	632	6,315	4,308
Bank Interest	1,806	201	2,006	1,485
Room Hire	-	-	-	920
Sundry Income	-	-	-	2,686
Miscellaneous - Set aside and Restricted	-	3,217	3,217	241
«Plore Income	-	2,469	2,469	1,535
Building Project Fund (Restricted)	-	22,154	22,154	6,988
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,944	30,834	57,778	40,629
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Ministry Costs and Pension	-25412	0	-25412	-25794
Missionary Benevolent Fund	0	-3291	-3291	-2920
NI and Tax	-3219	0	-3219	-3575
Utilities	-2978	0	-2978	-1769
Repairs and Replacements	-160	0	-160	0
Insurance and Business Costs	-3368	0	-3368	-3768
Other restricted - «Plore, Grants, smas meal	0	-1499	-1499	-4370
Misc and Kitchen Supplies	-52	0	-52	-77
Building Project Costs	0	-14385	-14385	-12266
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	-35189	-18974	-54163	-54540
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	8245	11860	3615	-8,293
BANK BALS B/FWD 1 JAN 2025	78602	76299	154900	177,071
BANK BALS C/FWD 31 DEC 2025	70357	88158	158515	168,778

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ARE CHURCH NOTTINGHAM

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2021	2020
PROPERTY VALUE	2,815	0	2,815	2,815	2,815
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	2,218	0	2,218	2,218	2,218
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SAVED ACCOUNT BALANCE	85,124	85,124	170,248	170,248	170,248
TOTAL ASSETS	90,157	85,124	175,281	175,281	175,281
DEBTORS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	90,157	85,124	175,281	175,281	175,281

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Mike

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1

Grant funding breakdown
 All Churches Trust grant towards refurb
 Apple Community Grant
 WM Lottery
 Awards for All - Kitchen and toilets
 Awards for All - Afternoon tea
 Beacon Living (pledged - not received)

Original Grant	Amount Spent	Grant held
17,000	1,100	25,400
15,000	(4,390)	400
1,000	0	1,000
17,000	10,000	3,000
1,000	767	2,233
5,000	0	0
48,000	26,767	38,040

Note 2

Funds Analysis

Unrestricted Funds - Church
 Designated Funds - Reserves

Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between Funds	Closing Balance
18,402	26,544	(25,189)	320	39,877
20,000				20,000
78,402	26,544	(25,189)	320	79,877

Restricted Funds:

Mission Bursaries /
 office?
 Building Fund
 Christmas Meal
 Grant - Afternoon tea

6,183	2,934	(3,791)	46	5,372
0	2,468	468		2,936
48,848	22,114	(18,185)		77,837
0	237	(263)	46	0
144	1,000	(767)	(320)	2,157
76,175	30,834	(18,514)	(320)	87,835

Total Funds

154,577	57,378	(43,703)	0	118,516
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Note 3

Breakdown of end of year unrestricted funds 31 December 2025

Total Cash Assets	79,877	
Set aside for Church Reserves	20,000	Six month's running costs
Unrestricted Assets	59,877	

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Awards for All - Afternoon tea	1,000	767	2,233
Bearskin Living (pledged - not received)	1,000	0	0
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	75,175	30,824	(22,591)	(320)	82,888
Total Funds	113,577	57,368	(47,780)	0	119,165

Note 3

Breakdown of end of year unrestricted funds 31 December 2025

Total Cash Assets	70,677	
Set aside for Church Reserves	20,000	Six month's running costs
Unrestricted Assets	50,677	

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