

# **AVELEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

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

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Aveley Christian Centre
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1054346
<b>Address</b>	Stifford Road Aveley South Ockendon Essex RM15 4AB

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served the charity during the period and subsequently:

Rev. A. P. Day  
Rev. A. W. Field  
Rev. L. A. Field  
Mr E. Campbell  
Mrs J. Campbell

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

A board of trustees manages the charity and reports to the full membership of the Church. Reverend Alex Day is the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and governance decision are made by majority vote.

Recruitment of new trustees is undertaken from among the membership of Aveley Christian Centre, with potential candidates carefully considered to ensure suitability for the role.

New trustees receive training as appropriate, and all serving trustees are encouraged to attend ongoing training relevant to their responsibilities.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Aveley Christian Centre is registered with the Charity Commission (Registration number 1054346) and is constituted by a Constitution adopted on 21 February 2006.

The object of the charity is to promote the advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

During the year ending 31 March 2025, Aveley Christian Centre continued to work towards its mission of helping people connect with God, with one another, and with the wider community. The Church made strong progress in each of these areas, as outlined below.

##### **Connecting people with God**

The Church remained committed to nurturing the spiritual growth of its congregation. Key achievements include:

##### **Worship and Attendance**

- Weekly Sunday services continued throughout the year, with attendance steadily increasing and regularly exceeding 25 people.
- We were encouraged to welcome several new attendees and families into the fellowship.

##### **Bible Teaching and Spiritual Development**

- Regular Bible studies and prayer meetings were held, with strong attendance and engagement.
- From February 2025, these meetings moved into the Church House, giving gatherings a more personal and intimate atmosphere.
- A structured teaching programme was delivered across 2024–25, including:
  - The **E100** series, giving participants an accessible journey through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
  - A **sermon series on the Book of Romans**, supporting theological understanding for both new and mature believers.

Collectively, these activities helped deepen biblical knowledge, strengthen faith, and support personal discipleship across the congregation.

##### **Connecting with People**

Strengthening relationships within the congregation was a major focus for the year.

##### **Building Community Within the Church**

- Members increasingly arrived early before Sunday services and stayed afterwards, creating natural opportunities for fellowship and support.
- The Church saw positive growth in relational connections between long-standing members and newer attendees.

##### **Events and Activities**

- The Church's women attended various ladies' events hosted by other local churches, which provided spiritual encouragement and strengthened inter-church relationships.
- A well-received Christmas cake-baking session was held, with participation from both Church members and local residents, helping to build friendships and welcome new people into the Church environment.

These activities helped foster a warm, caring, and inclusive community atmosphere.

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**Connecting with our Community**

Aveley Christian Centre continued to serve and invest in its local community through various outreach initiatives.

**Partnerships and Local Involvement**

- The Church continued its support of **Aveley Village Community Forum Limited (AVCF)**, whose aims closely align with our desire to strengthen and develop the Aveley community.
- Two of our trustees, Rev. A. P. Day and Rev. A. W. Field, continued as active members/directors of AVCF.

**Weekly Groups and Outreach**

- The Church's weekly **parent and toddler group** continued to run and has become **the only regular group of its kind in Aveley**, meeting an important community need.
- The **weekly coffee morning**, started in June 2023, has developed a consistent core group of attendees and continues to offer companionship and support for local residents.

**Youth Ministry**

- The monthly **Youth Club** saw significant growth, with some sessions reaching up to **30 plus young people**.
- New attendees joined each month, demonstrating strong demand for safe and positive youth activities in the area.

**School Engagement**

- Rev. S. L. Day continued leading assemblies at Aveley Primary School throughout 2024–25, contributing to the spiritual and moral development of local children.
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These initiatives strengthened our presence within the community and allowed us to provide meaningful support to families, young people, and local residents.

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**Church House**

In August 2024, the previous tenant of the Church House moved into a care home and sadly passed away shortly afterwards. He had lived in the property since the Church originally purchased the main building, when the intention was for the house to serve as the minister's manse.

The Church regained possession of the house in October 2024. Following consultation with the Church membership, it was agreed that a full renovation of the property should be undertaken to modernise it and make it fit for purpose. The renovation works included:

- Installing a new internal toilet (replacing the previously sole external toilet)
- Fitting new double-glazed windows and doors
- Installing a new, modern kitchen
- General refurbishment and modernisation throughout

The project was funded through a combination of:

- The restricted Church House Renovation Fund
- The Building Improvement Fund
- Unrestricted Church reserves

The work was completed in a notably short timeframe, allowing S. L. Day and family to move into the property in February 2025. This project represents a significant investment in the Church's long-term infrastructure and provides a suitable home for ministry support and community engagement.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Full financial details are available in the main body of the accounts. The trustees are pleased to report that the Church experienced a strong financial year, supported by the continued generosity of the congregation.

**Income**

Unrestricted total income increased by £6,185, rising from £25,287 in 2024 to £31,472 in 2025, representing a 25% increase. This growth in giving has been vital in enabling the Church to continue its ministry and community work.

The increased hiring out of the Church building also contributed positively to income levels. Regular hall hires now form a helpful supplemental income stream.

**Expenditure and Financial Stability**

When excluding the expenditure on the Church House renovation project, unrestricted income would have just covered unrestricted expenditure for the year. This reflects a significant improvement in financial stability following the challenges experienced during the COVID period.

The trustees acknowledge the role that God's provision, careful financial stewardship, and faithful giving from attendees have played in strengthening the Church's financial position.

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**Reserves**

The Church's reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of six months of unrestricted expenditure in cash reserves. As at 31 March 2025, this equates to £20,577. Actual unrestricted cash reserves stood at £20,916, meaning the Church met its reserves target.

Total reserves at the year end were £779,248, of which £775,028 were unrestricted. The trustees review the adequacy of the reserves policy annually to ensure it remains appropriate for the Church's needs and obligations.

**Overall Assessment**

The trustees are satisfied that the charity has sufficient funds to continue its activities and objectives. Income and expenditure are being maintained at sustainable levels, and the Church remains financially viable. The trustees will continue to work diligently to minimise costs where possible and seek new opportunities to increase income in a manner consistent with the Church's aims and constitution.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

Our continued main aim as trustees is to see the Church move forward in reaching out to the community by all honest means, as we share our love of Jesus, and show Jesus' compassion to all (whilst also complying with charity law). We will continue to present the Church as a place of Faith, Hope & Love.

The trustees would also like to thank everyone who has supported the Church physically, spiritually and financially helping to see the goals reached.

Our overall vision is to create opportunities for people to connect with God, with each other and with our community of Aveley, Ockendon and Purfleet.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Huw Nicholls FCCA was appointed as the independent examiner during the period, and a resolution to reappoint for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees



Rev. A P Day  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# **AVELEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AVELEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 set out on pages 8 to 11.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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30 January 2026

**Aveley Christian Centre**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025**

<b>INCOME</b>	Note	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Collections		24,131	500	<b>24,631</b>	18,745
Gift Aid		4,532	125	<b>4,657</b>	3,499
Donations		-	-	-	227
Hire fees		1,095	-	<b>1,095</b>	275
Rental Income		807	-	<b>807</b>	2,097
Other income		104	-	<b>104</b>	320
Youth Club		400	-	<b>400</b>	141
Bank Interest		403	-	<b>403</b>	401
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>31,472</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>32,097</b>	<b>25,705</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Assemblies of God		702	-	<b>702</b>	1,183
Building Costs	1	10,036	320	<b>10,356</b>	7,926
Capital Expenditure	2	10,199	40,016	<b>50,215</b>	740
Children's Work		321	-	<b>321</b>	389
Church Expenses		2,270	-	<b>2,270</b>	2,369
General Expenses		60	-	<b>60</b>	60
Missionary Expenses	3	1,920	-	<b>1,920</b>	2,160
Printing		168	-	<b>168</b>	96
Legal Fees		35	-	<b>35</b>	35
Salaries - Gross Salary		14,466	-	<b>14,466</b>	11,928
Salaries - Employers NICs		-	-	-	-
Salaries - Pensions		562	-	<b>562</b>	485
Special Events		415	-	<b>415</b>	496
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>41,154</b>	<b>40,336</b>	<b>81,490</b>	<b>27,867</b>
<b>(DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:</b>		<b>( 9,682)</b>	<b>( 39,711)</b>	<b>( 49,393)</b>	<b>( 2,162)</b>



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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025**

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>				
Land and Buildings (Insurance Value)	631,500	-	<b>631,500</b>	631,500
Building Improvements (Cost)	19,433	-	<b>19,433</b>	19,433
House Improvements (Cost)	50,016	-	<b>50,016</b>	-
Equipment (Cost)	8,480	-	<b>8,480</b>	8,281
Furniture (Cost)	4,111	-	<b>4,111</b>	4,111
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>713,540</b>	-	<b>713,540</b>	663,325
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash in hand and at Bank	20,916	4,219	25,135	74,528
Debtors - Gift Aid	531	-	531	707
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>21,447</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>25,666</b>	75,235
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Creditors	<b>383</b>	-	<b>383</b>	1,190
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>734,604</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>738,823</b>	<b>737,370</b>

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2026 and signed by:



Rev. A. P. Day  
Chair of Trustees

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		<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
		<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>1. Building Costs</b>			
Insurance	UR	1,678	1,657
Repairs and Maintenance	UR	2,157	1,354
Repairs and Maintenance	R	320	320
Utilities	UR	6,201	4,595
		<b>10,356</b>	<i>7,926</i>
<b>2. Capital Expenditure</b>			
House Renovations	R	40,016	-
House Renovations	UR	10,000	-
Equipment	UR	199	530
Equipment	R	-	210
		<b>50,215</b>	<i>740</i>
<b>3. Missionary Expenses</b>			
Assemblies of God 365 Scheme	UR	372	372
Central African Mission (CAM)	UR	792	792
David Taylor Fund	UR	396	396
World Christian Ministry	UR	360	360
Operation Christmas Child			
Samaritan Purse	UR	-	140
AOG - Impact Appeal:			
Morocco & Libya Appeal	R	-	98
Morocco & Libya Appeal	UR	-	2
AoG - Ukraine Appeal	UR	-	-
AoG - Turkey/Syria Appeal	R	-	-
AoG - Turkey/Syria Appeal	UR	-	-
		<b>1,920</b>	<i>2,160</i>
For Current Year Figures: UR - Unrestricted Fund		R - Restricted Fund	

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**4. Restricted Fund Breakdown**

	Balance at 1 April '24	Incoming Resources	Transfer	Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31 March'25
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	10,570	625	-	(9,887)	1,308
House Renovation Fund	30,129	-	-	(30,129)	-
Children's and Youth Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Parent and Toddler Fund	121	-	-	-	121
Toilet for the disabled	30	-	-	-	30
Carpet Fund	500	-	-	-	500
Chairs and Tables	2,014	-	-	(320)	1,694
Special Offering	383	-	-	-	383
Youth and Children's Growth Fund	183	-	-	-	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,930</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(40,336)</b>	<b>4,219</b>

**5. Related Party Transactions**

Included within staff costs are emoluments to following Trustees:

	2025 £	2024 £
Rev. A P Day	-	1,914
Rev. S L Day	<b>14,466</b>	10,014
	<b>14,466</b>	11,928

Rev. S L Day is the wife of Trustee Rev. A. P. Day. The salary paid is for her role as the senior minister from June 2023. From Feb 2025, Rev. S L Day was provided with job related accomodation (Minister Manse) as part of her role. This is for the better performe of her duties for the Church.

Section 10.3 of the Charity's constitution is the legal authority for the above transactions.

No trustee received remuneration or payments from the Charity for their role as a trustee