

**WICKFORD CHRISTIAN CENTRE
CROUCH DRIVE
WICKFORD
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Registered Charity: 1054350

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
AND
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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28 June 2025

REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES) AND HOLDING TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND HOLDING TRUSTEES

The members of the Church Council and Holding Trustees during the year were as follows: -

Church Council (Charity Trustees)

Alan Richard Bliss

Sateesh Kumar Mathangi – appointed 23 Nov 2024 (Treasurer from 01 Oct 2024)

Danisa Moyo

Malcolm William Read (Chair/Secretary)

Timothy Adam Read – appointed 23 Nov 2024

Derek Sainsbury

Peter John Smith (Treasurer to 30 Sep 2024)

Jonathan Richard Ward

Holding Trustees

William Arthur Harbottle

Roger Victor Hudson

John Frank Longhurst

Malcolm William Read

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Wickford Christian Centre is registered with the Charity Commission (Registration number 1054350) and is constituted by a Constitution adopted on 30 May 2006.

A board of trustees (The Church Council) manage the charity and report to the full membership of the Church. Governance is by majority voting on all issues.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees, from amongst the membership of Wickford Christian Centre, is the responsibility of the Church Council and members are considered carefully to ensure that they are suitable for the position, prior to appointment.

New trustees are given training as considered appropriate. All serving trustees are encouraged to attend training courses as appropriate to their ongoing needs.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God. As such, the principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

When planning and carrying out our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had due regard for such guidance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Wickford Christian Centre seeks to be a church that is warm and welcoming to all. Sunday morning services are well attended by a diverse congregation. These services are live-streamed in part, for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the church in person and for anyone who wishes to hear the Christian message and join in Christian worship. This has included people in various parts of the UK and some from overseas.

The church meets at other times for prayer and Bible Study both in person at the church and remotely via "Zoom". On a monthly basis, a Lunch is provided after the Sunday Service, primarily for those who live on their own although all are welcome. Also, Care Groups are hosted in peoples' homes to provide encouragement, fellowship, and support.

Children's and Youth work continued during the year with a weekly children's programme during term time, in both Wickford and Craylands, Basildon. The Youth Club meets at the church fortnightly, and a Sunday School is also provided during our Sunday Services. All these works report encouraging times with those attending.

During term time, a thriving Parents and Toddlers group is held in the church on Tuesday mornings. Other activities include a crafting group, schools visits (in conjunction with other churches in the town), and a fortnightly outreach in Wickford High Street, where members of the public have asked for prayer.

The church administers a Care in the Community Fund for those in need and we are also pleased to actively work with other churches in the town to operate a Foodbank to similarly provide help and support for those struggling. This truly has a positive impact in the community in challenging times.

Overseas, Christian missions have also been supported in India, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo – all donations are made via UK registered charities.

The trustees wish to record their thanks to all who contribute to the work of the charity in any way and to God himself for his enabling and continued blessings.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient funds to continue its activities and objectives and confirm that there are no outstanding liabilities. The trustees further consider that income and expenditure are at a level to keep the charity financially viable.

The reserves policy of Wickford Christian Centre is to hold six months of all expenditure, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church, plus a further ten thousand pounds, to allow for any emergency or other unplanned expenditure. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £65,000.

Reserves held on 05 April 2025 were £76,923.74, which the trustees consider is in accordance with the reserves policy.

The trustees consider that the following designated funds are of material significance – values on 05 April 2025:

Wickford Christian Centre Care in the Community Fund: £20,423.54

The trustees anticipate that this will be largely used in the following year and will be monitored on a regular basis.

Building Fund: £30,549.50

This money has been set aside for future building projects or property acquisitions. No such projects are envisaged in the immediate future but are anticipated in the medium to long term.

STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers, and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted, contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND HOLDING TRUSTEES.



Malcolm W. Read
Chair of Church Council

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wickford Christian Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 28 June 2025

Wickford Christian Centre

**Receipts and Payments Selected period:
06 April 2024 to 05 April 2025**

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources					
1101 - Tithes & Offerings	31,737.09	-	-	31,737.09	31,137.20
1102 - Gift Aid - General	61,615.40	-	-	61,615.40	67,644.57
1121 - Tax Refund - General	18,528.91	-	-	18,528.91	14,287.78
1141 - Audio/Visual	-	-	-	-	500.00
1801 - Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	73.97
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources Totals	111,881.40	-	-	111,881.40	113,643.52
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
1131 - Donations for Needy	-	-	4,480.00	4,480.00	10,779.00
1183 - Womens Activities	197.70	-	-	197.70	-
1202 - Parents & Toddlers	846.85	-	-	846.85	1,181.50
1203 - Sparks	431.10	-	-	431.10	490.00
1207 - Busy Bees	120.00	-	-	120.00	42.00
1212 - Alpha	-	-	-	-	500.00
1214 - Childrens & YP Worship Workshop	-	-	-	-	500.00
1216 - Youth Group	357.12	-	-	357.12	474.99
1611 - Ruiru Feeding Programme	220.00	-	-	220.00	240.00
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals	2,172.77	-	4,480.00	6,652.77	14,207.49
Investment income					
1111 - Interest	1,255.60	1,000.94	18.00	2,274.54	1,624.20
Investment income Totals	1,255.60	1,000.94	18.00	2,274.54	1,624.20
Other incoming resources					
1124 - Tax Refund - Alpha	-	-	125.00	125.00	-
1126 - Tax Refund - WCC Care Fund	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,521.00
Other incoming resources Totals	-	-	2,625.00	2,625.00	2,521.00
Receipts Grand Totals	115,309.77	1,000.94	7,123.00	123,433.71	131,996.21
Payments					
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects					
5202 - Congo - Pastor Kalenga	360.00	-	-	360.00	240.00
5209 - New Life Homes	720.00	-	-	720.00	480.00
5211 - India Support	288.00	-	-	288.00	288.00
5217 - Christian Solidarity Worldwide	600.00	-	-	600.00	600.00
5219 - Mission Aviation Fellowship	2,400.00	-	-	2,400.00	-
Grants payable in furtherance of charity's objects Totals	4,368.00	-	-	4,368.00	1,608.00

	Total				
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
5104 - Parents & Toddlers	547.32	-	-	547.32	714.45
5107 - Busy Bees	229.50	-	-	229.50	-
5114 - Craylands Dynamites	956.84	-	-	956.84	746.51
5116 - Youth Group	303.12	-	-	303.12	458.10
5118 - Sparks	267.66	-	-	267.66	565.52
5121 - Sunday School	165.87	-	-	165.87	203.55
5123 - Schools Ministry	236.69	-	-	236.69	-
5141 - Alpha	-	-	256.00	256.00	134.98
5145 - Reconnect	-	-	-	-	359.10
5146 - Evangelism - Other	-	-	-	-	170.70
5152 - Sunday Fellowship Lunch	-	-	557.65	557.65	551.92
5171 - Womens Activities	635.89	-	-	635.89	323.87
5173 - Mens Breakfast	246.66	-	-	246.66	231.58
5181 - New Beginnings	-	215.50	-	215.50	-
5208 - Ruiru Feeding Program	160.00	-	-	160.00	240.00
5221 - Thirtyone:eight	206.48	-	-	206.48	153.40
5231 - Care in Community Exp - Donor	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,917.00
5232 - Care in Community Exp - WCC	-	2,144.83	829.52	2,974.35	10,437.80
5251 - Miscellaneous Expenses	245.70	-	-	245.70	167.19
5261 - Church Functions	1,229.83	-	-	1,229.83	-
5286 - Web-site	542.39	-	-	542.39	-
5294 - Video Equipment	729.94	-	-	729.94	69.96
5394 - Miscellaneous Gifts	124.31	-	-	124.31	256.08
5396 - Christmas Gifts	-	198.03	-	198.03	250.50
5399 - Pastoral Care Expenses	118.05	-	-	118.05	275.29
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects Totals	6,946.25	2,558.36	4,643.17	14,147.78	20,227.50
Support costs					
5281 - Postage	35.05	-	-	35.05	6.00
5282 - Telephone	47.29	-	-	47.29	345.41
5283 - Broadband	482.65	-	-	482.65	430.92
5291 - Music Equipment	105.26	-	-	105.26	4,767.92
5292 - Audio & Video Media	1,057.14	-	-	1,057.14	-
5293 - Worship Group	2,070.97	-	94.68	2,165.65	6,751.55
5354 - Gardening	619.00	-	-	619.00	589.00
5371 - Stationery	231.68	-	-	231.68	174.27
5372 - Advertising	33.99	-	-	33.99	97.34
5391 - Kitchen Items	241.74	-	-	241.74	487.58
5392 - Refreshment Supplies	790.92	-	-	790.92	371.39
5395 - Hospitality	691.00	-	-	691.00	177.89
5518 - Administration Costs	1,423.33	-	-	1,423.33	487.94
5701 - Building Insurance	3,067.79	-	-	3,067.79	3,081.45
5802 - Subscriptions	3,236.44	-	667.00	3,903.44	2,836.87
Support costs Totals	14,134.25	-	761.68	14,895.93	20,605.53
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity					
5296 - PA Equipment	309.50	-	171.80	481.30	-
5301 - Electricity	1,333.62	-	-	1,333.62	1,588.60
5302 - Water Rates	-	-	-	-	88.96
5303 - Gas Bill	2,322.38	-	-	2,322.38	3,820.95

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
5341 - Communion Cups	874.58	-	-	874.58	920.47
5351 - Cleaner	1,419.15	-	-	1,419.15	1,778.25
5352 - Cleaning/Toilet Materials	43.28	-	-	43.28	88.96
5353 - Window Cleaning	340.00	-	-	340.00	-
5356 - Equipment Repairs	136.00	-	-	136.00	32.98
5361 - New Equipment	1,213.58	-	89.25	1,302.83	1,784.89
5362 - Building Maintenance	2,339.15	-	-	2,339.15	2,533.26
5501 - Ministerial - Senior Minister	36,050.00	-	-	36,050.00	33,000.00
5502 - Ministerial - Associate Pastor	3,589.14	-	-	3,589.14	2,740.92
5503 - Ministerial - Childrens Pastor	7,200.00	-	-	7,200.00	6,600.00
5506 - Pension Contribution - WCC	-	-	-	-	119.07
5508 - Stewardship Costs	765.35	-	-	765.35	770.40
5509 - Visiting Ministry	1,750.00	-	-	1,750.00	4,857.12
5511 - Administrator	5,520.00	-	-	5,520.00	5,040.00
5512 - Pension Contribution - Associate Pastor	37.67	-	-	37.67	(68.04)
5513 - Visiting Ministry - A Murphy	3,450.00	-	-	3,450.00	-
5519 - Data Development Fees	135.00	-	-	135.00	-
5603 - Bungalow - Running Costs	-	-	-	-	3,122.51
5604 - Bungalow - Maintenance Costs	746.97	-	-	746.97	1,309.36
5605 - Bungalow - Gas	844.98	-	-	844.98	-
5606 - Bungalow - Electricity	795.53	-	-	795.53	-
5607 - Bungalow - Water	78.66	-	-	78.66	-
5608 - Bungalow - Insurance	535.69	-	-	535.69	-
5611 - Log Cabin & Shed Expenses	793.00	-	-	793.00	434.00
5801 - Conference Expenses	1,766.84	-	-	1,766.84	1,339.64
5803 - Professional Fees	500.00	-	-	500.00	500.00
5804 - Training Expenses - MT	60.00	-	-	60.00	240.00
5806 - AOG Regional Day Expenses	150.00	-	-	150.00	-
5808 - Training - General	-	-	-	-	72.00
Expenditure on managing-administering the charity Totals	75,100.07	-	261.05	75,361.12	72,714.30
Payments Grand Totals	100,548.57	2,558.36	5,665.90	108,772.83	115,155.33

Reconciliation of Opening and Closing Cash/Bank Balances

	This year £	Last Year £
Opening Cash/Bank Balance - 6 April	152,454.15	135,613.27
Total Receipts	123,433.71	131,996.21
Total (Payments)	(108,772.83)	(115,155.33)
Closing Cash/Bank Balance - 5 April	167,115.03	152,454.15

Reconciliation of Fund Balances to cash in hand at 5 April 2025

	Bfwd £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Cfwd £
<u>Unrestricted</u>					
General Fund	63,362.54	115,309.77	100,548.57	- 1,200.00	76,923.74
<u>Designated</u>					
Minibus	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00
New Beginning Support	305.52	-	215.50	-	90.02
WCC Care in Community	21,114.96	451.44	2,342.86	1,200.00	20,423.54
Building Fund	30,000.00	549.50	-	-	30,549.50
	53,920.48	1,000.94	2,558.36	1,200.00	53,563.06
<u>Restricted</u>					
Evangelistic Outreach (Formerly named Alpha Fund)	500.00	125.00	256.00	-	369.00
Audio/Visual	355.73	-	355.73	-	-
Building	2,793.76	-	-	-	2,793.76
Care in Community (Donor)	5,782.52	4,018.00	3,000.00	-	6,800.52
Children & YP Music & Worship	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
Minibus	11,938.74	-	-	-	11,938.74
Sunday Lunch Club	729.37	-	557.65	-	171.72
WCC Care in Community	12,571.01	2,980.00	1,496.52	-	14,054.49
	35,171.13	7,123.00	5,665.90	-	36,628.23
	152,454.15	123,433.71	108,772.83	-	167,115.03

Wickford Christian Centre

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 05 April 2025

			Balance	Previous balance
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Tangible Assets				
1302: Church Building - Fixed Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		1,100,000.00	500,000.00
			1,100,000.00	500,000.00
1303: Church Contents - Fixed Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		90,000.00	90,000.00
			90,000.00	90,000.00
1351: Bungalow - Fixed Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		375,000.00	325,000.00
			375,000.00	325,000.00
1352: Bungalow Contents - Fixed asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		7,500.00	7,500.00
			7,500.00	7,500.00
		Tangible Assets	1,572,500.00	922,500.00
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Cash At Bank And In Hand				
1501: Barclays Current Account				
Audio/Visual Fund	Restricted		-	355.73
Evangelistic Outreach Fund	Restricted		369.00	500.00
Mnibus Fund	Restricted		-	38.24
Sunday Lunch Club	Restricted		171.72	229.37
Building Fund	Restricted		-	93.76
Care in Community Fund	Restricted		1,197.06	197.06
Care in Community - WCC	Restricted		796.87	313.39
Care in Community - WCC	Designated		(70.28)	772.58
General fund	Unrestricted		5,304.19	2,182.31
Children & YP Music & Worship	Restricted		-	500.00
New Beginnings Support	Designated		90.02	-
			7,858.58	5,182.44
1502: Kingdom Bank Deposit Account				
General fund	Unrestricted		54,864.80	22,566.12
			54,864.80	22,566.12
1506: Cash				
General fund	Unrestricted		-	164.80
			-	164.80
1510: Barclays Deposit Account				
Mnibus Fund	Restricted		11,938.74	11,900.50
Mnibus Fund	Designated		2,500.00	2,500.00
Sunday Lunch Club	Restricted		-	500.00
Building Fund	Restricted		2,793.76	2,700.00
Building Fund	Designated		30,549.50	30,000.00
Care in Community Fund	Restricted		5,603.46	5,585.46
Care in Community - WCC	Restricted		13,257.62	12,257.62

		Balance	Previous balance
Care in Community- WCC	Designated	20,493.82	20,342.38
General fund	Unrestricted	16,754.75	38,449.31
Children & YP Music & Worship	Restricted	500.00	-
New Beginings Support	Designated	-	305.52
		104,391.65	124,540.79
	Cash At Bank And In Hand	167,115.03	152,454.15
	Grand Total	1,739,615.03	1,074,954.15