

**THE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (EXETER)
CHARITABLE TRUST**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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THE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (EXETER) CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CHARITY NAME	The City Community Church (Exeter) Charitable Trust
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ADDRESS	13 Cleveland Street Exeter EX4 1BB
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CHARITY NUMBER	1060985
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TRUSTEES	Mr Ben Richards - Chair Mrs Sally Wilson Mr John Chamberlain Mrs Nia Morrish Mr Tom Morrish Mr Russell Le Puill
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	S Truran FCCA FCA Streets Bush Limited Chartered Accountants Melrose House Pyhes Hill Exeter EX2 5AZ
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THE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (EXETER) CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Constitution and Objects

The City Community Church (Exeter) Charitable Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 8 December 1996. Its stated objects are the promotion and advancement of Christian religion and the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Organisational Structure

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date the report was approved are as follows:

- Mr Ben Richards appointed as trustee and Chair of Trustees 24/09/18.
- Mr Tom Morrish appointed as a trustee 25/06/2020.
- Mrs Nia Morrish appointed as a trustee 25/06/2020.
- Mrs Sally Wilson appointed as a trustee 16/01/2023.
- Mr John Chamberlain appointed as a trustee 16/01/2023.
- Russell Le Puill appointed as trustee 27/01/2021.

The 27th Annual General Meeting was held on 17 December 2024. The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the surviving or continuing trustees.

Main Activities and Achievements

The Trustees of City Community Church are pleased to report that the Trust has continued to meet its objectives throughout the year. When reviewing its activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on Advancement of Religion.

We have continued to meet in person on Sunday mornings as the Church's main meeting time. We meet in a local primary school hall. 50-70 individuals regularly attend from Exeter and the surrounding areas. City Community Church continues to be 'all-inclusive' and 'all-invited', with meetings open to all, regardless of regular attendance.

Small groups continue to be active within the Church with a variety of meetings for Bible studies, worship sessions, prayer meetings, social events and age-specific groups. In addition to work amongst adults, the Church continues to provide an active youth group as well as groups for younger children.

A new mum's and toddler group was launched in November 2022. Meeting in the local community centre in Heavitree (The Parklife Hub), every Friday lunchtime. This continues weekly and has a number of regular mums who have built friendships & connections with each other as well as our staff and volunteers.

City Community Church employs one member of the leadership team on a part time basis to support the running of the Church and the work of its leaders. A part-time Church administrator carries out general church administration and bookkeeping tasks. A part time Children & Families worker oversees all of the children's work during Sunday morning meetings, works closely with the local CofE primary school, and runs the toddler group.

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A part time youth worker was recruited and employed in March 2024 and runs regular (fortnightly) evening meetings for the youth. The youth worker is also on the leadership team.

Our members continue to be engaged in various areas of voluntary work around the city, and the Church often supports these individuals through prayer, or financially, to ensure the continuation of these services for the benefit of the public and the wider Church community. Specifically this includes:

- Homeless shelters — meal provision and Bible studies.
- Involvement with school based work
- Involvement with city wide youth events
- Fundraising and volunteering to support organisations and events in the city such as Exeter Foodbank.
- Supporting the Heavitree Parklife community centre in various ways. Such as assisting with activities such as Fun Days and Carol Singing, financial gifts for specific outreach projects and use of their community space for the toddler group and other social events.

City Community Church has also provided financial support to some of its members who are currently engaged in Christian mission in other parts of the world, and this is reviewed regularly, both in terms of their level of involvement and financial needs. Regular support is directed to individuals or to organisations that our members are involved in. The Trustees also consider appeals for support from its members, and exercise discretion to make one off gifts as situations become known to them.

Going concern

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Premises

Since April 2019 City Community Church have rented a space within the Isca church offices in Sandpiper Court, Harrington Ln, Pinhoe, EX4 8NS. In reviewing our level of use and need for this space, we gave notice of this arrangement in April 2025 and moved out in June 2025. All staff now work remotely from their home.

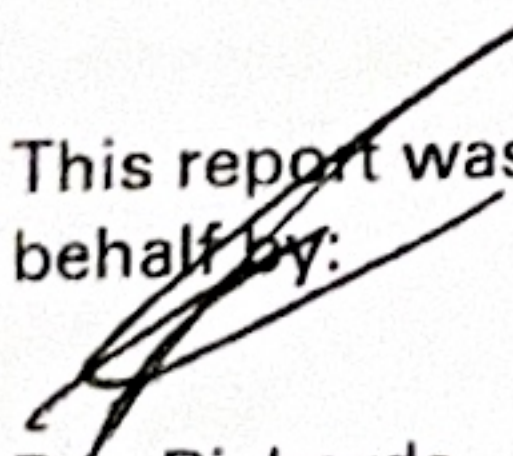
Financial Review

The Trust reports a surplus of £163 in the year to 31 March 2025 (2024: surplus £2,337). Overall, income decreased by £861, 2% and payments increased by £1,313, 2%. Cash funds carried forward amounted to £38,699 (2024: £38,536) including £345 in restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees do not consider that substantial amounts should be held in reserve but that there should be sufficient funds to cover short term cash flow fluctuations, legal obligations to staff, and take account of other committed regular giving and expenditure. £15,000 held on deposit has been set as a reserves policy based approximately upon 3 months expenditure. At the year end £38,699 was held in various accounts. The Trustees anticipate that the Church will normally operate at a deficit so the reserves will reduce towards the reserves policy.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1/dec/2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Ben Richards
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (EXETER) CHARITABLE TRUST**

I report on the receipt and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and 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 145 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 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 Commissioners. 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 the seeking of 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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 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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Mrs S Truran FCCA FCA
Streets Bush Limited
Chartered Accountants
Melrose House
Pynes Hill
Exeter
EX2 5AZ

Date: *4th December 2025*

THE CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH (EXETER) CHARITABLE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS							
Collections and Gifts		42,471	350	42,821	40,347	3,740	44,087
Gift Aid Tax Refunds & GASDS		7,915	-	7,915	7,276	-	7,276
Residential Events		4,280	-	4,280	4,997	-	4,997
Toddler Group Contributions		424	-	424	473	-	473
Bank Interest		1,013	-	1,013	481	-	481
		<u>56,103</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>56,453</u>	<u>53,574</u>	<u>3,740</u>	<u>57,314</u>
PAYMENTS							
Resources		3,218	200	3,418	2,152	-	2,152
Residential Events		4,735	-	4,735	5,247	-	5,247
Giving – Overseas & UK		3,510	160	3,670	5,500	-	5,500
Giving – Special Collections		-	-	-	-	3,175	3,175
Services		1,886	-	1,886	1,422	-	1,422
Office Costs		1,993	-	1,993	2,095	-	2,095
General Administration		6,474	-	6,474	8,376	-	8,376
Leadership		33,282	-	33,282	26,254	-	26,254
Independent Examination		832	-	832	756	-	756
		<u>55,930</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>56,290</u>	<u>51,802</u>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>54,977</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		173	(10)	163	1,772	565	2,337
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	2	630	(630)	-	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS B/F		<u>37,551</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>38,536</u>	<u>35,779</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>36,199</u>
CASH FUNDS C/F	2	<u>38,354</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>38,699</u>	<u>37,551</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>38,536</u>

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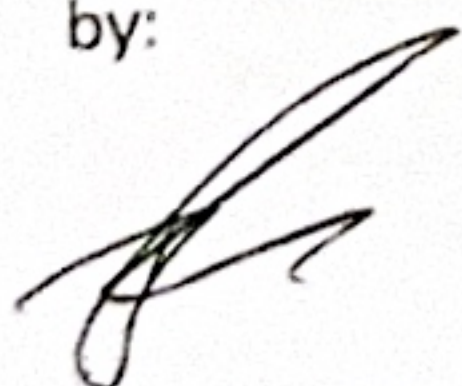
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CASH FUNDS				
CAF Bank Account	8,418	345	8,763	9,593
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	5,500	-	5,500	5,241
Kingdom Bank April Bond	10,970	-	10,970	10,656
Kingdom Bank October Bond	13,392	-	13,392	12,972
Petty Cash	74	-	74	74
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	38,354	345	38,699	38,536
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OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Gift Aid	651	-	651	649
Paye to recover	-	-	-	413
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	651	-	651	1,062
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S USE				
Cost of Equipment (2025 at market value/2024 at cost)	5,000	-	5,000	17,586
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LIABILITIES				
PAYE	213	-	213	178
Independent Examiner's Fee	960	-	960	832
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	1,173	-	1,173	1,010
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The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 11/Dec/2025 and signed on their behalf
by:



Ben Richards
Chair of Trustees

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The receipts and payments accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 using a receipts and payments basis.

Income

Collections, gifts and tax refunds are recognised when received by or on behalf of the church.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included when paid and includes any VAT which is not recoverable.

Assets Retained for Charity's Use

Assets retained for Charity's use held by the church are now reported at their market value (previously in 2024, it had been the original cost value).

Other Monetary Assets

Assets are recognised at the amounts due to the charity which will provide a benefit.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised at the amounts obligated to be paid by the charity.

Unrestricted and Restricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds represent the funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the church.

Restricted funds are where the income has been raised for specific purposes, for individuals or for specific events.

Transfers between Funds

Additional money has been given by the Trustees to various individuals and projects, in addition to the restricted income raised. These monies have been shown as a transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds.

2. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Three separate restricted funds operated during the year.

St Michael's Bibles was money raised towards giving bible to pupils at St Michael's School.

Hardship fund was money raised to cover one off grants up to £300 to reduce hardship.

Individuals Funds was money raised for two individuals and one couple who had significantly contributed toward the church.

	Balance B/Forward £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer to Unrestricted Funds £	Balance C/forward £
St Michael's Bibles	472	115	(200)	(387)	-
Hardship fund	270	-	-	-	270
Individuals Fund	243	75	-	(243)	75
Other collections and gifts	-	160	(160)	-	-
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	985	350	(360)	(630)	345
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3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The charity employs four staff members, three of whom are spouses of serving trustees. These employment arrangements were entered into on normal commercial terms, with roles and remuneration levels set according to the charity's operational needs and benchmarked against similar positions in comparable charities. The total remuneration paid to these related parties during the year was £33,340. All employment decisions regarding trustee-connected staff, including appointment, remuneration and performance management, are made by trustees without conflicts of interest, with affected trustees withdrawing from relevant discussions and decisions. The Board considers these arrangements essential for the effective delivery of the charity's objectives, providing necessary skills and continuity of service while maintaining appropriate governance oversight.

No trustee received any remuneration or other contributions from the charity during the year. No reimbursement of expenses in respect of services provided by the trustees has been made or is due to be made to any of them in respect of the year.