

BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY CHURCHES

*Hub Community Church
Hope Community Church
Life Spring Community Church
Tadley Community Church*

**ANNUAL REPORT &
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Trustees / directors

The Trustees / directors during the year and to date of report were as follows:

Gary Bastin
David Butler
Jonathan George
Andrew Taylor
Philip Wraight
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Ben Oliver (resigned 31 March 2025)
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The Trustees, who are directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. Details of Trustees and the Churches' advisors are set out on page 2.

Constitution and Objects

Basingstoke Community Churches is a Charity, constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Churches meet in local congregations which have been given local autonomy whilst continuing to work closely together as a family of churches.

The objects of the Charity are:

- The advancement of evangelical Christian causes which are pursued through a number of local congregations in the Basingstoke area, and involvement with other churches in the UK and overseas.
- The relief of poverty and hardship in various forms.
- Such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community as a whole.

The Trustees delegate the management of the Charity to the local Core Team and the elders of the Basingstoke Community Churches. Some of the Trustees are also elders of the local churches. The Trustees are appointed by ordinary resolution at a general meeting by the members of the Charity, most of whom are also elders in the churches.

Structure and organisation

Basingstoke Community Churches is made up of four local churches in the area, each of which is governed by a team of elders, assisted by an administrator and a treasurer. The local churches develop their own local expression and involvement in the community whilst retaining the overall values and ethos of the whole.

There is a core team made up of the main leaders of each of the four churches along with some other leaders who have a ministry across all the churches – this team oversees corporate strategy and values. The Trustees have legal responsibility for the activities of all the churches. The core team and Trustees are served by a team caring for the buildings and a central finance and administration team.

Induction and Training of Trustees

Trustees are carefully selected for their suitability. Once appointed, they undertake an induction programme in order to fully familiarise them with the workings of the Charity.

Activities and Achievements

This year feels like it has ended well. Challenges from the beginning of the year have been faced and trajectories seem to be heading in the right direction! For example, all four churches were looking at deficit budgets, which after consultation with trustees were acceptable because they were manageable and diminishing. But it is likely that, with some wonderful provision, and some excellent work by Mark Nash with our reserves and short term investments, the churches will actually break even or close to by end of year. This is very encouraging, although still needs monitoring. Hub particularly faced a challenging period with all it has walked through, and after a financial review it faced the reality of needing to change staffing levels. The biggest change was with Andy Wright stepping out of his leadership position, having concluded his time in that role had come to an end. It was with sadness we accepted Andy's resignation, whilst recognising it reduced

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the need to make anyone redundant in Hub. Andy remains a friend and we look to see what God does with him, albeit from a distance as he now journeys with the Anglican church in town. Phil Norris stepped into leading the Hub team for 6-9 months helping the team and church review vision, reflect on the past, move ahead into new opportunities, deepen the sense of team, confirm some previous decisions re land and location, and define team roles and responsibilities. From September it felt like the church really started to move forward and that has continued through the remainder of the year.

We had a second celebration as CCC in September 24, this time based in Tadley. Community Church Tadley hosted us so well, and it was a blessing for them to see the place buzzing with people and excitement. Phil spoke on this occasion, focused on Growth and Impact and illustrating with stories from different churches. Feedback on these gatherings remains good.

We also had the leadership teams together for an annual time of sharing in January 25. We heard from each team, prayed and prophesied for each church. It was a very encouraging time together.

Just before the end of the financial year contracts were exchanged on a piece of freehold land in Winklebury, which the Hub are looking to build on. This is already a long-term project and there is some way to go, but this was a special moment – a moment which again Mark Nash has been key in, supported by an array of other protagonists, including Owen Bolt, Malcolm Murray and other members of the Hub leadership team. Graham Richards, a long term friend and previous member of the church, is the architect and has been so helpful.

At the same time the Trinity Methodist building has become available. This would provide a significant resource to the town and is right next door to our SHC. We are praying about our response and whether we also pursue this opportunity.

The core team continue to provide a place of mutual support, and consider the six areas of:

Prayer & life of the Spirit: To exist as a team in a culture of prayer and to cultivate that in and through our interactions with the Churches. Within this to have an expectation for Spirit inspiration, activity and power in seeing the gospel demonstrated in word and power.

Strengthen: The team will seek to stand alongside church leadership teams, sharing their concerns, being with them, encouraging them in their missional path and bringing a healthy sense of accountability & inspiration

Leadership development: The team will work with the local church in helping them consider the training and development of their people, especially leaders. At times it will participate in their training and will work with the local team in the appointment of key positions.

Unity/togetherness: The team will consider what togetherness looks like for CCCs, and how that togetherness can benefit the growth of the Kingdom, the thriving of each Church and of CCC as a whole. It will also seek to affirm and encourage unity in the wider geographic networks, both within and outside of Forge

Mission: In addition to encouraging the churches in mission the team will consider new areas in which BCCs together might 'do mission,' and will work with the local churches to determine responses.

Frameworks: The team will consider the theological, biblical and practical framework within which CCC will seek to operate.

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A couple of developments in this are firstly, the first prophetic training that has taken place for some time. Nick & Diane Scott from New Zealand were over and spent some time with prophetic folks in Basingstoke, as well as inviting folks from the Forge network to a day together. Nick brought us in CCC a prophetic word which we are praying in to; I see a frame with four photos showing four good memories of times gone past. I see The frame thrown to the ground smashing and then a new story begins and I see a frame of 5 photos, a new story to be told. After going back to Nick for more input: They appeared to be 5 Churches. They were in the shape of a 5 on a dice with one a central hub. Whereas the 4 original photos were still photos these 5 frames had pictures that were 3D. The pictures looked different when you looked from different angles. They were hard to take your eye off. A sense of more than a restorative work by God, rather a new work that fulfilled the earlier aspirations of the churches. The central hub Church was really interesting, almost seeming to be radiating light to the other 4 Churches.

Secondly, the core team is adjusting its on-going input into the church leadership teams, introducing a light touch annual appraisal with a six month follow up. The aim is to make these regular interactions more meaningful.

Core team members and many in the leadership teams and churches have participated in Forge training and events over the last year. This included the first Forge camp at Ashburnham, training in walking with recovering addicts, retreat with Sarah & Paul Williams, and a leader's day with Krish Kandiah (in Basingstoke).

There has been rich input and a sense of good trajectories, some of which you will read more fully in the individual church reports. It feels as if we are perhaps coming into the hoped for fruitfulness anticipated after the 2017 review. Maybe that is the case – we will see – but either way it seems like Spring is in the air and seeds of fruitfulness being seen.

Basingstoke Community Churches Review

Hope Community Church

The last year has seen the church grow numerically, which we are very grateful to God for. The congregation has become more diverse, with over 15 different nationalities represented. In all we do, we aim to bring hope to the people of Basingstoke and offer a positive experience of Christianity.

Here are some highlights:

We ran 'Easter Alive!' again, an all-age event explaining the Christian message of Easter. This was popular and attracted over 200 guests from the community.

The Alpha Course (which started after Easter) continued to be a great way for people to investigate the Christian faith. We had a regular attendance of 20 guests, and some came to faith and joined the church.

Our annual Blazing Light Party and Christmas events saw over 600 people come along from the community. One person had been in town with their children and paid to meet Santa, then came to our Live Nativity event. They said that our event was far better than meeting Santa!

We continue to run midweek Connect Groups as well as specific events for men and women. We also provide two groups for the elderly, retired, and those not in work.

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Our Family Worker continues to lead our children's work (Hope Kids) and our weekly parent and toddler group (Bouncing Beans). Both these have seen a steady increase in attendance. She has also made good connections with non-church support agencies such as Home Start and Flutterbyes, both of which use our building to meet in.

Our Youth Pastor continues to support our young people with weekly evening and Sunday gatherings. He works closely with the other youth pastors across the town (leading town wide youth 'B:United' events) as well as youth leaders in our wider network. He completed a Lvl4 Therapeutic Counselling Course and is now working part time in a local School.

Our Associate Pastor has developed work with the men, midweek groups, pastoral care and Bible teaching/equipping.

Our Church Leader has been invited into more local schools to take assemblies with a Christian theme.

Our 'English Café' continues to serve many international people, including some asylum seekers.

Our building is also used for Money lifeline (debt advice), a Nepali club, and weekly Foodbank, which is one of the busiest in town.

With all these activities and growth, our expanded leadership team has helped to carry the load.

We have had a good year, for which we are very grateful to God for. We are blessed to have lots of people in the church, who continually give and serve, so that we can achieve all we do!

Lifespring Community Church

Over the year we have continued to gain momentum and gather on Sundays as our consistent meeting at St. Luke's Hall. Numbers have gone up over the previous years to where we are more like 50+ or – most Sundays rather than 35 or 45. Now you can tell when it's smaller than normal and a gathering that is larger doesn't feel to big of a deal. During this time, we have looked at the book of Isaiah (not in depth), the book of Mark where we spent much time along with a dive into the book of Jonah. We tend to do a breakfast for our imPORTant Sundays where we hope to have people who are further afield join in, at times we have had key people who are connected but rarely make it be with us for these occasions.

Throughout this year we have continued our online presence whether that be a housegroup which meets on Zoom, an online discipleship group and increased usage of WhatsApp group and consistent Facebook posting too.

There have a been wonderful gatherings at the Agreda's house which included an Alpha starting in February 2024. There were three from that group who were baptised in the sept, what a glorious occasion that was in Whitchurch. The Alpha then morphed into Around the Table/Upper Room. Around the Table is a group that has met to do Bible study and be an open space for conversation about faith, while Upper Room which met in Nic's flat did a deeper dive into the book of Acts for people who were interested in an intense Bible study. These were lively gatherings drawing in many people from both in and out of the church.

An area of the church that doesn't get seen very much is the momentum with the youth. Most of the kids in the church have or will be reaching the tween/teen age range and there has been a few who have travelled into Basingstoke for youth group. We have also had youth work on a Sunday

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led by Merv and Gill along with consistent children's work too. We look forward to seeing what else transpires with this growing and important group of people.

Our parent/toddler group meets on Thursdays at a local hall; this usually has between 8-15 little ones and plenty of connection with adults. JoyZone which runs with Churches Together is hosted at the St. Luke's Hall and often gets around 20-30 kids coming to hear the gospel.

An encouraging piece of the church has been the finances. Over the last couple of years those have been stronger and we were able to not only make budget but exceed our expectation. As a result, we've upped our budget once again which has been encouraging.

Our connections with local churches, CCCs and Forge continue to grow which has been wonderful. We've had worship leaders and speakers involved at Whitchurch Baptist, helping them how we can. A really high point was the Forge Camp which happened, many of our people were able to attend those days, Richard Oram project managed the camp, so it was great to have one of our people intricately involved in the camp. Our relationship with Kakeeka Church in Kampala continues to stay strong, we've been in much convo/prayer and support for Annie Crowe as she has gone through and recovering from a nasty fall and injuries.

Nothing has changed in that we want to continue living out our statement of 'Rooted in Jesus, Making Him Known'. This is key, what we do and how we do it filters through this statement. We want to keep on learning and growing through study of the Word, worship, working together, taking advantage of mission opportunities and stepping out in faith.

Hub Community Church

During the past financial year Hub Community Church has continued to meet at the London Street URC on Sunday afternoons. There have also been several smaller groups meeting during the week based around Bible study, prayer, relationship building and mutual support plus groups that seek to implement our vision to serve those in our local community.

At our Sunday gatherings we have worshipped together, studied God's word together and enjoyed unhurried times of simply "being church" around tables with a cup of tea and, often, a piece of cake. We have had regular brunches on Sunday mornings where we have eaten together and encouraged one another to tell the stories of our lives.

As part of our vision to introduce people to Jesus, we have started taking the church out into the street one Sunday afternoon per month. This hasn't just led to conversations with many people (many of whom have received prayer or have written out prayer requests); it has also encouraged the members of HCC to be more outward looking. These Sundays are generally met with a lot of enthusiasm.

Despite the departure of some families in 2024, the children's and youth work continues to be a blessing. They are growing in their faith, some have been baptised in the past year, and they openly talk to their friends about their faith and Jesus. They invite their friends to both their midweek groups and our Sunday services. There is a great feel and atmosphere when they meet and genuine friendships are being made. We have especially encouraged our youth to get more involved in church life. Several are now involved in the worship ministry; some are on the welcome team and many help to set up or pack away for our Sunday brunches. Two of our older youths are part of our Wider Leadership Team. HCC continues to support our young people who are at university.

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International connections continue to develop, particularly into India where about 4 churches are now connected with us. Two teams visited India in 2024 and we are planning two more trips in 2025. These trips involve encouraging church leaders, meeting with churches, and helping them to operate and expand their influence as they seek to spread the good news of Jesus and be a blessing to their communities. As well as India, HCC also has connections - and provides various types of support - to ministries in Nepal, Uganda and Brazil

We've been actively working to engage more members of our church community in contributing to our gatherings, both by delivering meaningful content and creating a warm, welcoming environment. This has also extended to engaging with those who happen to pass by, inviting them to join and experience our fellowship.

We have remained dedicated to aiding asylum seekers who are housed in local hotels. As they are quickly moved on to other locations, this is normally limited to the provision of clothing for them. We are also keen to minister to the refugees and people from diverse cultures in Basingstoke, helping to meet their material needs, support their English language development, and provide opportunities for them to build connections within a welcoming community. We have also been deepening our relationship with those from Hong Kong who have settled in Basingstoke. Many of these have joined us for special events and we recently started an Alpha course in Cantonese which has 9 participants. Our heart for mission in all of this is to extend kindness and support to those who are new among us in the hope that they may discover the love and truth of Jesus

The challenges with church finances came to a point where we had to make some tough decisions. The church could no longer sustain its level of paid staff and, in light of this, a Financial Review Team was asked to conduct a review in March and April of 2024. The results of this review led to a reorganisation of the Hub leadership team and Andy Wright stepped down from his role as Team Leader.

As you will already be aware of, we have now exchanged contracts on the land at Ashwood Way and will be submitting our planning application for our new missional home. This is a huge victory after several years of hard work. A building team has been formed to take this project forward and we look forward to seeing God at work as we move forward into our vision to bless the people of Winklebury and the surrounding areas.

Whilst we wait for this to happen, we continue to sow into our vision to be a welcoming, diverse church family, introducing people to Jesus and seeing lives transformed.

Tadley Community Church

CCT serves the town of Tadley and the surrounding villages north of Basingstoke. We are an evangelical church for people of all ages - from children and young people to seniors - and we arrange events, gatherings and support for the local community.

We meet together on Sundays at the Tadley Community Centre, and throughout the week we gather in small groups in various locations across Tadley.

Working collaboratively with Churches Together Around Tadley and the local town council, we seek to contribute to the spiritual, social, and physical wellbeing of our community, inspired and enabled by the life and teaching of Jesus.

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Growing in Faith, Discipleship and Community Impact:

Our work in local schools—led by our full-time Children and Youth Community Pastor—is now well-established across all four primary schools and the secondary school in the area.

Through our partnerships with Transforming Lives for Good and Kintsugi Hope, we support children's wellbeing through one-to-one and group mentoring sessions, as well as dedicated reading support. The number of volunteers and children supported has grown once again, and the programme is highly valued by school leadership teams, parents, and pupils.

In February 2025, we led a two-week "Love Our Schools" initiative, providing breakfast and afternoon tea for all school staff as an expression of appreciation for their work.

Beyond school settings, we support children and young people through our annual Children's Summer Holiday Club, the Blazing Light Party in October, and our weekly Friday Night Youth Club.

Demand for support through the local Foodbank and our Lunch Club for the elderly continues to increase. Through our leadership of the Tadley Wellbeing Forum, we are also helping to develop new ways to build a more connected and compassionate community.

We are seeing increasing confidence and skill in sharing the good news of Jesus as we continue the two-year Emmaus Journey course with Share Jesus International.

Our Anna Chaplaincy team has now completed training and begun ministering among elderly members of the community. We have also run our first Bereavement Journey course and launched a new Alpha Course.

These initiatives are being supported by Pray Tadley, a new movement encouraging and equipping prayer for every home and every place in our community.

Financial Review

Tithe Income was £600,946 (2024: £542,519), a rise of 11% on the previous year. Total Incoming Resources were £1,002,395 (2024: £888,700), a 13% rise on the previous year. Total Expenditure, used to meet our ongoing objectives, was £1,044,117 (2024 £956,188), a increase of 9%.

As set out in Note 7 of the financial statements, gifts and donations made by the churches totalled £222,672 (2024: £168,926) - these comprise gifts made by the churches' leadership and also include amounts specified by the donors. They are made to people and organisations with whom we have an ongoing relationship and therefore accountability in seeing that the money is used appropriately in accordance with the gift.

The financial position at 31 March 2025 is considered satisfactory for future activities. We have continued to navigate an ongoing challenge with the issues affecting the Hub as highlighted in the report, this has settled somewhat towards the end of the period and we look forward to reporting on the end of this and a more positive outlook moving forwards. We have continued to have some reliance on the charity's reserves, however this has been balanced to some extent by the ability to use our reserves to achieve some better interest returns. The charity still has significant cash balances after the sale of two properties in 2019. Our reserves policy can be found in the accounting policies (note 1 to the financial statements). Our reserves policy is to aim to hold cash balances equal to three to four months of expenditure. The current situation is well within that policy and additional reserves in anticipation of a purchase of some land and then an ongoing building project to provide a new home for one of our congregations.

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Public Benefit. When assessing the activities and achievements of the Charity, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

Risk Assessment. The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that there are measures in place designed to mitigate those risks.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charitable company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees must prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable company will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

The financial statements:

- have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements;
- comply with the Charity's governing document;
- comply with the Companies Act 2006; and
- comply with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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The Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 15 December 2025 and signed on their behalf.



Andrew Taylor, Trustee and director



Gary Bastin, Trustee and director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I report to the Trustees (who are also directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the financial statements of Basingstoke Community Churches ('the Charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet the Statement of Cash Flows and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of Charitable company you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('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 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

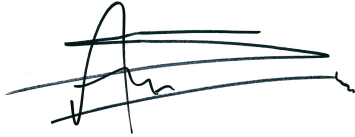
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Skilton', with several horizontal lines drawn across it.

Andrew Skilton, ACA
Independent Examiner
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Date: 15 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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(Including Income & Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
		General £	Designated £	£	£	£
Notes	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS from:					
3a	Donations and legacies	1,004	729,409	198,592	929,005	832,213
3b	Charitable Activities	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	Investment income	66,739	1,651	-	68,390	51,487
	Total	<u>67,743</u>	<u>736,060</u>	<u>198,592</u>	<u>1,002,395</u>	<u>888,700</u>
	EXPENDITURE on:					
4	Raising funds	781	-	-	781	1,419
5	Charitable Activities	199,566	634,664	209,106	1,043,336	954,769
	Total	<u>200,347</u>	<u>634,664</u>	<u>209,106</u>	<u>1,044,117</u>	<u>956,188</u>
	Net Income / (Expenditure)	<u>(132,604)</u>	<u>101,396</u>	<u>(10,514)</u>	<u>(41,722)</u>	<u>(67,488)</u>
12&13	Transfers between funds	173,565	(173,565)	-	-	-
	Net Movement in Funds	<u>40,961</u>	<u>(72,169)</u>	<u>(10,514)</u>	<u>(41,722)</u>	<u>(67,488)</u>
	Total Funds at 1 April 2025	<u>1,383,217</u>	<u>426,125</u>	<u>128,991</u>	<u>1,938,333</u>	<u>2,005,821</u>
	Total Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025	<u>1,424,178</u>	<u>353,956</u>	<u>118,477</u>	<u>1,896,611</u>	<u>1,938,333</u>

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Company registration number **03476768**

Notes		2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
	FIXED ASSETS				
8	Tangible fixed assets		400,215		377,989
	CURRENT ASSETS				
9	Current asset investments	732,332		-	
10	Debtors and prepayments	53,280		66,602	
	Bank and cash balances	733,838		1,515,181	
		1,519,450		1,581,783	
11	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(23,054)		(21,439)	
	NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,496,396		1,560,344
	NET ASSETS		1,896,611		1,938,333
	Represented by FUNDS:				
	Unrestricted Funds:				
	General funds		1,424,178		1,383,217
12	Designated Funds		353,956		426,125
			1,778,134		1,809,342
13	Restricted Funds		118,477		128,991
			1,896,611		1,938,333

The Charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Trustees have not required the Charitable Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 - continued

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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

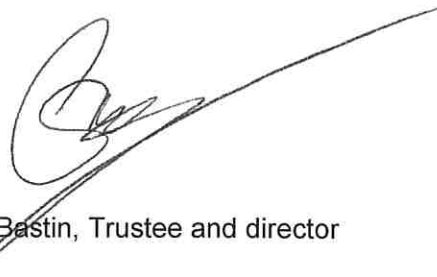
- (a) ensuring that the Charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable company as at the
- (c) end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Charitable company

The notes These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 December 2025 and signed on their behalf



Andrew Taylor, Trustee and director



Gary Bastin, Trustee and director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Note	2025 £	2024 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(41,722)	(67,488)
Adjustments for:		
8 Depreciation charges	15,274	15,275
Interest received from investments	(68,390)	(51,487)
10 (Increase) / decrease in debtors	13,322	(23,663)
11 (Decrease) / increase in creditors	1,615	1,281
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(79,901)</u>	<u>(126,082)</u>
CASHFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received from investments	68,390	51,487
Purchase of land	(37,500)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>30,890</u>	<u>51,487</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	<u>(49,011)</u>	<u>(74,595)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	1,515,181	1,589,776
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>1,466,170</u>	<u>1,515,181</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2nd edition, effective January 2019), "Charities SORP" and Companies Act 2006.

Basingstoke Community churches meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

b. Going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate, they have considered events, circumstances or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The Trustees have continued to exercise due diligence in monitoring and requesting of information with increased regularity from the churches as they continue to track the financial situation. After making these enquiries, the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

c. Income

Gifts, tithes and donations are recognised as income when received, together with the associated tax credit.

Legacy income is recognised when it is reasonable to assume that this income will be receivable. It is included in the SOFA at the value based on information provided.

Income from charitable activities is recognised when the Charity is considered to be entitled to apply the resource and the likelihood of receipt is established with reasonable accuracy.

d. Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events, it is probable that the transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the monetary value of the settlement can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Governance costs comprise external audit and all costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e. VAT

Due to the nature of the Charity's activities, the Charity falls outside the scope of VAT and therefore its Income and Expenditure, as stated, is VAT inclusive.

f. Cash management

Cash not required for day-to-day operations, but for the medium term is placed, via the CAF Charity Deposit Platform, on deposit having regards to the duration, amount relative to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit. The CAF Platform is a charity deposit platform provided by Flagstone Investment Management which enables the charity to diversify its cash holdings. During the year the investment platform ceased to charge portfolio management fees in lieu of a reduced rate on interest distributions.

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1. Accounting Policies *continued*

g. Funds

Restricted Funds are separately identified and appropriately described. General Funds are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Charity. The individual churches' income and expenditure are designated by the Trustees, except where the income is restricted by the donors. The accounts include all the transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of groups that are informal gatherings of church members.

h. Reserves

The reserves policy for Basingstoke Community Churches is to aim to hold three to four months surplus to cover expenditure (equivalent to £250,000 to £300,000) as cash reserves in addition to fixed assets held and used for the churches' aims and purposes. This level of reserves should ensure that at any time of the year the Church is not required to borrow funds on overdraft from its bankers. Currently this figure is lower due to a large proportion of the charity reserves being held in deposit account to supplement income and reduce deficits and the use of reserves to fund the charity activities. However, this is monitored to ensure that funds to the value quoted above are only ever held in short term deposit accounts, thus achieving the same aim of not having to rely on borrowing. Additional reserves above the figure quoted above are generated with a view to funding longer term projects. The trustees are aware of the current high levels of reserves held within the charity. The trustees have decided to approve this as the charity intends to use the surplus funds from the sale of two buildings in 2019 to provide a new home for one of the congregations and to enable the continuing activities of the charity.

i. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Land and buildings are shown at cost. In January 2015 the Trustees consulted local agents and estimated the market value of the remaining property held to be £0.9million.
Sarum Hill - Estimated market value. £0.9 Million

Fixed assets over £5,000 are capitalised and depreciation is calculated to write off the cost over the estimated useful life as follows:

Land	Nil
Buildings	4% Straight line per annum

j. Pension Scheme

Basingstoke Community Churches operates a defined contribution pension scheme for staff. The scheme is administered by Standard Life and is a qualifying workplace scheme for auto enrolment. Employer contributions are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as they become payable.

k. Leasing Commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

l. Financial Instruments

Basingstoke Community Churches holds only basic financial instruments. Debtors are measured at historic cost and are held at settlement amount net of any discounts less any provision for non-recoverability. Creditors are measured at historic cost and are held at settlement amount net of discounts.

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2. Trustees and connected persons

During the year the following payments were made to Trustees and connected persons:

	Salary	Pension Contribution	Expenses
	£	£	£
Gary Bastin	45,885	5,601	728
Andy Taylor	-	-	3,390
Totals	45,885	5,601	4,118

In 2024 total remuneration of £49,977 was paid to one Trustee.

The Charity contributed £5,601 (2024 - £5,300) to a Group Personal Pension Plan during the year. There were no outstanding contributions at the year-end.

Approval has been received from the Charity Commission to make payments to Trustees.

Trustees' expenses totaling £4,118 (2024 - £3,854) were paid to two Trustees in the year , relating to travel and motor expenses.

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

Related Parties:

Philip Wraight is a Trustee of The Safe, Basingstoke Ltd to which gifts and donations were made in the year (see Note 7) of £1,942.

The total donations received from Trustees and related parties was £31,004 (2024: £33,214).

3.a Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	
	General	Designated	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,004	604,763	198,592	804,359	715,141
Gift Aid Tax reclaims	-	124,646	-	124,646	117,072
	1,004	729,409	198,592	929,005	832,213

3.b Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	
	General	Designated	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Events and sundries	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	-	5,000	-	5,000	5,000

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4. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	
	General	Designated	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment management costs	781	-	-	781	1,419
	781	-	-	781	1,419

5. Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total	
	General	Designated	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
a Direct Charitable Costs					
Missions & Projects Support	-	17,166	205,506	222,672	177,178
Pastoral Costs	77,853	446,293	-	524,146	550,122
Ministry Support	3,278	45,137	-	48,415	43,878
Premises	6,468	119,887	3,600	129,955	73,554
	87,599	628,483	209,106	925,188	844,732
b Support & Administration					
Administration Costs	86,806	6,181	-	92,987	85,299
Legal & Compliance Costs	719	-	-	719	124
Governance costs:					
Independent Examination	4,242	-	-	4,242	4,188
Accounts preparation	3,774	-	-	3,774	3,378
Bank charges & Interest	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,442
Trustee Liability Insurance	112	-	-	112	331
Depreciation	15,274	-	-	15,274	15,275
	111,967	6,181	-	118,148	110,037
Total	199,566	634,664	209,106	1,043,336	954,769

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6. Other Disclosures

	2025 £	2024 £
The net incoming resources figure for the year is after charging:		
<i>Staff costs</i>		
Salaries	521,295	540,081
Social Security	43,815	45,610
Employer Pension Contributions	48,429	43,302
	<u>613,539</u>	<u>628,993</u>

*The average number of paid staff
(headcount)*

	<i>Headcount</i>	<i>Headcount</i>
Ministry	12	14
Buildings	2	3
Administration	4	4
	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>

No staff member received earnings of £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise of the Trustees and the core team.
The total amounts paid in respect of the key management personnel of the Charity were £393,997 (2024: £338,237).

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fee	4,242	4,188
Other accountancy services	<u>3,786</u>	<u>3,528</u>
	<u>8,028</u>	<u>7,716</u>

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7. Support for People and Projects

	2025 £	2024 £
The church made the following Gifts and Donations in excess of £1,000, including specified gifts from restricted income received.		
South Central Sphere Giving & Support	77,080	50,546
Pearls of Africa	14,911	16,770
Annie Crowe – Uganda	19,900	18,675
Kate Tolhurst, Kasana, Uganda	11,274	11,011
BCC gifts to South Central Sphere	10,847	10,600
Kakeke Church, Uganda	5,415	5,408
Support for India	28,858	8,725
Ladies weekend	4,317	3,736
Foodbank	2,537	2,455
Holidays/trips for poor & needy	4,381	4,101
Christmas	966	2,413
Youth	2,425	13,177
Youth Pastor	21,341	-
The Safe, Basingstoke Ltd	1,942	2,015
Alpha	659	1,000
Tearfund Ukraine	-	2,355
Thanksgiving Offering	3,050	-
Other (individually less than £1,000)	12,769	15,939
Total	222,672	168,926

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8. Analysis of Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land & Property £	Furnishings and Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	763,717	5,901	769,618
Additions	37,500	-	37,500
At 31 March 2025	<u>801,217</u>	<u>5,901</u>	<u>807,118</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	385,728	5,901	391,629
Charge for the year	15,274	-	15,274
At 31 March 2025	<u>401,002</u>	<u>5,901</u>	<u>406,903</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>400,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400,215</u>
At 1 April 2024	<u>377,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>377,989</u>

In January 2015 the Trustees estimated the market value of the freehold land and building to be £0.9 million.

9. Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
CAF Charity Deposit Flagstone Platform	<u>732,332</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>732,332</u>	<u>-</u>

10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid tax claims	15,068	23,899
Other Debtors and Prepayments	<u>38,212</u>	<u>42,703</u>
	<u>53,280</u>	<u>66,602</u>

11. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
PAYE and NIC	10,969	12,106
Accruals	9,738	8,511
Other Creditors	<u>2,347</u>	<u>822</u>
	<u>23,054</u>	<u>21,439</u>

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12. Designated Funds

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Corporate Funds					
Missional Fund	3,856	-	-	-	3,856
Elderly	551	-	-	-	551
Prophetic Development	498	-	-	-	498
Supernatural School	114	-	-	-	114
	<u>5,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,019</u>
Local Church Funds					
Hub	121,187	224,484	(193,940)	(55,653)	96,078
Hope	197,350	296,932	(268,382)	(65,462)	160,438
Lifespring	45,516	97,140	(70,904)	(24,082)	47,670
Tadley	57,053	117,504	(101,438)	(28,368)	44,751
	<u>421,106</u>	<u>736,060</u>	<u>(634,664)</u>	<u>(173,565)</u>	<u>348,937</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>426,125</u>	<u>736,060</u>	<u>(634,664)</u>	<u>(173,565)</u>	<u>353,956</u>

Corporate Funds: These are monies designated for a specific purpose by the Trustees.

Local Church Funds: Tithes and Offerings are unrestricted funds but they are treated as designated as they come into each local church separately. Transfers are made to reflect costs paid centrally from general funds.

13. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Specified Offerings	77,880	113,133	(130,016)	-	60,997
Local Church Funds					
Hub	20,465	34,216	(37,874)	-	16,807
Hope	17,176	16,299	(3,863)	-	29,612
Lifespring	5,148	8,126	(8,716)	-	4,558
Tadley	8,322	26,818	(28,637)	-	6,503
Total	<u>128,991</u>	<u>198,592</u>	<u>(209,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,477</u>

Specified offerings include all gifts indicated by the donor to be for specific purposes.

Local Church Funds are given to the local churches for their use as indicated by the donor.

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14. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

2025	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	2025
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	400,215	-	-	400,215
Net Current Assets	<u>1,023,963</u>	<u>353,956</u>	<u>118,477</u>	<u>1,496,396</u>
	<u>1,424,178</u>	<u>353,956</u>	<u>118,477</u>	<u>1,896,611</u>

2024	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	377,989	-	-	377,989
Net Current Assets	<u>1,005,228</u>	<u>426,125</u>	<u>128,991</u>	<u>1,560,344</u>
	<u>1,383,217</u>	<u>426,125</u>	<u>128,991</u>	<u>1,938,333</u>

15. Leases

At the reporting end date the Charity had the following minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases (all for equipment) which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expiring in less than one year	547	547
Expiring in two to five years	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>
	<u>684</u>	<u>684</u>

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16. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR
(including Income & Expenditure Account)

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	<i>General</i>	<i>Designated</i>		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	£	£	£	£
<i>from:</i>				
Voluntary Income				
Gifts, donations and legacies	3,685	545,549	165,907	715,141
Income Tax Refunds	-	117,072	-	117,072
	<u>3,685</u>	<u>662,621</u>	<u>165,907</u>	<u>832,213</u>
Charitable Activities	-	5,000	-	5,000
Investment Income	45,186	6,301	-	51,487
Total	<u>48,871</u>	<u>673,922</u>	<u>165,907</u>	<u>888,700</u>
EXPENDITURE on:				
Raising Funds	1,419	-	-	1,419
Charitable Activities	203,543	589,152	162,074	954,769
Total	<u>204,962</u>	<u>589,152</u>	<u>162,074</u>	<u>956,188</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)	<u>(156,091)</u>	<u>84,770</u>	<u>3,833</u>	<u>(67,488)</u>
Transfers between funds	163,431	(163,431)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>7,340</u>	<u>(78,661)</u>	<u>3,833</u>	<u>(67,488)</u>
Total Funds at 1st April 2023	<u>1,375,877</u>	<u>504,786</u>	<u>125,158</u>	<u>2,005,821</u>
Total Funds carried forward at 31st March 2024	<u>1,383,217</u>	<u>426,125</u>	<u>128,991</u>	<u>1,938,333</u>