

Annual Report

The King's Church Prestwood.
2024-2025

Annual Report of the Trustees of The King's Church, Prestwood, for the Period from 1st of April 2024 to 31st of March 2025

Charity Name. The King's Church, Prestwood

Charity Registered Number; 1069399.

Principal Address: 6 Chequers Lane, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 9DW

Trustees:

Chris Shepherd – (Chair of trustees) appointed from 01.12.18

Joan Veysey - Trustee appointed from 01.12.18

Alison Brackett – Trustee appointed from 27.09.2021

Richard Kendell – Trustee appointed from 27.09.2021

Governing Instrument: Trust Deed dated 5th of April 1998.

Constitution: Unincorporated Charity.

Trustee selection: Appointed by existing trustees.

Induction and training

All trustees are members of the Church and fully aware of its purposes. Trustees have been inducted including access to a range of material and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, including Guidance on Public Benefit. The Trustees have assessed that our Trust Deed gives permission to hold trustees meetings in any way we need to, including remotely and in person. During 2024 – 25 meetings were held both in person and via Zoom.

Additional Issues

The church has a leadership team comprising of trustees, elders and functional leads. The leadership team is responsible for ensuring that the vision and mission statement of the Kings Church Prestwood is agreed, and our aims are translated into agreed programs and activities. The trustees and elders meet together regularly with a focus on strategy, planning and finance. The trustees and elders also attend the Functional Leads Group (FLAG), which supports leadership, implementation and monitoring of these programs and activities. Membership of the functional leads group includes the Safeguarding Lead.

The Church is an Associate Member of the Evangelical Alliance and a member of the Catalyst group in the New Frontiers Family of Churches. The Church relates to other local Christian Churches in Prestwood and Great Missenden.

The Church has insurances with the Baptist Insurance Company and the Trustees and Elders review the financial, equipment and other risks as needed.

The Church does not own or lease any property. The Village Hall in Prestwood is rented along with

other community facilities as required by the Church for Sunday and midweek meetings and other functions and activities.

For the period of this return, there were no unreported serious incidents.

During the period of this return, the charity has conducted risk assessments on all relevant activities. We ensure that we are flexible in the way activities are planned, organized and carried out in order to operate safely, whilst continuing to be responsive to the needs of the community. The charity has completed an external review of its Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to ensure it reflects current best practice.

Charity objectives as set out in its governing document

To advance the Christian faith, by proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ.

To advance such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Main Activities

The activities for the year are planned to bear in mind the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the advancement of religion. The regular Sunday services are open to the public and those participating are encouraged to live out their faith in the community.

The main activities can be stated as –

- Regular public worship services.
- Midweek group meetings for worship, prayer, learning, activities, and fellowship.
- Outreach, care and activities in the local community which are designed or adapted to meet the needs of vulnerable groups.
- The church is engaged with people of all ages in the local community.
- Support for Mission
- Wider associations including joint meetings with other New Frontiers/Catalyst Group and other local churches.

Achievements

Growing as a spiritual community

Our public services on Sunday are a key part of the life of the church, as is our weekday programme of worship, teaching, testimony, fellowship and prayer. We continue to welcome new people who have joined us this year for these activities, as we seek to be a welcoming and outward looking church within our community. We hold services and events specifically designed to be accessible to others who may not otherwise come to a church including regular breakfast and lunch services and shared meals. The content of services is suitable for all age groups, and a

team of helpers is ready and prepared to offer a specific programme of activities to any children attending. We continue to operate a live link to services to ensure we remain accessible for those who are unable to attend in person, or who wish to attend but live or work away from the local area. Information about services is published in the local community newspaper and on our website. Regular services and music are also provided for residents and staff in a local high needs nursing home. Special events and services are publicised including in the local free paper, on social media and the church's website.

Our midweek activities included an 6 weekly rolling programme which included learning together with an emphasis on growing in spiritual maturity, songs & prayers of faith and being a worshipping community, and opportunity for fellowship over shared meals. We have also completed an 8 week course designed to integrate newer people into the church community and to help them understand the core principles of our Christian faith.

Prayer is a key part of our ministry and mission, and weekly prayer events include prayer walking, praying together in person and on zoom. Prayer is focused on those in need, our community, and national and international issues. We have seen answers to prayer and grown in faith as we have prayed together during this year.

The church has continued its focus on mission and financially supporting others. This year the church has given £1,570 to local projects, including those that support children and young people, women at risk of violence, and people with long term neurological conditions. People in the church also give their time and expertise supporting and volunteering in local and national charities that are consistent with our values and charitable aims.

We have continued to support the Catalyst Group with other New Frontiers Churches, supporting Catalyst leaders events, participation in the local churches "hub", and supporting international mission priorities.

Building our community

This year we provided live music at local community events. The church ministers in the area have jointly led services with all local churches for occasions including Easter services and a joint Christmas carol service.

We have continued to organize and support the production of The Source, a free local newspaper delivered to over 5,000 homes and businesses in HP16. This is supported by over 100 volunteers, who are involved in producing, editing and delivering the Source. The paper is highly valued in the community as both a source of local information and a positive way of keeping the community connected.

The Church is involved in a children's charity, Lighthouse Great Missenden, which provides a week long summer programme in the school summer holiday. This provides high quality activities for over 600 children and toddlers. Christians have the opportunity to share their story, as well as supporting families and bringing together every age group in a positive and safe environment. As well as supporting many voluntary roles during lighthouse week, our church has pioneered weekly prayer times for Lighthouse, and provides leadership at trustee and operational level. There is also input to the local schools through school assemblies when requested.

The Church music ministry forms the basis of the Wick Trimmers folk band which continues to run a monthly folk club for the local community as well as providing live music at local community

events. The folk club supports local musicians, providing accessible high quality live music for our community.

We continue to support people who are frail or socially isolated holding our annual summer and Christmas tea parties in partnership with our community transport scheme PACT. This year, our tea parties were attended by over 120 people who either live alone or are at risk of social isolation, and the events were supported by volunteers from the church and local community.

Financial Review

The principal source of income has been the regular giving of members, which provides for the Lead Elder's salary, and accommodation for meetings and activities. Last year total income for the year was £55,563 with an expenditure of £41,412, therefore a surplus was reported for 2024/25.

Finances were reviewed regularly, with quarterly reports to both the Functional Leads Meetings and Trustees & Elders meetings. Financial risks are reviewed and reported including assessing the potential impact of any fluctuation of income from regular donations.

KCP currently holds reserves for the purpose of covering essential running costs and to mitigate unforeseen fluctuation in income or expenditure. The KCP Reserves Policy was reviewed in 2024 in line with the Charity Governance Code. The KCP Finance Policy was also reviewed and updated to strengthen safeguarding against fraud in line with Charity Commission Guidance November 2024.

During 2024 the trustees continued to ensure we continue to operate to standards of governance in line with the Charity Commission Governance Code for small charities, including promoting a culture where everything we do continues to work towards fulfilling the charity's vision. This year we have continued our leadership succession plan to ensure there is sufficient leadership capacity for the future, including a specific programme of work focused on young people. We have also reviewed our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy, and agreed key areas for action which are outlined in a new Environmental Sustainability Policy.

Our functional leads continued to meet regularly through weekly planning meetings, monthly information and review meetings.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature Full name Chris Shepherd



Position Chair of Trustees

THE KING'S CHURCH (PRESTWOOD)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2025

INCOME	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	£ General	£ Restricted	£ Total	£ General	£ Restricted	£ Total
Tithes and Offerings:						
Cash	1083	0	1083	892	0	892
Cheque	0	0	0	50	0	50
Standing Orders & bank transfer excl HMRC	39830	0	39830	30211	0	30211
total	40913	0	40913	31153	0	31153
Reclaimed Tax via Gift Aid	8855	0	8855	9465	0	9465
Bank Interest	831	0	831	545	0	545
Church events (WT)	4563	0	4563	6034	0	6034
Gift day	400	0	400	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lighthouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWA - One World Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	55563	0	55563	47197	0	47197
EXPENDITURE						
				£	£	£
OWA	0					
Mission: Hardship	0			0	0	
ROPE	0			0	0	
wicktrimmers	0			0	669	
Lighthouse	0			0	0	
	0	0		0	669	0
Staff Costs	30829		30829	29475		29475
Hall hire	2599		2599	2600		2600
Events (WT)	2702		2702	4059		4059
Administration	1125		1125	1157		1157
Copyright Licence	148		148	142		142
Equipment	245		245	0		0
New Frontiers - Catalyst	660		660	209		209
Gifts	400		400	2432		2432
Mission	1570		1570	1985		1985
Pastoral	0		0	0		0
Professional Fees and Insurance	339		339	0		0
Refreshments	323		323	89		89
Subscriptions	90		90	382		382
Advertising and web	382		382	375		375
Training	0		0	324		324
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41412	0	41412	43229	669	43898
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR	14151	0	14151	3968	-669	3299
TOTAL CASH AT BANK (Community and Saver Accounts)		0				
Brought forward from previous year	71195		71195	67216	669	67885
Carried forward to next year	85346		85346	71195	0	71195

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS - Church and office equipment</u>	2,310	2,328
<u>DEBTOR</u>		
Reclaimed tax due from inland revenue	10,715	8,855
<u>CASH AT BANK</u>		
Community Account	11,729	25,408
Saver Account	73,618	45,787
	<u>85,346</u>	<u>71,195</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>96,061</u>	<u>80,050</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>98,371</u>	<u>82,378</u>
<u>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS - Church general funds</u>	98,313	82,378
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,378</u>
	98,313	82,378

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

C. A. Shepherd

Chris Shepherd
Chair of Trustees

RESTRICTED FUNDS	2024 -25				2023 -24			
	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lighthouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
wicktrimmers reimbursments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Kings Church Prestwood

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1069399

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025 **31**

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Date:

Name:

Miss Deona Fisher

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.