

## **Trafford Youth for Christ**

### **Annual General Meeting 2024-2025**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 19:00-20:30**

Held at: St Mary's Parish Centre. 44 Moss Ln, Sale M33 6GD



#### **Staff**

Director	- Matthew Pryor	- St. Johns, Knutsford
Youth Worker	- Charlie Waters	- Fabric Church, Manchester

#### **Executive Committee**

Chairperson	- Ann McBurney	- St. Mary's, Sale
Treasurer	- Sue Gormley	- St. Mary's, Sale
Minutes Secretary	- Ali Kirby	- Altrincham Baptist Church, Altrincham
Trustee	- Meg Johnson	- St Alban's Church, Altrincham
Trustee	- Lorna Beresford	- Devonshire Road Evangelical, Altrincham
Trustee	- Naomi Bellshaw	- St. Johns, Knutsford
Trustee	- Tom Butler	- St. Mary's, Sale

## **Director's report**

### **Review 2024-2025**

#### **Arena (Schools)**

##### **Lunch Clubs.**

We have had the privilege this year of running two lunch clubs in two different Schools, Ashton-on-Mersey and Altrincham Grammar School for girls. We have seen an incredible consistency in both groups of young people showing up every week. We have seen a ton of growth in Altrincham Grammar and have started to shift the club into more discipleship-based bible studies as well as teaching the students practical ways to read and study the bible for themselves.

##### **RE Lessons.**

Since covid we have found it hard to do as many RE lessons as we used to, but it was a huge joy to be able to visit Manor Academy this year and provide 6 lessons over 2 days to students with special educational needs. The teachers were so encouraged with our presence and were very kind and welcoming. The students were an absolute joy, and we had some good engagement from them.

##### **Assemblies.**

We were able to return to St Monica's this year for their "missions' day" and give 4 assemblies, 1 for each year group. We spoke about the year of the Jubilee and how important it is to stop and reflect in life. It was an honour to be able to speak to over 1,000 students about the importance of looking to God for our identity and purpose.

## **Momentum (Youth work)**

### The Cave

We have been running The Cave at Church on the Brow for several years now and we have seen mostly the same group of young people coming to it. We have been following the Rock-Solid curriculum and have seen a lot of growth in the last year both in mental maturity and spiritual maturity. It's been a joy to see these young people committing their time to learn more about Jesus and we are excited to see where God leads us in this group.

### The Den

We have really enjoyed the consistency of The Cave but recognise that it is not the easiest group to join for non-churched youth. So, this year we started a group called the Den that runs an hour before The Cave. This is a more relaxed drop in for any young people that want a safe space to come and play games eat snacks and hang out with their friends. We have seen a good amount of young people coming along to this and we are starting to develop a small, dedicated group that, Lord willing, will eventually graduate on to joining The Cave.

### Pathway

This is an after-school drop-in we do at St Georges. We get roughly 30-40 students coming every week mostly year 6s. It's been an amazing opportunity to interact with so many young people playing games and having conversations with them. Just like any drop in we want the space to be safe, comfortable and open for anyone who wants to come, but also have options for those who would like to know more about Jesus.

### Youth Café

This year we were contacted by Kingsway Church to discuss us helping them launch a Youth Café in Ashton Village. We decided to start with 3 test piolets over the summer to see if there were any interest in young people in the area. Kingsway are very passionate about youth work and had prayed a lot about doing this, so it was very encouraging to work with them. Youth Cafes are notoriously difficult to start as well as run so going into it we were not sure how successful it would be. The first session we ran we didn't see any young people coming in until the last 30 minutes two girls came in and enjoyed a drink and some games. I am very happy to say that because of these two girls coming they have now invited several of their friends and we have seen a lot more young people coming along. We have seen up to 14 young people in the café at once. This is a huge answer to prayer and for me this is proof that young people are out there searching and willing to invest in groups like this.

## **Elemental (Church Partnerships)**

### Youth and Children worker gatherings

Part of Trafford Youth for Christ is supporting our local Churches. One of the ways we do this is through gatherings. This allows people in ministry the time to be around like-minded believers and share resources and encouragement with each other. We know that youth and Children work can sometimes be isolating and we want to provide healthy fellowship for those in our area.

### Speaking at Churches

Last year we were able to speak at 7 Churches. Updating them on our ongoing ministry but also introducing them to myself and Charlie. It has been a huge joy and honour to get the opportunity to speak to so many Churches and encourage them with the good news that is youth ministry. I truly believe God is doing some amazing things in young people today and I am taking every opportunity I can to talk about it.

### 1 on 1 Meet ups

Sometimes in ministry you just need someone to talk to. I have met 1 on 1 with several youth workers in the Trafford area to discuss how we may help and equip them with their current work. It's been a joy to meet so many people passionate about youth work as well as get a very good idea of the state of youth work in Trafford.

### **Team**

This has been my first full year as Centre Director, and I have learned a lot about the Centre it's history and it's reach. We continue to have Charlie Waters as our full-time youth worker, and it's been a joy to work along side him. Both of us are very passionate about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus and we are prepared to do whatever God is leading us to.

### **Executive Committee**

We are currently going through a few changes in our Executive Committee. We have had Catherine Cleghorn step down this year as she has moved to a new role in Oxford. We have had Naomi Bellshaw and Tom Butler join as trustees and our current Chair Ann McBurney will be stepping down after this AGM but will stay on for up to 6 months to help Tom Butler transition into the role as Chair.

## **Current year 2025-2026**

### **New Work**

After running pathway for a year, we have seen a lot of young people engaging and interacting well and felt that we need to provide them with their own separate group. At the beginning of this school year, we started a **Youth Alpha** at St Georges right after pathway finishes. We had spent the summer praying that young people from pathway would be interested in coming along, but we had no idea if it would work or not. I am happy to say that we have consistently had 4-8 young people showing up every week! We would have never known that young people were interested in coming if we had not stepped up and done it.

The **Youth Café** has continued to run every week and has also seen a steady income of young people. Kingsway Church has stepped out in faith because they felt like God was leading them to and they have now found a way to engage with young people. We are excited where God is going to take this group in the future.

### **Future vision**

As we look toward the changing of our Executive Committee with a new Chair and understand that the climate of youth is changing, we recognise that we might need to change as well. We want TYFC to have a solid foundation of partners and supporters so that we can reach as many young people in Trafford as we can. This takes time and commitment. In the meantime, we are dedicated to the ongoing work we already do. Please pray for us as a team as we evaluate and plan. That we would look for God to guidance and peace.

**Financial Report**  
**Trafford Youth for Christ (TYFC)**  
**Financial Year - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 31 August 2025**

		2024-2025	2023-2024
<b>INCOME</b>			
Sponsors Gifts	Individuals	£29,582.62	£25,338.42
	Churches	£10,536.81	£10,062.75
		<b>£40,119.43</b>	<b>£35,401.17</b>
Other Income	Tax Relief	£3,719.57	£2,883.27
	Bank Interest	£106.57	£212.51
	Fundraising	£2,430.62	£478.40
	Grants	£5,600.00	£0.00
	Mission Activities	£2,393.53	£2,589.59
	Staff Salary Contributions	0.00	£5,280.00
	Misc Income	0.00	£72.00
		<b>£14,250.29</b>	<b>£11,515.77</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£54,369.72</b>	<b>£46,916.94</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Staff Costs	Salaries, Tax, NI & Pension	£53,429.80	£36,045.61
	Travel & Expenses	£149.67	£648.70
	Training	£765.80	£497.00
		<b>£54,345.27</b>	<b>£37,191.31</b>
Other Expenditure	Telephone & Broadband	£1,021.36	£1,039.12
	Rent & Utilities	£2,346.68	£1,740.00
	Misc Resources	£209.32	£718.17
	Professional fees & Admin fees	£1,500.00	£0.00
	Office Costs, Insurance & Licence	£1,665.53	£3615.37
	Publicity & Web site	£125.34	£262.00
	Fundraising	£322.42	£0.00
		<b>£7,190.65</b>	<b>£7,374.66</b>
	Covenant	£225.00	£275.00
	Mission Activities	£363.19	£902.25
		<b>£588.19</b>	<b>£1,177.25</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£62,124.11</b>	<b>£45,743.22</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	Expenditure exceeds income	-£7,754.39	£1,173.72
	Opening Balance	£20,918.41	£19,744.69
	Accrual adjustment	£99.00	
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£13,263.02</b>	<b>£20,918.41</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>	Current account 1	£8,256.06	£3,698.27
	Current account 2	£196.74	£812.02
	Current Account 3	£188.08	£193.51
	Deposit account	£4,422.58	£16,016.01
	Petty Cash	£199.56	£198.60
	Accruals	0.00	£0.00
		<b>£13,263.02</b>	<b>£20,918.41</b>

## **Income**

### **Individuals**

Over this financial year regular monthly donations have been received from 40 individuals totalling £12,070. Regular monthly giving from 6 tax efficient donors totalled £11,212. During the year several one off donations have been received which totalled £6,300.

### **Churches**

We have received regular monthly financial support from 6 local churches totalling £7,478. Several donations amounting to £3,059 were also received.

### **Tax Relief**

Gift Aid reclaimed on tax efficient giving from HMRC totalled £3,720.

### **Bank Interest**

Interest earned on the deposit account totalled £106.57

### **Fund Raising**

We had two stalls at St Mary's Christmas Fair in November which raised £892.00. Our very grateful thanks go to all those who contributed to the stalls and gave of their time on the day.

In April we held a Curry & Quiz night and raised £1,117. Approximately 70 attended. An entertaining evening with tasty food. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this such a great success and for Matthew and Charlie hosting the evening.

Charlie took part in the Sheffield half marathon and raised funds of £422. Well done Charlie.

### **Grants**

We invested in Faithful Funding Ltd to act on our behalf to submit funding applications. A grant of £5,600 from the Benefact Trust was received in August.

### **Mission Activities**

We have received contributions from St Georges, Altrincham for Pathway sessions and St Teresa School for assemblies. Income was also generated from subs and the sale of 'tuck' at The Cave Youth Meetings on Thursday evenings and the sale of 'tuck' at Pathway after school club at St Georges.

### **Salary Contributions**

This source of income has come to an end.

### **Other Income**

No 'other' income has been received during this financial year.

## **Expenditure**

### **Salaries, Tax & National Insurance & Workplace Pension**

We employ two full time members of staff.

Pension contributions were made at 8% as per Government guidelines, i.e. 5% staff / 3% employer ratio. Employer pension costs this year amounted to £1,190.00. Employers National Insurance was incurred at £2,586.

### **Travel & Expenses**

Staff travel costs claimed £149.67.

### **Training**

TYFC funds training for all staff and Trustees. Both members of staff attended the Youthscape Conference in November. The annual staff conference was held in January and attended by Matthew & Charlie at a cost of £240 each. Both completed a first aid training course.

### **Telephone & Broadband**

Office phone line and broadband package are essential to the running of the office. Our broadband package is with Sky Connect at a monthly cost of £35.94. Staff are each provided with a mobile phone for which we pay for the contract and essential work related calls. Staff must pay for their own personal calls.

### **Rent & Utilities**

We pay monthly rent for our office space of £145. We are thankful to St Albans PCC for the use of this space and for their many faithful years of support. We pay for the gas to heat the office which was £607 for the year.

### **Miscellaneous Resources/Costs**

We paid a monthly subscription of £11.99 to Spotify and for a DBS check for Matthew.

### **Bank Charges & Professional Fees**

There were no bank charges. We pay a monthly charge to Stockton on Tees YFC to administer Matthew's salary and pension and manage his work visa. Faithful Funding have been paid to apply for grants on our behalf and a commission when funds are received.

### **Office Costs**

The annual Insurance Policy renewal premium was £846. The annual Motion Picture Licence cost £286. Monthly subscription to Microsoft Office cost £8 per month. Postage relating to mailshots cost £97. The photocopier lease is £96 per quarter.

### **Publicity & Web Site**

We paid a subscription of £14 to Later.Com for posting publicity material on social media sites (now cancelled). Printing costs for the newsletters were £69.

### **Fundraising**

Hall rent of £84 and catering costs of £239 were incurred for the Quiz Night.

### **Covenant**

Monthly Covenant payments have been made to National YFC.

### **Mission Activities**

These are the costs for running all mission based activities i.e. weekly lunch clubs, Pathway and The Cave. Most of the spend is on refilling the tuck stall, games and craft materials.

### **SUMMARY**

Actual Income	£54,369.72
Actual Expenditure	£62,124.11
Surplus (Deficit)	(£7,754.39)

We finished the financial year with a closing balance of £13,263.02

We are extremely grateful for the continued prayerful and financial support received from our supporters. Throughout the year we have lost some very long standing supporters and gained some new ones. We will continue to try to increase our data base of regular supporters to help reduce the monthly shortfall between income and expenditure. We made the decision to invest funds in a company who write funding applications and this met with success very quickly which has helped us to start the new financial year on a better footing. It also frees up Matthew's time to concentrate on missional work as new doors are opening up to us. We are very thankful that Matthew who, for the past year, has been settling very well into his role as Centre Director, and also for Charlie, as they engage with the young people of Trafford through the various and growing groups.

Prepared by Susan Gormley, Treasurer, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Gormley, Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trafford Youth for Christ

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out the attached pages.

**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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

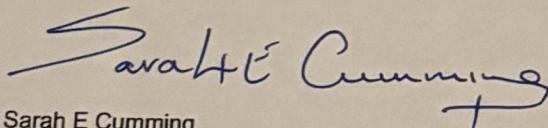
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sarah E Cumming

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19 November 2025