



# **The Majestic Church**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Charity number 1076156  
(Registered in England & Wales)**

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## **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: The Majestic Church

Charity Registration No. 1076156

Registered Office and operational address:

Majestic Building, Albert Road, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5AA

### **Elders**

Mr Garry Pearson (Lead Elder)

Mr David Lord

### **Trustees**

Sue Standley (Chair)

Mark Olding (Treasurer)

Ron Ellerton

Jan Harvey – voted in at Half AGM 140525

### **Administrator**

Catherine Taylforth

### **Independent Examiner**

Tom Atkinson, William Fortune & Sons, Chartered Accountants, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool TS24 7EN

### **Bankers**

Reliance Bank Ltd., Faith House, 23-24 Lovat Lane, London, EC3R 8EB

Skipton Building Society, Albion House, Church Street, Barnoldswick BB18 5UT

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### ***ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT***

The operational leadership of the charity is provided by the elders, who are in turn recognised and supported by the wider regional structure of Christ Central Churches (which is committed to building the church according to New Testament principles). The trustees are responsible for the management of the charity, which is also affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

The elders of the church are:

Mr. Garry Pearson (Lead Elder)  
Mr David Lord

### ***GOVERNING BODY***

The organisation is an incorporated charity with trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the church in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Constitution. These provide for a minimum of three and a maximum of seven persons who carry legal responsibility for the charity. The trustees are required to meet at least four times a year. The trustees met on the following dates:

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025, plus Half AGM 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

After the Annual General Meeting in 2024 the trustees met and the following responsibilities were determined:

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Chairman          | - S Standley               |
| Minute-taker      | - M Olding                 |
| Treasurer         | - M Olding                 |
| Human resources   | - By the board of trustees |
| Health and Safety | - R Ellerton               |

### ***Recruitment and Appointment of Trustee Body***

The charity trustees for the purposes of charity law are known as members of the Trustee Body. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Trustee Body are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they can be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

New Trustees are recruited by direct invitation from the Trustee Body and are identified either by the Trustee Body or by referral to the Trustees. In extending invitations account is taken of the skills present and needed within the Trustee Body. Potential Trustees are invited to attend Trustee meetings as observers and are enabled to familiarize themselves with the organization. Once mutual agreement as to the suitability of the appointment has been established, new Trustees may be appointed to serve as coopted trustees on the Trustee Body until the next Annual General Meeting.

## ***Trustee Induction and Training***

Currently new Trustees receive familiarization during the pre-election period of their association with the Board. Familiarisation includes: sitting in on Trustee meetings, an introduction to the various aspects of the work, including strategic planning documents.

Relevant guidance publications from regulatory bodies are provided to all new Trustees. If deemed necessary, Trustees will be encouraged to attend relevant training and refresher courses on an ongoing basis.

## **Objectives and activities**

### ***Charitable Objectives***

The objects of the charity are to encourage a wide range of activities which provide benefit to active members of the church and the wider communities in the West Craven district (including Barnoldswick, Earby, etc.) and beyond. The charity carries out charitable activities for the public benefit.

### ***Primary Objectives***

- To seek, save and disciple the lost
- To relieve those in poverty, and support those in special need

### ***Activities in support of Primary objectives***

The following top-level objectives have been agreed:

- to be actively engaged in mission outreach, through
  - involvement with the town events
  - inter-church mission events across the wider region
- to respond to the needs of the people of the local area through social action
- provide courses, such as Freedom in Christ, Friendship First and Joining The Family, for the church community to grow

### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees review the church's objectives and policies, including risk assessments, currently there were no major risks to which the Charity is exposed, nor were there policy issues to be addressed. Responsibility for monitoring and action rests with the Trustees.

### ***Organizational Structure***

Day to day operational leadership is delegated by the Trustee Body to the Lead Elder (LE). The Trustee Body is a policy making Body, having adopted the Carver principles of governance. It sets policies that are needed and sets policies for the strategic ends of the Charity for a rolling plan that is reviewed each year. For governance, the Trustee Body interfaces with the LE, who is free to make decisions within the bounds of the strategic plan and governance parameters. The LE is invited to all trustee meetings and provides progress against objectives and the strategic plan, and any exceptions to governance parameters.

## **Achievements and Performance**

- We were able to provide food parcels at Christmas from Josef Fund in December 2024
- Tea & Toast – a ‘warm space’ initiative through Winter 2024/25 to help with the cost-of-living crisis; this has continued throughout the year. Other “Warm Space” events we run include: a Community Lunch and a Craft Group
- We also run a Toddler Group one afternoon a week.
- We also work with Hope Barlick and Town Council projects throughout the year

## **Plans for Future Periods**

- To continue providing Warm Spaces during winter and the other events throughout the year
- To continue to provide financial assistance to local charities, where possible
- Planning events alongside local community events (Hope Barlick and Barnoldswick Town Council) where possible.
- To make the building accessible to all by installing a platform stair lift appropriate for wheelchairs and prams through ongoing fundraising.

## **Financial Review**

### ***Presentation of the financial statements***

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Charities Act (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and The Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

### ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees have set a policy on reserves that there should be sufficient for normal expenditure of a minimum of 3 months.

### ***Investment Policy***

Funds that are not required to meet expenditure are invested in the short term in a deposit account. The Charity therefore does not seek to invest for the sake of income.

### ***Principal funding resources***

Our total income for the financial period 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 was £52,311.

Our total expenditure for the same period was £47,425.

## **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act require the trustees (under Charity Law) to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income

and expenditure, for the financial period. In preparing those financial statements, trustees follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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 trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Annual Report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Trustees Report is limited to examining the report and that ensuring on the face of the report there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005).

### **Members of the Trustee Body**

The Trustees, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 4.

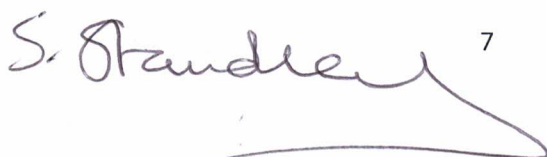
In accordance with charity law, as the trustees of the charity, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant financial information of which the charities Independent Examiner was unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

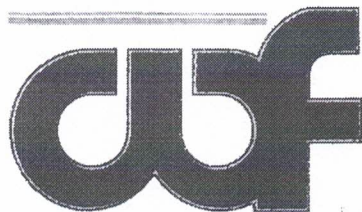
### ***Independent Examiner***

Tom Atkinson of William Fortune & Sons was appointed as the charity's Independent Examiner and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

Sue Standley (Chair of Trustees)

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### **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees on the unaudited financial statements of the Majestic Church**

I report on the accounts of the Chairty – England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the balance sheet and as are set out on the attached page. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(a) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 156 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 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- i. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- ii. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner**

  
Thomas Atkinson FCA

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Collingwood House

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Hartlepool

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April 20th 2026



**MAJESTIC CHURCH****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025**

|   | 2025          | 2024          |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £             |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>               |               |               |
| Donations                               | 33,991        | 29,991        |
| Tax reclaimed under gift aid            | 0             | 6,149         |
| Room hire                               | 2,960         | 3,701         |
| Warm Grant                              | 500           | 500           |
| Wheelchair and lift fund                | 10,546        |               |
| Donation for Fire Alarm                 | 2,000         |               |
| Donation for buffet                     | 1,200         |               |
| Donation for dishwasher                 | 400           |               |
| Donation for computer                   | 380           |               |
| Sundry Income                           |               |               |
| Josef Fund                              | 100           | 194           |
| Bank interest                           | 234           | 113           |
|   | <u>52,311</u> | <u>40,648</u> |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>               |               |               |
| Charitable expenses                     |               | 1,283         |
| Christ Central                          | 900           |               |
| Good News                               | 164           |               |
| Adopt a child                           | 216           |               |
| Alpha course                            | 40            |               |
| Buffet cost                             | 1,200         |               |
| Visiting preachers                      | 810           |               |
| Cash for refreshments Etc               | 929           |               |
| <b>MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION</b>    |               |               |
| Salaries and administration             | 23,839        | 22,079        |
| Cleaning                                | 4,672         | 4,063         |
| Insurances                              | 3,540         | 3,508         |
| Light, heat and water                   | 5,591         | 5,857         |
| Telephone and broadband                 | 514           | 478           |
| Computer                                | 380           |               |
| General repairs                         | 881           | 901           |
| Equipment (Fire alarm and dishwasher)   | 2,511         | 1,100         |
| Postage, stationery and office supplies | 578           | 1,433         |
| Subscriptions and DBS                   | 540           | 1,705         |
| Bank charges                            | 120           | 110           |
|   | <u>47,425</u> | <u>42,517</u> |
| <b>Surplus (previous year deficit)</b>  | <u>4,886</u>  | <u>-1,869</u> |

**MAJESTIC CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

|                                 | 2025          | 2024         |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                 | £             | £            |
| <b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b> |               |              |
| Reliance Bank                   | 3,389         | 7,464        |
| Skipton Building Society        | 12,555        | 2,245        |
| Cash in hand                    | 132           | 281          |
| Less: Creditor for buffet       | -1,200        | 0            |
|                                 | <u>14,876</u> | <u>9,990</u> |
| <br><b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>      |               |              |
| Unrestricted Funds              | 9,990         | 11,859       |
| Surplus/(Deficit)               | 4,886         | -1869        |
|                                 | <u>14,876</u> | <u>9,990</u> |