

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025
for
The Synergy Christian Trust

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The Synergy Christian Trust
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the trust are to:

Advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs, in the United Kingdom and elsewhere as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Introduction

Synergy Christian Trust began its work in schools and churches back in September 2000. Today, it continues to employ Trevor and Ruth Ranger as Field Worker and Administrator respectively. The aim of the trust remains the same; to help children, young people and adults explore and consider the Christian faith.

The trustees met in person on three occasions this year. In addition, they communicated with one another at other times by telephone and by email. The trustees continue to review and update various employment and safeguarding policies.

Over the years, 'Synergy' has been financially supported by many different individuals and churches, but changes in their circumstances (and their ability to give) led to concern this year about the trust's income. The trustees decided to make a special financial appeal to friends and supporters of the trust who responded in a positive way. As such, 'Synergy' is now on a much more stable footing.

Synergy continues to be a Local Mission Partner of Scripture Union (SU) but this year saw a significant change in SU's regional structure. The South-West region, of which Synergy was a part was merged into a much bigger 'South' region. As a result, none of Trevor's SU's South-West colleagues remain in post. For the trustees, Synergy's ongoing relationship with SU will be a matter of discussion in the months ahead.

The trust continues to operate its website and to send a newsletter three times a year to more than 250 of its supporters.

Schools

Trevor conducted a total of 128 assemblies in 13 primary schools, mostly in and around Chippenham, North Wiltshire. The theme for this year's series of assemblies was "God's Big Story" in which Trevor helped children to explore the Bible, not simply as a book of stories, but also as one big story of God's plan for the world.

Following last year's review of the schools' work, the trustees agreed that Trevor should offer to help schools with the Christian elements of the RE curriculum. Several schools accepted the offer and during the year, Trevor led 12 RE lessons and 2 RE Enrichment events with children from Years 1-6. For each lesson, Trevor had to study the school's RE syllabus, establish which elements to include and then send a lesson plan to the teacher in advance. Topics for these lessons included the biblical understanding of 'Sacrifice', 'Eucharist', 'Resurrection' and 'Mission'.

In two schools, Trevor was invited to spend an entire morning with children looking at the themes of either Christmas or Easter as an RE Enrichment event. Trevor's work was appreciated so much by one school, he was invited to a staff meeting to train the teachers in the best ways to teach and explore the concept of 'Salvation'.

Trevor again joined the team for the annual "Lifepath" schools' event at Malmesbury Abbey, which took place in June 2025. During the three days, he led 11 workshops, exploring how a person's priorities may change over time and how the first disciples of Jesus left their professions to follow him.

Churches

During the year, Trevor accepted invitations to lead 25 services in a total of 15 different churches across the West of England area. The churches are of a variety of denominations and traditions. They provide Trevor with the opportunity to share and promote the ministry of Synergy.

Trevor led two Holiday Clubs in the year. In the February half-term, he was asked to lead a club for a relatively new church in Chippenham that meets in a local secondary school. He was surprised by the invitation as it is a church that has a good number of children's leaders, but this was the first Holiday Club that they had run, and they wanted someone with experience to guide them through the process as well as to lead the presentational elements of the programme.

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Then in the summer, using Scripture Union's "Teambuilders" resources, Trevor led another Holiday Club in the Gloucestershire village of Marshfield. The programme ran for 3 hours each morning for 3 days and was appealing to working parents who could 'drop-off' their children for the entire morning.

Trevor continues to work closely with Sheldon Road Church and each Wednesday during term time, he leads their 'Game Changers' children's club for Primary school-aged children. This year, he led the programme on 33 occasions.

Last year, the leadership of Malmesbury Abbey invited Trevor to advise them on their work with children and families and in January 2025, he helped them begin a new family-orientated service, designed to be an informal and enjoyable worship event for young and old alike. The Abbey @ 9.30am service has since gone from strength to strength.

Music

Trevor's YouTube channel, featuring videos of his songs continues to provide online resources to churches and schools. He continues to hear encouraging stories of how the songs are being used. One teacher at a school that he visits wrote to Trevor and explained how his songs are a key tool in helping one particular child with challenging behaviour. "He seems to calm the minute I put the songs on and it has made such a difference for us and him as his emotional needs are so very extreme. (Being) able to find a way into his very troubled little mind has been so powerful".

Trevor has been invited to write a song for Sheldon Road church's 125th anniversary in 2026 and hopes to present the church leadership with the song in time for the first church service of the year.

All of Trevor's songs are available on all the major streaming services and Synergy continues to receive a share of the royalties. However, in Synergy's case the costs of professional music production far outweigh the income that the songs generate, and it is unlikely that Trevor will be able to write a fifth album of his all-age worship songs.

Future Plans

Trevor will conduct assemblies in 13 schools and for the next academic year will explore the question; 'What is God like?' with the children and how Christians use the Bible to answer the question. He will continue and potentially extend his work in leading RE lessons with local Primary schools.

Trevor will again join the 'Lifepath' team at Malmesbury Abbey, leading workshops about the life of Jesus and how the disciples' priorities changed once they had met him.

Trevor will continue to lead the Game Changers (children's club) team at Sheldon Road Church, as it begins its 5th year.

Trevor will speak at or lead numerous church services and events and hopes to lead two Holiday Clubs. The trustees have encouraged him to take church services on no more than 2 weekends each month. That way, he and Ruth have the opportunity of attending their own church regularly.

Trevor will explore the possibility of using AI music generation software, not necessarily to help write songs but with a view to producing good quality vocal arrangements of his songs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year are acceptable.

The Trust reserves policy is to hold approximately six months income, this has now been achieved.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is managed by a team of volunteer trustees who receive no remuneration for their work. Trustees meeting are held as and when required. On such occasions as new trustees are required, they are recruited from churches and educational establishments, within the North Wiltshire area.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1081250

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Trustees

Mr M Strathdee
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Synergy Christian Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Synergy Christian Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Synergy Christian Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

S G Nuttall

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13 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		49,356	41,289
Investment income	2	73	144
Total		<u>49,429</u>	<u>41,433</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children and Youth Work		<u>39,854</u>	<u>38,985</u>
 NET INCOME		9,575	2,448
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		34,185	31,737
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>43,760</u></u>	<u><u>34,185</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	567	503
Cash at bank		43,749	34,209
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		44,316	34,712
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(556)	(527)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		43,760	34,185
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 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		43,760	34,185
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NET ASSETS		43,760	34,185
		<hr/>	<hr/>
 FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		43,760	34,185
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TOTAL FUNDS		43,760	34,185
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, liabilities and investment properties measured at their fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Income

Incoming resources are treated as income upon receipt with the exemption of Gift Aid receipts which are dealt with on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the entity charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	73	144

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	41,289
Investment income	144
Total	<u>41,433</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Children and Youth Work	<u>38,985</u>
NET INCOME	2,448
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	31,737
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>34,185</u></u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 September 2024	1,896
Disposals	<u>(1,896)</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2024	1,896
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,896)</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 August 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>

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6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	324	274
Prepayments and accrued income	243	229
	<u>567</u>	<u>503</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	556	527
	<u>556</u>	<u>527</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,185	9,575	43,760
	<u>34,185</u>	<u>9,575</u>	<u>43,760</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,185</u>	<u>9,575</u>	<u>43,760</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,429	(39,854)	9,575
	<u>49,429</u>	<u>(39,854)</u>	<u>9,575</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,429</u>	<u>(39,854)</u>	<u>9,575</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,737	2,448	34,185
	<u>31,737</u>	<u>2,448</u>	<u>34,185</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,737</u>	<u>2,448</u>	<u>34,185</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,433	(38,985)	2,448
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,433</u>	<u>(38,985)</u>	<u>2,448</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,737	12,023	43,760
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,737</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>43,760</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,862	(78,839)	12,023
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>90,862</u>	<u>(78,839)</u>	<u>12,023</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	45,926	37,821
Gift aid	3,430	3,468
	<hr/> 49,356	<hr/> 41,289
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	73	144
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Total incoming resources	49,429	41,433
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	33,453	32,321
Pensions	4,154	3,660
Insurance	472	452
Postage and stationery	316	897
Sundries	401	520
Travel	1,058	1,135
	<hr/> 39,854	<hr/> 38,985
 Total resources expended	<hr/> 39,854	<hr/> 38,985
 Net income	 <hr/> <hr/> 9,575	 <hr/> <hr/> 2,448

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