



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(Kings Church, Southend)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1094420

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KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

WORKING NAME Kings Church Southend

CHARITY NUMBER 1094420

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2024

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st December 2024

TRUSTEES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024
G Dixon
L Johns
A Lane
M Sadza

The Church Elders appoint any new trustees/ elders following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Declaration of Trust dated 2nd July 2001 as amended by Supplemental Deed dated 14th October 2003.

OBJECTS

(a) To advance the Christian religion to proclaim and further the gospel of God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ and by preaching and teaching the Christian faith.

(b) To provide assistance for aged persons and persons in condition of need, hardship or who are sick and to relieve the distress arising there from whether in connection with housing or accommodation or shelter or any other purpose (whether by way of loan, gift, the provision of accommodation or shelter or in any other way).

(c) To advance education whether of children (above or below compulsory school age) or of adults.

(d) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes as the trustees shall think fit.

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KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The Report is for the financial year ending 31st December 2024

The Charity exists for:

- **the advancement of the Christian religion to proclaim and further the Gospel of God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ and by preaching and teaching the Christian faith.**
- **To provide assistance where possible for those in need or hardship.**
- **To advance the spiritual education and ministry of children and adults.**
- **To promote and fulfil other charitable purposes as Trustees/Elders deem fit.**

The charity makes every effort to train people in its community in the Christian faith, to train leaders and equip young people so that the objectives of the Trust are achieved in an on-going and developing capacity.

The charity continues to develop its teaching and training programme in a variety of areas, and the church leadership is looking to be able to train members to fulfil different roles in preparation for responding to opportunities. A proportion of the church membership has been trained as Debt Advisors and they have given their time to serve the ministry of the Debt Advice Centre (which opened in 2009).

Overall Charity activity

In 2024 the charity continued to build on the growth of the church being experienced in 2023. The membership of the church continues to grow - which is very encouraging. More members coming from a variety of nations which brings a richness to church family life. The new folks are introducing others from their communities to King's Church. It is very encouraging to see the church building becoming more full and vibrant, and very loving and caring. Something other churches in the city are also experiencing. It is a great counter to an increasingly fractured society.

The church leader remains an active member of the Love Southend leadership team, and he oversees the Churches Together in Leigh group of ministers. Invitations to speak at other churches (both in the city of Southend and beyond) continues - this is one way that King's Church seeks to be a blessing to others. The year ahead for church visits for preaching looks fully booked.

Sunday2Gether

A third year of being based at St Cedd's CoE church for the Sunday gatherings has been good for the church - seeing further growth. The church has learned how best to make use of the facilities available...and now we are seeing gradual and continual growth, with more visitors and more people being invited by church members. We have seen a large percentage of growth from folks from different nations. This particular aspect of growth is a very exciting and a welcomed development. The current leadership team are looking ahead to how leadership in the church reflects this growth.

The children's work (called "The Zone") continues to take place in the chancel area which is separated by full screens from where the rest of the church are. It works very well - and there is good room to grow. We are indebted to those adults who have given much time to overseeing the children's work. Particular mention and thanks should go to the leadership of Alison Lane and her helper Sue Dixon. Those in senior school remain in the main meeting. The arrival of babies is also a cause for celebration.

Pray2Gether

We have seen growth in the attendance of weekly online to pray for the church and for other churches, and other matters concerning the immediate area, the city, and the region. Gathering online is more attainable for folks that are spread across the city to join in. We now have a Zoom account and so that is our main format. We often pray for those around us in the area of the church meeting place, we pray for the whole city. We pray for other churches in the vicinity of Leigh, and for the churches in the city area and their leadership. There are 3 or 4 gatherings per year when churches across the City gather at a central location to pray for the whole city. This is very encouraging.

KMAC (Kings Money Advice Centre)

With face-to-face appointments and the KMAC team working together in the office, KMAC has continued to be in demand and to be busy. We have gained new clients...and we are delighted to see some clients no longer needing our services as they have become self-sustaining and debt free. This outcome is our goal for all our clients

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

KMAC (continued)

As well as working with some particularly needy clients we have also increased our engagement with a Tackling Poverty Strategy (TPS) – headed up by the City Council. This development has proved helpful and with our input valued and appreciated. As well as sitting on a 30-strong forum, made up of many of representatives from the voluntary sector and the local authority with activity in sectors which have to deal with poverty in many different forms. The manager of KMAC continues to sit on a TPS working group of 12. We aim to initiate some policy amendments and encourage further changes to the practice and attitude of all those dealing with people in debt. This year the manager has also been called to be a “experienced key witness” at a City Council Finance and Assets and Investments Committee meeting as the topic under discussion was debt – in particular indebtedness to the Council.

KMAC finances are in a very healthy position. Successful grant applications and regular giving place KMAC in a strong position – but further income is required in order to employ a key team member to enable greater efficiency in administration and outcomes. The KMAC 600 Club would need to have 12 members to cover our current expenditure fully. We currently have 2 members, but are optimistic the number will grow. We will continue to make grant applications – building on the successes experienced this year. We employ the use of a grant/bid writer who bills us on an hourly rate basis. This has been very successful this past year.

KMAC remains busy. We are careful not to wear team members out, but it has always been challenging to “leave the work at the office” when lives are so severely challenged by debt...and other life challenges and situations that impact people negatively. We have a waiting list for our services.

Relational Mission (RM).

King’s Church is in relationship with over 80 other churches throughout East Anglia and onto the continent, and further afield via Relational Mission. King’s Church usually participates in RM activities such as enabling mission on the continent, quarterly RM prayer nights, and leadership gatherings including those held in the South Essex area. These relationships are now in-person as well as using Zoom. The senior leader at King’s has also spoken at a few of these other churches.

Church Leadership.

The Leadership Team of two elders continues to function. However steps are being taken to consider growing a potential team of responsible church members from whom additional elders could come. The Trustees are aware of this and encourage further exploration – to grow the leadership team to enable the growth and spread the load.

General Finance Comments

Church finances remain healthy for the size of the congregation. The ‘in-house’ covenanting scheme is successful and the Trustees and church leadership will continue to encourage people to make good use of this facility as it benefits the church greatly. However, the current level of income has meant that the employed Elder is still reimbursed on a part-time equivalent salary. He has been encouraged to submit expenses eg office, conference and travel costs. Hiring St Cedd’s on a Sunday is a good venue for where the church is at in its vision. The church continues to be mindful of any needs within the church requiring support. The church has also been able to give to causes away from Southend eg a gift to a number of church plants in different nations. eg Spain, Zambia, Taiwan and Japan

The Trustees

The Trustees are currently 4 in number. We would like to add a fifth member – but have been unable to do so thus far. The Chairman expresses his sincere gratitude to the other 3 Trustees for all their faithful service.

We have every reason to believe that we shall continue to develop our objectives in the coming year.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Risk Assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Trustee's Responsibilities.

The Charities Act require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on the 12.10.2025

Signed on their behalf by L.A Johns

Signature:



KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Report to the trustees of Kingsleigh Christian Fellowship on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 8 to 11.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

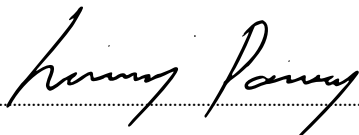
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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13th October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £ (Note 4)	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS :					
Voluntary Receipts	2a	24,518	6,419	30,936	24,302
TOTAL RECEIPTS		24,518	6,419	30,936	24,302
PAYMENTS :					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	19,807	6,265	26,072	27,550
TOTAL PAYMENTS		19,807	6,265	26,072	27,550
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		4,710	154	4,864	(3,249)
Transfer between funds	4	(636)	636	-	-
Cash funds last year end		3,647	7,643	11,290	14,539
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		7,722	8,432	16,154	11,290

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £ (Note 4)	31-Dec-24 Total £	31-Dec-23 Total £
ASSETS				
Cash Funds:				
Cash At Bank	7,722	8,432	16,154	11,290
	7,722	8,432	16,154	11,290
Represented by:				
General Fund	7,722	-	7,722	3,647
Restricted Fund	-	8,432	8,432	7,643
	7,722	8,432	16,154	11,290
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:				
Equipment (valued at trustees' best estimate)	5,070	-	5,070	6,164
	5,070	-	5,070	6,164
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiner's Fee	600	-	600	570
	600	-	600	570

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Approved by the Trustees on the 12.10.2025

Signed on their behalf by L A Johns

Signature:



KINGSLEIGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements. The accounts are prepared on a "going concern" basis in accordance with the Charities Act and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

2. RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £ (Note 4)	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a) Donations and Legacies				
Direct Credits	19,505	-	19,505	16,720
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	4,599	-	4,599	3,004
Offerings and Gifts	275	-	275	1,347
Bank Interest	139	-	139	73
Kings Money Advice Centre Sponsorship	-	6,404	6,404	3,141
KMAC Donations	-	15	15	17
	24,518	6,419	30,936	24,302

3. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £ (Note 4)	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Advertising and Website	492	-	492	60
Bank Charges	60	-	60	60
Safeguarding	150	-	150	145
Telephone	-	748	748	711
KMAC Refurbishment & Furnishings	-	608	608	220
Furniture & Equipment	302	72	374	449
Gifts and Donations	2,259	-	2,259	3,675
Insurance	912	-	912	909
Children's Work	35	-	35	-
Literature and Advertising	-	-	-	240
Pastoral	320	-	320	-
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	540	540	346
Client Care	-	-	-	133
Affiliations, Licenses and Subscriptions	166	1,389	1,555	1,569
Salary & Pension	9,465	819	10,284	9,865
Sundry Expenses	-	179	179	-
Leaders' Expenses/Reimbursements	2,076	-	2,076	-
Training and Conferences	-	410	410	192
Rent	3,000	1,500	4,500	8,465
Independent Examiner's Fees	570	-	570	510
	19,807	6,265	26,072	27,550

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

<i>Current Year</i>				
	Balance 01-Jan-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers of Funds £
King's Money Advice Centre	7,643	6,419	6,265	636
	7,643	6,419	6,265	-
	8,432			

<i>Previous Year</i>				
	Balance 01-Jan-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers of Funds £
King's Money Advice Centre	9,656	3,158	4,695	(475)
	9,656	3,158	4,695	(475)
	7,643			

Transfer of Funds

The transfer of funds was a contribution towards Administration, and the Pastor's wages and expenses.

5. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-24 £	Total 31-Dec-23 £
Current Account	428	-	428	1,487
Gold Account	7,294	-	7,294	2,160
KMAC Account	-	8,432	8,432	7,643
	7,722	8,432	16,154	11,290

6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Gavin Dixon was paid a gross salary of £9465 (2023: £9,865) for his role as lead elder in 2024. No employer national insurance contributions were paid. No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.