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**Fresh Church is a working name of
Moorside Harvest Community Church**

**Annual Report & Accounts
to year end
31st March 2025**

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Chairman's (Pastor's) Report 2024/25:

Christian leadership expert John Maxwell says, "Small disciplines repeated with consistency everyday lead to great achievements gained slowly over time". We might say something similar about church life albeit on a weekly basis.

If that is true, and experience suggests that it is, 24/25 was a good year in which we consistently did what some may consider small disciplines.

Taken from our constitution, our charitable objects are:

The advancement of religion, through:

- the worship of God
- the teaching and establishing of the People of God in their faith, outlined in clause 9 ("the Statement of Doctrine")
- the presentation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the peoples of Moorside, Oldham, UK
- working for God elsewhere in the United Kingdom and beyond.

To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Moorside, any exclusively charitable purpose in particular, but not exclusively, the relief of poverty sickness and distress and the advancement of education as the Executive Committee in their absolute discretion shall determine.

These objects worked out in several small disciplines, consistently applied. We held public worship each Sunday morning and pressed on with our Grow Group on Wednesday evening and developed the Tuesday afternoon meeting.

We taught our children in Fresh Kids and our adults through the preaching of the Word.

We helped to fill the pulpit at several local churches.

Church life is made up of a lot of small disciplines that go largely unseen. Keeping an eye on the church finances, attending deacons, elders and EC meetings, writing up minutes, keeping the pulpit diary, sermon prep, pastoral care, and music practice are just some of the activities that are essential to keeping the church doors open. Those who serve in this way deserve our gratitude.

In March we were able to express our gratitude for the life of Ray Jackson, someone who exemplified consistency and discipline with joy.

Perhaps the standout event of the year was an Alpha course, which started in January 2025. The program was well attended and two people told us that they had accepted Christ. It should be noted that this didn't result in increased attendance in our meetings. However, we remain thankful that God alone knows the human heart, and for the success that comes from small disciplines consistently applied!

Pastor Terry Durose

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Moorside Harvest Community Church:
On the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025**

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Moorside Harvest Community Church

On the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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 church 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:



Name:

PHILIP MUSHING (F.C.C.A.), Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Ogden & Partington, Chartered Certified Accountants,
Office 3, Falcon Business Centre, Victoria Street, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 0HB.

Date:

28th July 2025

MOORSIDE HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1096125

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	22,823.67	21,445.55
Gift aid tax repayment	5,524.43	5,329.39
Oldham Council - use of building as a polling station	450.00	300.00
Bank interest	487.12	92.58
	<u>29,285.22</u>	<u>27,167.52</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Payroll	17,298.26	16,332.86
Church administration	1,341.66	1,722.73
Capital purchases	-	-
Gifts	440.00	400.00
Children & young people's work	-	24.25
Outreach - local	305.35	-
Outreach - non- local	-	-
Welfare payments	-	-
Transfer to Tithe Fund	3,034.32	2,664.70
Transfer to Building Management Fund	4,600.00	6,000.00
	<u>27,019.59</u>	<u>27,144.54</u>
Net receipts	2,265.63	22.98
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	31,228.28	31,205.30
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	<u>33,493.91</u>	<u>31,228.28</u>

MOORSIDE HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - TITHE FUND

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	40.00	-
Transfer from General Fund	3,034.32	2,664.70
	<u>3,074.32</u>	<u>2,664.70</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Donations	2,940.00	2,350.00
	<u>2,940.00</u>	<u>2,350.00</u>
Net receipts	134.32	314.70
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	359.53	44.83
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	<u>493.85</u>	<u>359.53</u>

MOORSIDE HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - BUILDING MANAGEMENT FUND (DESIGNATED)

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	4,600.00	6,000.00
	<u>4,600.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
 <u>Payments</u>		
Church administration	4,590.28	5,720.85
	<u>4,590.28</u>	<u>5,720.85</u>
 Net receipts	9.72	279.15
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	(261.49)	(540.64)
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	<u>(251.77)</u>	<u>(261.49)</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - ACTS 435

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Receipts	-	-
	-	-
<u>Payments</u>		
Welfare payments	75.34	28.81
	75.34	28.81
Net (payments)	(75.34)	(28.81)
Cash funds at 31st March 2024	75.34	104.15
Cash funds at 31st March 2025	-	75.34

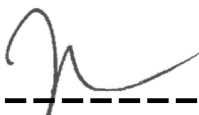
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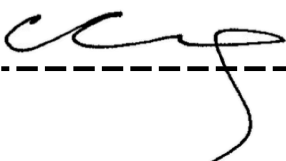
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
General fund	33,493.91	31,228.28
Tithe fund	493.85	359.53
Acts 435	-	75.34
Building management fund (designated)	(251.77)	(261.49)
	<u>33,735.99</u>	<u>31,401.66</u>
Bank current account	12,564.39	10,717.18
Bank deposit account	21,171.60	20,684.48
	<u>33,735.99</u>	<u>31,401.66</u>
<u>Non-Monetary Assets</u>		
Equipment		
Property at cost - 105 Coleridge Road, Oldham	<u>30,023.80</u>	<u>30,023.80</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees





Dated: 28th July 2025

Accounts Breakdown 2024/25:

<u>Income</u>		
Tithes & Offerings		£22,823.67
Gift Aid Repayment		£5,524.43
Bank Interest		487.12
Polling Station room usage		450.00
	Total Income	£29,285.22
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<i>Includes but not limited to:</i>		
<i>Gen Fund Payments</i>	Data Developments	£150.00
	CCLI and SongPro	£449.00
	Thirty One:Eight	£150.00
	Evangelical Alliance	£72.00
	Data Protection	£35.00
	Web site/Domain name	£127.20
	Gifts	£440.00
	Local Outreach	£305.35
	Payroll Costs	£17,298.26
	Accountant	£270.00
	Sundry expenses	£88.46
<i>Building Management Payments</i>	Insurance	£1,123.40
	Property Maintenance	£1,969.77
	Utilities	£1,497.11
<i>Acts 435 payments</i>	Welfare	£75.34
<i>Tithe Payments Payments</i>	Donations to other organisations	£2,940.00
	Total expenditure	£26,990.89

Minutes:

Fresh Church Annual General Meeting 6:00pm 6th October 2024

The AGM began with a fellowship meal.

Members Present: Christine Cowling (Treasurer), Stephen Cowling, Mark Davies, Janet Durose (Secretary), Terry Durose (Pastor), Marlene Jackson, Beryl Laming, Stewart Laming (SL), Sue Laming (SueL), Jean Stott, Karen Zehlin.

Apologies: Rebecca Ashton, Rosemary Fullerd, Ray Jackson,

Non-members Present: None

6:25pm: TD welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes from the AGM held on 08/10/2023

The meeting accepted the minutes as an accurate record,
Proposed SL, Seconded SC. All in agreement.

Matters arising from the minutes: none

Finance Report

- CC reported that it has been a difficult financial year for everyone yet, while giving was lower than hoped, there was, still, a surplus of giving over expenditure of £22.98.
- At the end of March 24 Fresh Church held cash funds of £31,228.
- The Child Project fund shows nil balances. This fund was used for the Box of Hope project which is no longer in operation.
- The Acts 435 fund shows a balance of £75.34 at the end of March 2024. The meeting was told that this full amount was spent on a welfare need in the community in recent weeks.

The meeting agreed to pass the finance report.

On the grounds that both the Minutes and Finance Report had been accepted by the meeting, the Annual Report for 2023/2024 was passed and will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

The meeting thanked CC & JD for their work.

Selection of Deacons

Janet Durose: (J&TD left the meeting) After a short discussion T&JD returned to the meeting and told that the meeting had agreed that JD should continue to serve on the Diaconate for a further term of 3 years. Nominated by BL. Seconded by MJ.

Minutes contd:

Ministry Reports

The following people gave brief verbal reports relating to 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

- SueL - Fresh Kids
 - Thanks to CC as a fellow class leader.
 - Fresh Kids are close to finishing the 'Link it Up' bible and plan to move onto 'Diary of a Disciple'.
 - SL told the meeting that lessons can be difficult because there is only one child in regular attendance.
- JD - Worship
 - Worship is not just about the 'group' at the front of the church; there is a whole team of people whose role it is to guide people into the presence of God in worship. The presentation of clear song words, along with smooth transition of slides, will ensure that the congregation can join in worship without distraction.
 - JD particularly noted Izzy who often helps by reporting our songs to CCLI.
 - During the last 12 months we have introduced new songs and also re-introduced some older, possibly long forgotten, songs.

TD gave an update on RJ. Ray is currently in residential care and is unable to attend meetings. As and when possible, TD breaks bread with Ray.

The Fresh Church constitution gives no instruction for what could be termed 'non-functioning' members. However, it is important to understand that Ray, an Emeritus Elder of Fresh Church, is, and will continue to be, a member of Fresh Church just as he continues to be part of the body of Christ.

Thanks: TD thanked everyone for their contribution to church life. Fellowship is spiritual, everyone brings something special with them. Many members serve the church in multiple roles and every role, from taking out the rubbish to serving in leadership, is important.

AOB: none

7:05pm TD closed the meeting in prayer

This is a true record of this meeting

Signed



Dated 5th October 2025

Legal and Administrative:

** indicates a change or insertion*

Charity Registration:

Charity Name: Moorside Harvest Community Church
Registration number: 1096125
Charity Commission for England and Wales
2nd Floor, 20 Kings Parade
Queens Dock
Liverpool. L4 3DQ

Place of Worship Certification:

Fresh Church, Coleridge Road was registered as a place of worship on 7th April 2014 by the General Register Office. Register number 83538

Governing Document:

Our governing document is our constitution, adopted on the 7th July 2002 and last amended on 13th October 2019.

Charity Trustees (Executive Committee):

Made up of Elders and Diaconate since inception

Eldership:

T Durose	Pastor
S Cowling	

Deacons*:

C Cowling	Treasurer
J Durose	Secretary
B Laming	
R Ashton	

Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank
Kings Valley, Yew Street
Stockport, Cheshire
SK4 2JU

Auditor:

P Mushing F.C.C.A.
Ogden & Partington
3 Falcon Enterprise Centre
Victoria Street
Chadderton, Oldham
OL1 1RD

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Child & Vulnerable Persons Protection Policy

Moorside Harvest Community Church operates a child and vulnerable persons protection policy, which includes the recording of personal information, and DBS checks on individuals where required. The DBS checks are administered through Thirtyone:Eight. Further details are available on request

Praying Hands

Moorside Harvest Community Church operates an emergency prayer service, known as Praying Hands where individuals can request prayer in the event of an emergency. Each church prayer warrior is immediately contacted and given details of the prayer request.

Notes:

Fresh Church meets at 10:30am every
Sunday morning
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