

Renewal Churches Trust
(A company limited by guarantee)

Reg.No. 04909950

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2024

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Report and Accounts

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Company Information:

Directors / Trustees:

Mr G Winfield – Chair
Mr P H Smart
Mrs J M Smart
Mr M G Waller
Mrs E J Waller
Mrs C J Winfield

Secretary:

Mr P H Smart

Company Number:

04909950

Charity Number:

1102944

Registered Office:

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Independent Examiner:

S L Phillips
11 Chatsworth Road
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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Renewal Churches Trust was established in 2003 as a Company limited by guarantee and a registered Charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees are appointed by the majority of the Trustees in accordance with the Trust's constitution. The Trust is a Christian foundation and therefore expects Trustees to be committed to the advancement of the Christian religion.

The Trustees meet at appropriate intervals to administer the Charity.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr G Winfield - Chair
Mr P H Smart
Mrs J M Smart
Mr M G Waller
Mrs E J Waller
Mrs C J Winfield

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the major risks which the Charity faces and consider that all necessary action has been taken to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Charity as stated in its Memorandum and Articles of Association are to advance the Christian religion and the public understanding of the Christian religion.

The Trustees have sought to pursue these objectives primarily through the maintenance and development of a Christian Church in Tonbridge, Kent.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the general guidance published by the Charities Commission relating to public benefit.

Financial review and reserves policy

Incoming resources for the year were £56,747 (2023: £47,758).
Resources expended totalled £49,487 (2023: £46,292).
At the end of the period the Charity had reserves of £39,238.
The Trustees review Management Accounts on a regular basis.

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Achievements and Impact for Public Benefit

River Church offers a range of weekly gatherings both in-person and online via Zoom, designed to provide teaching, encouragement, and practical support in living out the Christian faith. Our mission and vision is:

"To impact our local community, region, nation, and beyond with the transforming love of God—releasing His Presence to bring reformation across every sphere of society, for the glory of God, in Jesus' name, and through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Community Gatherings

This year we have continued the Friday evening gatherings have been introduced light supper **'The Well'** and **'Upper Room'**—both designed to foster connection, worship, and prayer for one another and the wider community.

Weekly Thursday morning **'Prayer Breakfast'** meetings continue to be held via Zoom and in person, specifically interceding for Tonbridge and the surrounding areas, offering another vital point of connection for many.

Venues and Activities

River Church rents space at **Carrotty Wood (Rock UK)** in North Tonbridge for Sunday meetings and also rents facilities at **Christ Church URC Tonbridge** to host the toddler group **COMMA café**.

COMMA Cafe: Supporting Families

Since 2016, COMMA has offered a warm, welcoming environment for parents, grandparents, and carers. Held Tuesday mornings during term time (9:30–11:00), it provides a well-deserved break over tea, coffee, and cake, while children enjoy creative play. Attendance remains strong throughout the year. For details, visit www.riverchurchtonbridge.org.

FEAST: Families Eating And Sharing Together

River Church partners with other local churches and community groups through FEAST—a weekly top-up larder serving families and individuals in Tonbridge. FEAST also provides lunches and events for the local community through the school holidays. Pete and Jeni Smart serve on the Board of FEAST and are regularly joined by other church members to volunteer at larders and lunches. Additionally, FEAST offers meals and activities for families during school holidays. More information is available at www.feast.org.uk.

Financial Contributions

The Trust continues to support charitable work both locally and internationally, including:

Charity/Ministry Purpose			Gift Amount
Rock UK	Activity Centre Bursary	(www.rockuk.org)	£500
High Hopes	General Support	(www.high-hopes.org)	£2000
Iris Global UK	International Outreach	(www.irisglobal.org.uk)	£3000
FEAST	Local Community Support	(www.feast.org.uk)	£500

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Governance

Trustees convene regularly throughout the year to review operational and governance matters. Monthly financial reports are distributed within 14 days of each month's end for evaluation and feedback.

Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then to apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

Small company provisions

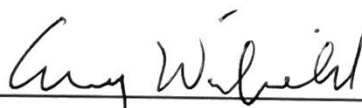
This report has been prepared in accordance with the provision in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the Trustees on

14 August

2025

and signed on their behalf by



Guy Winfield
Director/Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<u>Income</u>					
Income from donations					
Donations	2	56,205	-	56,205	47,460
Income from investments					
Interest received		542	-	542	298
Total income		<hr/> 56,747	<hr/> -	<hr/> 56,747	<hr/> 47,758
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Charitable activities	3	49,487	-	49,487	46,292
Bad debt	5				
Total Expenditure		<hr/> 49,487	<hr/> -	<hr/> 49,487	<hr/> 46,292
Net income / (expenditure)		7,260	-	7,260	1,466
Total funds brought forward		31,978		31,978	30,512
Total funds carried forward		<hr/> 39,238		<hr/> 39,238	<hr/> 31,978

All of the results relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
FIXED ASSETS		-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		-	-	-	-
Debtors	5	-	-	-	-
Bank	6	40,234	-	40,234	32,158
Cash / Cheques	7	187	-	187	177
		<u>40,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,421</u>	<u>32,335</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Falling due within 1 year	8	928	-	928	102
Other Creditors	9	255	-	255	255
		<u>1,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,183</u>	<u>357</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>39,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,238</u>	<u>31,978</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,238</u>		<u>39,238</u>	<u>31,978</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>39,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,238</u>	<u>31,978</u>

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees/Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees/Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 303 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the charitable company.


These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved by the Trustees on:

14 August

2025

Signed:



Guy Winfield (Director/Trustee)



Michael Waller (Director/Trustee)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds can only be used for specific purposes.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Charitable activities include expenditure on gifts to Christian causes and church activities. Governance costs (Accountancy & Professional Fees) include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

2. ANALYSIS OF INCOME	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Offerings/Donations	19,493	-	19,493	15,432
Regular Giving	23,760	-	23,760	20,920
Stewardship	3,693	-	3,693	2,789
Gift Aid Returns	7,449	-	7,449	6,172
Café Comma	1,810	-	1,810	1,952
Other	542	-	542	493
	56,747	-	56,747	47,758

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3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gifts/Donations	8,262	-	8,262	5,182
The Gift : Supplies	389	-	389	35
Supplies / Equipment General	290	-	290	367
Café Comma	1,011	-	1,011	1,278
Hospitality Guests	365	-	365	47
Hospitality General	717	-	717	468
Staff Wages (Net)	28,516	-	28,516	29,247
Pension Contributions Employer	1,390	-	1,390	1,390
Employer Tax / NIC	2,430	-	2,430	2,306
Hire Hall Costs	2,381	-	2,381	2,219
Office Storage Costs	660	-	660	660
Mileage / Travel Costs	356	-	356	750
Telephone	170	-	170	169
Stationery	0	-	0	51
Computer / Website / AV	355	-	355	556
Accountancy / Bookkeeping	127	-	127	108
Professional Fees	458	-	458	478
Bank Charges	84	-	84	84
Credit Charges	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Insurance	256	-	256	254
Resources / Teaching Materials	389	-	389	360
Training	881	-	881	283
	49,487	-	49,487	46,292

4. FUND MOVEMENTS

Fund	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure / Bad Debt £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds	31,978	56,747	49,487	-	39,238
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total	31,978	56,747	49,487	-	39,238

5. DEBTORS/BAD DEBT

N/A

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6. BANK

This is the total of the current account and business premium account as at 31 December 2024. Current account £245.53 and business premium account £39,988.44.

7. CASH/CHEQUES

Cash not banked / retained as a float for Café Comma £187.08.

8. CREDITORS

2024 figures: £927.99 (Barclaycard)

9. OTHER CREDITORS

This figure has been carried forward since 2015 and there is no information in past accounts detailing its origin.

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Renewal Churches Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Renewal Churches Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 Phillips

S L Phillips
Independent Consultant