



Trustees Annual Report — Year Ending 30th September 2025

Object of the Charity

The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public locally, nationally and across the world:

A) To advance the Christian faith by proclaiming Jesus Christ and teaching the principles and ways of God according to the Holy Bible (The Word of God)

B) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, support & prayer; and

C) To advance education for children, young people, adults, the elderly and for people with disabilities.

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Launceston,

Cornwall

PL15 8QX

Independent Reviewer:

Philip Dean ACA

Charity No. 1119195

The Church trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the year ending September 2025. Launceston Community Church is a registered charity no. 1119195.

The Church is administered by a Church Leadership:

Mr M W Bate (Chair)

Mr J H Bailey (Resigned 20.8.25)

Mr M D Stearns

New Appointment:

Miss D Studdart (October 2025).

The Trustees are appointed for the duration of their pastoral relationship or for a minimum of three years.

Worship and Community Activities

In addition to our Sunday morning worship and Sunday school, we have seen growth not only in Church membership but across our weekly programmes and groups.

We were delighted to baptise a lady in June and welcome new families into the Church during the year.

Family Fun Mornings during the school holidays, Growbaby on Monday mornings, and Community Open Space on Thursdays continue to attract regular attendees and are supported by the community around the Church.

Adventurers After School Club remains a popular children's club on Tuesday afternoons during term time at Tresmeer Village Hall.

We have three established mid-week house groups (one is held in the Church) along with a monthly ladies' morning group, ladies' breakfasts, men's events and many social events throughout the year.

A group of young people were taken to Spree SW at Exeter and following this a Friday Night Group for older primary and secondary school young people was established.

We continue with a monthly Zoom Prayer meeting and a monthly Prayer and Worship Night.

Over the Christmas period, a Wreath Making Evening, Family Service and Carols by Candlelight Service were held and well attended, together with a New Year Family Party.

All necessary refurbishments have been completed to the Church building and this is reflected in our expenditure.

The Church remains an active member of Churches Together in Launceston.

This year we have continued to support a SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) intern.

The Safeguarding Lead stood down and we now have a new Safeguarding Lead and Deputy.

Community Action

Community Open Space and Craft and Chat have continued to grow and continue to provide free hot and cold light lunches, friendship and support on a weekly basis. Growbaby continues to serve families and new parents, not only in Launceston but the surrounding area.

Our support for Operation Christmas Child remains strong, with over 30 shoeboxes collected and sent in November.

Five church members contribute weekly to two local school assemblies through the Bible Society's *Open The Book* initiative.

Additionally, eight members volunteer as Street and Prayer Pastors, either patrolling or praying for the town on Saturday nights.

We are always delighted to open the Church in October for Carnival Night and serve the community with refreshments.

Missions at Home and Abroad

We continue to support missions both locally and globally. Throughout the year, we welcomed numerous visiting missionaries and were able to offer one-off donations to support their work.

Finance

The majority of our Church income comes from the faithful giving of our members, primarily through offerings. We reclaim income tax through the Gift Aid scheme, ensuring that all income is applied to the purposes outlined in our trust's articles and instruments.

This year, the majority of our finances were allocated to replenishing the bank account to maintain financial stability, supporting our SWYM intern and various donations for missions both locally and abroad. We are committed to preserving sufficient reserves to maintain the building and its ongoing needs. Our Pastor remains bi-vocational and does not take a salary.

Restricted Income has been received from Volunteer Cornwall Grant towards the running costs of Community Open Space, Growbaby, Wreath Making evening and Adventurers Club.

Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our church members for their faithful giving — not only financially but also through their time, talents, and unwavering commitment to serving the Church and the wider community.



Date: 19th January 2026

Chairman/Pastor Mervyn Bate

On behalf of Launceston Community Church

Launceston Community Church
Income Statement for the Year Ending 30 September 2025

	2025			2024	
	£	% of Total	% on LY	£	% of Total
Income					
General Offerings	30,997	69%	16%	26,636	73%
Restricted Offerings	6,999	16%	112%	3,300	9%
Tax Rebate	3,912	9%	17%	3,339	9%
Room Hire	3,040	7%	2%	2,985	8%
Sundry Gifts	25	0%	(55%)	55	0%
Sundry Income	5	0%	(97%)	151	0%
	44,978	100%	23%	36,466	100%
Expenses					
Gifts & Donations	13,710	50%	77%	7,761	32%
Building & Repairs	16	0%	(100%)	3,834	16%
Subscriptions & Licences	1,981	7%	(2%)	2,019	8%
Utilities & Similar	2,006	7%	7%	1,882	8%
Children & Youth	1,990	7%	48%	1,346	6%
Equipment Purchases	471	2%	(84%)	2,860	12%
Event Expenses	219	1%	(59%)	536	2%
Insurance	610	2%	(23%)	788	3%
Grants		0%	(100%)	508	2%
Number 10 Building	580	2%	(8%)	628	3%
Open the Book	91	0%	279%	24	0%
Sundry	168	1%	29%	130	1%
Restricted	5,372	20%	161%	2,055	8%
Training	72	0%			0%
	27,286	100%	12%	24,371	100%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	17,692		46%	12,095	
Surplus brought forward	17,935			5,840	
Surplus for the Year	17,692			12,095	
Closing Balance	35,627		99%	17,935	
Represented by:					
Current Account	35,105			17,418	
No 2 Account	522			517	
	35,627			17,935	
Unrestricted Funds	34,000			17,935	
Restricted Funds	1,627			-	
	35,627			17,935	

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:

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