



ASPIRE CHURCH

**ASPIRE CHURCH
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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Aspire Church
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

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 Mr David Whittingham
 Mr Jonathan Davies
 Mr Thomas Watson

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Company Number 03831962

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The Trustees, are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.
Thomas Watson was appointed as a Trustee on 17/08/2024.

Aspire Church
Company No. 03831962
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The trustees of Aspire Church, in co-operation with the Pastor, direct and oversee the mission of Aspire Church, pastoral, social and spiritual, within the Charity's stated objects.

The Charity's objects are defined in our Memoranda of Association:

- Promoting, supporting and establishing Christian churches within the UK and worldwide
- Relieving those in need or hardship including those who are aged, sick or distressed within the UK and worldwide
- Providing and promoting education, advice, information or support services beneficial to the community within the UK and worldwide
- Promoting or fulfilling other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the UK or worldwide as the trustees may from time to time see fit

When planning our activities for the year the Pastor and trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and become part of our faith community. This includes considering how our services and other activities can serve and involve the many different groups within our locality, our city and the surrounding areas.

Our aim is that as many people as possible have their lives impacted by the gospel of Jesus Christ and we are always seeking ways to bring this message to the wider community in the form of both practical relief and teaching. Biblical teaching provides people with inter-personal and practical resources to improve their lives and relationships and equips them to face life's challenges. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith through worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and providing opportunities for practical Christian service and involvement. These opportunities include the various projects and programmes operated by the Charity as an outworking of our Christian concern for those in need:

- Sunday School programme
- 'Yth' youth programme
- Men's Discipleship meetings
- Bible Study group and supporting resources
- Marriage counselling and family support
- Pastoral care team
- Worship and music groups

These projects and programmes are provided for the benefit of both church members and the wider public equally and without restriction.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Leadership and Governance

The focus of our church has been and still is on helping people with gospel resources and personal interaction. The leadership of the church remains committed to spreading the gospel message wherever opportunities present themselves.

In the past year we have continued providing leadership and ministry opportunities to a variety of individuals. Examples include Sunday preaching opportunities, giving mini-teachings as we take up the offering, teaching in Sunday school and leading youth classes.

Worship and Prayer

Throughout the year we continued to offer Pentecostal teaching and worship, both in-person and online. In addition to our lively worship services where we offer Bible based teaching and preaching we held Prayer and Praise nights that were well attended by adults as well as young people.

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Main Achievements - continued

Our Wednesday night services, now named Connection Services, offer an intimate setting with acoustic guitar worship and small group Bible study. Attendance is growing and it has been good to see individuals growing in their faith.

In the past year Pastors from successful churches in the U.S. have come to help teach and encourage our congregation. These meetings include Sunday services, Men's meetings and Marriage seminars. Church members from these congregations have also visited along with the pastors and their fellowship and friendship have strengthened our church.

Mission and Evangelism

We are a local church with a world vision, and in accordance with our objectives have continued to support other churches and ministries around the world in response to Christ's great commission.

Aspire church is a participating church with SHIFT Ministries, a collective of churches located in various countries. We attend leadership conferences and seminars and assist with missions and church plants in various ways.

Youth Group

Our youth group continued on Friday nights and some of the local young people in the area started attending with some also attending Sunday worship services. Some of our Yth members have aged out of the group but continue on as leaders and participants. This has strengthened the group and contributes to one of the overall goals of the church which is to train and equip future leaders.

Women's Group

Our women's fellowship meetings have consisted of get togethers, both corporately and individually. A New Year fellowship brunch was enjoyed by all who attended. Several of the ladies also ran a successful coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Research charity.

Church Premises

St Aidans church, Littleton Road, Lower Kersal has been our church home since 2021. We use the church on Wednesday and Friday evenings, Sunday morning and once a month for Saturday meetings. The people of St Aidans and the Lower Kersal Young Adults group have helped us immensely by giving us space for storage and their improved maintenance of the building. We are still saving money to let or buy a permanent location in the future.

Online Ministry and Multimedia

The internet livestream broadcasts of our Sunday services continue to serve those unable to attend due to sickness or having to care for others.

Our podcast system continues to automatically publish every sermon, including the live-streamed ones, to subscribers on any mobile device and hosts them in an online sermon library freely available to all. The automated system also announces each new recording on our various social media feeds as soon as it becomes available. This has continued to prove very popular with many taking the opportunity to 'listen again' to popular messages and new people have visited the church who first heard our services online. We have also had enquiries from other churches about the system.

The online ministry is useful for those who are away at university and remote job assignments. The livestreams and podcasts have been an excellent tool for evangelism as members share links amongst friends and families as well as posting to social media sites.

Marriage Counselling and Family Support

Our Marriage and Family ministry continues with Pastor Tom offering prayer and advice to those with family needs. The Prepare-Enrich evaluation and discussion framework continues to be offered to couples in need and for those desiring pre-marital counselling.

Pastoral Care Team

Our Pastoral Care Team provides the framework for the church's pastoral care by greeting visitors and keeping in touch with individuals and families both within the congregation and the surrounding communities. Needs identified during these encounters have been referred to the appropriate ministry team and to the Pastor throughout the year and have included requests for prayer, counselling, home and hospital visits, emergency food parcels and practical support.

Sunday School and Youth Ministry

In the past year our Sunday School ministry has continued to be very successful. Considering our limited space our volunteers have done very well in maintaining order whilst teaching kids about Jesus as well as imparting valuable life skills. We have added 2 new master teachers to the rota and also have numerous volunteers that help on any given Sunday.

Youth Group

We hold weekly meetings that are often led by teens in the group. One of our original teens, now an adult, has joined the leadership team and gives lessons in rotation with the other teachers. Singing, learning the Bible, asking questions and some spirited debates are all part of the group activities. Christian Movie Night has been popular with many young people attending. Social Night with games and fellowship are helpful in bringing variety to the group. This past year we've added some variety nights, including poetry cupcake making contests and the like. These include unique Bible themes and have been well liked.

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Main Achievements - continued

Gift Aid Scheme

Our Gift Aid giving scheme has continued to bring in useful additional funds. Most of our regular givers use the scheme, and £38,246 has been given under the scheme this year resulting in an additional income for the Charity of £9,562.

Support and Volunteers

The charity is supported both financially and practically by the congregation members of Aspire Church.

In accordance with the Biblical principle of Tithing, many congregation members dedicate 10% of their income to the work of the charity. Many of these also participate in the Gift-Aid scheme making their support even more effective.

The day-to-day work of the charity and its various practical ministry projects is undertaken by volunteers; and the trustees would like to take this opportunity to recognise and applaud the valuable work being done by so many.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is structured as a charitable company, registered in the UK as a charity with the Charities Commission and as a charitable limited company with Companies House. The conduct and structure of the charity is defined and regulated by the Articles and Memoranda of Association lodged with and held by these bodies.

Trustee Selection Methods

The appointment of trustees and other officers of the Charity is by election following recommendation of a candidate by the existing Directors. Trustees at present are the same as Directors. The board consists of no fewer than three and no more than five Directors. The current number is four.

The board are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Charity including evaluating new ministry opportunities and deciding how the funds of the Charity are to be spent.

Policies

The charity holds a deposit account into which funds are regularly set aside for projects and contingency. Our policy is to maintain a minimum deposit balance of £1000 to cover emergencies. During the year we have increased our total cash reserves to £130,930 in order to save for a future building and to act as a confidence buffer against unforeseen cash flow issues.

To obtain a better rate of interest on these deposits the Trustees opened a high-interest charities investment account with United Trust Bank which is monitored and reinvested on a six-month rolling basis.

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Alan Drury

Trustee

17/05/2025

Aspire Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Aspire Church
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



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17/05/2026
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Aspire Church
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	4	99,580	-	99,580	86,327
Investments	5	444	-	444	1,006
Other	6	-	-	-	124
		<u>100,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,024</u>	<u>87,457</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	8				
Charitable activities		(84,348)	-	(84,348)	(81,364)
		<u>15,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,676</u>	<u>6,093</u>
NET INCOME					
		<u>15,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,676</u>	<u>6,093</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					
		<u>15,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,676</u>	<u>6,093</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		123,498	50	123,548	117,455
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	<u>139,174</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>139,224</u>	<u>123,548</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Aspire Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure
Account)
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

		2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Notes		
Donations and legacies	4	86,327	-
Investments	5	1,006	-
Other	6	124	-
		<u>87,457</u>	<u>-</u>
			<u>87,457</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities:	8		
Charitable activities		(81,315)	(49)
		<u>6,142</u>	<u>(49)</u>
NET INCOME			6,093
		<u>6,142</u>	<u>(49)</u>
			<u>6,093</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		117,356	99
		<u>123,498</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	19	<u>123,498</u>	<u>123,548</u>

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**Aspire Church
Balance Sheet
As At 31 August 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	14	3,055	-	3,055	4,045
		3,055	-	3,055	4,045
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	12,264	-	12,264	9,673
Cash at bank and in hand		130,930	50	130,980	114,652
		143,194	50	143,244	124,325
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	16	(7,075)	-	(7,075)	(4,822)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		136,119	50	136,169	119,503
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		139,174	50	139,224	123,548
NET ASSETS		139,174	50	139,224	123,548
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				50	50
Unrestricted Funds				139,174	123,498
TOTAL FUNDS	19			139,224	123,548

For the year ending 31 August 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 475 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

On behalf of the board



Mr Alan Drury

Trustee

17/05/2026

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Aspire Church

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. General Information

Aspire Church is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 03831962 and registered charity number 1120154. The registered office is 31 Brook Drive, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 8FR.

2. Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

3.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

3.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The trustees have not identified any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

3.3. Fund Accounting

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

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

3.4. Incoming Resources

Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets

This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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3.5. Donated Goods and Services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

3.6. Resources Expended

Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds

These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities

These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable

All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs

These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure

These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

3.7. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	25% Reducing balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Reducing balance

3.8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3.9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

3.10. Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

4. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	90,018	78,263
Gift aid	9,562	8,064
	<u>99,580</u>	<u>86,327</u>

5. Investment Income

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	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	444	1,006

6. Other Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Other income	-	124

7. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	990	1,316

8. Analysis of Expenditure

				2025
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	80,246	957	3,145	84,348

				2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	76,912	814	3,638	81,364

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9. Grants Payable

	2025	
	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals
	£	£
Charitable activities	954	3
	954	3
	2024	
	Grants to Institutions	Grants to Individuals
	£	£
Charitable activities	664	150
	664	150

10. Support Costs

	2025
	Charitable activities
	£
General administration	399
Depreciation	990
Governance costs	1,756
	3,145
	2024
	Charitable activities
	£
General administration	2,113
Depreciation	1,316
Governance costs	209
	3,638

Independent examination and other financial services have been moved from General administration to Governance costs in 2025.

11. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	490	475
Other financial services	1,130	1,100
	1,620	1,575

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12. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,216	24,722
Other pension costs	1,999	890
	<u>43,215</u>	<u>25,612</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

13. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 1 (2024: 1)

14. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 September 2024	22,022	964	22,986
Disposals	(3,286)	(284)	(3,570)
As at 31 August 2025	<u>18,736</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>19,416</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2024	18,190	751	18,941
Provided during the period	958	32	990
Disposals	(3,286)	(284)	(3,570)
As at 31 August 2025	<u>15,862</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>16,361</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2025	<u>2,874</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>3,055</u>
As at 1 September 2024	<u>3,832</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>4,045</u>

15. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	<u>12,264</u>	<u>9,673</u>

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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16. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1)	(1)
Bank loans and overdrafts	2,145	3,103
Accruals and deferred income	4,931	1,720
	<u>7,075</u>	<u>4,822</u>

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

17. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>2,145</u>	<u>3,103</u>

18. Pension Commitments

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,999 (2024: £890).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £197 (2024: £82) were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

19. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	123,498	100,024	(84,348)	139,174
Restricted funds				
Homeless	50	-	-	50
Total funds	<u>123,548</u>	<u>100,024</u>	<u>(84,348)</u>	<u>139,224</u>

	As at 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	117,356	87,457	(81,315)	123,498
Restricted funds				
Homeless	50	-	-	50

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Food Project	49	-	(49)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>99</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49)</u>	<u>50</u>
Total funds	<u>117,455</u>	<u>87,457</u>	<u>(81,364)</u>	<u>123,548</u>

20. Transactions with Trustees

The following trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from the charity or related entity:

Name of trustee	Legal authority	Remuneration	Pension Contributions	2025 Total
		£	£	£
Mr Thomas Watson	Governing document provision	28,907	1,556	30,463

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the previous year.

Thomas Watson was paid for his work as a pastor of the church.

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Expenses	-	69

Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses during the year was 0 (2024: 1)

21. Related Party Disclosures

Grace Watson

Wife to Thomas Watson

Received a salary of £12,309 and pension of £443 for pastoral work.

22. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
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	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	90,018	78,263
Gift aid	9,562	8,064
	<u>99,580</u>	<u>86,327</u>
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	444	1,006
	<u>444</u>	<u>1,006</u>
Other		
Other income	-	124
	<u>-</u>	<u>124</u>
	<u>100,024</u>	<u>87,457</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Charitable activities		
Rental	(21,001)	(18,000)
Materials	(9)	(219)
Storage expenses	(249)	(3,444)
Trustees' salaries	(28,907)	-
Trustees' pensions - defined contribution schemes	(1,556)	-
Wages and salaries	(12,309)	(24,722)
Employers pensions - defined contribution schemes	(443)	(890)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(7,440)	(9,527)
Pastor's benefits & recruitment	(2,819)	(10,537)
Mileage	(491)	(593)
Computer software, IT consumables and maintenance	(287)	(202)
Insurance	(541)	(525)
Data and telecommunications costs	(395)	(378)
Consumable items	(7)	(107)
Printing, postage and stationery	(230)	(32)
Subscriptions & Licences	(1,212)	(1,183)
Other direct costs	2	-
Grants to institutions	(954)	(664)
Grants to individuals	(3)	(150)
Bank charges	(64)	(64)
Sunday school, creche & youth	(754)	(1,106)
Visiting speaker costs	(628)	(1,847)
Outreach & events	(287)	(1,329)
Community food & drink	(619)	(1,907)
Trustees honorarium	-	(300)
Website costs	(399)	(538)

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Independent examiner's fees	-	(1,575)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(958)	(1,278)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(32)	(38)
Independent examiner's fees	(1,620)	-
Other governance costs	(136)	(209)
	<u>(84,348)</u>	<u>(81,364)</u>
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NET INCOME	<u>15,676</u>	<u>6,093</u>