

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER : 1128526

LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Tove Accountancy Ltd
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LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity No.	1128526	
Trustees	Glen Robinson Paul Hodson Martin Goulder Nathanael Cooke	appointed 12th March 2024 appointed 12th March 2024
Correspondence address	Life Church Brackley 25 Westminster Croft Brackley NN13 7ED	
Independent Examiner	Tove Accountancy Ltd Office 6, Town Hall 86 Watling Street East Towcester NN12 6BS	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 30 Market Place Brackley NN13 7BA	
Constitution	Registered 12th March 2009	
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 15th December 2008 as amended by resolution dated 9th February 2018	
Area of Operation	The Charity operates in locations in England and Wales Brackley, Northamptonshire	
Objectives	To advance the Christian faith and to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health and to provide facilities for recreation in the interests of social welfare.	

LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. Structure, Governance and Management

Life Church, Brackley has been led by a team which determines the strategies and spiritual direction of the church. This team has appointed trustees who are responsible for all required duties of the charity including legal compliance, finances, human resources and any property requirements. For a list of the trustees serving at the date of this report and those who served during the period of these accounts, please refer to the legal and administrative information page.

2. Objectives and Activities

The mission statement of the charity is:

"We are a church family of ordinary people living out what it means to follow Jesus Christ every day. We are a lively, relevant and relaxed church family in the heart of Brackley that is filled with the spirit of God and committed to: Learning, Caring, Worshipping and Sharing."

(see www.lifechurchbrackley.com)

3. Risk Management

LifeChurch Brackley is committed to wise governance and stewardship of our resources. We remain steadfast in our focus on safeguarding, ensuring compliance with relevant policies and guidelines. The Safeguarding Trustee, Dedicated Safeguarding Lead and staff have overseen the implementation of safeguarding policies, providing training to all relevant individuals. Reviews and updates have been conducted to maintain best practices, and the execution of safeguarding plans has been carried out with care and diligence. We remain dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community.

Appropriate steps have been taken to ensure all necessary DBS checks are made on those with any paid or volunteer responsibilities where they may be required. All required insurance cover is in place.

An ongoing review of the other major risks to which the church could be exposed is undertaken and systems are implemented to mitigate those risks where possible. Both the risks and systems are regularly reviewed.

4. Achievements and Performance

The past year has been one of steady and encouraging growth for LifeChurch Brackley in every area of our ministry. We are deeply thankful to God for His faithfulness and to our church family for their commitment and service. The following are some highlights from 2024:

Bringing the Good News of Jesus

We have continued to see growth in our mission to share the life and hope of Jesus with Brackley and the surrounding villages. The number of new people attending has increased, representing a rich diversity of nationalities, ages, and life stages — from singles to married couples, and young families to older members.

Community Outreach

Our heart for serving our community remains strong, with a focus on showing the love and generosity of Christ to those who may have little or no church background. This has been expressed through events such as our Comedy & Curry Night, Community BBQ, and, most recently, the launch of our regular Monday morning Mini Music Time for parents and toddlers.

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Youth Programme

This year, we successfully restructured and rebranded our youth ministries:

MiniChurch (ages 0–4)

JuniorChurch (ages 4–11)

Youth Church (ages 11–15)

Each group is led by a dedicated volunteer leader and team, supported by the Leadership Team and our Safeguarding Lead. Robust safeguarding measures remain in place, including DBS checks, training, and adherence to policy.

Volunteers

We are encouraged by a growing number of volunteers serving across hospitality, welcome, tech, worship, hosting, teaching, set-up, and take-down. While some gaps remain, the increased engagement has been a real blessing. Notably, our Lead Pastor, Leadership Team, and Trustees all continue to serve in their roles on a voluntary basis.

Staffing

Our paid staff team has grown modestly. Alongside our Church Administrator (2 days per week) and Youth Worker (1.5 days per week), we now have a part-time Bookkeeper on a fixed monthly retainer.

Mission Giving

We decided to give the majority of our mission support to the Msholozhi Clinic in South Africa. This vital service provides medical care to people in great need, many of whom are disadvantaged migrants without access to government healthcare.

Local Council Partnership

Our relationship with the local council has remained positive and collaborative. This has resulted in LifeChurch securing exclusive access to the extended Egerton Hall facility in early 2025 - an exciting development for our future ministry.

5. Fund Raising Policy

LifeChurch, Brackley receives funds through regular tithes from members and weekly church offerings. It does not employ the services of a professional fund-raiser or commercial participant.

6. Grant Making Policy

The intention is for the church to grant approximately ten percent of its income to external causes that are compatible and complimentary to the mission and charitable requirements of LifeChurch, Brackley. Mission disbursement for 2023 money has been set aside and allocated and payments will have been made early in 2024.

7. Financial Review

Income for 2024 was £73,718 (2023: £66,118), and expenditure was £61,663 (2023: £62,421). Reserves carried forward were £132,578 (2023: £120,522). Planned investment in staff is intended to enable the church to grow in the long term, which will bring in an increase in income and, whilst reserves are significant, the Trustees' view is that this is appropriate to enable the church to appoint an assistant pastor with security of at least two years once an appointment is made. We are grateful for an increase in the number of people giving regularly to LifeChurch, Brackley.

8. Investment Policy and Performance

The charity has no investment policy. Funds are held in a bank account to enable easy access.

9. Reserves Policy

The trustees have agreed that a 4 month working capital reserve is suitable. There are sufficient funds to provide this.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)
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10. Plans for the Future

Share the Good News of Jesus

Continue to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, teach the Bible faithfully, and proclaim the life and hope of the Gospel through the ministry of LifeChurch Brackley.

Community Outreach

Build on our community events and develop opportunities such as the Community BBQ, Alpha, and Freedom in Christ courses.

Youth & Family Ministry

Expand the success of Mini Music Time by offering parenting courses in partnership with Care for the Family.

Staffing

Appoint a paid Assistant Pastor (part- or full-time) to support the Lead Pastor and Leadership Team, in the pastoral work of the Church, and the growth of either our Community Outreach or Youth Programme depending on their strengths.

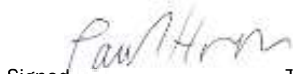
Stewardship

Faithfully oversee the leadership, management, governance and safeguarding of all aspects of LifeChurch Brackley, seeking to serve the Lord faithfully, with integrity and excellence.

11. Closing Reflection

As Trustees, we are humbled and encouraged by the ways God is at work in and through LifeChurch Brackley. We remain committed to stewarding our resources, people, and opportunities wisely, and we look forward to the year ahead with faith and anticipation.

Signed Declaration of Trustees:



Signed Trustee Dated: **21 October 2025**

Print Name Paul Hodson

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024 as set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
To follow the procedures laid down the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

and fair view' and the report is limited to those matter set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 Act 2011.

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.

Donna Rowan Gold

Dated 17th June 2025

Donna Rowan Gold
For and on behalf of:
Tove Accountancy Ltd
Office 6 Town Hall, 86 Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BS

LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Designated Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME						
Donations and Legacies	3	73,118	600	0	73,718	66,117
Total Income		73,118	600	0	73,718	66,117
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable Activities	4	61,063	600	0	61,663	62,421
Total Expenditure		61,063	600	0	61,663	62,421
Net movement in funds		12,056	0	0	12,056	3696
Total funds brought forward		120,522			120,522	116826
Total funds carried forward		132,578	0	0	132,578	120,522

LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Tangible Fixed Assets						
	Tangible Assets	8		503		15
Current Assets						
	Debtors	9	3,600		0	
	Cash at bank and in hand	11	132,048		121,515	
			<u>135,648</u>		<u>121,515</u>	
Current Liabilities						
	Amounts falling due within one year	10	3,573		1,008	
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Net Current Assets				132,075		120,507
Total assets less current liabilities				<u>132,578</u>		<u>120,522</u>
Funds of the charity						
	Unrestricted funds			132,578		120,522
Total Funds				<u>132,578</u>		<u>120,522</u>

Trustees responsibilities in relation to financial statements

On behalf of the trustees

Signed



Trustee

Date

21 October 2025

Print Name

Paul Hodson

LIFE CHURCH, BRACKLEY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from interest

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with certainty.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred Income

Deposits received for the church weekend away are £2,565 (2024 £nil).

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided for at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Equipment	33.3% Straight Line on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	33.3% Straight Line on cost

3. INCOME

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
a) Donations and Legacies					
Tithes & Offerings	60,673	600	0	61,273	54,992
Gift Aid reclaimed	12,445	0	0	12,445	11,126
	<u>73,118</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,718</u>	<u>66,118</u>
Total income	<u>73,118</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,718</u>	<u>66,118</u>

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4. EXPENDITURE

		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on Charitable Activities						
Donations & Sponsorship	Note 7	16,500	0	0	16,500	6,723
Welfare & Hospitality		232	0	0	232	270
Wages & pension	Note 6	22,881	0	0	22,881	25,140
Rent		7,567	0	0	7,567	8,670
Intern Costs		0	0	0	0	7,000
Advertising/Promotion		298	0	0	298	269
Evangelism and Events		4,544	600	0	5,144	4,623
Church programmes		2,038	0	0	2,038	1,160
Training & Seminars		1,108	0	0	1,108	626
Printing, postage and stationery		454	0	0	454	380
Telephone and fax		30	0	0	30	446
Repairs and renewals		0	0	0	0	252
Insurance		689	0	0	689	863
Computer costs		2,345	0	0	2,345	3,135
Travelling expenses		303	0	0	303	375
Bank charge		156	0	0	156	132
Subscriptions		22	0	0	22	22
Office expenses		0	0	0	0	112
Sundry expenses		48	0	0	48	642
Depreciation		251	0	0	251	7
Accounting		1,597	0	0	1,597	1,575
		61,063	600	0	61,663	62,422
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Total expenditure		61,063	600	0	61,663	62,422

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5. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,008	1,008
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	0	0
	<u>1,008</u>	<u>1,008</u>

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

6.1 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	22,617	21,626
Social security costs	0	2,401
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	264	1,113
Other employee benefits	0	0
	<u>22,881</u>	<u>25,140</u>

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

6.2 Average head count in the year

Charitable activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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7. GRANTS PAYABLE greater than £1000

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pro-Vision International	8,000	2,000
Brackley Food Bank	1,000	1,500
Academia De Baschet Amiral	0	1,500
Helen and Douglas House	2,000	0
Morgan Family	5,000	0
	<u>16,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Grants to Individuals and Institutions under £1000		
Grants to Individuals & Institutions	<u>500</u>	<u>650</u>
Total	<u>16,500</u>	<u>5,650</u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
		£	£	£
Cost	01/01/24	26,142	0	26,142
Additions		738	0	738
Disposals		0	0	0
Cost at	31/12/24	<u>26,879</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,880</u>
Depreciation	01/01/24	26,126	0	26,126
Charge		251	0	251
Disposal		0	0	0
Depreciation at	31/12/24	<u>26,377</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,377</u>
Net Book Value	31/12/24	503	0	503
Net Book Value	31/12/23	16	0	16

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Debtor	0	0
Church weekend away deposit paid	3,600	0
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>0</u>

10. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,008	1,008
Church weekend away deposits received from attendees	2,565	0
	<u>3,573</u>	<u>1,008</u>

11. CASH AT BANK

	2024	2023
	£	£
Lloyds TSB - Treasurers Account	132,048	121,515
	<u>132,048</u>	<u>121,515</u>

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12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund Balances at 31st December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible Fixed Assets	503	0	0	503
Current Assets	135,648	0	0	135,648
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,573)	0	0	(3,573)
	132,578	0	0	132,578

13. DESIGNATED FUNDS

Income for designated funds was equal to expenditure from designated funds in the financial period.

14. RESTRICTED FUNDS

There were no restricted funds in the financial period.

15. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

There were no payments made to Trustees or connected persons other than for the reimbursement of ordinary charitable activity expense claims.

16. LEASE OR HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

No finance leases or hire purchase agreements were undertaken in the financial period.