

**EBETRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Company Registration Number 06856916**  
**Charity Number 1129106**

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# **EBETRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees of EbeTrust who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public:

- to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- 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 and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the Church in promoting the Objects.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

EbeTrust is a company limited by guarantee which was registered on 24 March 2009 under company number 06856916. The company was also registered as a charity under number 1129106 on 9 April 2009. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **Trustees:**

- The Trustees are responsible for the management and administration of the Church's property and funds in accordance with the Memorandum and the Articles.
- The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals but there is no maximum. All Trustees must be Members. All Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs.
- All future Trustees are to be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and an appointment will become effective when the new Trustee completes the necessary Companies House paperwork and thereby consents to hold office.

#### **Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of the Church:**

- The spiritual leadership of the church shall rest with the Spiritual Leadership Team. If there are Trustees who are not members of the Spiritual Leadership then their role shall be confined to the management and administration of the church in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum and the Articles and of the general law.
- The Trustees of the church shall fulfil their legal duties having due regard to the spiritual direction of the church as set from time to time by the Spiritual Leadership acting always in accordance with the requirements of the Memorandum and the Articles and the general law. The trust considers it best practice for there to be a regular turnover of Trustees as has been the case.

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- New Trustees are chosen both for the particular skills which they bring to the trust and for their understanding of the objects of the charity. Those who have joined the trust since its inception have all been drawn from the large number of suitably skilled and/or qualified persons within the body of supporters of the church. At the close of 2024-25 there were 11 Trustees, one Trustee having retired in April 2024. While serving, the attention of Trustees' is regularly drawn, by the Chair of Trustees or the compliance sub-committee, to suitable training opportunities to ensure their continuing professional development.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Alpha Course**

In October/November 2024 we ran an evening Alpha Course, with up to 9 people attending with a team of 4 facilitating. This included a meal. It was great to see those attending build friendships and journey to explore faith in Jesus, with the majority being under 30 years old.

#### **Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Courses**

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups are safe and supportive spaces for people from any background to attend. Our Group Leaders are trained to run a group to encourage, inform and inspire attendees. They are not trained therapists, nor experts in treating or diagnosing mental or emotional health illnesses. However, where necessary they can signpost people to specialist help.

We journey together for 12 weeks to explore how to maintain mental and emotional wellbeing in the midst of our often-messy lives. Subjects include anxiety, depression, shame, anger, disappointment and loss.

During the year, we held an in-person daytime Wellbeing Group for 6 weeks starting in October 2024. Overall we had around 6-8 people attending. The intention was to run another shorter Wellbeing Group from January 2025 but this sadly had to be postponed. Feedback was good for the course we ran and it was great to see development of community within the group. We partner with local organisations and wider Bristol mental health services and local social prescribing services to make sure we signpost people to wider support.

#### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is a vibrant and creative part of church life, providing children up to school year 6 with a space to learn Biblical principles and nurture positive and cooperative relationships. Children are encouraged to express themselves and their learning through discussion, craft, music and physical activity.

A team of volunteers from within the church hosts Children's Church on a weekly basis. Children are also encouraged to get involved in whole church activities and have opportunities to interact with and volunteer alongside adults of all ages in a safe



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environment. Furthermore, the team is keen to develop community amongst children in the church, informed by the Biblical concept of the body of Christ.

Safeguarding is paramount to Children's Church activities. Volunteer training is provided and policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure a high standard of care and accountability is maintained.

Throughout this year, we have had new children join in with Children's Church as new families have been coming to Ebenezer Church. In September, the older children will move to the Youth activity as they begin secondary school.

#### **Community Transformation (including Warm Welcome Spaces)**

Over the last year, our church building has continued to be the operational centre and offices of North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, enabling an overlap of relationships between church and the Foodbank, strengthening our identity as a 'Community Hub'. Alongside this, we continued to undertake weekly/fortnightly activities in the building (e.g. Wellbeing Group, Senior Citizens Group, Community Café, Community Breakfast, After School Hangout, Foodbank Outlet, etc...) under the banner of 'Warm Welcome Space' where local residents have a safe and supportive space to connect with each other. These have all continued to grow in numbers, with people connecting and providing very positive feedback. Also, in February 2024 we started a new parent and toddler group, led by our newly appointed Children's and Families Coordinator and a team of volunteers. This important service is already growing in size and providing a space for parents/carers and children under 5 to connect.

We held one-off evening events like Speed Quizzes, a Community Pancake Party and Peace Feast in order to try and connect with people in the evenings. We have increased the number of relationships with other organisations/agencies with community workers providing drop-in sessions at our Warm Welcome Spaces (E.g. NHS Talking Therapy, Bristol Energy Advice, Work Well, Health Check-ins, etc). We are finding more ways to signpost people to extra support through key partnerships that we have in the local community and wider city.

Our building continues to be used as a Community Hub for many in-person community meetings, e.g. Horfield and Lockleaze Workers Network Breakfast, Foodbank Cluster Meetings, etc. The Foodbank has also used the space for a variety of volunteer training sessions. Essentially, the church building provides a space to collaborate and plan together with other organisations and local residents.

We have prioritised over this year a journey with local primary schools with our new Children's and Families Coordinator. This has been through a small team running a variety of assemblies and so continuing to build on strong relationships with at least 3 schools. We have been looking at how we create spaces for community cohesion and conversations with different people groups in our local communities.

The Peace Feast has been a helpful space for meals where people from different cultures and faiths can talk and listen to each other. We are looking at ways to develop this more as Church Sunday Gatherings are growing more multicultural, as our local community is too.

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Our church building in the last year has also been increasingly used for private hires for children's birthday parties and other organisations/charities for one-off events or courses. This has enabled our relationships to deepen in our local communities as we further utilise our building resources for the benefit of the public.

We continue to promote our citywide partners - 3 Bristol-based charities - North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank, Refugee Welcome Homes and InHope. We raise their profile in church in different ways throughout the year so the church family own the values of reaching out to the most vulnerable in society. We also encourage the church family to support these organisations in prayer, finance and practical/volunteer support.

#### **Global Partnerships**

Ebenezer Church has an international dimension, and supports both short and long term mission involvement, in the UK and overseas. Our Global Partnership Team drives this forward.

Locally, we support and encourage church members to get involved practically with Bristol International Student Centre (BISC) which seeks to welcome and support foreign students to the two Bristol Universities. We also support a family, who live in Easton, as they work to support the practical needs of refugees and asylum seekers in the city.

Overseas, we support a family who were members of Ebenezer Church, and are now in the USA, as well as church members who are currently working in Nepal. We have also supported a family as they have returned to the UK after a number of years in Zambia.

The Global Partnership Team coordinate with Ebetrust finance sub-group to allocate resources to help meet the short term needs of those we support.

#### **Messy Church**

This year, we hosted just one Messy Church event in October and saw several new families joining us for an afternoon of crafts, games, stories and connection. The session was attended by families who consider themselves part of church as well as from the local community, enabling people to make new friends and generally encourage each other in family life. Those who attend are encouraged to develop a spiritual dimension. Occasions are always well attended with a genuine benefit of parents and grandparents engaging directly with their children. We are currently reviewing the future of Messy Church and family orientated events that bring people together.

#### **Bristol Noise**

Bristol Noise (Charity Commission no. 1134099) constitutes an independent charitable activity that operates in partnership with and integrates seamlessly into the life of Ebenezer Church. It operates principally in the early Spring of each year, working in the North, East and South of Bristol.

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The final annual Noise event was held on the 2024 May Day bank holiday weekend with over 700 volunteers involved from 50 local churches and groups. This was coordinated by the staff of Bristol Noise supported by Ebenezer Church core team and volunteers, partnering with volunteers from across the city. We also hosted very successful events at the church building including a Senior Citizen's Banquet, and a Community Fun Event. Volunteers from the church were also involved in practical projects across the communities of Horfield and Lockleaze which were referred to us for support.

With the end of the annual event gathering Christians around the city, the vision of Noise 365 is developing with different local hubs of community engagement happening across the city. Ebenezer Church continues to be fully behind this vision and resourcing it. We also provide office space for the Bristol Noise staff team.

#### **North Bristol & South Gloucestershire Foodbank**

Foodbank has continued to grow, providing 137,000 meals during 2024. From our Horfield Foodbank Outlet based at our church Community Hub, we served 1891 people (1230 adults, 661 children). The Foodbank charity uses office space based in the church building and has built relationships with over 300 frontline care professional organisations giving Foodbank referrals to people in crisis. They also manage over 270 volunteers in operations across North Bristol and South Gloucestershire. The new Foodbank strategy has been developing and there is often overlap with what we do through some of our local Community Hub activities.

Church volunteers continue to be involved on a weekly basis by helping run the weekly Foodbank Outlet on Thursday afternoons, being part of the driving team and serving at other one-off events. There is a healthy overlap with the church staff team and Foodbank staff in working together, sharing a common vision of supporting those in crisis in our communities.

#### **Small Groups**

Small Groups are a key part of church life and a valuable source of support, connection and discipleship. We currently have four Small Groups that happen on a regular basis. Small Groups and pastoral care within church are a high priority for the leadership team and we have been actively looking at ways we can do this differently, enabling as many people to connect and access support, as possible. We are also looking to create more space in Small Groups with potential new groups starting.

#### **Sunday/Thursday Gatherings**

We hold our Sunday Gatherings in our church building on Filton Avenue. We continue to see new people coming along most weeks who are connecting with us in a variety of ways. We seek to be a church that is welcoming to all people, and we love to see the diversity in our congregation growing.

We continue to record our talks given on a Sunday and share these online, as well as providing some discussion prompts and questions that people can use in different settings to engage with our teaching series.

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We have also started trialling a Gathering on a Thursday evening with the aim to be accessible to people who may want to connect with church but cannot attend on Sundays.

#### **Students & Young Adults**

As a church we want to be a place where the large student population in our local area, and at UWE, can connect and be a part of a community. We seek to provide spaces and opportunities for students & young adults within church to grow, and be challenged in their personal faith, and to live this out in their day-to-day life, and in their relationships. We continue to encourage students and young adults to integrate into the whole of church life through relationship building and serving in a variety of ways.

A key part of our vision as church is to see new leaders raised up in all parts of life, both inside and outside of church. It is great to have young leaders within the church take on the leadership of this community, and to see it growing numerically too.

#### **Taste Café**

We continue to run a thriving weekly Community Café which remains both popular and needful in the local area. Over the winter period, it proved to be a helpful 'Warm Space', enabling people to benefit from a heated venue when the cost-of-living crisis was hard-hitting. Cakes, drinks and lunches are offered at very low prices, making them affordable for all, but especially for those who are struggling financially.

The Café has also been a place of company, friendship and developing relationships – a wonderful mix of people, of all ages, from church and the communities of Horfield, Lockleaze and Filton. Parents have also appreciated the additional play areas for preschool children.

Throughout each term, different organisations have attended providing a pop-up advice desk (eg Bristol Energy Network, NHS Talking Therapies, etc) which gives local residents a place to connect for enquiring about extra support and advice.

#### **Footprints**

This is our weekly group run for senior citizens in church and the local community. Weekly attendances have averaged between 35 and 45 with the last 3 years seeing a continuous growth in numbers. Whilst new people have joined the group, we have sadly lost others who have passed away in their old age. It has been a privilege to hold funeral services at Ebenezer Church and to support the family members on their sad loss. Footprints is a place of company and friendship for all, but especially for those who experience the challenges of loneliness and isolation.

We do not charge a subscription for this group but people voluntarily give donations in appreciation of what the group does for them. A range of entertainment is provided alongside running some religious occasions such as Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance services. Our seniors' group has been recommended by local doctors to older people under the banner of 'social prescribing' noting that people, whose mental health has been adversely affected by loneliness, have been sent our way for company and support.

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### **Youth Work**

Last year, we trialled some new youth activities given the larger group of young people now engaging with our youth programme. The trials were highly successful, so the activity has continued, giving a varied provision:

- Youth Small Group – this has brought young people together in the comfortable environment of a home for Bible study and a meal together.
- Youth Hangout – an opportunity for young people to play games and enjoy a social time with each other.
- Sunday Youth Group – a weekly time for our young people during the Sunday Service at Ebenezer Church.

Our young people have been inviting and accompanying their friends on these occasions. They engage well with each other, developing stronger friendships. We teach our young people good values from the Bible, encouraging them to respect other people and the world in which they live.

### **Contribution of volunteers**

It is not possible to quantify the contribution of volunteers to the activities of Ebetrust but they are involved in the majority of activities described above.

## **GRANT FUNDING BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

During the course of the year we have greatly benefited from local and national government grant funding aimed at ensuring our Community Hub building on Filton Avenue is resilient for the long term and more energy efficient.

Firstly, a grant from Bristol City Council's Community Resilience Fund of £116,500 enabled us to replace the internal ceiling in the main hall and all of the flat roof space, both of which were at risk of imminent failure. Both projects significantly improved the building's insulation.

Secondly, a grant from the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise's Energy Efficiency Scheme of £67,043 enabled us to complete a wide variety of energy efficiency improvements, including the installation of low cost lighting, cavity wall insulation, exterior CorkSpray wall insulation, solar panels and battery storage, a phase change hot water heater replacing an old gas hot water boiler and upgraded double glazing units. The changes made have significantly contributed to reducing our carbon footprint and associated energy bills.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have paid due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. For the year ending 31 March 2025 income was £391,311 (2024: £260,599) an increase of 50%.

Expenditure on charitable activities over the same period was £363,802 (2024: £204,338) an increase of 76% from 2024. Net current assets at 31 March 2025 were £210,164 (2024: £267,745). Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2025 amounted to £195,605 (2024: £256,022).

The significant increase in both income and expenditure is due to the grant funding income received for and spent on building projects undertaken by Ebetrust during the year, details of which are set out in the Grant Funding Building Improvement Projects section above. It should be noted that some of the grant funding income for the building work was received in early 2024 and was therefore included in last year's annual accounts, and this explains why the expenditure increased more than the income.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the free reserves held by the charity (total funds less any funds either designated for a particular purpose or held in the form of fixed assets) should be set at £65,000. This figure takes into account three months turnover (approx. £50,000), the ability to respond to an important/urgent Global Partnerships or similar request (£5,000) and to be able to protect the church against unforeseen adverse circumstances, for example unexpected infrastructure costs (£10,000).

At the year-end the free reserves of the charity were £129,897 (2024: £130,500). This is in excess of the limit set by the trustees. The trustees are committed to setting aside reserves in a Development Fund up to £300,000, to develop the existing community hub building, to purchase additional property to enable the expansion of the community hub, and to fund the initial employment of additional staff to expand the community work. Therefore the trustees are comfortable with the current level of free reserves.

#### **Funds Held as Custodian Trustee**

Ebetrust acts as a custodian Trustee holding cash on behalf of Love Horfield. Love Horfield's objects are to support local people including young people and children to make Horfield a better place to live work study and play. Ebetrust hold the funds within their own bank accounts but have control measures to account for these funds separately. Refer to note 17 for details of the funds received, payments made and balances held on behalf of Love Horfield in the year.

#### **Trustee's Responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also directors of Ebetrust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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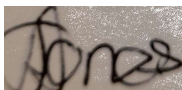
Signed by order of the Trustees

*SEFisher*

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Susan Fisher  
Trustee

*J Wall*

.....  
John Wall  
Chair



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Annette Jones  
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on ..... Nov 03 2025

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## **REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The directors who served the company during the year and since the year end were as follows:

#### **Trustees:**

John Wall (Chair)  
Adrian Reed  
John Payton – resigned 9/5/2025  
Derek Powell  
Andrew Tett – resigned 23/04/2024  
Stewart North  
Ian Powell  
Fiona Brooks  
Andy Smith  
Annette Jones (Secretary)  
Susan Fisher  
Lee Haynes

#### **Registered office:**

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#### **Independent examiner:**

Joshua Kingston BSc, ACA  
Burton Sweet Limited  
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5 Farleigh Court  
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CAF Bank Ltd  
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West Malling  
Kent ME19



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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EBETRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebetrust ('the Company')

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

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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
- 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.

*Joshua Kingston*

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Date: Nov 03 2025 .....

**EBETRUST****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and grants	<b>2</b>	213,038	145,066	358,104	231,938
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	23,985	-	23,985	25,511
Investments		9,222	-	9,222	3,150
<b>Total income</b>		<u>246,245</u>	<u>145,066</u>	<u>391,311</u>	<u>260,599</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	<b>4</b>	246,579	117,223	363,802	204,338
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>246,579</u>	<u>117,223</u>	<u>363,802</u>	<u>204,338</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>6</b>	(334)	27,843	27,509	56,261
Transfers between funds	<b>13</b>	75,911	(75,911)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>75,577</u>	<u>(48,068)</u>	<u>27,509</u>	<u>56,261</u>
<b>Total funds at start of year</b>	<b>13</b>	518,360	39,385	557,745	501,484
<b>Total funds at end of year</b>	<b>13</b>	<u>593,937</u>	<u>(8,683)</u>	<u>585,254</u>	<u>557,745</u>

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements  
See note 9 for fund-accounting comparative figures

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Company number: 06856916

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	<u>375,090</u>	<u>290,000</u>
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<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	20,671	32,307
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>195,605</u>	<u>256,022</u>
		216,276	288,329
<b>Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(6,112)	(20,584)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>210,164</u>	<u>267,745</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>585,254</u>	<u>557,745</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	14	593,937	518,360
Restricted funds	14	(8,683)	39,385
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>585,254</u>	<u>557,745</u>

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

### Trustees responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Nov 03 2025 .....2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

*SE Fisher*

S Fisher  
Trustee

*J Wall*

J Wall  
Trustee

*Annette Jones*

Annette Jones  
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and 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 in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

#### **Income**

Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

- I. When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;
- II. When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Investment income is included on a receivable basis.

Income from Gift Aid Tax refunds is recognised at the time the original donation is received by the charity.

#### **Hire income**

Hire income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

#### **Charitable Activities**

Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable expenditure.

#### **Grants payable**

Grants payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the accounting period in which allocation of the award is communicated to the recipient.

#### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered.

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### 1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated ultimate residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property - 0% per annum straight line  
Equipment - 20% per annum straight line

No provision for depreciation has been made for freehold property as it is the view of the Trustees that the estimated residual value of each property is not materially different from the carrying value. The Trustees annually review the carrying value for indication of any impairment.

In line with guidance in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, donated properties have been included in the Balance Sheet at the value to the charity at the date of the gift.

#### **Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation 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 recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

#### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

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### 2 Income from: Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	137,906	-	137,906
One-off	38,865	-	38,865
Gift aid	36,267	-	36,267
Grants	-	145,066	145,066
	<u>213,038</u>	<u>145,066</u>	<u>358,104</u>
<b>Prior year comparative</b>			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gifts and offerings			
Regular	116,913	1,000	117,913
One-off	30,906	282	31,188
Gift aid	32,300	1	32,301
Grants	503	50,033	50,536
	<u>180,622</u>	<u>51,316</u>	<u>231,938</u>

Included in the above are donations of £36,410 (2024: £48,118) received from trustees and other related parties.

Included in Grants above are grants received from government sources totalling £136,060 (2024: £41,855).

### 3 Income from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Event income	3,618	-	3,618	4,799
Café sales	4,397	-	4,397	4,747
Other events	511	-	511	-
Hire of premises	15,155	-	15,155	15,775
Other income	304	-	304	190
	<u>23,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,985</u>	<u>25,511</u>

All prior year income was represented by unrestricted funds.

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### 4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	73,705	600	74,305	43,503
Church workers (see note 7)	128,061	4,339	132,400	118,530
Speakers' expenses and gifts	150	-	150	600
Event expenses	1,692	1,450	3,142	6,557
Footprints (Seniors)	1,383	3,646	5,029	4,280
Taste Café	-	2,227	2,227	2,967
Youth events	1,035	95	1,130	567
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent of Sunday meeting venue	-	1,070	1,070	-
Repairs and maintenance	19,190	101,415	120,605	8,138
Insurance	1,760	287	2,047	2,392
Rates, heat and light	5,525	1,500	7,025	4,970
Subscriptions and licences	2,590	-	2,590	2,645
Office costs and ministry expenses	4,096	252	4,348	3,132
Cleaning	1,854	313	2,167	2,280
Telephone and broadband	824	-	824	560
Training and meeting costs	1,669	29	1,698	277
Governance costs	3,045	-	3,045	2,940
	<u>246,579</u>	<u>117,223</u>	<u>363,802</u>	<u>204,338</u>

### Prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants for Christian work	43,203	300	43,503
Church workers	115,380	3,150	118,530
Speakers' expenses and gifts	600	-	600
Event expenses	5,205	4,319	9,524
Youth events	498	69	567
<u>Support costs</u>			
Repairs and maintenance	5,888	2,250	8,138
Insurance	2,392	-	2,392
Rates, heat and light	1,970	3,000	4,970
Subscriptions and licences	2,495	150	2,645
Office costs and ministry expenses	2,662	470	3,132
Cleaning	2,118	162	2,280
Telephone and broadband	560	-	560
Training and meeting costs	277	-	277
Miscellaneous	2,353	1,927	4,280
Governance costs	2,940	-	2,940
	<u>188,541</u>	<u>15,797</u>	<u>204,338</u>

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### 5 Analysis of grants

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>To institutions</i>		
Bristol Noise	288	63
North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Foodbank	1,173	1,965
Refugee Welcome Hope	1,000	1,423
InHope	3,900	1,423
Other gifts to institutions (all less than £1,000)	4,250	2,088
<i>To individuals</i>	63,694	36,541
	<u>74,305</u>	<u>43,503</u>

### 6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fee		
- for independent examination services	1,260	1,170
- for other services	1,680	1,440
Remuneration of trustees	<u>94,931</u>	<u>91,120</u>

6 Trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket training expenses £316 (2024: 7 trustees were reimbursed £3,719).

### 7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Church contractors	123,490	118,530
Wages and salaries	8,910	-
	<u>132,400</u>	<u>118,530</u>

These costs relate to 3 self employed individuals (2024: 3) engaged under service agreements and 1 employee (2024: none).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: none).

During the year, the key management personnel were S North, D Powell, S Allan, R Varley, E Champion-Howard and E Legg-Bagg, along with the charity's trustees.

The total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £123,490 (2024: £118,530).

This includes benefits totalling £47,466 (2024: £45,560) to D Powell and £47,466 (2024: £45,560) to S North, who are trustees of the charity. These payments are permitted by the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.



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### 8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### 9 Statement of Financial Activities comparative figures

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and grants	180,622	51,316	231,938
Charitable activities	25,511	-	25,511
Investments	3,150	-	3,150
<b>Total income</b>	<b>209,283</b>	<b>51,316</b>	<b>260,599</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	188,541	15,797	204,338
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>188,541</b>	<b>15,797</b>	<b>204,338</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>20,742</b>	<b>35,519</b>	<b>56,261</b>
Transfers between funds	195	(195)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>20,937</b>	<b>35,324</b>	<b>56,261</b>
<b>Total funds at start of year</b>	<b>497,423</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>501,484</b>
<b>Total funds at end of year</b>	<b>518,360</b>	<b>39,385</b>	<b>557,745</b>

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### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	290,000	11,498	301,498
Additions	85,090	-	85,090
At 31 March 2025	<u>375,090</u>	<u>11,498</u>	<u>386,588</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>11,498</u>	<u>11,498</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>375,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,090</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>290,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290,000</u>

### 11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid debtor	20,671	32,302
Other debtors	-	5
	<u>20,671</u>	<u>32,307</u>

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	6,101	2,610
Other creditors	11	17,974
	<u>6,112</u>	<u>20,584</u>

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### 13 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2025 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
After School Hangout	109	-	(109)	-	-
BCCF Welcome Spaces	1,083	-	(1,083)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	666	859	(1,525)	-	-
Community Resilience Fund	29,125	82,409	(86,939)	(24,595)	-
Feeding Bristol HS Fund	309	6,067	(3,889)	-	2,487
John James Foundation	-	1,580	(1,580)	-	-
Quartet Catalyst Grant	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Quartet Warm Space	122	-	(122)	-	-
Revenue Grant	3,910	-	(3,302)	(608)	-
Harold Stephens Community Fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme	-	48,651	(13,174)	(50,708)	(15,231)
	<u>39,385</u>	<u>145,066</u>	<u>(117,223)</u>	<u>(75,911)</u>	<u>(8,683)</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	420,500	245,781	(237,205)	75,911	504,987
Designated Funds					
Capital Expenditure Fund	45,000	-	-	-	45,000
Contingency (building work)	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Audio-visual	2,860	-	-	-	2,860
Staffing fund	30,000	-	(8,910)	-	21,090
Ebe birthday fund	-	464	(464)	-	-
	<u>518,360</u>	<u>246,245</u>	<u>(246,579)</u>	<u>75,911</u>	<u>593,937</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>557,745</u>	<u>391,311</u>	<u>(363,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>585,254</u>

The VCSE Energy Efficiency Fund had an overdrawn balance of £15,231 at the year end. The charity is expecting additional funds to cover this.

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### 13 Movement in funds (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Minibus Fund	4,061	-	-	-	4,061
After School Hangout	-	283	(174)	-	109
Event Catering	-	1,000	(805)	(195)	-
BCCF Welcome Spaces	-	2,500	(1,417)	-	1,083
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	666	-	-	666
Community Resilience Fund	-	29,125	-	-	29,125
Feeding Bristol HS Fund	-	6,500	(6,191)	-	309
Filton Park Pre-School	-	-	-	-	-
John James Foundation	-	262	(262)	-	-
Quartet Warm Space	-	5,000	(4,878)	-	122
Revenue Grant	-	5,230	(1,320)	-	3,910
Waitrose Henleaze	-	750	(750)	-	-
	<u>4,061</u>	<u>51,316</u>	<u>(15,797)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>39,385</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds	497,423	209,283	(188,541)	(97,665)	420,500
Designated Funds					
Capital Expenditure Fund	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Contingency (building work)	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Audio-visual	-	-	-	2,860	2,860
Staffing fund	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>497,423</u>	<u>209,283</u>	<u>(188,541)</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>518,360</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>501,484</u>	<u>260,599</u>	<u>(204,338)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>557,745</u>

#### Restricted funds

**Minibus Fund** - This represents offerings given towards the future purchase of a minibus.

**After School Hangout** - This fund represents donations to be spent on After School Hangout.

**Event Catering** - This fund represents donations to be spent on catering for baptism.

**BCCF Welcome Spaces** - This fund represents a Welcome Spaces grant from Bristol Churches City Fund for Community Hub equipment, marketing and subscriptions.

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### 13 Movement in funds (continued)

**Co-op Local Community Fund** - This fund represents Co-op members raising money for community events including food, drink, and overheads.

**Community Resilience Fund** - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council for Community Hub improvements including building work and associated costs.

**Feeding Bristol HS Fund** - This fund represents a grant from the Household Support Fund run by Feeding Bristol for staffing, energy bills and non Christian focused community events.

**John James Foundation** - This fund represents a grant from the John James Foundation for work with Seniors, including for a Christmas party.

**Quartet Catalyst fund** - Grant from Bristol City Council towards enabling the church's work as a Community Hub in Horfield, providing additional activities to connect local residents and support their wellbeing.

**Quartet Warm Space** - This fund represents a grant from Bristol City Council Social Action Small Grants Programme to further develop the building as a Community Hub.

**Revenue Grant** - This fund represents a grant received from Bristol City Council, supplement to Community Resilience Fund for surveyors, architects, lost income from Taste Café.

**Harold Stephens Community Fund** - this fund is to be spent on Footprints activities (work with seniors).

**VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme** - Funding received to enable the building to become more energy-efficient. This fund has an overdrawn balance at the end of the year, but the charity are expecting additional funds to cover this in the current year.

**Waitrose Henleaze** This fund represents a grant from Waitrose for Footprints Christmas Meal.

#### Designated funds

**Capital Expenditure (building improvements)** - This fund represents funds set aside towards future capital costs to be spent on building improvements.

**Contingency for building work** - This fund represents funds set aside to cover future expenditure on building work for the Church.

**Audio-visual** - This fund represents funds set aside under the discretion of trustees for audio-visual costs.

**Staffing fund** - This fund represents funds set aside towards expenditure on full term staff salaries that have been agreed.

**Ebe Birthday fund** - funds were received to be spent on the church's 90th birthday celebrations.

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### 14 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 March 2025	Restricted	Unrestricted		Total
	Funds	Designated	General	
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	375,090	375,090
Other net assets	(8,683)	88,950	129,897	210,164
	<u>(8,683)</u>	<u>88,950</u>	<u>504,987</u>	<u>585,254</u>

### Prior year comparative

As at 31 March 2024	Restricted	Unrestricted		Total
	Funds	Designated	General	
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	290,000	290,000
Other net assets	39,385	97,860	130,500	267,745
	<u>39,385</u>	<u>97,860</u>	<u>420,500</u>	<u>557,745</u>

### 15 Related party transactions

Derek Powell is a Trustee. During the prior year the charity received donations, including gift aid, towards the wider ministry work of Derek Powell totalling £400 (2024: £2,500). This was given as a grant to Derek Powell in the year in the same way as other gifts received and grants made to Christian workers and ministries.

There are no other transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.

### 16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

### 17 Funds held as a custodian for others

At the year end, the charity held £581 (2024: £1,141) of cash balances under the control of Love Horfield. These balances have been excluded from the balance sheet.

In the year funds were received on behalf of Love Horfield totalling £Nil (2024: £nil). Payments made as a custodian trustee on behalf of Love Horfield totalled £560 (2024: £91).

Further details of the custodian trustee relationships can be found within the Trustees' Report.