



GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWCASTLE LTD

(a company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2025

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06926769

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Charity information

Reference and administrative details

Trustees & directors	Timothy Brown Paul Davidson Foden Dr Andrew Kenneth Ntanda (resigned 1st May 2025) Michael Brown (appointed 1st May 2025)
Company number	06926769
Charity number	1134332
Registered office	23 Briarside Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 2LT
Independent examiners	Kinnair and Company Limited Aston House Redburn Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 1NB
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Leicester LE87 2BB

Gospel Community Church Newcastle Ltd

Report of the trustees

Introduction

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and principal activity

The objects for which Gospel Community Church Newcastle is established 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, 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.
- to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom and the World as the trustees from time to time may see fit.
- the trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the church in promoting the objects.

The main activities undertaken by Gospel Community Church Newcastle are:

- Weekly public meetings in Newcastle and Blyth providing hospitality and refreshments. We run free children's Sunday Schools in each location and regularly pray for the sick, conduct house visits, gather groups in homes to help people's mental and spiritual needs. The church encourages and facilities generosity to members in need and those outside the church. We host shower parties for new mothers, support applicants in adopting children, help verify passport information and help with job applications and references for jobs.
- We also support Streetworx (helping the homeless) our social outreach arm which gathers volunteers and goes out each Saturday night and Sunday morning giving food, clothing and hot drinks to the homeless in Newcastle City Centre.
- The trustees note the statutory declaration that they have in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

This charity could not function without the exceptional contribution of volunteers both from within and outside the church.

Our volunteers serve tirelessly and are deeply appreciated. We couldn't function without them and we hope they feel the fulfilment and joy of a life well-lived.

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Achievements and performance

Sunday services have seen steady growth and lives changed by being born again through faith in Jesus. We have had sea baptisms for two new members in Blyth plus around 7 baptisms using another local church in Gateshead. Most of these were for those under 20 years old. The Blyth sea baptisms were for two young men in their late teens / early 20's. People received healing prayer and have found community and friendship throughout the year. Social action through our Streetworx homeless street outreach teams have seen many members join and connect via Facebook. Life Groups were formed in people's homes for friendship and Bible Study. Blyth group has grown from a faithful handful of people to around 25 people on Sundays, and there have been different outreaches and events to touch the community; Spring and Autumn Fairs, Summer Fun Day, Thanksgiving Meal, and great Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter and Christmas Celebrations with children begging parents to come to church because they enjoy it so much.

We have also partnered with Good News For Everyone and around 25 other churches across Newcastle upon Tyne to deliver the Gospel of Luke in a full colour magazine format called 'Explore' into every household in the city over several years - a project was initiated from this church. To date about half the city's households have received this with an acceptance rate of over 97%. It seems like people are really open to Christianity.

Our Streetworx outreach arm has gone from strength to strength with more activity and donations happening. There were two main fundraising fairs (plus one in Blyth) and companies coming for volunteer days, backroom sorting teams as well as the street teams on a Saturday night and a Sunday night. Donations are steady and demand is high - probably approaching pre COVID levels on the streets.

Mobilising and training faithful volunteers is a major achievement of the Charity as it helps society across all spectrums in living selflessly and giving generously. As Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than receive" and to facilitate this as a church is a great joy to us.

Our kids and teens have had a great year and seen growth despite a lack of a permanent church home and the constant pressure and challenge of rented facilities. Again tireless and imaginative leadership has meant these programmes can go forwards.

We also benefited from our partnership with Go Global Family of Churches. This led to mission trips to Poland, India and collaborating with other networks who wanted to join. Tim and Allison oversaw the Western African churches via Zoom, from persecuted Christians in Northern Nigeria to dump living believers in Namibia.

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Financial review

During the period the Charity's total income was £87,271 (2024 - £95,821)

During the year the Charity's total expenditure £83,625 (2024 - £80,336)

The Charity's funds at 31 March 2025 were £101,174 (2024 - £97,528)

Our principal source of funding is through our members faithfully giving as the Bible asks, through tithes (10% of income), free-will offerings, and some additionally giving to the building fund and Streetworx. We make it clear that each fund is ring fenced for the purpose the donation was given. Streetworx in particular is also funded by donations from the general public.

We appreciate the government's gift aid programme which greatly helps charities. We wish it would match all donations of any amount as for every generous person there are many who don't give to charity.

The trustees carry out an annual review of the level of reserves they feel is appropriate to maintain in order to meet the charity's objectives effectively. The charity held sufficient fund balances at the year end, all of which were unrestricted funds and held in forms considered appropriate to the charitable company's activities and future commitments.

The Charity has approximately 2 1/2 months of operating costs held in cash at bank in a separate savings account enabling them to fund operations should it be required.

The trustees have identified the principal risks facing the charity and, in their opinion, have addressed those risks by the appointment of informed trustees who can provide detailed and appropriate guidance to all other officers, and by the appointment of external independent examiners.

Reserves policy

The Charity aims to maintain a policy of holding cash reserves at a minimum of 2 to 3 months of operating costs in a separate savings account and will continue to strive to increase this on an ongoing basis.

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Plans for future periods

As a church we are evangelistic and always aim to continue to grow numerically. We will continue to evangelise and reach out to include people and encourage people to bring their friends and family along. We have a multinational, multi ethnic church which reflects the diversity of society around us. There is a thriving children's workshop and a small but growing teens group. We have been challenged with space at the St Vincent's Centre this year and have eased this over the Summer 2025 by hiring an additional room at Ouseburn Urban Farm and walking the older children down to that facility (wearing hi-vis vests for safety). This is not great in the long term especially in the coming Winter months and has intensified our Building Search Team in their efforts.

Having viewed around x7 buildings this year we have a building in view in Byker - a large former Community Centre which we are bidding for in early July 2025. We aim to purchase our own and first building and will continue to aim to raise our building fund in order to achieve this, along with investigating mortgages from Barclays and Kingdom banks.

The Blyth church continues to grow, with Pastors Mike and Elizabeth Pondi who live locally helping anchor and grow the work there. We have had some remarkable conversion occurrences with one person aged 20 coming along having read the Bible at home, and then bringing his gym mate along through weekly conversations about 'what did they speak about at church this week?' Neither had a church connection before finding us. A former National Front member, who has undergone a remarkable change, now loves the multicultural setting each week and providing the impetus for our sales and events there, which will continue as we go forwards. In the future they will need to look to support a part time, then full time pastor and save for their own building.

We have x4 young leaders going to the Go Global 'Forge' Summer Camp this year - x2 from Blyth and x2 from Newcastle. All of them are new Christians or folks that have become Christians after attending Gospel Community Church Newcastle. We hope that they will make a strong impact in helping take things forwards in the years ahead and that the churches can always have candidates to send. Tim and Allison are heading up the Forge 18-30 initiative for Go Global churches in the UK.

The Explore magazine delivery of the Gospel of Luke - in association with Good News for Everyone - continues across the city. This initiative, with around 22 participating churches, send teams of volunteers to knock on doors and offer a free full colour Explore / Luke's Gospel including testimonies of how people have become Christians. To date approximately 50% of houses (approx 60,000 households containing 160,000 people) have been offered an Explore /Luke's Gospel with around a 97% acceptance rate. People are far more open to Christianity in the first quarter of the 21st Century than we had realised, or than the mainstream media might have us believe!

We have appointed Michael Brown to the Trustees, following the sad departure of Dr Ntanda to Ireland with his medical work. It is envisaged that Michael and his wife Missy take over the running of the Church / Charity, and the current pastors Tim and Allison move on to plant / start other groups (as they have in Blyth). Tim and Alison would still visit / be in the North East and provide help and support, along with colleagues from our wider associated network Go Global. We particularly value the work of Go Global and their pastoral input to the team on a monthly basis, and our input into churches in Africa and the Indian subcontinent all through video over internet / Zoom. Another future issue would be whether to form different trusts for each church or keep them under one umbrella, but it is a problem of growth and therefor a nice problem to have!

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Other optional information

We wanted to include the most important prayer you can ever pray. Prayer from the heart will literally transform your life:

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Saviour and friend, to follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

This is how we can be sure of peace with God and have everlasting life. Why not pray this prayer?

Structure, governance and management

As a company limited by guarantee, there is no share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member. The relevant governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

We work with the Go Global Family of churches which provides a multitude of informal benefits and helps with oversight of the two churches here in the North East of England. It also helps us see the bigger picture of the advance of Christianity in many nations of the world and the standing of Christians under the trials of heavy persecution in some places.

Encouraging our members to tithe leads to us as an organisation also tithing, with a belief as the Bible says that 'God will provide seed to the sower' - hence we sow! Consequently we pay a 'tithe of tithe' to Go Global to help their ongoing work, nationally and internationally.

The trustees have not delegated day to day running of the charity, this is maintained by themselves.

New trustees are appointed by the serving trustees. The training and induction provided for new trustees is provided by the serving trustees.

Reference and administrative details

Gospel Community Church Newcastle, (the charity, the charitable company) is a charitable company formed to achieve the objectives stated in the governing document and memorandum and articles of the charity. It is a company limited by guarantee (registered number 06926769) and is also a registered charity (registration number 1134332).

The trustees who acted during the year and up to the date of the report are shown on page 1.

The registered office of the charity and details of its principal advisers are given on page 1.

Public benefit

The trustees are satisfied that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

When planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees also considered how the charity had succeeded in delivering its aims, including public benefit, when reviewing the achievements for the year which are set out above.

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Report of the trustees

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Gospel Community Church Newcastle for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the 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 judgements and 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 21-Jul-2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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 T Brown
 Director and Trustee

Gospel Community Church Newcastle Ltd

Independent examiners' report to the trustees of Gospel Community Church Newcastle Ltd

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:

Kinnair and Company Limited

Kinnair and Company Limited

Chartered Accountants

Aston House

Redburn Road

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE5 1NB

21-Jul-2025

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Gospel Community Church Newcastle Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	2	87,091	87,091	95,668
Investment income	3	180	180	153
Total		87,271	87,271	95,821
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	83,625	83,625	80,336
Total		83,625	83,625	80,336
Net movement in funds		3,646	3,646	15,485
Funds brought forward		97,528	97,528	82,043
Funds carried forward		101,174	101,174	97,528

The charitable company has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. None of the charitable company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	846	658
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		101,913	98,723
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,585)	(1,853)
Net current assets		100,328	96,870
Net assets		101,174	97,528
Funds			
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>			
- General Fund	10	49,239	45,593
- Capital Reserve	10	51,935	51,935
Total charity funds		101,174	97,528

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

Trustee's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

These accounts were approved by the directors on ^{21-Jul-2025} and signed on their behalf by:

DocuSigned by:

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 T Brown
 Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Accounting conventions

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in support of providing premises and associated costs.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	25% reducing balance
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Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities where the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations, tithes, offerings and gift aid and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure is charged on an accruals basis, as a liability is incurred, inclusive of irrecoverable Value Added Tax.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct and support costs relating to those activities.

Governance costs include those associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from income tax on its charitable activities but is not exempt from Value Added Tax. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Financial Instruments

The company only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic.

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2 Income: Charitable activities

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations and gifts	78,066	78,066	86,129
Gift Aid	9,025	9,025	9,539
	<u>87,091</u>	<u>87,091</u>	<u>95,668</u>

3 Income: Investment income

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank interest receivable	180	180	153
	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>153</u>

4 Expenditure: Charitable activities

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Costs directly allocated to activities			
Advertising	385	385	1,739
Events	282	282	1,013
Rent	15,612	15,612	12,194
Donations- Gospel Community Ministry	3,704	3,704	4,745
Donations	2,210	2,210	219
Staff costs	53,662	53,662	53,233
Streetworx	2,327	2,327	2,474
Support costs allocated to activities			
Conference expenses	355	355	198
General office	2,605	2,605	3,356
Legal and professional costs	1,545	1,545	1,135
Repairs	42	42	14
Travel	896	896	16
	<u>83,625</u>	<u>83,625</u>	<u>80,336</u>

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5 Expenditure: Governance costs

Included in expenditure: charitable activities are governance costs amounting to:

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Legal and professional costs	1,545	1,545	1,135
Staff costs	17,010	17,010	16,943
General administrative costs	-	-	240
	<u>18,555</u>	<u>18,555</u>	<u>18,318</u>

6 Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	51,652	51,101
Pension costs	1,520	1,513
Staff training and other costs	490	619
	<u>53,662</u>	<u>53,233</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year. Trustee Pastor T Brown received £17,010 (2024 - £16,943) remuneration for his services. Expenses totalling £450 reimbursement (2024- £615) were paid on behalf of T Brown. Trustee M Brown received £8,442 (2024 - £8,408) remuneration for his services.

The average number of staff employed during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administration	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

7 Net outgoing resources

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiners' remuneration	<u>1,511</u>	<u>1,122</u>

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	878
Additions	543
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,421</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	220
Charge for the year	355
At 31 March 2025	<u>575</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>846</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>658</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxes and social security costs	-	437
Pension creditors	295	-
Other creditors	-	294
Accruals and deferred income	1,290	1,122
	<u>1,585</u>	<u>1,853</u>

10 Statement of Funds- current year

	At 1 Apr 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	45,593	87,271	(83,625)	49,239
Designated funds				
Capital fund	51,935	-	-	51,935
Total unrestricted funds	<u>97,528</u>	<u>87,271</u>	<u>(83,625)</u>	<u>101,174</u>
Total funds	<u>97,528</u>	<u>87,271</u>	<u>(83,625)</u>	<u>101,174</u>

The designated fund is a capital fund to be applied against future property expenditure.

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Statement of Funds- prior year	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds				
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,108	95,821	(80,336)	45,593
Designated funds				
Capital fund	51,935	-	-	51,935
Total unrestricted funds	82,043	95,821	(80,336)	97,528

11 Related party transactions	2025 £	2024 £
Alison Brown - wife of pastor - charity activities and support	17,010	17,058
Christine Ntanda - wife of trustee - charity activities and support	-	400
Joanne Foden - wife of trustee - charity activities and support	8,790	8,158

Donations of £11,839 (2024- £7,131) were received from the trustees during the year.

12 Controlling party

The charity is under the control of the trustees, as a body.