

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**CULVERDEN EVANGELICAL
CHURCH**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1137615

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1137615
DATE OF REGISTRATION	11th July 2010
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2025
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2025	Mr Julian Mills Mr Peter Spary Dr Kenny Blades

The existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.

LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
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GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Declaration of Trust Dated 11th July 2010.
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OBJECTS

1. To worship and serve God as a local body of His people. 2. To celebrate weekly the Lord's Supper and publicly preach and teach the Word of God, the Bible. 3. To love and serve one another in Christ and share His love with others around us, strengthened by prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit. 4. To show the love of Jesus Christ as we serve in practical ways our local community and support missionary workers in different parts of the world.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	18a St John's Road Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 9NT
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PRIMARY BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 89 Mount Pleasant Road Tunbridge Wells Kent TN1 1QJ
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Culverden Evangelical Church on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity 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 the trustees concerning any 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 statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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Dated: 6th August 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The collection basket has been left in a convenient position and the gifts are distributed to various local and overseas causes i.e. Hospice in the Weald, Ukraine.

The Breaking of Bread services are held weekly on Sundays at 10am which is followed by the 11am Family Service in the main church hall. Coffee and biscuits are brought round to the congregation.

A children's group is taught during this service in the lower hall.

On Monday mornings 'Warm Space' operates for those wanting conversation, relaxation and company. Refreshments and food are provided.

Every second Sunday of the month a Tea and Praise service is held in the lower hall which is open to any visitors followed by a buffet tea.

On the fourth Sunday of every month a Missionary Prayer meeting is held in the lower hall followed by a buffet tea.

Two home prayer groups operate each week and a Bible Study via Zoom occurs fortnightly.

A Homemakers ladies midday meeting is held the first Friday of every month involving events and invited speakers. Lunch is provided.

A Ladies Bible Study is arranged for the remaining Fridays of the month in the lounge.

Some of the local Residential Homes are visited by our members.

Several members assist in the Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors.

We continue to cooperate with the 'Churches for Tunbridge Wells' and are members of the 'Evangelical Alliance'.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on20th July 2025.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name: Mr Peter Spary

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
RECEIPTS :					
Donations & Legacies	2a	15,596	10,850	26,445	23,147
Investment Income	2b	1,857	-	1,857	1,029
TOTAL RECEIPTS		17,453	10,850	28,302	24,176
PAYMENTS :					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	12,844	12,195	25,039	26,964
Governance Costs	3b	780	-	780	650
TOTAL PAYMENTS		13,624	12,195	25,819	27,614
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		3,828	(1,346)	2,483	(3,438)
Balances Brought Forward		73,706	8,887	82,593	86,031
Transfer Between Funds		(17)	17	-	-
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		77,517	7,559	85,076	82,593

The Charity's operations are classed as continuing operations.

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
ASSETS					
Cash Funds:					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		77,517	7,559	85,076	82,593
		77,517	7,559	85,076	82,593

Charity Funds:

General Funds		77,517	-	77,517	73,706
Restricted Funds	5	-	7,559	7,559	8,887
		77,517	7,559	85,076	82,593

Assets retained for the Charity's own use

Church Contents		156,829	-	156,829	156,829
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The church occupies buildings and the title deeds of which are held by Church Growth Trust.

		Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
LIABILITIES					
Independent Examiners Fee		870	-	870	780
		870	-	870	780

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Approved by the Trustees on20th July 2025.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Printed Name: Mr Peter Spary

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and the documents meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	12,919	10,850	23,768	23,147
Gift Aid Tax Refund	2,677	-	2,677	-
	15,596	10,850	26,445	23,147

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest	1,857	-	1,857	1,029
	1,857	-	1,857	1,029

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Administrative Expenses	1,091	-	1,091	962
Catering Costs	331	-	331	417
Cleaning Costs	1,410	-	1,410	1,719
Community Outreach	961	-	961	470
Education Costs	-	2,400	2,400	2,400
Equipment Costs	414	-	414	1,112
Gifts & Offerings	-	9,795	9,795	11,200
Repairs & Maintenance	2,968	-	2,968	2,681
Speakers Expenses	1,845	-	1,845	2,190
Sundry Expenses	320	-	320	494
Utility Costs	3,506	-	3,506	3,318
	12,844	12,195	25,039	26,964

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiner's Fee	780	-	780	650
	780	-	780	650

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Education Fund	-	2,383	2,400	17	-
Overseas Sponsorship	18	-	-	-	18
Special Offerings	8,869	8,467	9,795	-	7,541
	8,887	10,850	12,195	17	7,559

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-24 £
Education Fund	432	1,849	2,400	119	-
Overseas Sponsorship	18	-	-	-	18
Special Offerings	8,451	11,618	11,200	-	8,869
	8,901	13,467	13,600	119	8,887

5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the church. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

6. RISK ASSESSMENT

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

7. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily. Although the Church Growth Trust hold the title deeds of the building the maintenance and renewals of the building are the responsibility of Culverden Evangelical Church this is always taken into consideration when reviewing the level of reserves.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees Report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.