



The MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP TRUST

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Charity Name</b>	The Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered Charity with effect from 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2010, Registered Charity Number 1138999
<b>Registered Office</b>	Stapleford Baptist Church Albert Street Stapleford NG9 8DB

### **Trustees who served during the year:**

Mr S Allen	
Mr D James	
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Mr R Lacey	
Mr P Mallard	
Mr J Russell	(Co-Chair)
Mr P Skerratt	(Co-Chair)

### **Sub-committees' members:**

#### *Midlands Women's Convention*

Catherine Cottle	
Abi Coward	
Liz Cox	(Chair to Dec 2025)
Adele Guest	
Beth McLaren	
Ruth Selby	
Anna Watkin	(Chair from Jan 2026)
Jess Putt	

#### *Midlands Men's Convention*

Tim Ambrose	
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Rob Brewis	
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Stuart Dean	
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***MGP Youth and Children's Team***

Nick Jackman

Hannah Cook

Matt Cook

Helen Buckley

Chris Hammersley

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None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present this Annual Report and Financial Statements for The Midlands Gospel Partnership (charity number 1138999) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

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

#### ***Governing Document***

The Trust is a registered charity governed in accord with its Declaration of Trust dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The Charity Commission granted registered charity status on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Trust is governed by a Steering Committee (Trustees) comprising of those involved in the leadership of evangelical churches across the Midlands. They meet monthly to set policy and review the activities of the Trust.

#### ***Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are elected by nomination and resolution of the existing Trustees. Trustees don't receive remuneration or any other benefits from their work with MGP.

#### ***Trustees Induction and Training***

New Trustees are given training and an induction process that is overseen by the existing Trustees, who may delegate certain elements of the induction process to staff members.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which the Trust faces regularly at their monthly meetings, and formally before the end of the financial year.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trustees apply the income of the Trust in furthering the following objects, namely for the promotion and the advancement of evangelical, protestant, reformed Christian religion ("the Faith") including in particular but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing by:-

- i) The support and furtherance of the religious and other charitable work of congregations meeting for religious worship in the counties of Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands,

Worcestershire, and such other counties as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

- ii) The establishment, support and furtherance of new congregations meeting for religious worship in the said or such other counties by way of Church plants and otherwise.
- iii) The support of presbyters, deacons, youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators.
- iv) The advancement of religious education in accordance with the Faith by means of ministry, children's and youth workers, and other training courses, classes, seminars, lectures, conferences, and other events, and otherwise.
- v) The holding of public meetings and assemblies.
- vi) The award of grants to, and otherwise supporting those training for the Ministry, or other religious positions as youth workers, pastoral workers, teachers, evangelists, musicians, and administrators.
- vii) The production, publication, and dissemination of religious work.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

*Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit*

The Midlands Gospel Partnership is a network of local churches committed to expanding gospel ministry across the Midlands through training in biblical ministry, co-operating in evangelism and partnering in church planting initiatives.

The main activities of the Midlands Gospel Partnership Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 included-

- i) A leaders' conference (the Leaders' Conference), which is open to senior ministers and other leaders. This annually recurring event was designed to support and encourage those involved in Christian leadership, and other church members and to assist them in leading and building up the wider church family.
- ii) A partnership day conference (MGP Partnership Day), which is open to senior ministers of partner churches, bringing one colleague. The day provides a chance for partnership members to get together and see our development in achieving our vision of seeing healthy local churches in every Midlands community.
- iii) An affordable Bible training course, the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC). The course is designed to help church members, including ministry trainees, to better understand how to read and teach the bible.
- iv) Specific MGP Youth and Children's ministry training day courses (Re:Charge, Next Generation Conference). These are designed to support and encourage Christian fellowships across the Midlands and enable them to be more effective in their Christian ministry and their walk with God.

- v) Midlands Women's Convention and Midlands Men's Convention provide a place for men and women to hear God speak through His Word, to sing His praises and to think together what it means to live for Christ in today's world.
- vi) Involvement in national Gospel centred initiatives (AP4L) alongside other Regional Gospel Partnerships.

The Trust aims to continue to deliver services and benefits through the key activities outlined above, and to see growth in the number of partner churches. In the 2024-2025 we welcomed Durbar Avenue Evangelical Church, Grace Church Coventry, Rylands Community Church and Grace Church Tamworth into the partnership. We have also partnered with two organisations; Tyndale House and Biblical Counselling UK.

### **Leaders' Conference 2025**

The conference was held at Monyhull Church in March 2025. Approximately forty church leaders from across the Midlands region gathered, along with the Midlands Ministry Training Course students who attended the conference as part of their course programme. The day explored the theme "Our Unchanging Commission in an Ever-Changing World" and teaching was delivered by Michael Prest from UFM Worldwide, whose ministry focuses on global mission.

Michael's sessions offered a compelling blend of big-picture biblical vision, current mission challenges, and practical steps forward for churches seeking to stay faithful to Christ's commission. Alongside the teaching, the conference provided valuable time for leaders to strengthen relationships, share experiences, and encourage one another in ministry.

The atmosphere throughout the day was warm, positive, and charged with a renewed passion for mission, making it an uplifting gathering for all those who attended.

### **Next Generation Conference**

This conference is designed to equip children's and youth workers for ministry, and it was successfully delivered by the MGP Youth & Children's team in March 2025. This year's theme, "The Worldwide Family of God," explored God's global church and our place within it. The main speaker, Peter Brown from Redeemer Church Nottingham, taught two sessions: a morning session from the book of Genesis and an afternoon session from the book of Revelation.

Alongside the keynote addresses, the conference offered five practical workshops, each repeated in both the morning and afternoon. Topics included:

- Creche babysitting service or significant spiritual opportunity? J Watkins
- Raising Mission Minded Children – William and Rosalind Brown from UFM
- Welcoming Youth and Children from other cultures – Dave and Janet Brown

- You are in charge (classroom management) – Helen Buckley and Tom Bryant
- Getting the message across – Kathryn Jackson

The conference was a great success, drawing 170 delegates from a wide range of Midlands churches to Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. Cornerstone Church was a fantastic host, and the venue buzzed with conversation and encouragement during every break. The Good Book Company provided an excellent selection of resources, adding to the lively atmosphere throughout the day.

### **Re:Charge**

Re:Charge remains a termly event aimed at inspiring excellence among those involved in full-time children's ministry. Three events were held at St Stephen's Church Birmingham in October '24, February '25, and June '25. These sessions continued to provide wise and practical training to a small but committed group, with a strong core attending regularly.

Each day ran from 10am to 3pm, beginning with Bible meditation, prayer, and open discussion, providing a safe space for participants to raise questions and share challenges or concerns. A highlight of the day is lunch together at a local pub, offering relaxed time to connect and encourage one another. The afternoon typically included discussion around a book, podcast, or helpful resource, with opportunities for participants to share insights that supported and inspired one another. Re:Charge consistently left attendees refreshed, equipped, and strengthened in both ministry and fellowship.

### **MWC Report: 2024/25, Liz Cox**

The Midlands Women's Convention in 2024 took place in the East midlands on Saturday 5th October 2024 at Cornerstone Church Nottingham with around 503 women attending and in the West midlands on Saturday 19th October 2024 at the Renewal Centre Birmingham with 383 women attending.

Each day ran the same programme starting at 10 and finishing at 3:30 pm. Tickets were £18 for adults and £15 concessions (those on benefits, pensions and full time students).

Three main Bible talks were given by Carrie Sandom on Job with the Title. "Light in the Darkness". The feedback was very positive with women enjoying the talks and finding them all very helpful. A bookstall from 10 of those ran at both conventions.

Our return to the Renewal centre was excellent - we provided our own refreshments which was tricky to manage but next time the Renewal Centre has offered us a package which is very economical and better than this year. We had excess funds after all expenses and



were able to donate to Cornerstone Church for their generous allowing us to use their church facilities.

The committee which organised the conventions this year Included Catherine Cottle, Abi Coward, Liz Cox (chair), Adele Guest, Beth McLaren, Jess Putt, Ruth Selby and Anna Watkin.

### **MMC Report: 2024/25, Leo Davison**

The Midlands Men's Convention hosts two annual conventions, one in Birmingham in May and the other in Nottingham in November with the aim of encouraging men across the midlands to live wholeheartedly for Christ.

In November 2024 over 450 men gathered at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham, to consider how we might be 'Talking Men'. Steve Midgley from BCUK helped us in the two main sessions to consider the importance of words and how we might use our conversations to serve Christ. There were also a selection of workshops applying this practically in our friendships, marriages and in church. There was also a Youth Stream aiming to equip teenagers to grow as disciples of Christ.

In May 2025 we saw around 230 men at Monyhull Church, Birmingham, as Matt Fuller helped us think about how we might 'Reclaim Masculinity'. In the main sessions Matt helped us think biblically about what it means to be a man, as those who lovingly lead in the service of others. There were also workshops developing these ideas as well one helping lay leaders stay refreshed as they serve and another specifically for teenagers as part of our youth stream.

### **The Evangelism Conference 2024 – Keeping Hearts on Fire**

The conference focused on the theme "Keeping the Church on Mission." Designed to inspire and equip churches to remain outward-looking, the event brought together leaders, evangelists, and anyone with a heart for sharing the gospel. The main speaker, Dave Jensen, an Australian evangelist, delivered challenging and encouraging messages to help churches stay mission-focused with hearts on fire for reaching their communities.

The event was delivered via livestream from London, with the Midlands Gospel Partnership hosting regional hubs, one in Derby and the other in Birmingham, alongside various other regional hubs across the country.

### **Music Ministry Conference 2024 – The Irreplaceable Joy of Singing God’s Word**

We have facilitated our first conference aimed specifically at musicians, service leaders, AV teams and youth and children’s leaders. The main sessions explored the theme of the day, supported by seminars addressing practical topics such as:

- Playing in a band
- Leading in a small context
- Getting youth to sing
- Singing with kids

### **Single-Minded: exploring singleness in the world & the church**

This half-day conference, designed for all church members, focused on the subject of singleness. The event was held at Cornerstone Church and featured Australian author and theological researcher Danielle Treweek as the keynote speaker.

### **MMTC Report: 2024-25, Paul Hancock**

In God’s kindness we returned this year to running MMTC in both Birmingham and Nottingham, with Paul Mallard generously shouldering the leadership in the West. With the option again of the two venues nearly forty students were able to join us, including six second-years in the East, and we continued to strive to ‘train gospel people, with the gospel word, for the sake of gospel growth’ across the region.

Once again there have been many encouragements, with individuals across the board growing in biblical understanding and convictions, and vitally in Christlike character. Morning sessions in Romans and Biblical Theology have been the dominant teaching series, and our afternoon workshop groups have continued to allow students to ‘have a go’ at teaching God’s word in a sympathetic setting. Our termly ‘Book in a Day’ events again proved popular with both students and visitors – with one guest even making the trip up from London to join us for the Isaiah day in June! It has also been another happy year across both sites, with the godly camaraderie among students and leaders a constant highlight week by week. This is of course a testimony to our fellowship in the Lord Jesus, without which the paths of many of us would surely not have crossed.

Just before Easter the MGP trustees announced a new approach to training for 2025-26 and beyond. MMTC West will continue under Paul Mallard’s oversight. MMTC East has finished at the end of this academic year, with a new initiative, MGP Training East, due to take its place from September. May the Lord be pleased to bless greatly these initiatives, as we seek to train and equip more believers in word ministry. For myself, it has been a privilege to serve as Director of Training for the last nine years; thank you everyone for your friendship and partnership in the work.

## **MMTC Outlook**

During the year, the trustees reviewed the financial sustainability of our training provision. Despite the dedication and hard work invested in the course, enrolment levels had remained too low to cover its operational costs, and the programme was no longer financially viable for the charity to continue in its current format. After carefully considering all available options, the trustees made the difficult decision to make the Director of Training role redundant from the end of July 2025. All proper processes were followed, and support was provided to the staff member affected. The trustees also expressed their heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Director of Training for their faithful service, commitment, and significant contribution to the ministry over the last nine years of service. Although this was a hard decision, it was necessary to ensure the responsible use of the charity's resources and the long-term stability of our wider ministry.

## ***Public Benefit***

In accordance with our stated objectives, we exist for the benefit of individuals, primarily within the Midlands region of England, through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion.

The Trustees wish to express their sincere gratitude for the contributions made by our volunteers and supporters, whose dedication complements the work of our staff. We affirm our conviction that it is the gospel of Jesus Christ that brings about true and lasting transformation, drawing individuals into relationship with Him. From this foundational and life-changing relationship flows the generous support of many, which enables and sustains the ministry of the Midlands Gospel Partnership.

We remain committed to ensuring that our courses and events are offered at an affordable cost. We continue to provide additional concessions where necessary, to ensure these opportunities remain accessible to all.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

In view of the size and turnover of the Trust, the financial statements for the year were prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, on a receipts and payments basis and should be viewed alongside this Trustee's Report.

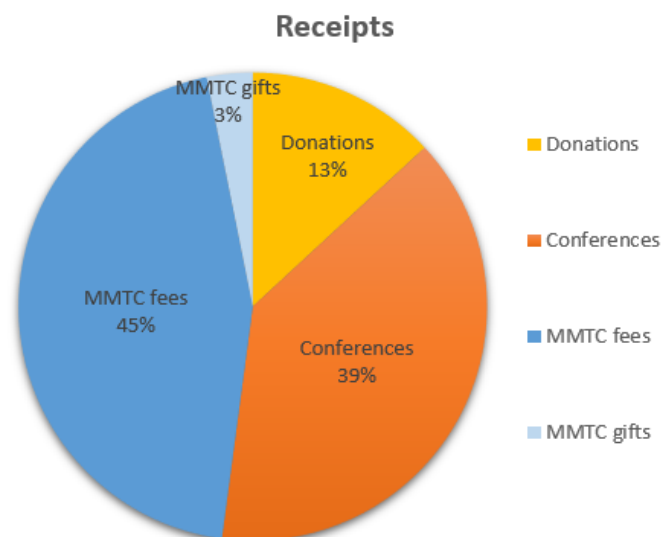
### Overview

The Trust's financial position remained stable during the year ended 31 August 2025, with income and expenditure broadly in line with budget expectations. We continued to deliver our core activities while managing resources carefully.

December 2024 budget projections were more optimistic than the actual year-end results, but, overall, the charity ended the year in surplus position of £2,249.70, a significant improvement on the previous year surplus of £237.13.

This is due to an increase in training course fee income which ran in two locations, growth in one-off donations toward the training course and lower conference net costs. Overall, total income increased by 5.5% while total payments increased by only 3.67%. The trustees considered the charity's financial position to be strengthened and all funds have been applied to further the charity's purposes.

### Receipts



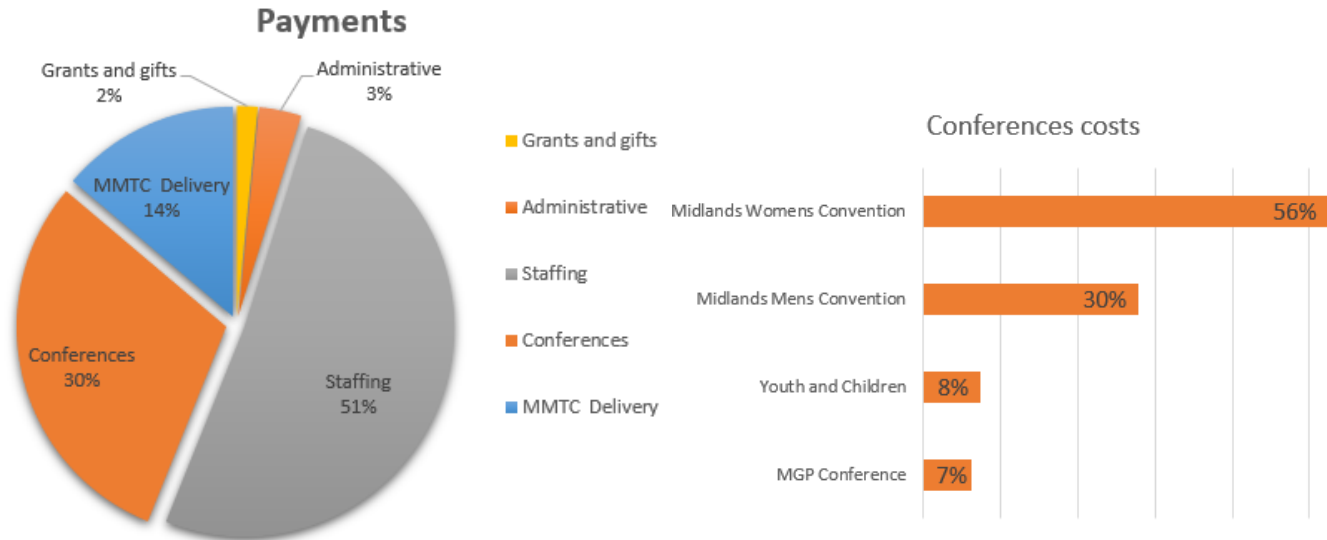
For the year ending 31 August 2025, the Trust's receipts totalled £64,853.75.

The majority of this income, about 84%, came from two main sources: training course fees and events. The growth in income from the training course fee was largely due to restarting operations to West delivery location.

While donations from partner churches declined compared to the prior year, this reduction was offset by an increase in individual gifts and contributions.

**Payments**

MGP’s total payments for the year ended 31 August 2025 were £62,604.05. Expenditure covered the full range of charity’s charitable activities with the largest area of spending being staffing costs. These included salaries, pension contributions, payroll administration, and staff expense claims.



Charitable activities costs related to organising and hosting training courses, conferences and events, as well as supporting broader initiatives aimed at assisting churches and individuals throughout the Midlands region. Governing and administrative costs remained proportionate.

While the Trust’s intention was for all events to be self-funding, the Trustees remained willing to subsidise activities from partner church donations and other donor funds where this served the charitable purpose of advancing the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ across the region.

The Trust also remained committed to ensuring access for individuals who might otherwise have been unable to participate due to financial constraints. Accordingly, MMTC training course fees were offered at a reduced rate where appropriate.

**Funds, Assets and Liabilities**

The Trust held no designated funds. Its only significant assets were cash at bank and in hand totalling £30,100.66. The Trust held no material fixed assets and had no significant or other liabilities at the year-end 2025.

### ***Reserves Policy***

The Trustees were committed to maintaining reserves for General Funds equivalent to three months of operational costs, provided sufficient funding was available to achieve this, without hindering the ongoing development of the Trust's ministry.

This reserve was intended to ensure the charity could continue to operate its essential services, remunerate its employees, and meet necessary expenses in the event of an unforeseen reduction in donations or unexpected expenditure. On 31 August 2025, the reserves totalled £27,851 which the trustees considered to be above target.

### ***Going Concern and Financial Outlook***

The trustees considered the Trust to be financially sustainable and able to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. There were no material uncertainties affecting the Trust's ability to operate as a going concern.

The trustees were encouraged by the improvement in the Trust's financial position during the year and remained committed to the careful stewardship of its resources. They recognised that the surplus achieved had been supported by the successful delivery of training courses in two locations, and they continued to monitor income streams and expenditure closely.

During the year, the trustees also reviewed the financial viability of the Trust's training provision and, following this review, made the difficult decision to make the Director of Training role redundant. All appropriate processes were followed, and support was provided to the staff member affected.

The charity's objectives—equipping, supporting, and connecting churches and individuals across the Midlands in the proclamation of the gospel—remained central to all financial decisions.

The trustees planned for a range of future scenarios to ensure the charity remained resilient and able to respond to opportunities and challenges, and they continued to review financial performance to ensure activities remained aligned with the charity's purposes.

### ***Thank you.***

The Trustees wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who contributed financially to the work of the Trust.

**DECLARATION**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ Report above

Signed on behalf of the trustees	<b>Signed copy held on file</b>	Date	01/06/26
	_____ Co-Chair of Trustees		_____

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

### for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £		Restricted Funds £		2025 Total £		2024 Total £
RECEIPTS							
Gifts, donations, legacies and other	8,511				8,511		9,507
MGP conferences income	704				704		1,332
MGP YC conferences income	2,155				2,155		2,822
Midlands Men's Convention income	11,907				11,907		6,449
Midlands Women's Convention income	10,519				10,519		10,516
MMTC fees	29,008				29,008		19,892
MMTC gifts	2,050				2,050		949
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	-				-		10,000
<i>Sub total</i>	64,854				64,854		61,467
Asset and investment sales	-				-		-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,854</b>				<b>64,854</b>		<b>61,467</b>
PAYMENTS							
Grants and gifts	1000				1000		1,165
Managements and administration	2,050				2,050		1,230
Staff costs (salary, pensions, expenses)	12,140				12,140		6,270
MGP conferences costs	1,252				1,252		1,091
MGP YC conferences costs	1,483				1,483		2,288
Midlands Men's Convention costs	5,580				5,580		5,841
Midlands Women's Convention costs	10,509				10,509		5,767
MMTC subsidy -internal transfer	-				-		10,000
<i>Sub total</i>	34,015				34,015		33,652
MMTC Hire costs	6,000				6,000		2,900
MMTC Speakers costs	2,348				2,348		1,763
MMTC Publicity costs	-				-		-
MMTC Printing, stationery, catering	307				307		189
MMTC Staff costs (director, admin)	19,934				19,934		22,725
<i>Sub total</i>	28,589				28,589		61,229
Asset and investment purchases	-				-		-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,604</b>				<b>62,604</b>		<b>61,229</b>
Net receipts / (payment)	<b>2,250</b>				<b>2,250</b>		<b>238</b>



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £		Restricted Funds £		2025 Total £		2024 Total £
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-				-		-
Cash funds last year end	27,851				27,851		27,614
Cash funds this year end	30,101				30,101		27,851
<b>Cash funds</b>							
Lloyds TSB Bank plc							
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,101</b>				<b>30,101</b>		<b>27,851</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	-		-		-		-
<b>Investment assets</b>	-		-		-		-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>							
Laptop (x1) estimated value based on straight line depreciation method over 5 years	<b>337</b>				<b>337</b>		<b>973</b>
	-				-		-
<b>Liabilities</b>	-		-		-		-

Signed on behalf of the trustees

**Signed copy held on file**  
Co-Chair of Trustees

Date

01/06/26

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MIDLANDS GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP  
TRUST**



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Midlands Gospel Partnership

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1138999

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

18/05/2026

**Name:**

S.H.Adam

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).