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Company Number 07422674

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(A Company limited by guarantee)

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors/Trustees	Elsa Glauert	Resigned 24 March 2025
	Timothy Grainger	
	Benjamin Edward Fullbrook	
	Vivienne McKoy-Salt	Resigned 22 Nov2025
	Jany Scott	Resigned 10 June 2025
	Chika Oderinde	Appointed 26 Jan 2026
	Zara Jenny Rafferty	Appointed 26 Jan 2026
	Hilary Underwood	
	Thomas Robert George Bolster	Appointed 6 March 2025
	Niazi Peter Fetto	Appointed 23 September 2025
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association (dated 28 October 2010)	
Company Registration Number	07422674	
Charity Registration Number	1139281	
Registered Office	8 Marshalsea Road London SE1 1HL	
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LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objects of the charity

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship ('LCF') is a Private Limited Company by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association ('the Articles'). The objects of the LCF in accordance with the Articles and for the public benefit are:

- a) To promote the Christian faith throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and internationally in particular by working with the legal profession; and
- b) To relieve poverty in accordance with the Christian faith.

Since 1852 the LCF has been a constant witness to the good news of Jesus Christ within the legal profession. In those 173 years Christian lawyers and law students from across the United Kingdom have been committed to sharing the gospel with those they interact with, whilst promoting a biblical view of justice and bringing biblical values to the practice of law.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is about bringing together and supporting Christian lawyers who trust Jesus as Saviour and follow Him as Lord, so they make a Gospel impact in the legal world. The LCF seeks to accomplish its Gospel purpose by its members. Its **members** are Christian lawyers – including law students, legal academics, paralegals, trainee and qualified lawyers, and the judiciary – and its **aims** are to:

1. Inspire legal mission around the world
2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church
3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world
4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities
5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession
6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

In planning its activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. During 24/25, the application of Charity Commission guidance has been steered by the involvement of Vivienne McKoy-Salt as a trustee and Chair of the Operations Committee as a specialist in-house Charity Lawyer.

To further the above objects, mission, vision and values, the LCF's main activities and achievements were as follows:

1. Inspiring legal mission around the world

In the past year the LCF has worked with its partners in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi through the CLEAR (Christian Legal Education Aid & Research) network to build capacity and to provide support for community legal education, access to justice, prison work, and advocacy for those most at risk. These initiatives often provide opportunities to share the Christian faith, for example in community legal education gatherings.

LCF support for its CLEAR partners during the last year has involved provision of financial grants to help our partners deliver local initiatives they have designed. This support is provided in the context of a network of support, which includes prayer, mentoring, and training.

Legal mission through the CLEAR network continues to make an impact, particularly for the most vulnerable. During the period Sept 2024 - May 2025 more than 880 people are reported to have received advice or representation by our CLEAR partners, and 43 church leaders received training to enable them to support their local communities in relation to legal issues such as land disputes.

Within a civil legal system, such as Burundi, it is harder for individuals to represent themselves in court and so the need for advocates to assist is key. Advocates Burundi, like Lawyers of Hope and other partners, are also working with local church and community leaders to provide legal education and advice, raise awareness of the laws, and to support them when dispute arise. Through these interactions, they also share the gospel, and have seen many come to faith, and be strengthened in their faith.

A growing area of support for our partners is capacity building. Unpacking topics such as roles and responsibilities of a board, management of risk, employees, and change, and financial sustainability, from a Biblical perspective are all useful in building the capacity of our partner organisations.

In August 2025 a small team of experienced LCF members visited Rwanda to deliver capacity building training to representatives from CLEAR network organisations, to deliver training to paralegals working in Rwanda in relation to safeguarding, dispute resolution and interviewing vulnerable witnesses, and to speak on related subjects to lawyers from across the continent at the Advocates Africa conference for Christian lawyers. Representatives from similar groups in DRC, Tanzania and Guinea attended the CLEAR network training event, and conversations have opened with Congolese Christian Lawyers' Association about partnership.

2. Mobilise legal talents to help the wider church

The LCF heart is to serve, and LCF members serve the local church in numerous ways. As a fellowship, the LCF seeks to mobilise our different and shared gifts to help the wider church.

Our Find a Lawyer scheme has been running for 10 years, and over 151 LCF members during 2024/25 were signed up to provide support to members of the public through the scheme. In the 12-month period ending 31 August 2025, 468 people used the LCF's Find a Lawyer scheme to find a Christian lawyer to help them.

The LCF enjoys strong relationships with many para-church and Christian mission organisations, working in the UK and internationally. During 2024/25 the LCF has sought to develop its support of Welcome Churches to help refugees seeking asylum in the UK.

The ForB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) group engaged in discussions on proposed legislation in relation to assisted dying, a matter of particular interest for the wider church, producing several member articles from a Christian legal perspective highlighting concerns with the draft bill.

Speak Up ' and 'Living for Jesus at Work' - two resources published by the LCF with the Evangelical Alliance - remain popular and in circulation. Work has begun, in collaboration with the Association of Christian Teachers, on a related resource for educators "Living for Jesus in Education".

3. Prioritise prayer in the legal world

The LCF started out as a prayer union over 170 years' ago and remains fundamental to the work of the Fellowship. Today, its staff team meet most days to pray for and with LCF members, and the LCF holds regular regional, national and international prayer meetings:

The LCF produces a daily prayer feed for the legal world for subscribers on the PrayerMate app.

National - Every Tuesday at 1pm for 30 minutes LCF members join the staff team for a Bible reading and short message, and to pray. This Tuesday lunchtime prayer meeting has a committed and growing number of attendees.

Regional - A number of regional groups meet either monthly or bi-monthly to pray together and to be encouraged by God's Word.

Internationally - Together, the LCF and Christ und Jurist Germany seek to develop a European network of prayer groups, their members meeting to pray regularly with other country-specific groups, including France, Spain, Poland, Italy, and the Balkans. Once a month on a Thursday morning the LCF hosts an International prayer meeting with lawyers from different countries and continents, with an opening Bible message and time of prayer.

4. Apply Biblical truths to lawyers' realities

Through its resources, online meetings, courses, and conferences the LCF seeks to help lawyers in the UK and around the world to connect their faith with their roles in the legal world.

Resources - For more than 20 years the LCF has provided a Word for the Week (a short Bible message written by lawyers for lawyers with prayer points) by email at the start of each week. It remains one of our most popular resources, and has a high click-to-read rate. A second print run of the LCF daily devotional "*faithful & fruitful: 365 daily devotions written by lawyers for lawyers*" first published in 2023 has almost sold out, and has been purchased by lawyers as far afield as Australia and the USA (an e-version is also available) supporting countless Christians in their spiritual growth. A substantially revised and redesigned edition of Law & Justice Bible Studies continues to sell, and 68 copies of this publication have been given to students as an educational resource; the Law & Justice Bible studies are being used by different university-based groups around the UK. The LCF's online library continues to expand, offering a range of articles, videos and book reviews, and the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) Law Network website (maintained by the LCF) remains a key resource for helping law students to think, live, and speak for Jesus both at university and beyond.

In this current 5-year programme the LCF has run 5 different teaching tracks. During the Autumn term 2024 the *Leadership* lunchtime track explored Biblical perspectives on leadership in the legal world, culminating in the National Conference held in York "Leadership for Lawyers". This was followed in the Spring term with a lunchtime series called "Just Leadership".

LCF specialist groups provide a unique opportunity for Christian lawyers to convene according to their practice areas to discuss, share and pray about the particular pressures that they face. During 2024/25 there were 22 specialist group meetings in total covering 9 practice areas.

To help to ensure the LCF remains relevant to the realities lawyers face, in March 2025 we held our first annual "Initiatives" conference with 5 different workshops to develop initiatives for our membership organisation.

5. Cultivate Christ-centred relationships in the legal profession

The LCF mentoring scheme plays a key role in building a strong, Christ-centred community where every member is encouraged to be the very best lawyer for Christ that they can be. In the last year (the fourth year since its pilot launch in 2021) we co-ordinated 15 new mentoring relationships.

Complementing the mentoring initiative are the Law Network hubs, which provide a space for law students to deepen their understanding of how the gospel shapes both their studies and their future legal work. The number of hubs continues to grow, as they foster meaningful connections, discipleship and growth, offering another layer of support within the LCF.

Across Europe intentional Christ-centred relationships are key in encouraging Christians in the law to serve faithfully both in the UK and internationally. This year LCF staff and members have been involved (co-ordinating, attending and supporting) a deepening of relationships and engagement across Europe, including times of prayer in country and regional groups, and national conferences hosted in France, Spain, Austria and Germany.

The LCF staff team provide pastoral support, prayer, and encouragement to members, partners and those working or studying the legal profession.

6. Talk to lawyers about Jesus Christ

The LCF is committed to sharing the good news about Jesus Christ within the legal community. Our recent and upcoming events reflect this passion for engaging with law students and professionals, providing them with opportunities to hear the Gospel and explore the Christian faith.

During 2024/25 the LCF attended university Freshers' Fairs in Liverpool and London connecting with many students, offering resources and information about the LCF.

In September 2024, the LCF coordinated the Law Network track at the Forum Conference, equipping law students for mission as they prepared to return to university for the new academic year.

The LCF carol services are a highlight of the LCF calendar and at the heart of our Fellowship's desire to reach fellow lawyers with the life-changing news about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In Liverpool last year lawyers, court staff and members of the CPS filled Liverpool Parish Church for carols accompanied by the Liverpool Brass Band and a message from HHJA Bever on the theme "Hope is for Now". In London, the LCF Carol Service was hosted at Gray's Inn Chapel, when HH David Turner spoke about "The Dawning of Indestructible Hope". Copies of the LCF's Bible Verses for Lawyers were given away at both carol services.

At the beginning of 2025, the LCF held a panel event in Liverpool "Where on Earth is Hope?", and a "Hope Explored" series in London as follow on opportunities to the LCF carol services for those wanting to think more deeply about the Christian faith, and particularly the topic of Christian hope.

Plans for the future

In the future, the LCF will continue to carry out its current objectives and activities. Plans for the 2025/26 academic year include the following:

1. Maintaining regular national, regional, and international prayer meetings, and the European prayer network. Continuing to provide prayer resources through the LCF's PrayerMate feed, and prayer points with our Word for the Week.
2. Working on several alternative language translations of our "Law and Justice Bible Studies".
3. Sending an international justice team to Rwanda in September 2026.
4. Hosting a conference in Bath all about time, "Whose time is it anyway?" applying Biblical truth to various "time" issues that lawyers face, including time management, the ethics of selling time, and the gospel imperative.
5. Developing a European network of Christian lawyers, including by involvement in events run by other national groups, and preparation of a European gathering in September 2026.
6. Working on several evangelistic resources for lawyers, teachers, and the wider church - "Living for Jesus in Law", "Living for Jesus in Education" and "Fair Hearing: John's Testimony" respectively - ready for publication in the Autumn 2026.
7. Implementation of a new website, finance and membership systems making it easier to discover and access LCF events, resources, and benefits, as well as to facilitate member communications and connections.
8. A public history project to show God's work among and through our fellowship over the years.
9. Developing a new CLEAR network partnership with Christian lawyers in the DRC.
10. Strategic planning for 2027 (our 175th year) and beyond.

Membership

Our members remain integral to our ministry. They serve in a variety of ways, including volunteering for international mission trips, co-ordinating regional groups, speaking at seminars and drafting 'Word for the Week' contributions. They also give a great deal of time to the various committees, particularly: Student & Young Lawyer; International; Operations.

Staff

The LCF staff team consists of 6 persons: Mark Bainbridge (Executive Director); Mhairi Hamilton (Deputy Director, Director of International Ministries); Felipe Carvalho (Director of Student and Young Lawyers' Ministries); Jonathan Storey (Director of Regional Ministries); Steven Ashman (Operations Manager); and Moni Olatunji (Membership Manager).

Structure, Governance and Management

Responsibility for providing charitable governance in 2024/25, rested with the trustees who met termly to monitor the activities of the charity. The staff team, who are members of the LCF in their own right, are responsible for implementing the strategic priorities and for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees for a term of three years. A Trustee's appointment (and any subsequent reappointment) is subject to ratification by the members at the annual general meeting following his or her appointment. During 2024/25: Elsa Glauert stepped down as a trustee at the end of her second term; Janys Scott KC was reappointed for an additional 1 year term, and remained as the LCF's Chair of Trustees; and Thomas Bolster was appointed as a trustee.

Financial review

The results for the 12 month period to 31st August 2025 are as set out in the Statement of Financial Activities at page 8.

Income for the year was £297,680 (2024:£273,076) and expenditure for the year was £294,518 (2024:£272,309) resulting in net income for the period of £3,162 (2024:net income £766). Total reserves at the end of the year were £65,683 (£62,522 at 31st August 2024) of which £14,035 were restricted.

Reserves

The reserves policy requires the charity to have sufficient free cash reserves to cover closure costs, namely those financial liabilities which the charity is required to meet in the event of its dissolution. At their meeting on the 24th February 2024 the trustees reviewed their reserves policy and decided to reduce this marginally to £47,500 reflecting the likelihood of the Charity being a going concern and having continuing income.

At the end of the year, the charity had free cash reserves of £50,896 (31st August 2024: £35,769)

The trustees continue to monitor closely the financial position and receive detailed reports on all financial activities on the LCF throughout the year at their quarterly meetings. They are assisted by an Operations Committee which meets 3 or 4 times a year. Monthly management accounts are prepared for the Executive Director and disseminated to Trustees, the Operations Committee, and staff team.

Key risks and uncertainties

The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks. In relation to financial risk, the trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves, any risks having been considered and taken into account for future budgets.

Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ben Fullbrook
Ben Fullbrook (Apr 2, 2026 05:56:04 GMT+1)

Ben Fullbrook

Apr 2, 2026

Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025 on pages 8 to 15 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 11 and 12.

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 ICAEW, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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
4. 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.

Lisa Darby
Lisa Darby (Apr 15, 2026 16:23:58 GMT+1)

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Date: Apr 15, 2026

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
General Donations & Legacies	3	264,538	27,743	292,281	254,903
Charitable Activities	3	4,915	-	4,915	17,500
Investment income		443	40	485	673
Total income		269,896	27,784	297,680	273,076
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	254,940	39,578	294,518	272,309
Total expenditure		254,940	39,578	294,518	272,309
Net income/(expenditure)		14,957	(11,795)	3,162	766
Transfers between funds		50	(50)	-	-
		15,007	(11,845)	3,162	766
Net movement in funds		15,007	(11,845)	3,162	766
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		36,641	25,880	62,521	61,755
Total funds carried forward		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on page 11-15 form part of these accounts.

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	7	753	-	753	872
Debtors	8	6,402	514	6,916	3,121
Cash at bank	9	49,440	13,521	62,961	66,198
		56,595	14,035	70,630	70,191
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Liabilities falling due within one year	10	4,946	-	4,946	7,670
Net Current Assets		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521
NET ASSETS		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General Funds		51,648	-	51,648	36,641
Restricted Funds	11	-	14,035	14,035	25,880
		51,648	14,035	65,683	62,521

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the financial period ended 31st August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial period ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 however, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner and their report has been included in these financial statements.

The directors (who are the charitable company's trustees for the purposes of charity law) acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at end of each financial year and of its net income or expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.
- (c) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Ben Fullbrook
Ben Fullbrook (Apr 2, 2026 05:56:04 GMT+1)

Apr 2, 2026

Ben Fullbrook
Company number: 07422674

Date
Charity number: 1139281

The notes on page 11-15 form part of these accounts.

THE LAWYERS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds - General	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM							
General donations	3	264,538	27,743	292,281	222,538	32,365	254,903
Charitable activities	3	4,915	-	4,915	17,500	-	17,500
Investment income		443	40	485	641	31	673
Total income		269,896	27,784	297,680	240,679	32,396	273,076
EXPENDITURE ON							
Charitable activities	4	254,940	39,578	294,518	259,511	12,798	272,309
Total expenditure		254,940	39,578	294,518	259,511	12,798	272,309
Net income/(expenditure)		14,957	(11,795)	3,162	(18,832)	19,598	766
Transfers between funds		50	(50)	-	-	-	-
		15,007	(11,845)	3,162	(18,832)	19,598	766
Net movement in funds		15,007	(11,845)	3,162	(18,832)	19,598	766
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		36,641	25,880	62,521	55,473	6,282	61,755
Total funds carried forward		51,648	14,035	65,683	36,641	25,880	62,521

The numbers may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

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Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises a portion of salary costs and expenditure on promotional materials.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Office Equipment	4 years
Computer Equipment	4 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks:

Goods purchased for re-sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The company is a registered charity; it has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

j) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

The trustees do not consider that there any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

3 Voluntary income

	Total Year to 31 August 2025 £	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £
General donations	218,910	194,407
Donations to support SYL Coordinator	50	-
Gifts for John's Gospel	1,000	-
Gifts for other groups	-	424
Income for CLEAR	23,548	29,297
Tax recoverable	48,773	30,776
	<u>292,282</u>	<u>254,904</u>
Income from Charitable Activities		
Conferences	3,605	13,537
Publications, books DVDs	1,310	3,963
	<u>4,915</u>	<u>17,500</u>

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4 Charitable activity

	Total Year to 31 August 2025 £	Total Year to 31 August 2024 £
a Direct Charitable Costs		
Costs of generating voluntary income (including staff costs)	13,553	12,762
Staff costs	178,727	166,604
Staff expenses	8,687	4,942
Other staff costs	844	4,737
Printing and magazine	1,325	1,609
Cost of publications & books, DVDs sold	2,550	5,001
Regional Conferences	2,191	15,914
Expeditions & CLEAR expenses	10,882	5,938
London & Local Group Expenditure	2,732	3,263
Student Groups	911	2,261
Public Policy	-	95
Office costs	21,300	24,062
Bank charges	2,308	2,322
Grants payable	33,300	10,417
	279,311	259,927
b Support & Administration		
Governance costs	2,400	2,200
Printing, postage and stationery	773	850
Professional fees	8,674	7,245
Insurance	3,360	2,087
	15,207	12,381
Combined charitable activity cost	294,518	272,309

The amount paid to Stewardship to undertake the independent examination of the accounts for the period ending 31st August 2025 was £2,400 (2024: £2,190).

	Institutions	Individuals	Year to 31 August 2025 £	Year to 31 August 2024 £
c Grants				
	£	£		
CLEAR Burundi	8,300	-	8,300	-
CLEAR Uganda	10,000	-	10,000	6,667
CLEAR Rwanda	15,000	-	15,000	3,750
	33,300	-	33,300	10,417

	Year to 31 August 2025 £	Year to 31 August 2024 £
5 Staff & Trustees		
Gross wages, salaries & benefits in kind	172,803	158,024
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,646	9,805
Pension costs	6,568	6,010
Total staff costs	189,018	173,840

The charity had 6 employed staff (2024:6) on average. Many of its activities are carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Remuneration payable to key management for the financial year to 31 August 2025 was £75,054 (2024: £71,822). Employer's pension payments of £4,350 were paid during the year (2024: £4,184). Key management is considered to cover the senior management directly employed by the charity.

No remuneration was paid to any trustee during the year nor to any person connected to them.

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6 Tangible Fixed Assets	Office Equipment	Website & database	Total 31-Aug-25	Total 31-Aug-24
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2024	5,927	10,885	16,812	32,472
Additions/(Disposals)	-	-	-	(15,660)
At 31 August 2025	5,927	10,885	16,812	16,812
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 September 2024	5,927	10,885	16,812	32,472
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(15,660)
At 31 August 2025	5,927	10,885	16,812	16,812
Net book value				
At 31 August 2025	-	-	-	-
At 1 September 2024	-	-	-	-
7 Stock			31-Aug-25	31-Aug-24
			£	£
At Cost			753	872
			753	872
8 Debtors and Prepayments				
Tax recoverable			4,623	1,469
Prepayments			2,293	1,652
			6,916	3,121
9 Cash at Bank and in Hand				
Bank operating accounts			38,715	47,336
Bank deposits			24,246	18,862
			62,961	66,198
10 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year				
Accruals			4,066	7,670
Sundry Creditors			880	-
			4,946	7,670
11 Funds				

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes and the movements in the year ended 31 August 2025 are as follows:

a) Year ended 31 August 2025

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
SYL Coordinator	-	50	-	(50)	-
John's Gospel for Lawyers	-	1,250	-	-	1,250
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,078	-	890	-	188
CLEAR - General	24,802	26,484	38,688	-	12,597
	25,880	27,784	39,578	(50)	14,035
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	36,641	269,896	254,940	50	51,648
	62,521	297,680	294,518	-	65,683

b) Year ended 31 August 2024

	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers in the year	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Groups/Regions - Merseyside	1,794	-	716	-	1,078
CLEAR - General	4,488	32,396	12,082	-	24,802
	6,282	32,396	12,798	-	25,880
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	55,473	240,679	259,511	-	36,641
	61,756	273,075	272,309	-	62,521

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Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2025 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	753	-	753
Debtors	6,402	514	6,916
Cash at bank and in hand	49,440	13,521	62,961
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,946)	-	(4,946)
	<u>51,648</u>	<u>14,035</u>	<u>65,683</u>

The assets and liabilities represented by the various funds as at 31 August 2024 are as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Stock	872	-	872
Debtors	2,999	122	3,121
Cash at bank and in hand	40,440	25,758	66,198
Creditors falling due within one year	(7,670)	-	(7,670)
	<u>36,641</u>	<u>25,880</u>	<u>62,521</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

At an initiatives working conference in March 2025, a working group tested and developed the concept of an evangelistic resource based in John's Gospel, reflecting its trial and legal language. The concept has since been developed. Plans for a publication, website and drama which help the reader to understand the case for Christ by reference to the Gospel's trial and legal reference, supported by articles and testimonies from contemporary legal sources, is being prepared with practical and financial support from LCF Members.

During the financial year a specific gift was received towards our Student and Young Lawyers ("SYL") ministry, but this was not in response to a specific appeal.

Regional donations are given to support activities of members of the Lawyer's Christian Fellowship in specific regions

The International Department is in partnership with and provides grants to overseas projects and includes CLEAR (Christian Legal, Education and Research) which operate in East Africa. These are currently based in Kenya, Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda where close links are made with Christian Legal Fellowships in each country. Interns normally work in a country for 6-12 months and are funded entirely by donations.

12 Lease commitments

A new lease was signed on the 3rd September 2024 for a three year term commencing on 10 September 2024. The annual rent was set at £13,500 per annum with a CPI uplift from March 2026. The lease contains a break clause allowing either party to serve six month's notice to the other party.

13 Events since the year end

This year (September 2026 - August 2027) is the fourth year of the current 5-year programme called 'faithful and fruitful' seeking to increase membership overall, and to increase the engagement and participation of existing members. Operationally, we are seeking to strengthen charitable governance by moving to a new accountancy software and CRM tool while, at the same time, improving membership experience by the new CRM tool and website. An appeal to fund the production of the John's Gospel resource has enabled us to progress this resource, and a separate appeal in November 2025 for general funds raised sufficient funds for us to move to a new CRM and develop new website.

14 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- received donations for the year ended 31 August 2025 of £14,330 (2024: £10,316) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely related to them).
- no travel expenses were paid for the year to 31 August 2025 (2024: £0) to a trustee whilst carrying out duties associated with being a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity are not included in this disclosure.

15 Members

Each member of the company commits to contribute if the charity is wound up an amount of £1.