

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

**ASKEW ROAD CHURCH
(METHODIST/UNITED REFORMED)**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1140056

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ASKEW ROAD CHURCH (METHODIST/UNITED REFORMED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025 LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1140056
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st September 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st August 2025
TRUSTEES AT 31 AUGUST 2025	REV. VIDA FODAY - Chair of Trustees MR. OKIEMUTE AKPOGHENETA MR. ROBERT THOMAS SWAN CORBETT MRS. HAROLDA WILLIAMS-BABIN MRS. ESTHER OLAWUNMI FATOGUN MS. GERTIE BARKER MS. CAROLINE AKINYELE MR. DANIEL AGGREY MR. N. COTTERELL - Deceased on 22.04.2025 MR. L. FATOGUN MRS. CHRISTINA AKINYELE MRS. ANA BAKER MS. MATILDA CLELAND MRS. SEYE AINA MR. TERANCE ROGERS MRS. E. FATOGUN - TREASURER MISS C BROWN MBE - SECRETARY

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

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

REGISTRATION DATE 26 January 2011: Previously excepted registration

OBJECTS

a) The purpose of the Charity is to advance the Christian faith in the Area of Benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the Participating Churches. In achieving its purpose, the Charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- a) the celebration of public worship;
- b) the teaching of the Christian faith;
- c) mission and evangelism;
- d) pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- e) the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

The Church Council presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information:

Address: Corner of Bassein Park Road and Askew Road, Shepherds Bush, London, W12 9RN.

Telephone: 020 8740 5193

Part of the Methodist Circuit of Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, London District and the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Askew Road Church is a registered Charity (number 1140056).

Minister: Revd. Dr Deji Okegbile (until end August 2024)

Church Council – Trustees:

Revd. V. Foday	Chairman
Miss C. Brown MBE	Secretary
Mrs. E. Fatogun	Treasurer
Mr. D. Aggrey	
Mrs. S. Aina	
Mrs. C. Akinyele	
Miss C. Akinyele	
Mr. O. Akpogheneta	
Mrs. H. Williams-Babin	
Mrs. A. Baker	
Ms G. Barker	
Mrs. M. Cleland	
Mr. T. Corbett	
Mr. N. Cotterell - Deceased on 22.04.2025	
Mr. L. Fatogun	
Mr. T. Rogers	

Structure, Governance and Management:

Askew Road Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) between the Methodist Church in Great Britain and the United Reformed Church, formed in 1972 by the joining of Askew Road Methodist Church and Shepherd's Bush United Reformed Church (formerly Oaklands Congregational Church).

Appointment of the Church Council:

The members of the Church Council are also charity trustees for the purposes of congregation to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected charity law. The members of the Church Council are elected by the members of the at the next Annual General Meeting. The Minister is the Chairman of the Church Council.

Objectives and Activities:

Our mission is a worship of God through Jesus Christ by responding to His love, by teaching, preaching and prayer. Our aim is the spiritual revival of the Church as a whole and the spiritual growth of individuals within it through: Bible Study and prayer; Evangelism and witness; Engaging with our neighbours and the local community.

We commit to building strong relationships with other Christian denominations and to supporting the work of the wider Church for peace, justice and engaging in dialogue with other faiths.

Current activities include regular Sunday morning worship at 11am every week including Sunday school; regular Bible study, and prayer meetings. Since March 2020 the services have been held on zoom.

Achievements:

We have a vibrant youth ministry.

The Church building is in use by other organizations and groups in our local community who need space for private celebrations and other functions.

We continue to support children in the UK by raising funds for Action for Children and needy people through Harvest gifts to the local food bank.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Work on the Church Building:

Essential renewal, repairs and maintenance works were carried out on the building, amounting to £10,615. This includes the renewal and installation of a new camera to replace the old one that was no longer fit for purposes.

Financial Review:

The year ending 31 August 2025 resulted in a deficit of £927. This is a small loss in comparison to the previous financial year.

The Quinquennial inspection carried out this year, which highlighted minor and major works required to be done in the church building. These repairs will be carried out, and the expenses will be incurred in the next financial year.

The income from lettings amounted to £28,628 as compared with £26,085 last year. This increase has been mainly due to a slight increase in one-off hiring.

Offering and Collections has increased from £14,990 last year to £18,837 this year, this can be attributed to a slight increase in the number of regular worshippers.

We have throughout the year been able to maintain all our commitments, i.e., our contributions towards the URC Mission and Ministry fund, which has been increased by 75%, from £119 monthly to £208 per month from January 2025, and the Methodist Circuit Assessment contribution, which has not changed.

Also, we have been able to cover all overheads, such as electricity, gas, etc. Our energy bills slightly increased alongside other running costs mainly due to the increase in tariffs.

Church Building:

In accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, the Church building is included in the accounts. The church building is valued this year by the insurer (Methodist Insurance) at £ 6,178,799.00. However, the church building is not a church asset. It is vested in the Methodist Circuit of Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham Trust. It is held for the benefit of Askew Road Church in accordance with the statutory trusts applicable to Methodist properties under the Methodist Acts. There is a Sharing Agreement with the United Reformed Church.

Investment Policy:

Funds that are not required for the running of the Church are invested in a deposit account.

Unrestricted Funds

The Church policy is to retain around six months' expenditure as "free reserve" to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expenses. The balance as of 31 August 2025 (£9,583) represents two months of budgeted expenditure for the year ending 31 August 2025.

Payments to Trustees:

None of the Trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration, or any other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation because of their office during the year ended 31st August 2025. In addition, no material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

Responsibilities of the Church Council:

The Church Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the church as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including receipts & payments, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council should follow best practice and: financial statements, the Church Council should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the church will continue on that basis.

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**TRUSTEE'S REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025**

Responsibilities of the Church Council (continued):

The Church Council is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the parent churches and hence of the Charities Commission. The Church Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church. The Church Council (the Trustees) have every confidence that the charity will meet its financial obligations become due.

This report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Connection in Great Britain and United Reformed Church Basis of Union Acts 1972, 1981 and 2000. Except where stated they conform to the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

Going Concern

The Church Council (the Trustees) have every confidence that the charity will meet its financial obligations when they become due.

Public Benefit:

The Church Council (the Trustees) confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Independent Examiner:

Zita Derbak of Independent Examiners Ltd was appointed as the church's Independent Examiner for the current year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

- i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- iii) 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 Charity. 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.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Approved by the Trustees on.....

26th Feb 2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

Cynthia M Brown

Printed Name:

CYNTHIA M BROWN

ASKEW ROAD CHURCH (METHODIST/UNITED REFORMED)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Report to the trustees/ members of Askew Road Church (Methodist/United Reformed) on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025 set out on page 8 to 11.

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 Acthave 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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Sign: 

Date: 10.03.2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Total 31-Aug-25 £	Total 31-Aug-24 £
RECEIPTS						
Donations & Legacies	3a	51,608	-	-	51,608	68,984
Investment Income	3b	182	-	-	182	354
Charitable Activities	3c	-	-	111	111	840
TOTAL RECEIPTS		51,790	-	111	51,901	70,177
PAYMENTS						
Costs of Charitable Activities	4	52,717	-	111	52,828	76,771
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		52,717	-	111	52,828	76,771
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(927)	-	-	(927)	(6,594)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(927)	-	-	(927)	(6,594)
CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END		9,400	-	1,110	10,510	17,105
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END		8,473	-	1,110	9,583	10,510

All of the Charity's operations are classed as continuing operations.

The notes form part of these financial statements, found on pages:-10 to 11

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Total 31-Aug-25 £	Total 31-Aug-24 £
Cash Funds:						
Bank Current Account		100	-	-	100	(464)
Deposit account/Business Reserve		8,373	-	1,110	9,483	10,974
Total Cash Funds		8,473	-	1,110	9,583	10,510
Represented by:						
General Funds		8,473	-	-	8,473	9,400
Restricted Funds	4	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	5	-	-	1,110	1,110	1,110
		8,473	-	1,110	9,583	10,510
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:						
Gift Aid and Tax recoverable		1,903	-	-	1,903	2,216
Investments at market value		90,091	-	-	90,091	91,534
COIF Dep Funds		26,512	-	-	26,512	22,723
		118,506	-	-	118,506	116,472
LIABILITIES						
Independent Examiner's Fee		996	-	-	996	948
		996	-	-	996	948

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 8 and 9.

Approved by the Trustees on 26th Feb 2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Cynthia R. Brown

Printed Name: CYNTHIA R BROWN

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

Basis of preparation:

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

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

1. Unrestricted funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charity's objectives, at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

3. Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects.

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

2. Receipts

Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 31-Aug-25	Total 31-Aug-24
a) Donations & Legacies					
Offerings and Donations	18,837	-	-	18,837	14,990
Gift Aid GADS tax repayments	4,143	-	-	4,143	2,037
Circuit Refund re: Manse	-	-	-	-	772
Lettings	28,628	-	-	28,628	26,085
Grant - URC	-	-	-	-	25,000
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
	51,608	-	-	51,608	68,884
b) Investment Income					
Interest Received	182	-	-	182	354
	182	-	-	182	354
c) Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising	-	-	111	111	840
	-	-	111	111	840
Total Receipts	51,790	-	111	51,901	70,077

3. PAYMENTS

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Total 31-Aug-25 £	Total 31-Aug-24 £
Charitable Activities:-					
Maintenance of Ministry (URC)	2,140	-	-	2,140	1,256
Circuit Assessment (Methodist)	9,329	-	-	9,329	9,330
Church running costs:-					
Gas & Electricity	15,692	-	-	15,692	15,236
Insurance	6,235	-	-	6,235	6,041
Water Rates/ Refuse	1,770	-	-	1,770	1,258
Telephone	2,016	-	-	2,016	1,636
Stationery & Photocopying	177	-	-	177	-
Sundry costs	200	-	-	200	-
Purchase of Equipment/Furnishings	2,570	-	-	2,570	240
Licences, Music & Website	368	-	-	368	244
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	550
Church supplies & catering	657	-	-	657	1,468
Youth activities and Sunday School	-	-	-	-	78
Maintenance of church buildings	10,615	-	-	10,615	37,206
Benevolent Giving/Action for Children	-	-	111	111	551
Insurance for Manse	-	-	-	-	778
Governance costs:-					
Independent Examiner's Fees	948	-	-	948	900
Total Payments	52,717	-	111	52,828	76,771

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

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Charity held no Restricted Funds during this or the previous financial period.

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Sep-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31-Aug-25 £
Benevolence	110	111	(111)	-	110
Gospel Choir & Evangelsim	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total Designated Funds	1,110	111	(111)	-	1,110
General Funds	15,995	51,790	(52,717)	-	15,068
Total General Funds	17,105	52,012	(52,939)	-	16,178

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Sep-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31-Aug-24 £
Benevolence	110	-	-	-	110
Gospel Choir & Evangelsim	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Methodist Circuit Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Total Designated Funds	1,110	-	-	-	1,110
General Funds	15,995	70,177	(76,771)	-	9,400
Total General Funds	17,105	70,177	(76,771)	-	10,510

6. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial period.

7. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them. '2023/24 - None)

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.