

Registered Charity Number 1140500

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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The Church Council present their report along with the financial statements of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts.

**Objectives and Policies**

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. We seek to offer a welcoming, caring place of worship, prayer and friendship and to support the people of Worksop and district through a range of community events and activities.

To achieve 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 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
- f) the support of other charities in the UK and overseas

The Church Council is aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit in the "Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of The Church. This is assured by our mission statement.

The Church Council believes that The Church provides benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing significant access to the building to community organisations, charities and other organisations whose own works contribute to public benefit.

**Review of the year**

**Revd Julie Coates**

It has been a delight to read through the annual reports for The Crossing. Thank you to all of our trustees and volunteers - whether you serve through pastoral care, worship, gardening, safeguarding, café teams, uniformed organisations, events like fayres and model transport exhibitions or in one of the many other ways - your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Highlights from the past year include creative ways we shared the Christmas story, the introduction of quarterly Tea Time Praise services and launching the Over 60's Light Lunch following the closure of the Methodist Homes' lunch provision.

We have welcomed new members and said poignant farewells to those who have been promoted to glory.

We've seen continued commitment across our church groups and we celebrate the wide range of charities supported through Friday Coffee as well as Link to Hope shoebox appeal.

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It is encouraging to see our growing connections with the North Notts College Flex Team and the other organisations regularly using our premises. Financially, we're also grateful to report that income exceeded budget expectations.

It has been particularly encouraging to see the expanding role of our Facilities and Community Manager, who now oversees property maintenance, caretaking staff and room bookings - making a real difference to the life and work of The Crossing.

Looking ahead, we're excited about partnerships with Priory Primary Academy and preparations for our 20th Anniversary celebrations.

**Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook**

Firstly a sincere thank you, Lisa and I have both felt uplifted in prayer and supported, during so much ill-health this past year. It's been frustrating not to be amongst you for much of the time, but health is relatively stable again at the moment and I am getting back to some semblance of 'normal', able to minister slowly but surely.

Developments the last few months have included sadly taking and involvement in funeral services of 4 members. Each of our dear friends will be missed, but we hold on to our faith and hope.

An exciting development is the new venture at Priory Primary Academy - along with the Head of RE, I have established a weekly Christian lunch-time Club where we read a story from the Bible, respond with a craft or prayer activity and have lively discussion questions. So far the take-up is growing and we anticipate reaching up to 24 children each week. Please keep this venture and all of the children who come along and talk about God in their lives week after week, in your prayers.

The visionaries continue to pray, discern and plan the way ahead missionally, including Messy Church and Family Events - we're preparing for a 'Tabby McTat' event based on Julia Donaldson's popular children's book featuring themes of homelessness and belonging, tying in with ministry we share amongst the homeless community in Worksop. The Visionaries is an open group, anyone is welcome to come and listen or contribute.

Plans are coming together for the 20th Anniversary of The Crossing Church, with a Flower Festival on the 15th - 17th and a meal on Saturday 23rd May 2026, the idea being that local businesses will sponsor flower displays curated by church groups and users of The Crossing and featuring an Afternoon Tea and church family meal.

Last year's 'Journey to Christmas' - exploring the nativity story and characters each Sunday in December and adding to the wonderfully crafted, wooden stable display in the front windows was popular and so the Visionaries have envisioned something similar for this year, utilising the Methodist Church's resources on the theme 'Gifted'. We are looking forward to a special Nativity Festival 20th - 21st December with the Café open for refreshments, a whole host of different nativity sets from around the world, Messy Church - style activities for all ages on the Saturday, culminating in our Carol Service and opportunity to see the nativity sets again on the Sunday morning. A Christingle Service for all ages is planned on Christmas Eve.

As many of you know by now, my five year appointment is coming to an end in the summer of 2026 and as hard as it will be to move on to another diaconal appointment, we feel it's the right time for us and for you to welcome another minister (all being well a URC one) to work along side you. I'm grateful to have this year left with you, to solidify and stabilise the work we're doing together, and to continue relationships between church and community.

**Pastoral Support Team**

Currently the Church Membership stands at 97. Sadly 4 members have passed away this year and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They were all long standing church members and they will be sadly missed.

We have also had some new members this year and we send them a warm welcome.

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In May we held Afternoon Tea, to which all members and friends were invited. It was an enjoyable afternoon and something we are hoping to repeat again on a regular basis. Thank you to all our Pastoral Team for their hospitality.

We are continuing to make available to members "Emergency Contact Forms" these are simple forms on which members can complete details of relatives or friends whom they would like to be contacted should a member become unwell.

The Pastoral Team continue to hold regular meetings to keep up to date with members welfare and help celebrate personal and family events and achievements as well as also supporting at difficult times.

Much of this care and support goes "under the radar" but I know the help given by the Pastoral Team is appreciated by those involved and it is a valuable asset to The Crossing Church.

### **Staffing**

The Crossing Church is registered as an employer with HMRC and employs two part time caretakers, both working 14.5 hours each per week. Our policy is to be a living wage employer.

These staff provide valuable support to our volunteer teams and enable us to provide a professional service to the organisations who hire our rooms. During this year our caretakers both agreed to a reduction in paid hours, this exercise was followed in an effort to reduce costs in order to ensure a balanced budget, the needs and preferences of our staff were fully explored and included in this decision making.

We are heavily supported by the Trinity Methodist Circuit. The Circuit Operations Manager initially took responsibility for line managing the staff and continues to support the Church Council in many ways.

A Circuit Facilities and Community Manager was appointed in March 2024 and has now taken over all operational and property management responsibilities, including the line management of our caretaking team and additionally acts as our bookings secretary overseeing all room bookings and working hard to increase our income from this.

A part-time Circuit Volunteer Co-ordinator was appointed in February 2024 and supported The Crossing with volunteer recruitment, support and training. The appointment was fully funded for one year only and so left our employment in March 2025.

### **Volunteering**

The Volunteer Co-ordinator post was only funded until March 2025. We have some amazing volunteers who spend nearly as much time working at The Crossing as they are at home.

We have compiled a list of volunteers and the hours they have worked. There are some that work from home and this is not included in the total of 2,310 volunteer hours from January to August of 2025.

During 2024/25 we interviewed and did over 30 DBS checks for people wanting to join the volunteering team. Not all of the appointments were successfully taken up or the volunteer tried it for a few weeks and then left.

We did have some new volunteers who started on the Welcome Desk and then managed to find a full-time job. Our thanks go to them for the time they spent with us.

We managed to get some excellent new volunteers who are now helping the treasurer with finance. We are also grateful to the volunteers who spent the summer looking after the garden area outside.

Despite the large number quoted above, we are still desperate for volunteers for the church in positions such as on the Church Council, Church Stewards, on the Welcome Desk and to do other jobs around the church. The café is the one place people do seem to enjoy volunteering. The AV desk operators could also do with some extra hands.

Every three months a rota of jobs is compiled for Sunday morning and sometimes we seem to need a magic wand, as we are always short of volunteers even for the simple jobs.

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All volunteers have to go through an informal interview process, DBS checks, safeguarding and fire training before they can work as a volunteer. This is just a legal requirement and not too strenuous.

**Facilities and Community Manager**

It has certainly been a learning experience and the time has flown. The church community has grown with new bookings from companies and community groups. The buzz around the church is a lot more positive and it is great to see.

A huge thank you to all who have supported me through the last year and gone along with trying new ideas. My hope for the next year is to continue to grow the bookings for the church, getting more involved in the community so people see The Crossing as the place to go in for not only community spirit but also divine.

The role has slightly changed this year with the volunteer co-ordinator role ceasing, I now look after the volunteer recruitment.

Over the past year we have applied for grants/funding from the CO-OP, this was a successful bid and we received an initial £500 to spend on the garden. We are hoping we will receive more from them but it will depend on how many people have voted for the project.

We have submitted an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner for grant funding to continue and expand Warm Spaces on a Friday afternoon, the funding would be for 3 years.

We have also approached Local Giving, Severn Trent Water and the Methodist District for a new beginnings grant but unfortunately these were not successful. We will keep applying and if anyone has any ideas or would like to help with the application process it would be greatly appreciated.

**Environmentally Friendly Church**

We are working hard to increase our "Eco-Friendly" activities.

In the official accreditation system, we have achieved a Bronze certificate and we are working towards a Silver.

We have a number of collection points for items that can be recycled or reused:

Used plastic milk container tops are collected and passed on to raise funds for Yorkshire Cancer Research

Used glasses are collected to be re-used via the Lions Club International collection point.

Empty crisp packets, these used to be recycled by the Teracycle scheme, but as most of our local supermarkets now have a collection point we encourage everyone to take these directly. We do however still provide the service for anyone who does not have transport to take them to a supermarket.

**Property Report**

The Facilities and Community manager has slowly started to take over the property requirements part of the role and has created a spreadsheet so it can be seen at a glance proactively what has been done and what needs to be done.

With the age of the building, it is still a very responsive system with breakdowns etc happening unexpectedly, the aim is to keep these to a minimum. One such example is the recent attempted break-in, the door where access was tried is rotten as nothing has been done to it for years and it is now an urgent problem to be solved.

During the last 12 months we have attended to the following property repairs and renewals:

- Removal of weeds from the roof which were damaging our roof materials.
- Café heating repair when our underfloor heating was faulty.
- Sorting out and relocating church storage. We now have staging and filing cabinets and have pruned

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the items that we no longer need to keep.

- New water boiler for the café when the old one reached the end of its working life.
- We are in the process of changing our telecoms system, our contract has come to an end and we need to change from analogue to digital and improve our wi-fi strength.
- Purchased a TV and stand for Dementia singing and any other groups who want to use it.
- Repair/replace the handwash sink in the café kitchen - the tap was permanently leaking.
- AV desk - projector repair and new computer, the old one was obsolete.
- New washing machine when the old one stopped working.
- North Notts BID have been to clean and tidy the front of the church and a request is going in for them to fix the lettering on the front of the church.
- The front doors have once again been an issue, but hopefully this has been resolved with a new visor to shield the sun when it is low in the sky.
- The emergency lighting had its annual inspection and some fixes were needed, these have now been completed.
- The car park has been repainted.

### **Community Café**

Our café space is ideally placed for lots of events where we can provide refreshments in some way. We have a lovely team of café volunteers providing drinks, cakes, light lunches, buffets etc throughout the year.

- Every Tuesday a light lunch for older people.
- Every Wednesday a coffee morning in partnership with the staff and students from the North Notts College Flex Team (10am to 2pm). Serving hot drinks, cakes and sandwiches. This is a valuable exercise for the Flex Team who use it as a training course for the students, giving them skills that can be transferred to the workplace once they leave college.
- Every Friday, a coffee morning (10am - 12 noon) run by church volunteers. We have an amazing team of volunteers, some come every week and some on a rota basis. We are now so busy that we really need 4 or 5 people each week.
- Every Friday afternoon (12.30pm to 3.30pm) Warm Spaces
- Every Sunday morning, we serve coffee and biscuits after the service, a wonderful time to sit and chat and especially to welcome visitors.
- We are asked on occasions to open the café when we have a special event on in the church, as well as Church Fayres and Model Transport Days, this also includes the occasional public advice day.
- We can also provide buffets for training courses, funerals, birthday parties etc.
- Tiny sandwiches and cakes for TeaTime Praise afternoon teas.
- The space is also used by many regular user groups for their refreshments.

Our ethos is to use fairtrade products where we can and to use local suppliers where possible. We have an Espresso machine and therefore can offer Barista training for our volunteers (We do need one or two more who are willing to learn this skill for coffee mornings and special events).

We have a wonderful team of cake bakers who provide delicious home made cakes for all of the above occasions.

### **Warm Spaces - Welcome Spaces**

We have continued to keep open the café space on Friday afternoons, 12.30pm to 3.30pm. We offer drinks, cakes, toast, sandwiches, fruit and pot noodles. In the hot weather we have also supplied ice lollies.

The footfall has increased and we often have 30 or more 'customers'. We do not charge for refreshments, but do ask for a voluntary donation where possible. We have many regular visitors, mostly people in need.

This service we provide would not be possible without the help of our very dedicated volunteers, the busiest time is between 12.30pm to 1.30pm, and we would welcome any additional help especially around this busy time.

### **Support for the homeless and those in need**

As well as our Friday afternoon warm spaces which are attended by many local people who are either homeless

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or living in hostels, we now have a stock of feminine hygiene products which we can hand out when requested. This is under the "Ask for Sandy" initiative.

We have also reached out to Framework who are an organisation who work closely with those who are living on the streets, their staff are supporting us in the small ways that we are trying to help.

### **Worship Group**

Though not a formal group as such there is the requirement once every three months for members of the church to lead worship at what is described as an 'Own Arrangement' service. This is usually put together by members of the Church Council, but the services themselves are very varied utilising the gifts and skills of those who are willing to take part. These services allow an opportunity for those who feel able to take a small part in worship but who would struggle with the entire service and they can be used as a stepping-stone to greater involvement.

During this year we have begun the practice of a quarterly "TeaTime Praise" on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea. This is particularly popular with members who find it difficult to get out in a morning, some of our pastoral support team are providing lifts for those who want to attend.

### **Singing with Dementia**

Our group maintains a steady number although it has changed slightly. We now seem to have less from the nursing homes and more individual visitors. We welcome especially a group from our congregation who have begun to come along. We are also pleased to have had a recent enquiry from the Gateford Hill nursing home.

Although "Elvis" has hung up his blue suede shoes and is no longer able to join us on Wednesday and we have welcomed some new entertainers who have proved very popular. Our special thanks go to Denise and Roger Marsden, Russell Weaver and Annie Fotheringham who are stalwart regulars.

The Christmas party is always the highlight of the year and we are busy preparing for this. We continue to depend on donations and are very grateful for the raffle prizes and small items for the £1 stall which are provided by members of the congregation.

We are very fortunate to have been awarded a grant from Home Instead and hope to use this to fund a visit from "Our Dementia Choir" (as seen on TV).

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

We were very grateful that once again we obtained a substantial donation from the Foresters Friendly Society which enabled us to fill 100 boxes for the "Link to Hope" Charity. The generosity of our congregation and supporters meant that we were able to give £300 towards the transport costs.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the families who receive, not only ours, but all boxes donated through love. Many thanks to all who helped doing shopping, packing and wrapping and helping to bring a smile to so many people in need.

### **Thursday Group**

The Thursday Group continues to be a meeting enjoyed by ladies whether they are members of The Crossing or not, all ladies are welcome.

The meeting usually starts with a short time of devotion led by one of the committee members. This is followed by various activities which could be a speaker, quizzes, games or a sing song or any other activity suggested by members.

In the past year we have enjoyed several speakers on various subjects, a visit to the Food Bank to see the volunteers there in action, an afternoon out for tea at the Dukeries Garden Centre and of course a Christmas lunch at the Station Hotel.

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We pay a subscription of £5 three times per year to cover expenses and anything left over is given to The Crossing Church. We have a voluntary charity box available at each meeting and members vote on the charity they wish to support at the end of the year. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month except for August and the last week in December, new members and visitors are always welcome.

**Grumpy Men Luncheon**

The 'Grumpy Men' meet each month on the second Wednesday from around 12 noon to 2pm.

This is an unstructured group who just enjoy each other's company, along with bacon butties (and other such delights from the café) plus tea and coffee.

There are generally between 4 and 10 who meet to discuss all sorts of things which seem relevant at the time and who usually catch up on each other's health and welfare.

Since the Wednesday coffee morning has been staffed by our friends from North Notts College and their students, we have been very well looked after and value their skills and their hospitality.

The only qualification to be part of this group is best described by its group name, but none of us are really 'grumpy', are we?

**The Art Group**

The Art Group continues to flourish. When the Art Society wanted to use the wall in the café for their work we were offered the staircase. My worry was that someone could miss a step and fall, but I worried needlessly.

To hear the children coming down from the creche talking about the pictures and adults too saying how enjoyable the display is, makes it worthwhile.

Thanks to our gardeners who have donated frames for our use. Members are enthusiastic, working at their own level and speed and some members have started attending church services.

We meet on a Friday from 10am to 12 noon.

**Model Transport Exhibitions**

The exhibition in September 2025 will be the tenth such exhibition at The Crossing and we now hold two per year, in March and September, where we invite about a dozen model railway exhibitors to bring one of their layouts, along with model bus, trams and trolleybus layouts and suitable traders who sell items which are transport related.

These events have become very popular both with the public and the exhibitors alike and several exhibitors come along because they enjoy doing so and display their latest creations of a variety of scales. Most exhibitors like the environment of The Crossing, but especially value the excellent refreshments served up by the friendly volunteer staff in the kitchen.

These events can only take place and be such a success because of the many volunteers who willingly help out on the day, thank you to all who help in any way and to all our exhibitors and visitors.

**Crafty Corner**

Crafty corner continues with a core membership of 12 members. Most members bring their own projects to work on and also share new-found skills. As well as knitting, crocheting and sewing, members bring new projects using new skills to try out - weaving, felting, embroidery, silk painting and sashiko (Japanese sewing) have all been tried.

We put some of our work on the stall at the Autumn Fayre and raised £60. The members knit and sew together squares for blankets, as well as toys, hats, scarves etc for shoe boxes. Members also make things for other charities they support.

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As we move on into a new year, we continue supporting and encouraging each other. Our time together includes a 'cuppa' and biscuits, with cakes if we have a birthday to celebrate. We continue to meet 10am to 12 noon on Wednesdays at the Acorn. We ask for a donation to help cover costs.

**Card Stall**

The stand of cards is situated in the café area. There is a fine selection of cards for sale at very reasonable prices. The profits benefit the church.

**The Quizzes**

There are three quizzes each year, the proceeds going to charity. The quizzes are thought provoking, infuriating but fun - for only £1.

**Music at The Crossing**

This year has been another busy year for music at The Crossing with our full quota of 6 concerts.

In September, Anston Male Voice Choir enthralled audiences with their music and their special guest Oliver Harris, was warmly welcomed after his stint at Edinburgh Fringe.

Unfortunately, the Remembrance concert with Carlton Main Frickley Band was cancelled.

Also in November, Ryton Chorale returned with their Autumn concert and in December, Musicality Singers gave an excellent Christmas concert that was enjoyed by all.

In March, Ryton Chorale returned alongside their invited orchestra and had a sell out concert. May saw Anston Male Voice Choir and the Major Oak Ladies Pop Choir sing to a sell out audience. A logistical nightmare, but a very enjoyable night for the audience.

A full program of events are planned for 2025/2026.

**Church Fayres**

It has become our regular pattern to hold two Fayres during the year, we had a traditional Christmas Fayre in November 2024 and a Craft Fayre in April 2025.

The Christmas fayre was a really busy event but we struggled to attract many stalls for our Craft Fayre, it was a very "bijou" event. These Fayres generate much needed funding for the Church, but as we need lots of volunteers to run them we need to be sure that their time is well spent.

The stalls are usually a mix of local craftspeople bringing their wares for sale, our own church folk who have special talents and many "pre-loved" items looking for a new home, be they books, plants, jewellery, accessories, bric-a-brac etc.

Not forgetting homemade cakes and preserves, greetings cards, art work etc. These events are also an ideal time for us to open our community café and provide refreshments for stallholders and attendees alike and although busy and tiring, our fantastic team of catering volunteers all agree that it is lovely for the café to be "buzzing" and filled with the smell of cooking hot pork or bacon for sandwiches.

**The Over 60's Light Lunch**

The Over 60's Light Lunch group was started at The Crossing on Tuesday 11th February 2025.

The group was formed to enable older people from Worksop and surrounding area to have somewhere to meet have a chat and a light lunch. This was after the Methodist Homes for the Aged could no longer provide a lunch club, they finished at the end of January.

Members are welcomed and offered a drink on arrival, enquire that everyone is feeling generally well and

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encourage chat between themselves. A word search is offered to anyone who is interested. A charge of £5 is made for lunch, including pudding, which is served at around 12 noon.

We keep a record of people's name, address and telephone numbers plus a relatives number, in case of emergency and welfare enquiries. We now have 17 members plus 3 volunteers who regularly help with serving, washing up, making drinks and talking to members. It is a happy atmosphere and up to now has been a great success for The Crossing.

### **Seated Exercise Groups**

There are currently three classes, Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am (open to everyone), Thursday 11am - 12 noon (specific to people with MS but open to everyone) and Thursday 2pm - 3pm (specific to members of Worksop's Parkinson's Group).

Class attendance is improving this year and on the whole the classes are well received.

Tuesday is consistently attended by a regular group, some of whom attend the lunch club afterwards. We have quite a few new members to the group this year.

The groups are intended to bring people in the community together and enjoy some gentle exercises and stretches whilst being in the company of other people. This year we have also introduced some movement to music, which the groups seem to be enjoying. The groups are on the whole fun, light-hearted and supportive.

The MS group is well attended, the group are very supportive of one another and come together for regular activities. Due to the nature of MS members may not feel able to attend every week.

A volunteer on a Thursday morning, very kindly offers to make drinks for the group, for a small donation to The Crossing. The group now comes in early to take advantage of this and have a natter.

The Parkinson's Group continue to meet, we have a few new members. The group continue to be a huge support to one another and enjoy a fun class.

The exercise should remain fun and enjoyable and not a chore. The classes try to bring some cheer to the groups and appreciate all their ongoing support. We always warm up and mobilise the joints, then move on to some resistance exercises to promote bone strength and balance. Overall generally hoping for a sense of wellbeing. As a qualified Pilates teacher, I hope to continue to integrate some self care and wellbeing instruction into the classes.

### **Baby and Toddlers**

The Crossing Baby and Toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings during term time.

It is a fun group for ages from birth to going to school, with many families attending for years with their children.

We have separate areas designed to give the children the tools to grow through play. The kitchen area is very popular as is the train set and cars, the ride-ons are always popular. Many children like the dressing up box and there is always a different craft each week for the children to make.

Snack time is geared for all children to sit together and a nutritious snack is provided, whilst parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. We end the sessions with singing time where we celebrate any birthdays and plenty of action songs. We have a marvellous team of volunteers who each contribute massively to each session to ensure everything runs smoothly.

### **Women's Mindfulness**

The Women's Mindfulness group started out as one thing and led into another.

Mindfulness is - paying more attention to that moment in time - the present - your thoughts and feelings, what's going on around you - it can improve mental wellbeing and self esteem. Becoming more aware of where you

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are and what you are doing, without becoming overly reactive or overwhelmed by what is going on around you.

We meet on a Tuesday morning every week, we use various activities around arts and crafts as a kind of Mindfulness therapy such as painting, decoupage, sewing, knitting and clay work.

Concentrating on being creative is therapeutic and even those who profess not to being crafty can produce marvellous results by just letting their mind go off in a different direction.

The group has been going for three years now. Because it is enjoyed and appreciated by all who attend, quite often someone will donate something, a box of tea bags, sugar, biscuits, paint or other craft items. It means a great deal to be able to just turn up where nothing is expected from anyone, where no one is forced to take part in anything they don't feel happy with.

It helps with loneliness and isolation. We chat and discuss vast areas of topics each week, from current affairs and books we have read to what we have watched on TV.

### **Safeguarding Officer**

2024-25 has been a year of finishing DBS checks for both volunteers experienced to The Crossing and also new volunteers and ensuring all new volunteers are happy. We are grateful for the work that the volunteer co-ordinator did during his 12 month appointment. Since his appointment ended I now work with the Facilities and Community Manager in interviewing all new volunteers as well as continuing to undertake DBS checks.

The next year will be a busy one with safeguarding training due for most of the experienced volunteers and all of the new volunteers. We also have to update the role descriptions and risk assessments. We have had regular contact with the District Safeguarding Officer who has answered any questions about volunteer applications and DBS checks.

### **Uniformed groups**

The Crossing Church is home to a number of uniformed groups:

- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Rainbow Guides
- 5th Worksop (Methodist) Brownie Pack
- Guides
- 12th Worksop (URC) Scouts, Cubs & Beavers
- Worksop Trefoil Guild

### **Future Developments**

As we approach the next year we are ready for the next chapter of our story with a strong team in place. Our Deacon who brings a caring, community focused, spiritual approach to ministry. The Visionaries group who pray for our church and seek to discern ways in which we can worship and serve God through The Crossing, our growing congregation, our small band of faithful volunteers, including the operations team, which oversees the day to day running of a busy, multi purpose building. Support from Trinity Methodist Circuit, Sheffield Methodist District and the East Midlands Synod of The United Reformed Church. We also have a wide range of partnerships with community agencies including Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Services, Bassetlaw Food Bank, YMCA, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Hope and Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network. Many of our members have trained to be Dementia Friends through the Alzheimer's Society.

Over the next 18 months we are committed to developing:

**Worship** - with a creative mix of inclusive accessible styles of services.

**A discipleship and spirituality programme** - with an emphasis on home groups and times of retreat. We will provide regular Morning Prayer sessions and a Prayer Space.

**A ministry in the town centre** - taking an active part in local events and working closely with our ecumenical

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and interfaith colleagues - being attuned to the social, physical and spiritual needs of our community.

**The café space** - this can be used to meet needs in the local community such as serving meals within school holidays and providing comfortable, warm space over the winter months in response to the cost of living crisis. The facilities are also available as a training base for cooking/nutrition support. We are a Fair Trade Church.

**Outreach to those who are retired** - by providing a range of events to which church members can confidently invite their friends, such as Messy Vintage. We will continue to strengthen our relationship with the residents that live in flats close to the church.

**A key role as a Dementia Friendly Church** - with special services, events, training and facilities. We are currently acting as ambassadors for this movement.

**The use of our premises as a Centre of Wellbeing** - building on the work already carried out with arts and crafts groups, exercise classes, counselling services, mental and physical health support groups, Women's Wellbeing sessions and Blood Donors.

**Work with children and families** - nurturing our links with our Toddler Group and Uniformed Organisations, as well as exploring connections with local schools. We also aim to provide a safe space for families to socialise at a Community Cinema project.

**The recruitment, training and encouragement of volunteers** - we will seek to find suitable roles for those who are able to support our welcome desk, office administration, catering, gardening and work with children, families and older adults.

**The aim to achieve and maintain Silver Eco Church status** - which will include the development of our church wild life garden and community allotment.

**Inclusion** - we welcome refugees. The venue is registered for same-sex marriage.

**An online presence** - through our website and our Facebook page. We will also share good news about the church and community via our magazine and the local press.

**A site which is in the cultural quarter of Worksop** - the church hosts Concerts and a Model Transport Exhibition, as well as supporting the neighbouring Acorn Theatre.

## **Financial Review**

There was a net surplus in the movement of funds for the year of £19,490 (2024 - deficit £43,026). This is after charging depreciation of fixed assets of £19,104 (2024 - £19,349). The total funds at 31 August 2025 was £1,619,935 (2024 - £1,600,039). Of this £1,509,646 (2024 - £1,528,750) is held as fixed assets, including the church building.

The total bank and cash balances held at 31 August 2025 were £102,914 including £20,503 reserve account and £9,212 other restricted funds. The designated flower fund balance of £216 is also included in the total cash and bank.

Within the cash held, there is money for flowers, gardening, singing with dementia, a grant from Notts County Council and money released from a TMCP fund which must be used for work with youth and children and a grant from Bassetlaw District Council for a creative writing course.

The Church finances continue to be supported by the Model Bus Exhibition and its members. the restoration of models sold worldwide.

Once again, The Church is incredibly grateful for all of the many donations it has received from the congregation, members and Church groups including our Guiding groups. Thank you also for the continued support of Sunday offerings from members including those who pay by our preferred method of SO / bank transfer.

Receipts from lettings/rent/Acorn/community café invoices are much closer to the property expenditure. The

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Finance group, Church Council, Operations Manager and Methodist District continue to search for funding and ways to balance the budget and give long term security. Income from rents in particular have increased due to having a community manager. This post has been provided by funding from District and Circuit. From March 2025 we will be able to contribute a larger share of these costs.

The reserve account balance is now £20,504. This includes a provision for redundancies since the Church now employs the caretakers.

Budget and actual comparisons for the year show that congregational income was greater than budget. Rental income has exceeded on budget and previous years actual figures. Ministry spend was roughly on budget.

Property spend was considerably less than budget. Repairs and maintenance costs were not as high as in previous years. There are some anticipated large property costs in the future, but we do have a good cashflow and our balance of payments continues to improve.

A budget has been prepared for 2025-26, there is a positive cashflow to the end of the year with an overall slight deficit of income over expenditure, an improvement on recent years.

The community café has once again been very successful. We must thank all the church volunteers and North Notts College for their hard work, enabling the Church to provide a community café for the public on Fridays and Wednesdays.

During this year we have purchased a "Sum Up" machine, which means that we can now take card payments. This is regularly used at the café counter when open, but can be used for other payments.

With God's help and our prayers, I hope that we can continue to move forward positively, so that we can improve our work in the Church and community in line with our mission.

#### **Risk Management and Reserves Policy**

The Church Council regularly reviews the major risks which the charity faces. All operational procedures have been examined and policies are in place for Health & Safety, Data protection, Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Smoking, Older People and Disadvantaged People. The Crossing is complying with all relevant legislation.

The Church Council has a low risk approach to investment and invests all funds with The Methodist Church Finance Board. Bequest money is invested under Methodist law with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

The Council is painfully aware that the level of financial reserves is insufficient for an organisation of this size and regrets that no significant transfers to reserves were made during the year.

Typically twelve months expenditure amounts to around £150,000 and unrestricted net current assets only stand at £103,101.

#### **Statement of the Church Council responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Church Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Council is required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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d. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Church Council is responsible for keeping accounting records which 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. It is 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.

### **Organisational Structure**

The full Church Meeting sets and/or approves mission, vision, constitution and policy. It identifies priorities and elects the Church Council members. Policies include community relationships and engagement, in addition to pastoral, mission, worship and learning.

The Church Council, which is chaired by the Minister, has duties to devise strategies, including the allocation of resources to deliver various policies. It must monitor their achievements and being the Managing Trustees of The Crossing, ensure financial viability targets and commitments are met.

The following groups have responsibilities within the church organisational structure:

Resources and Property Group	Management of property and resources.
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Finance Action Group	Overview of finance and sustainability.
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Friends of The Crossing	Generate funds via events and activities.
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### **Reference and administrative details:**

Registered Charity number: 1140500

Principal address:	Newcastle Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AT
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Independent Examiner:	N M Knowles ACA, Williams Knowles & Co Lloyd Chambers, 139 Carlton Road, Worksop, S81 7AD
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Solicitors:	Andrew & Co St Swithin's Square, Lincoln, LN2 1HB
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Bankers:	Lloyds Bank CAF Bank Limited Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
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Church Council:	Rev Julie Coates	Chair: September 24 to February 25
	Rev Angela Potheary	Chair: February 25 to August 25
	Annette Westerby (Treasurer)	
	Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook	
	Annette Barker (Safeguarding Officer)	
	Iris Franks	
	Rev Bob Heathcote	
	Anne Taylor (Clerk)	
	Kath Jordan	
	Richard Peake	
	Margaret Merrils	
	Jean Roberts	

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**Church Council**

The Trustees of The Crossing Church are the "Church Council" who, in addition to the commitments to our Lord, the local church and its wider councils, and to the local community, have statutory obligations as "Managing Trustees" and "Charity Trustees". We are grateful to those members of the church who have been prepared to accept these responsibilities as Church Council members during the year.

**Status of the Crossing Church**

The Crossing Church, Worksop is a single congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is part of the wider Methodist and United Reformed Churches. The Crossing Church is a registered Charity - the charity number is 1140500.

The Crossing Church is in the Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church. The church is also part of the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church. The present title of the church - The Crossing Church - was adopted in May 2006 when the new building was opened. Previously it was known as Worksop United Church since the setting up of the LEP in 2001 and previously to that it was known as Wesley Methodist Church, Worksop.

**Statement of disclosure of information to independent examiner**

The Church Council members who held office at the date of approval of this annual report confirm that:-

So far as they are aware, there is no relevant financial information, or other information needed by the Charity's examiners in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's examiner is unaware; and

They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Managing Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information, and to establish that the Charity's examiner is aware of that information.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the Church Council and signed on its behalf.

**Church Council Member**

Signed: A. Westerby

Name: A. WESTERBY

**Church Council Member**

Signed: A. Taylor

Name: A. TAYLOR

Dated: 12/4/26

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CROSSING CHURCH**  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crossing Church for the year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

N M Knowles A C A  
as principal of  
Williams Knowles & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Lloyd Chambers  
139 Carlton Road  
Worksop  
S81 7AD



Date: 24 April 2026

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025**

	Notes	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
1 Offerings		28,724	-	-	-	28,724	28,724
2 Donations & Grants	4a	20,267	-	3,685	-	23,952	12,206
3 Gift aid		11,886	-	-	-	11,886	5,252
4 Interest and investment income		2,745	-	813	-	3,558	3,946
5 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	4b	112,742	485	-	-	113,227	87,171
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>176,364</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,347</b>	<b>137,299</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9 Circuit assessment or share		30,900	-	-	-	30,900	30,900
10 Grants and donations		134	-	-	-	134	50
11 Property maintenance	5	16,951	-	-	-	16,951	28,680
12 Insurance, utilities etc	6	34,920	-	800	-	35,720	46,218
13 Depreciation		19,104	-	-	-	19,104	19,349
14 Office expenses	7	7,100	-	-	-	7,100	5,697
15 Other expenditure	8	47,961	282	3,299	-	51,542	49,431
16 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>157,070</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>4,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,451</b>	<b>180,325</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>19,294</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>
21 Transfers between funds		(3,000)	-	3,000	-	-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>23 Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>16,294</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>3,399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,490</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		1,573,710	13	26,316	-	1,600,039	1,643,065
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,590,004</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,619,935</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>

Please see page 17, Statement of Financial Activity for 31 August 2024 for full analysis of comparative figures.

**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024**

	Notes	General Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 24	2023- Total 23	2022
		£	£	£	£	£		£
<b>Income</b>								
1 Offerings		28,724	-	-	-	28,724		28,190
2 Donations & Grants	4a	9,407	-	2,799	-	12,206		54,985
3 Gift aid		5,252	-	-	-	5,252		7,440
4 Interest and investment income		3,097	-	849	-	3,946		1,585
5 Income from investment properties		-	-	-	-	-		-
6 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-		-
7 Other charitable income	4b	86,881	290	-	-	87,171		90,079
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>133,361</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137,299</b>		<b>182,279</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>								
9 Circuit assessment or share		30,900	-	-	-	30,900		30,900
10 Grants and donations		50	-	-	-	50		-
11 Property maintenance	5	28,680	-	-	-	28,680		34,605
12 Insurance, utilities etc	6	45,218	-	1,000	-	46,218		29,189
13 Depreciation		19,349	-	-	-	19,349		19,677
14 Office expenses	7	5,697	-	-	-	5,697		5,838
15 Other expenditure	8	46,707	332	2,392	-	49,431		48,538
16 Internal organisations		-	-	-	-	-		-
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>176,601</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,325</b>		<b>168,747</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-		-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-		-
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(43,240)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>		<b>13,532</b>
21 Transfers between funds		(1,400)	-	1,400	-	-		-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-		-
<b>23 Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(44,640)</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,026)</b>		<b>13,532</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		1,618,350	55	24,660	-	1,643,065		1,629,533
<b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,573,710</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>		<b>1,643,065</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2025	Totals 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Church building and other property	12	1,509,646	-	-	-	1,509,646	1,528,750
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,509,646</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,509,646</b>	<b>1,528,750</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors and prepayments	14	30,118	-	-	-	30,118	17,074
Loans by the Churches		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP		-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Finance Board Deposits	15	51,798	-	29,715	-	81,513	68,229
Cash at Bank and in hand	15	21,185	216	-	-	21,401	10,062
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>103,101</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,032</b>	<b>95,365</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	16	4,241	-	-	-	4,241	4,374
Grants payable within 2025-26		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>4,241</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>4,374</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>98,860</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,791</b>	<b>90,991</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,608,506</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,638,437</b>	<b>1,619,741</b>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>							
<b>(due after more than one year)</b>							
Grants payable after 2025-26		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Church		18,502	-	-	-	18,502	19,702
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,590,004</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,619,935</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>
<b>Funds of the Church</b>							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	18	1,590,004				1,590,004	1,573,710
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	18		216			216	13
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>1,590,220</b>	<b>1,573,723</b>
Restricted Funds	18			29,715		29,715	26,316
Endowment Funds	18				-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,590,004</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>29,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,619,935</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>

Church Council Member

Signed: *A. Westerbey*  
Name: *A. WESTERBEY*Date: *12th April 2026*

**THE CROSSING CHURCH**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The charity is an unincorporated organisation. The registered address is The Crossing Church, Newcastle Street, Worksop, S80 2AT.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**a. Basis of preparation**

The Crossing Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

**b. Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**c. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of estimation means that the outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The most significant area of estimation uncertainty for the charity is in relation to the useful economic life of the fixed assets.

**d. Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Church Council for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

**e. Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

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- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**f. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT where it cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

**g. Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Building	1% straight line
Equipment	33% reducing balance basis
Organ	10% reducing balance basis
Fixtures & fittings	15% reducing balance basis

**h. VAT**

Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

**i. Fixed asset investments**

The investments of The Crossing Church are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP. The unrealised gains arising on investments at the end of the year are shown in the SOFA.

**j. Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**k. Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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<b>4a. Donations &amp; grants</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations & gifts	19,699	1,385	21,084	10,783
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants				
URC- Re energy	90	-	90	923
Methodist District - Family days	-	-	-	500
Methodist District - Volunteers	250	-	250	-
Methodist District - Eco survey	228	-	228	-
CO-OP - Garden	-	500	500	-
Bassetlaw District Council - Writing courses	-	1,800	1,800	-
	<b>20,267</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>23,952</b>	<b>12,206</b>
<b>4b. Other charitable income</b>				
Fund raising	6,291	-	6,291	6,430
Lettings	86,740	-	86,740	61,018
Other	2,991	-	2,991	3,229
Flower fund (designated)	485	-	485	310
Seated exercise	2,876	-	2,876	4,444
Café	13,844	-	13,844	11,740
	<b>113,227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,227</b>	<b>87,171</b>
<b>5. Property maintenance</b>				
Service contracts	5,008	-	5,008	6,688
Repairs and renewals	4,963	-	4,963	17,129
Cleaning equipment & services	3,218	-	3,218	1,542
Window cleaning	613	-	613	526
Business waste	3,149	-	3,149	2,795
	<b>16,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,951</b>	<b>28,680</b>
<b>6. Insurance, utilities etc</b>				
Light & heat	26,993	800	27,793	39,652
Insurance	5,513	-	5,513	4,913
Water rates	1,333	-	1,333	1,025
General rates	1,081	-	1,081	628
	<b>34,920</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>35,720</b>	<b>46,218</b>

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**7. Office expenditure**

Telephone	4,176	-	4,176	3,010
Stationery & postage	64	-	64	260
Printing expenses	2,860	-	2,860	2,427
	<u>7,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,100</u>	<u>5,697</u>

**8. Other expenditure**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Service expenses	517	-	-	517	1,552
Sundries	1,114	3,299	-	4,413	3,414
Bank charges & interest	337	-	-	337	310
FOTC fundraising costs	312	-	-	312	104
Accountancy	2,266	-	-	2,266	1,938
Card sales	617	-	-	617	633
Café	6,096	-	-	6,096	2,721
Licences	557	-	-	557	369
I T & Equipment	2,808	-	-	2,808	2,429
Administration wages	4,992	-	-	4,992	5,625
Caretakers wages	21,915	-	-	21,915	22,641
Donations to external organisations	1,888	-	-	1,888	2,497
Seated exercise	3,100	-	-	3,100	3,500
Light lunches	503	-	-	503	-
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	1,200
Training	-	-	-	-	90
Volunteers expenses	718	-	-	718	-
Marketing / Advertising	221	-	-	221	-
Flower fund (designated)	282	-	-	282	408
	<u>48,243</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,542</u>	<u>49,431</u>

**9. Payment to Trustees**

No payments were made to the Trustees for services or expenses.

**10. Fees for examination of the accounts**

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	750	700
Other fees for accountancy services paid to the independent examiner	1,516	1,238

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**11. Staff costs paid during the year**

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	20,939	26,186
	<u>20,939</u>	<u>26,186</u>

The average number of employees engaged by the charity amounted to 2 (2024 - 3).

**12. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Church Building £	Fixtures fittings & equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2024	1,836,164	110,572	1,946,736
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u>1,836,164</u>	<u>110,572</u>	<u>1,946,736</u>
At 31 August 2025	1,836,164	110,572	1,946,736
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2024	312,120	105,866	417,986
Charge for the year	18,360	744	19,104
	<u>330,480</u>	<u>106,610</u>	<u>437,090</u>
At 31 August 2025	330,480	106,610	437,090
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2025	1,505,684	3,962	1,509,646
	<u>1,505,684</u>	<u>3,962</u>	<u>1,509,646</u>
At 31 August 2024	1,524,044	4,706	1,528,750
	<u>1,524,044</u>	<u>4,706</u>	<u>1,528,750</u>

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	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>14. Debtors &amp; prepayments</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors from lettings	13,029	10,109
Gift aid receivable	12,623	2,727
Prepaid circuit assessment	2,575	2,575
Other prepayments	1,891	1,663
	<u>30,118</u>	<u>17,074</u>
	<u><u>30,118</u></u>	<u><u>17,074</u></u>
<b>15. Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Bank balance held in CFB	81,513	68,229
Bank balance held in CAF	21,339	9,999
Cash	62	63
	<u>102,914</u>	<u>78,291</u>
	<u><u>102,914</u></u>	<u><u>78,291</u></u>
<b>16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	-	-
Accruals	4,241	4,374
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>4,241</u>	<u>4,374</u>
	<u><u>4,241</u></u>	<u><u>4,374</u></u>
<b>17. Related parties</b>		

The Crossing Church had a loan from Trinity Circuit when building the church, the amount still outstanding at the year end was £ 11,102 (2024 - £11,102) the loan is due on demand, however, there is no specific repayment date and no interest is being charged.

A further loan was received from the Trinity Circuit for £13,000 in December 2020 towards property repairs. This is being repaid at £100 per month. The amount outstanding at the year end was £7,400 (2024 - £8,600).

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<b>18. Analysis of funds</b>	<b>Opening balance £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Revaluation £</b>	<b>Closing balance £</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Designated gifts	1,118	41	-	(380)	-	779
Benevolence	41	2	-	-	-	43
Church reserve	16,543	765	-	3,195	-	20,503
Music	98	5	-	-	-	103
Singing with dementia	2,556	1,075	(1,038)	-	-	2,593
YMCA project	1,994	-	-	-	-	1,994
Youth & Children TMCP 1579	1,418	-	-	-	-	1,418
Warm spaces	2,548	210	(2,755)	-	-	3
BDC creative writing course	-	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
Gardening	-	600	(306)	185	-	479
	<b>26,316</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>(4,099)</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,715</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General reserve	1,573,710	176,364	(157,070)	(3,000)	-	1,590,004
Flower fund	13	485	(282)	-	-	216
	<b>1,573,723</b>	<b>176,849</b>	<b>(157,352)</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,590,220</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,600,039</b>	<b>181,347</b>	<b>(161,451)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,619,935</b>

**Restricted fund purposes**

**Designated gifts:** Small gifts received where the donors designate the use of the funds.

**Benevolence:** For benevolence to members.

**Church reserve:** To build up church reserves.

**Music:** Funds for the purchase of a grand piano.

**Bequests:** Funds held where the donors have specified the use of the funds.

**Singing with dementia:** For providing social interaction for dementia suffers and their carers.

**Youth & Children TMCP 1579:** Amount transferred from TMCP Endowment to be used for the benefit of youth and children

**Warm spaces:** To provide a safe space where people can get a drink and snack.

**BDC creative writing course:** Grant from Bassetlaw District Council for a creative writing course.

**Gardening:** Project for the upkeep of the garden, funded by a donation and CO-OP grant.

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**Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General fund unrestricted	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,509,646	-	-	1,509,646	1,528,750
Current assets	103,101	216	29,715	133,032	95,365
Current liabilities	(4,241)	-	-	(4,241)	(4,374)
Long term liabilities	(18,502)	-	-	(18,502)	(19,702)
	<u>1,590,004</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>29,715</u>	<u>1,619,935</u>	<u>1,600,039</u>

**19. Going concern**

The church operates within the limits of its available cash resources and budgets are set by the church council each year. The church council has reviewed its position under the current difficult circumstances and has concluded that the organisation remains a going concern. Further work is needed, to evaluate and plan for the medium to long term in order to develop a strategy that will enable the church to provide an effective presence within the community and remain within its budgeted expenditure.