

YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH

(a company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

5 April 2025

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**YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

The Directors, (who are also Trustees of the Charitable Company, and whose details are shown in the reference and administrative information section of this report) are pleased to present their Annual Report, together with the Financial Statements of the Charitable Company for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum of Articles of Association, and 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of York Community Church (YCC) are:

1. To advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objective 1: To Further the Christian Faith

Alpha

From January to March 2025 we ran the Alpha course once again in conjunction with other churches in York through the One Voice York network, joining together for the Alpha Away Day at the DeGrey Rooms on 22 February 2025. For the first time we used the cafe area in the Burnholme Centre as our venue for the weekly Alpha sessions, which worked really well, once we'd worked through the logistics of a different kitchen setup. We started with an initial eight guests starting the course, five of whom carried on right to the end and have agreed to continue as an Alpha follow-on small group.

Start group

On Fridays at Cornerstone, various things happen before and after the Foodbank session (see Objective 2 for more details). Throughout the year in the mornings we have had an ongoing bible study session looking at the Beatitudes and then the gospel of Mark. From January to March 2025, we ran the Start course, which is an interactive short course exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Missionary Support

YCC supports Christian outreach and missionary work locally in York and elsewhere in the UK, as well as around the world. We are committed to giving up to 10% of our general giving of church funds to mission. We support mission partners where a relational connection to YCC already exists.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

YCC Congregation

YCC provides two Sunday morning services at The Centre @Burnholme, a local library and community venue. This comprises an early morning communion service and a mid-morning family service which is also live streamed via YouTube. Whilst YCC has no formal membership the congregations of YCC is approximately 280.

We support children and youth at the main family service with age appropriate groups:

- Kairos - our group for primary aged children alongside a creche for preschool children supports 72 children with typically between 20-25 regularly attending on a Sunday morning
- T4:12 is open to children in Years 6-11 and supports 49 children with 15-20 attending on a Sunday morning.
- Youth Cell - number of children (inc. older youth) on the register totals 23. Around this number regularly attend each week.

Westminster Theology Centre York Hub

YCC works in financial partnership with Vineyard Church, York to provide the city, Yorkshire and the North East with a local centre to study theology as part of Westminster Theology Centre. Providing a range of theology qualifications.

We enrolled 4 students in 2024 with a total of 7 enrolled in the York Hub. We continue to work to expand the WTC York Hub, working towards the aim of the hub being financially self-sustaining.

Objective 2: To Relieve Sickness and Financial Hardship and Promote and Preserve Good Health

From April through to October 2024, our outreach focused staff took up the invitation to join the 'Love Your Neighbour' Hub Accelerator Programme, which involved three 24-hour residentials alongside weekly zoom sessions. 'Love Your Neighbour' (part of the Re-vitalise Trust) is a national network of churches, charities and other organisations working across towns and cities, inspiring a fresh movement of practical love for our neighbours, to see people helped and communities rebuilt. The programme content included 'needs-mapping', 'focus populations', 'desired outcomes' and 'measuring impact'. We were able to connect with various churches around the UK, who are involved in social transformation work. It really helped us think through what we do and why.

During this time, we carried out a needs-mapping exercise in Tang Hall. What stood out clearly through this exercise are the needs of young people in the area, in terms of positive activities and also support. Particularly, we recognised the disproportionate number of children and young people, who simply aren't attending school, and the negative impact this will have on future life chances as well as the often related increase in anti-social behaviour within the community.

Resulting from our findings we started exploring the idea of in-school mentoring for young people, in order to support them and help them continue in their education. It became clear to us that our focus population should be children because we identified that patterns of school absenteeism begin in primary school. Councillor Robert Webb (City of York Council Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education, and Teacher at Archbishop Holgate's School) informed us that you can generally tell which young people will have dropped out of school before reaching year 8, from their primary school attendance records. All of this has led us to develop a partnership with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) who have over 20 years of experience of mentoring across the UK, through their Early Intervention Scheme.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

The TLG Early Intervention Scheme exists to train and mobilise suitable volunteer adults (called coaches) to spend one hour per week in a school with one child, in order to develop a therapeutically informed mentoring relationship with that child. In February 2025 we have completed various pieces of training, as well as liaising with Osbaldwick Primary Academy, who have agreed to be the first school to partner with using this initiative. A small team of coaches is currently being developed and trained, with a view to starting their early intervention coaching in Osbaldwick Primary Academy between May and September 2025.

Food Bank

YCC is one of six churches across the city who partner with York Foodbank, providing emergency food parcels to those in need. We operate on a referral basis with over 150 agencies across the city able to issue vouchers, which can then be redeemed for food at one of our distribution points.

YCC operates a foodbank from Cornerstone every Friday morning providing a welcoming space and a group of volunteers to administer food parcels, provide refreshments and chat with clients. This financial year we have fed 1,440 individuals which is just a very small increase on the previous year.

We are very aware that the provision of food is only a temporary solution to an immediate problem, so in order to help address some of the underlying issues such as debt, homelessness, benefits and housing we fund trained advisers from Citizens Advice York and Peasholme Charity to give extra help to our clients. We are also very fortunate that one of the Local Coordinators from City of York Council is present in the building most weeks.

Toddlers

Toddlers runs every Tuesday morning from 10.00 am - 11.30 am at Cornerstone, in term time, for any pre-school aged children (and their parents/carers).

We have 118 families on our register with between 20-30 toddlers attending every week.

We provide a safe, warm space for families and there is no charge to attend. We provide a free, nutritious snack for all toddlers at the midpoint of our session. (fruit, cheese, breadsticks etc). The vision behind this generous snack time is that for those on the poverty line this would serve as an appropriate toddler lunch if necessary too.

We deliberately staff this with a high adult ratio so our team can be available to chat and befriend parents who bring toddlers along. And offer to pray with the and listen to them as appropriate. We encourage a sense of community and have regular attendees who come for many years as their child grows.

We have been encouraged by our regular group of parents and grandparents and continue to welcome new families each week. We have had opportunities this term to pray for toddler parents during the sessions, which has been very encouraging. This group relies on volunteers and YCC staff to run.

Restore Hub

Since November 2024, after the Friday Foodbank Lunch, we have partnered with local homeless charity, Restore, in order for them to run a 'social hub' in Cornerstone which is open to all Restore residents as well as people from the local community.

The aim of this has been to make people welcome and feel 'at home' in our church building space and to create an informal pub-like environment where people can socialise and participate in positive activities such as darts, pool, gaming and table tennis in a relaxed, alcohol-free environment.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Neighbourhood Chaplains

During the summer of 2024, we started exploring a relationship with the evangelistic organisation 'Counties' (<https://www.countiesuk.org/>)

Specifically, whether or not their 'Neighbourhood Chaplains' scheme would be a good fit for YCC in our ongoing mission of reaching out, offering support and sharing God's love in Tang Hall. We decided it would be!

An initial team of seven people from within the congregation has emerged. Through October and November 2024 we completed the Neighbourhood Chaplains training and then started meeting together weekly to pray, plan and prepare.

In March 2025 we started delivering postcards through letterboxes in the streets of Tang Hall and then following that up with visiting homes and having conversations with residents. So far, when we have visited, many people have not answered the door or have not been interested. However, there have been a number of people with whom we have had good conversations, and who are happy for us to visit again. In some instances we have had the privilege of praying for people, if they have mentioned specific needs.

Holiday and Food (HAF)

During the school summer holidays in July and August 2024, Louis and James, alongside a wonderful team of volunteers from YCC ran two weeks of exciting activities for young people aged 11-16 living in Tang Hall. This was funded by a grant through the City of York Council's 'Holiday Activities and Food' (HAF) programme. The aim was to give young people the best week of their summer. Activities included a day trip to the beach at Bridlington, go karting and mini golf, climbing and other sports, a trip to an aqua park, mountain biking in Dalby Forest, a day trip to Flamingo Land and a day at York Maze. Breakfast and lunch were also provided each day.

Cornerstone Choir

Cornerstone Community Choir started in June 2024. The vision is simply to provide a free choir for the community where anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy making friends, sing uplifting songs and come into contact with people. The choir increases wellbeing and it has social, spiritual, mental and physical benefits!

The Corner

The Corner is a youth group for young people in school years 6-11. Over the past year, the culture and atmosphere have continued to evolve as we focus on building a family, rather than just an activity on Thursday nights. We are still continuing to have a meal together at the start of the night, which helps build relationships and creates a welcoming space. Some young people arrive early to help prepare the meal, giving them responsibility and opportunities for deeper conversations about faith.

Due to high demand, we have split The Corner into two groups: The Corner and The Corner+, as we were reaching capacity. This was a quick change which has allowed us to build better relationships and seen a huge shift in behaviour, resulting in a better experience for everyone. So we now run two sessions: The Corner for children in years 6-8, and The Corner+ from 7.00 - 8:15 pm for years 9-11. During the overlap, we all eat together, fostering community and connection. On average we engage with 32 young people each month.

The Corner Kids

The Corner Kids is a weekly kid's club for children in school years 4-6. The goal is to create a safe and fun space for kids to come and build relationships and learn a bit about God along the way.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

This has been a year of ups and downs for the Corner Kids. At the end of the 2023/2024 school year we were consistently having between 6 to 8 kids turn up each week and doing a series about miracles Jesus did in the Bible. We had a break over the summer and came back strong in September with over 14 kids showing up at the start of the new term. But by the October half term kids stopped showing up and we had multiple weeks with no attendees. It was decided that we would officially pause the Corner Kids, take time to pray and see if there were things we needed to change before relaunching the club in January 2025.

On average we host 19 children each month.

Objective 3: To advance education

The Christmas Journey

This year, we partnered again with YOYO (York Schools and Youth Trust) to deliver an immersive Christmas Journey experience. We had an increase in numbers this year, with around 300 children attending from local primary schools.

A highlight this year was the craft which every child got to take home - a wooden Christmas lantern with a handmade bag which the team made. The children would decorate and assemble these during their session. We wanted to create something that could be brought out with their decorations every Christmas to remind them of the story.

It is truly amazing to see the kids' faces as they walk around the Christmas Journey and interact with the story. This year we also had one of our evening sessions interpreted in BSL (British Sign Language), making it accessible to others.

FUTURE PLANS

Pioneer Network

Over the last few years YCC Leaders (formerly known as Elders) have been actively exploring formally connecting to the Pioneer network. Pioneer is a network of interdependent churches with the vision to "take the gospel to new places and spaces"

They have 4 core values which are:

- Relational
- Missional
- Charismatic
- Kingdom-orientated.

They have been building up relational connections with other church leaders in the network. especially in the North region (attending regular Zoom calls with other church leaders in the North), attending Pioneer training courses and their Annual Leadership Conference for the last few years.

The Church Leaders have benefitted hugely from the input from Pioneer and the Leaders feel that there is a real resonance between Pioneer and ourselves and we already feel closely aligned with them. For the last couple of years we've been designated as "Friends of Pioneer" but we now feel the time is right to actively move towards formal membership of the network.

We are in active discussions with YCC Trustees, Leaders and with representatives in Pioneer on joining - this includes conducting due diligence from both sides.

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FUTURE PLANS (continued)

We see the benefits of joining as including the following:

- Support, training and input to us as a leadership team - including unequivocal support for women in leadership. We have already been blessed and equipped by our loose connection with Pioneer and we think this can only be enhanced by joining.
- YCC would retain our legal autonomy and independence but have the relational interdependence of being part of a much bigger movement - with the insight and support that brings.
- Oversight and support if a major issue or division surfaced. For example, YCC would have access to safeguarding support and advice in the event of a major safeguarding incident arising.
- As one of the larger churches in the North region, YCC has the opportunity to support and encourage other smaller congregations and church plants in the North.

Cornerstone Building

Cornerstone is the property of YCC, offering a community space for much of our work outside of Sunday morning worship at Burnholme Hub. Cornerstone also has 5 bedsit student lets, the income from which help invest in the building and support the financial security of the building. This year has seen significant improvements to the interior, with new flooring, decor, PA, furniture and storage rooms. The next major project will be to replace the chapel windows. This will be a significant improvement to the environmental sustainability of the building as the current windows are leaded coloured glass and are single glazed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a total income for the year of £348,545 (2024 - £279,141), with voluntary income from giving and donations of £289,420 (2024 - £240,433) and income from charitable church activities of £58,257 (2024 - £38,708).

Expenditure on charitable church activities was £347,736 (2024 - £326,803). The result of this is that income exceeded expenditure by £809 (2024 – expenditure exceeded income by £47,662). Close monitoring by the Trustees and Leadership of the Church of income and expenditure is aligned to the charity's objectives.

Funding

YCC Received the following funding from grants:

- York City Council Holiday and Food £5,587
- York City Council Local Ward Funding £850 towards a pop up kitchen
- Bernard Sunley Foundation £10,000 for the Cornerstone Roof repairs

Reserves policy

The Trustees have recommended that a free reserve of £55,000 is required to meet the Church's operating costs, based on its current income levels. At 5 April 2025, free reserves amounted to £133,884 with the excess reserves being earmarked for the continued renovation works on the Cornerstone Building. Restricted funds of £2,252 are held for specific purposes, as detailed in note 13.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Name of charitable company: York Community Church
- Working Name: YCC
- A registered charity: 1143070
- A company limited by guarantee not having a share capital: 07660843
- Contact address: The Centre, Mossdale Avenue, YORK, YO31 0HA (registered office)
- Treasurer: Ben Spedding fulfils the role of Treasurer in a voluntary role.
- Accountant: HPH Chartered Accountants prepare the statutory accounts on our behalf.
- Bankers: Lloyds TSB Bank plc. 2 Pavement, YORK, YO1 9LB. The account is a small business account, with a current account.
- Independent Examiner: Sarah Wearing of HPH Chartered Accountants, 54 Bootham, YORK, YO30 7XZ.

Trustees

Catherine Candlin (Chair)
Simon Bryan Smith (Vice Chair)
Benjamin Spedding (Treasurer)
Rebecca Dean
Elizabeth Fergusson
Ian Thomson
Nigel Moore
Patrick Willis
Bryan Wootten
Bethan Gibb Reid (resigned 22 January 2025)

Appointment of Directors/Trustees New Directors/Trustees are appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the trustees and serve for a three year period after which they can seek re-election or cease to be a Director/Trustee.

The relationship between Trustees and Church Leaders requires two church leaders to also be trustees. Church leaders take responsibility for the spiritual leadership and direction for the church.

Employees

Administrator 0.5 FTE
Digital Assistant 0.2 FTE
Outreach Worker
Youth Worker 0.6 FTE
Pastoral Minister 0.8 FTE
Outreach Minister 1 FTE
Discipleship and Development Minister 0.4 FTE
Operations Manager 1 FTE

Volunteers

YCC is grateful for our dedicated volunteer teams who support our many activities, and without whom our work would not be possible. During 2024-25 approximately 125 volunteers contributed to the work of YCC.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)

List of policies

The following policy documents are in use by the church and are reviewed and updated, as necessary, by either the trustees or delegated individuals.

- **Absence Management:** This procedure enables line managers to address absence issues, both short- and long term, in a fair, consistent and equitable manner.
- **Catering Expenses:** Details which expenses can be claimed and the correct process.
- **Compassionate Leave and Leave of Absence:** Details the instances which do or do not qualify and manager guidelines.
- **Cornerstone Food Safety and Hygiene:** Details the importance of cleanliness/personal hygiene and sets out guidelines about cooking, chilling and avoiding cross-contamination.
- **Data Protection:** Sets out the definitions, registration with the ICO, permissions, good practice, IT/Website security, cloud services and recommendations.
- **Delegation:** Details the responsibilities of Trustees and Church Leaders (Elders).
- **Disciplinary:** Sets out the ways to help and encourage employees to achieve and maintain standards of conduct, attendance and job performance.
- **Flexible and Hybrid Working:** Guidelines for working in a way that improves work-life balance whilst still meeting job objectives.
- **Fostering Leave:** details the process and expectations for staff leave for fostering.
- **Grievance:** This is intended as the tool by which a member of staff may formally have a grievance, regarding any condition of their employment, heard by the management of the York Community Church.
- **Health and Safety:** Principally risk assessments for each of the key activities, which are collected and updated by the church administrator.
- **Integrated Parental Leave:** This sets out the entitlements for maternity, paternity, shared parental and adoption leave.
- **Lone Worker Policy:** This advises staff, volunteers and contractors on safe working practices when working alone.
- **Risks and Financial Reserves:** Outlines risks and how these are monitored and minimised, together with a recommended financial reserve. Sets out procedures for approving expenditure and re-claiming expenses.
- **Safeguarding Policy:** This gives guidance about appointment of leaders and dealing with children and young people. It is based on advice from Christian Safeguarding Services.
- **Whistleblowing:** This enables paid and voluntary members to raise concerns internally and at a high level and to disclose information which the individual believes shows malpractice or impropriety.
- **Cornerstone Letting Policy**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)

- **Praying with Children Policy**
- **Compassionate Leave Policy**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Risk Management Policy**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company and charity law requires the Directors and Trustees to prepare accounts for the financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these accounts, the Directors and Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charitable Company will continue in operation.

The Directors and Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable charity law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company by taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Catherine Candlin, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 5 April 2025.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and the charitable company's trustees as a body in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

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 financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Sarah Wearing, FCA, DChA

HPH, Chartered Accountants
54, Bootham, York, YO30 7XZ

19 December 2025

**YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

		Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	Note	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	272,153	17,267	289,420	240,433
Church activities	5	58,257	-	58,257	38,708
Other income		868	-	868	-
Total income		331,278	17,267	348,545	279,141
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	283,137	64,599	347,736	326,803
Total expenditure		283,137	64,599	347,736	326,803
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers					
		48,141	(47,332)	809	(47,662)
Transfer capital expenditure		19,818	(19,818)	-	-
Net movement in Funds		67,959	(67,150)	809	(47,662)
Balances brought forward at 6 April 2024		190,622	69,402	260,024	307,686
Balances carried forward at 5 April 2025		£ 258,581	£ 2,252	£ 260,833	£ 260,024

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2025**

		Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10	283,502	-	283,502	275,964
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	39,430	-	39,430	15,273
Cash at bank		98,982	2,252	101,234	136,196
Total Current Assets		138,412	2,252	140,664	151,469
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(24,255)	-	(24,255)	(21,572)
Net Current Assets		114,157	2,252	116,409	129,897
Total net assets or liabilities		397,659	2,252	399,911	405,861
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	12	(139,078)	-	(139,078)	(145,837)
Net Assets		£ 258,581	£ 2,252	£ 260,833	£ 260,024
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted General Funds	13	258,581	-	258,581	190,622
Restricted Funds	13	-	2,252	2,252	69,402
		£ 258,581	£ 2,252	£ 260,833	£ 260,024

In the Directors' and Trustees' opinion the Charitable Company was entitled under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') to exemption from the audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025. No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476 of the Act in relation to its financial statements for the financial period. The directors and trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charitable Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company as at the end of each financial period and of its income and expenditure for each period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with its requirements, so far as applicable to the Charitable Company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

*Approved by the Board on 19 December 2025
and signed on its behalf by:*

*C Candlin
Director and Trustee*

*B J Spedding
Director and Trustee*

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**YORK COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

1. Accounting policies

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

a) Basis of preparation

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) (effective 1 January 2019), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

York Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The charitable company is a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is: The Centre @ Burnholme, Mossdale Avenue, York, North Yorkshire, YO31 0HA.

The charitable company's functional currency is the £ sterling.

b) Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The Directors and Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. The directors and trustees feel, however, that there are adequate reserves to continue operational existence in the event of a reduction in income. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the financial statements.

c) Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional and other services, and donated facilities, are recognised as income when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not financially recognised, reference to the Trustees' and Directors' Annual Report provides more information about their contribution.

There have been no donated professional or other services received during the year.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Costs of charitable activities include those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Directors and Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the Directors and Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors.

g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are included in the financial statements at their historical cost (in the case of donated assets, at their fair value at the date of acquisition).

Assets with a value of less than £50 are written off as expenses in the year in which the expenditure is incurred. Assets with a value greater than £50 are capitalised and their cost is written off over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates:

Office equipment	at straight line over 3 years
Church equipment	at straight line over 3 or 5 years
Cornerstone equipment	at straight line over 3 or 5 years
Land & Buildings	at straight line over 50 years

h) Pension scheme

The Charity operates an auto-enrolment pension scheme through NEST. Contributions are charged as an expense in the period incurred.

i) Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2. Liability of members

York Community Church is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

3. Net expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year is arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation, less profit on disposals	10,805	943
Independent Examination fees	1,600	1,410
	<u>12,405</u>	<u>2,353</u>

	Unrestricted		Total Funds	
	General	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
4. Donations and legacies				
Planned giving: Envelopes	680	500	1,180	3,750
Standing orders	194,774	-	194,774	167,952
Gift aid tax recoverable	69,296	-	69,296	35,909
Cash collections	6,218	-	6,218	7,277
Donations, appeals, etc.	1,185	330	1,515	25,545
Grants	-	16,437	16,437	-
	<u>£ 272,153</u>	<u>£ 17,267</u>	<u>£ 289,420</u>	<u>£ 240,433</u>

In 2024, £4,250 of income from donations and legacies related to restricted funds.

Donations from trustees and related parties

Donations totalling £52,866 (2024: £39,431) were received from trustees and related parties during the year.

	Unrestricted		Total Funds	
	General	Restricted	2025	2024
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
5. Income from church activities				
Missionary income	1,050	-	1,050	1,500
Events income	1,129	-	1,129	2,832
Rental income	52,597	-	52,597	33,174
Miscellaneous Church activities	3,481	-	3,481	1,202
	<u>£ 58,257</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 58,257</u>	<u>£ 38,708</u>

In 2024, all income from church activities related to the unrestricted funds.

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	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
6. Charitable activities					
Missionary and charitable giving	6a	18,289	-	18,289	20,213
Salaries, national insurance and pensions	8	171,086	-	171,086	125,892
Premises: rent and rates		11,200	-	11,200	11,525
Insurance		2,888	-	2,888	2,697
Youth work		1,511	-	1,511	2,222
Outreach		6,854	5,015	11,869	-
Social events and refreshments		1,281	-	1,281	4,248
Christians Against Poverty centre expenses		720	-	720	701
Cornerstone expenses and investment		33,339	59,584	92,923	128,735
Care/gifts		1,571	-	1,571	3,008
Office and general administrative expenses		7,938	-	7,938	9,812
Legal and professional fees		1,037	-	1,037	1,241
Bank charges		194	-	194	207
Loan interest		12,824	-	12,824	13,949
Independent examiner's fees	7	1,600	-	1,600	1,410
Depreciation		10,805	-	10,805	943
		<u>£ 283,137</u>	<u>£ 64,599</u>	<u>£ 347,736</u>	<u>£ 326,803</u>

In 2024, £14,145 of expenditure on charitable activities related to restricted funds.

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	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
6a. Charitable activities				
<i>Missionary and charitable giving</i>				
James and Tash Fletcher (Arab World Ministries)	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
BMS World Mission	-	-		250
Caring for Life	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Centerpoint Church	750		750	
CMS (Roberts)	320	-	320	320
Deborah Stevenson	753	-	753	752
Friends International	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Mullers	1,000	-	1,000	1,253
OMF	1,880	-	1,880	2,020
Open Doors	800	-	800	800
Pedro Joao	1,600	-	1,600	1,334
Renee Osborne	753	-	753	752
Restore York	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Revive	1,280	-	1,280	1,280
Ruth Noble	-	-	-	500
Serving in Mission	-	-	-	300
Stewardship London	-	-	-	500
WTC Hub	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
York Schools and You	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Yvonne Sipin	753	-	753	752
	18,289	-	18,289	20,213

7. Governance Costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries - administrator	10,377	10,332
Independent examiner's fees	1,600	1,410
	£ 11,977	£ 11,742

The allocation of salaries to governance costs represents a proportion of 80% of the administrator's total salary costs.

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8. Total Staff Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	162,124	115,902
Employer national insurance	3,625	7,059
Pension contributions	4,424	2,686
Staff training	913	245
	<u>£ 171,086</u>	<u>£ 125,892</u>

During the year the number of employees employed by the Church was 8 (2024 - 7). No employee received emoluments above £60,000. The pension contributions relate to payments into an auto-enrolment pension scheme with NEST in respect of existing employees.

The key management personnel of the Church comprised the trustees only, who received no employee benefits.

During the year approximately 125 volunteers contributed to the work of YCC, supporting many activities (2024 - 150, as restated).

9. Trustee transactions

No trustee received nor waived any remuneration or expenses during the year. There were no trustee transactions other than the donations disclosed in note 4.

10. Fixed Assets

	Cornerstone Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Church Equipment £	Land & Buildings £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>					
At 6 April 2024	7,013	6,711	7,933	275,000	296,657
Additions during the year	11,651	-	6,692	-	18,343
At 5 April 2025	<u>18,664</u>	<u>6,711</u>	<u>14,625</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>315,000</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>					
At 6 April 2024	7,013	5,747	7,933	-	20,693
Charge in the year	2,624	764	1,917	5,500	10,805
At 5 April 2025	<u>9,637</u>	<u>6,511</u>	<u>9,850</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>31,498</u>
<i>Net Book Value</i>					
At 5 April 2025	<u>9,027</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>4,775</u>	<u>269,500</u>	<u>283,502</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 275,000</u>	<u>£ 275,964</u>

All fixed assets relate to the unrestricted funds.

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11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	29,444	-
Prepayments and accrued interest	2,791	2,572
Other debtors	7,195	12,701
	<u>£ 39,430</u>	<u>£ 15,273</u>

All debtors relate to the unrestricted funds.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,600	1,480
Taxation and social security	2,814	-
Other creditors	114	130
Bank loan	19,727	19,962
	<u>£ 24,255</u>	<u>£ 21,572</u>

Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loan	139,078	145,837
	<u>£ 139,078</u>	<u>£ 145,837</u>

All creditors relate to the unrestricted funds.

The bank loan is secured against the property held by the charity.

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13. Church Funds	<i>Balance b/f 06.04.24 £</i>	<i>Income received £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance c/f 05.04.25 £</i>
Unrestricted Funds	190,622	331,278	(283,137)	19,818	258,581
Restricted Funds					
Church Millfield Lane	69,402	-	(49,584)	(19,818)	-
City of York Council - HAF	-	5,587	(4,470)	-	1,117
City of York Council - Ward Funding	-	850	-	-	850
Bernard Sunley Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Summer youth activities	-	830	(545)	-	285
Total restricted funds	69,402	17,267	(64,599)	(19,818)	2,252
Total funds	£ 260,024	£ 348,545	£ (347,736)	£ -	£ 260,833

	<i>Balance b/f 06.04.23 £</i>	<i>Income received £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance c/f 05.04.24 £</i>
Unrestricted Funds	208,857	274,891	(312,658)	19,532	190,622
Restricted Funds					
Church Millfield Lane	88,934	-	-	(19,532)	69,402
York Food Bank	9,895	-	(9,895)	-	-
Benefact Trust	-	4,250	(4,250)	-	-
Total restricted funds	98,829	4,250	(14,145)	(19,532)	69,402
Total funds	£ 307,686	£ 279,141	£ (326,803)	£ -	£ 260,024

The restricted funds are represented by funds raised and grants received for restricted purposes.

Church - Millfield Lane, York

For the purchase and renovation of the Cornerstone property on Millfield Land.

The purchase of the Cornerstone property on Millfield Lane was completed in November 2022.

York Food Bank

To install new rear windows, kitchen fire shutter and the fire door to the kitchen.

Benefact Trust

For repairs to the Cornerstone roof.

City of York Council - HAF

For holiday activities and food in the Summer.

City of York Council - Ward Funding

Towards a pop up kitchen.

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13. Church Funds (continued)

Bernard Sunley Foundation

For repairs to the Cornerstone roof.

Summer youth activities

For youth activities carried out in the Summer.

14. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

Current year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Fixed assets	283,502	-	283,502
Current assets	138,412	2,252	140,664
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(24,255)	-	(24,255)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(139,078)	-	(139,078)
	£ 258,581	£ 2,252	£ 260,833

Comparative year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets	275,964	-	275,964
Current assets	82,067	69,402	151,469
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(21,572)	-	(21,572)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(145,837)	-	(145,837)
	£ 190,622	£ 69,402	£ 260,024

15. Tax Status

As a registered charity, York Community Church is exempt from the payment of income and corporation tax on its income falling within sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

16. Related Parties

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17. 2024 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	236,183	4,250	240,433
Church activities	38,708	-	38,708
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Total income	274,891	4,250	279,141
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Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	312,658	14,145	326,803
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Total expenditure	312,658	14,145	326,803
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Net expenditure for the year before transfers	(37,767)	(9,895)	(47,662)
Transfers between funds	19,532	(19,532)	-
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Net movement in Funds	(18,235)	(29,427)	(47,662)
Balances brought forward at 6 April 2023	208,857	98,829	307,686
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Balances carried forward at 5 April 2024	£ 190,622	£ 69,402	£ 260,024
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