

**GOD CENTRAL CHURCH, HARLOW**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144715**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 MARCH 2025**  
**FOR**  
**GOD CENTRAL CHURCH, HARLOW**

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**GOD CENTRAL CHURCH, HARLOW**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Charity's objects are fully stated in the trust deed of God Central Church, Harlow. They are:

- To advance the Christian faith;
- Other charitable aims as the trustees see fit, which in practice include; the relief of the disadvantaged (needy, in hardship, aged, sick, homeless);

**In the beginning . . .**

In January 2010 the church started with a handful of people meeting in local homes. God linked hearts together and in March 2010 'Newfrontiers Harlow Church Plant' was formed, prayed for by many of the local churches and had a website up and running!

By God's favour more people became connected with Newfrontiers Harlow Church Plant and a public launch took place on the 14th November 2010 in the Harlow Playhouse. In the lead up to this event the name God Central Church was chosen from the scripture 1 Kings 18 where Elijah rebuilds the altar of the Lord at Mount Carmel and God promises to turn the hearts of the people back to Him as Elijah trusts God and keeps God central to everything going on.

We have subsequently held services in the Queensgate Cineworld cinema and now meet weekly at Pemberly Academy, just off the Harlow Town Centre. At the beginning of 2023 we began meeting at an additional second site in Newhall Academy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

**Volunteers**

God Central provides numerous opportunities for its members to serve as volunteers. In fact the running of the church is dependent on church members serving in voluntary capacities. We are a diverse people blessed with a myriad of gifts, we seek to encourage everyone to walk in the particular gifting that God has given them and offer practical opportunities for service within the church.

The leadership and trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers within God Central in whatever capacity. We honour your commitment to God and His church.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

During the 2024 to 2025 year we were blessed with significant growth across the GodCentral congregation. Our community expanded as many new individuals and families joined us, particularly those from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. This has shaped an increasingly diverse and vibrant congregation, and we celebrate the richness that this brings to our church life.

As part of this growth, our Newhall Sunday gatherings increased from meeting twice a month to three Sundays each month. This development reflects the rising engagement within the community and a growing desire for regular worship, teaching and fellowship.

We also strengthened our partnerships within the town, especially through our connection with the local charity Heart4Harlow. Our involvement included supporting several of their community events, co-hosting a Mental Health Friendly Churches forum, and providing a monthly united prayer meeting for all the churches in Harlow. These opportunities allowed us to build deeper relationships across the wider Christian community and contribute positively to the spiritual and social wellbeing of our town.

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A particular highlight of the year was baptising five people under the age of thirty. Each baptism represented a meaningful step in a personal journey of faith, reflecting both spiritual transformation and a growing connection to our church family. These moments continue to demonstrate the life changing impact of our ministry and the value of offering a supportive environment where individuals can explore and deepen their faith.

We remain committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive and spiritually nurturing community. As we look ahead, we aim to continue serving our members and our town with compassion, faithfulness and hope, confident that God is at work through every part of our shared ministry.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees have due regard for the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission. Specifically, they have studied the following Charity Commission documents and believe that the activities of the Charity and the contents of this report are compliant with the public benefit guidance provided therein.

- Charities and Public Benefit (January 2008)
- The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit (December 2008)
- CC15b - Charity Reporting and Accounting: The essentials (April 2009)

The majority of the Church's meetings and events are open to the public. It is a key aim to attract newcomers into the various activities of the church so that they can participate in and benefit from all that the church has to offer. To date all of God Central's events and activities have been free of charge. Where an expense may be incurred such as the cost of travel to events or books for particular study courses, every effort is made to ensure that cost does not exclude those to whom the activity would be especially beneficial

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

During the period under review, we had an increase in income of £7300, bringing total income to £82.5k. Our policy recognizes liabilities as expenditure when the expense is paid. During this period, our expenses declined by £13k to £82K. This resulted in a surplus of £790 in the year (2024: £20K deficit).

**Reserves policy**

As a Christian Church we operate by faith, trusting that God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply, however, principles of good stewardship and legal regulations obligate the charity to have a reserves policy.

Having due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on reserves, the trustees consider it prudent to hold a minimum of three months expenditure as a reserve. These funds are unrestricted and held as current assets.

This policy is reviewed by the trustees at least annually or when the charity undergoes significant changes in income, expenditure or structure.

**FUTURE PLANS**

We have been so thankful for the things that God has done with the church this year and expect to see more in the coming year.

As ever, we are looking ahead to the new year with excitement as we eagerly wait to see what God will do in our midst. We have had a number of prophetic words regarding growth in church numbers and are look forward to seeing how this will come to fruition.

We look forward to continuing in our mission of seeing Jesus made more famous in Harlow and to the ends of the earth by establishing a significant church here in Harlow, Essex.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

From time to time the trustees will review the skills that the board has and determine whether there are any knowledge or skills gaps that need to be fulfilled.

Trustees are recruited from within the church membership of God Central Church, Harlow they should be active, reliable members of reasonably long standing. They should be people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church and have demonstrated this commitment through serving and making financial contribution to the church. Furthermore they need to be people who are deemed to have competence commensurate with the fulfillment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the church's apostolic oversight. The appointment of a new trustee to the board must be passed by a vote of the majority of the trustees. A trustee may only be appointed to the board once a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check has been received.

Mr Tomi Amao was appointed as trustee on 18th November 2024.

### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees have overall legal and financial responsibility for the Charity. They have entrusted to the eldership team the responsibility for the spiritual and strategic direction of the church, as well as its day-to-day running.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

Upon appointment a trustee will be provided with the following documentation:

- A copy of the trust deed and any amendments to it
- A copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
- A copy of the last meeting's minutes
- A copy of the most recent management figures
- A copy of the Child Protection Policy
- A copy of the general and financial procedures

The training needs of trustees will be assessed on an individual basis and training will be provided by attending courses or through the mentoring of another trustee.

### **Wider network**

GodCentral Church, Harlow is a part of a family of churches known as Relational Mission. Relational Mission area family of 75+ churches based in the UK, mainland Europe and increasingly across the globe. This church family network not only provides support to the local church, but also enables the local church to extend its missional reach to many parts of the world.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number 1144715**

#### **Principal Address**

C/O 3 Cherry  
Blossom Close  
Old Harlow  
Essex CM17 0EX

#### **Trustees**

Mr I Remfry  
Mr B Norris  
Miss C Jackson  
Mr T Amao

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Ian Remfry (Dec 12, 2025 18:31:54 GMT)

Mr Ian Remfry  
Chairperson

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

				31.3.25	31.3.24
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		82,467	0	82,467	75,115
Investment income	2	128	11	139	115
<b>Total</b>		82595	11	82606	75,230
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Advancement of the Gospel		79,615	-	79,615	92,262
Relief of those in need		2,202	-	2,202	2,912
<b>Total</b>		81,817	-	81,817	95,174
<b>NET INCOME</b>		778	11	789	(19,944)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		17,253	737	17,990	37,934
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		18,031	748	18,779	17,990

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**BALANCE SHEET for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

			31.3.25	31.3.24	
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total fund s £	Total fund s £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		18,031	748	18,779	17,990
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		18,031	748	18,779	17,990
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		18,031	748	17,990	17,990
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		18,031	748	18,779	17,990
<b>FUNDS</b>	6				
Unrestricted funds				18,031	17,253
Restricted funds				748	737
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				18,779	17,990

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
 Ian Remfry (Dec 12, 2025 18:31:54 GMT)

Mr Ian Remfry  
 Chair of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **GOD CENTRAL CHURCH, HARLOW**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

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

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure once payment has been made.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and current bank accounts.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

<b>2. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>139</u>	<u>115</u>
<b>3. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Elder salaries	<u>40,365</u>	<u>41,780</u>

The charity considers that the key management personnel of the church include the elders and the trustees. Remuneration and benefits are listed above.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

£346.75 was refunded to Ben Norris for expenses incurred. There were no other trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.



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**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Full-time employees.	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	82,467	-	82,467
Investment income	128	11	139
<b>Total</b>	<u>82,595</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>82,606</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Advancement of the Gospel	79,615	-	79,615
Relief of those in need	2,202	-	2,202
<b>Total</b>	<u>81,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,817</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>778</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>789</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	17,253	737	17,990
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>18,031</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>18,779</u>

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,253	778	18,031
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building fund	737	11	748
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>17,990</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>18,779</u>

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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	82,595	(81,817 )	778
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building fund	11	-	11
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>82,606</u>	<u>(81,817)</u>	<u>789</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,206	(19,953)	17,253
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building fund	728	9	737
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>37,934</u>	<u>(19,944)</u>	<u>17,990</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	75,230	(95,174)	(19,944)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Other restricted donations	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>75,230</u>	<u>(95,174)</u>	<u>(19,944)</u>

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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	37,206	(19,175)	18,031
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building fund	728	20	748
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <b>37,934</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>(19,155)</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>18,779</b> <hr/>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resource s expended £	Movemen t in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	157,825	(176,991)	(19,166)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Building fund	11	-	11
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <b>157,836</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>(176,991)</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>(19,155)</b> <hr/>

Social Action fund - these are monies from special offerings which have been given for the purpose of reaching out to those less fortunate in both our community and worldwide.

Children and Youth Fund - these are monies from special offerings and specific fundraising events which are given towards Children's and Youth work, this includes the annual trip to the Newfrontiers run youth camp NewDay and Champions club run by Red Balloon Foundation.

Building fund - these are monies given specifically towards a future building for the church, either a new rental or purchase.

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Mr Norris has been employed on a full-time basis.

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the  
trustees/members of

God Central Church, Harlow

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no

1144715

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

  
P KAMAU (Dec 12, 2025 17:33:57 GMT)

Date:

12 December 2025

Name:

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