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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1144722

Clifton Bethesda Church Limited
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Clifton Bethesda Church Limited

Charity registration number 1144722

Company registration number 07731522

Principal office and registered office Alma Road
Clifton
Bristol
BS8 2ES
United Kingdom

The trustees Mr J Proctor
(Resigned 30th September 2024)
Ms S Hogg
Mr R Scott-Cook
Mr D Price
Mr J Marsh
(Resigned 4th October 2025)
Dr J McCunn
Mr D Clarke
(Appointed 12th May 2025)

Independent examiner Joshua Kingston FCA
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Structure, governance and management

Clifton Bethesda Church Limited is a registered Charity and was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 5th August 2011.

Cameron Drury was the Minister during the period covered by this report, supported by the Leadership Team who are responsible for the overseeing and direction of the church. Their role is to pastor, teach, plan and pray. They also oversee the leadership of Children's Church, Worship Group and Safeguarding.

Each area of the ministry within the church has a group leader: 1) Pastoral Care, 2) Missions, 3) Community and Evangelism, 4) Fabric/Finance, 5) Homegroups.

The church has no formal membership - all that belong to the church are considered members.

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Objects and activities

Charitable objects

The objects of the church are, for the benefit of the public:

- To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
- 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 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;
- 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;
- The Trustees must use the income and may use the capital of the church in promoting the objects. To train new church leaders for the future.

Activities

The main activity of the Charity is the operation of a local Christian Church in the arranging and provision of worship services, meetings, seminars, conferences, and training courses. The Church has operated for over 150 years.

Public Benefit

As well as being a thriving Church where everybody from the local community is welcome, Alma Church runs a number of activities in the building. These include a parents and toddlers group and the utilisation of the building's excellent facilities for events such as the local art trail. During the year the Church has hosted regular sessions run by two local choirs, meetings of the local WI, events for adults with special educational needs run by a Gateway group, as well as a fundraising concert for a local charity supporting people affected by homelessness. Funds are also raised for other charities working in offender mentoring and international student wellbeing and for Christian projects across the world.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Achievements and performance

We have continued to pursue our vision of:

* Following Jesus * Building Community * Sharing Hope

We have continued to offer relevant and accessible celebrations in the Christian calendar, including Christmas, Easter and Harvest. Connection with the local community continues with weekly public worship services, an open garden for the local community to use, Little Roots (toddler group), community carols and collections for the local food bank.

Financial review

The activities for the period under review have resulted in a surplus of £26,697 (2024: surplus of £22,937) which was higher than the forecast made by the trustees. It is expected that the forthcoming periods should result in a small surplus.

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Reserves policy

Free reserves are £159,286 (2024: £132,859) and deemed to be those that are readily realisable and exclude £2,240,247 invested in property.

As a matter of policy, each year the Trustees review the level of free reserves. Consideration is given to major risks in terms of their likely impact on income and expenditure. The present range for free reserves is to 9 to 15 months reported expenditure, i.e., £80,904 to £134,840. The Trustees are considering various refurbishments and buildings' improvements that, if undertaken, will reduce the level of free reserves.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Clifton Bethesda Church Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small company's exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 2 December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

David Price

Mr D Price
Trustee

Clifton Bethesda Church Limited

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Clifton Bethesda Church Limited

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Clifton Bethesda Church Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the 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').

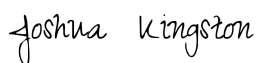
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 charity 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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Independent Examiner
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2 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2025

		2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note		
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies	5	74,545	81,095
Other trading activities	6	36,848	25,167
Investment income	7	23,176	20,598
Total income		134,569	126,860
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	107,872	103,923
Total expenditure		107,872	103,923
Net income/expenditure and net movement in funds		26,697	22,937
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	16	2,372,836	2,349,899
Total funds carried forward	16	2,399,533	2,372,836

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.
All the funds and prior year fund balances are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	2,240,247	2,240,247
Current assets			
Debtors	14	18,470	13,873
Cash at bank and in hand		150,907	139,180
		<u>169,377</u>	<u>153,053</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(10,091)</u>	<u>(20,464)</u>
Net current assets		159,286	132,589
Total assets less current liabilities		2,399,533	2,372,836
Net assets		<u>2,399,533</u>	<u>2,372,836</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds			
Fixed Asset fund		2,240,247	2,240,247
General fund		159,286	132,589
Total charity funds	17	<u>2,399,533</u>	<u>2,372,836</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 December 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

David Price

Mr D Price
Trustee

Company Registration Number 07731522

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Alma Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2ES, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future projects or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods to the charity, unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. The land and buildings were introduced in 2011 and have been included by the Trustees at the insurance value made on the 12th January 2012. The asset is depreciated at 0% as the Trustees operate a policy of continuous repair and refurbishment so that there is considered to be no material diminution in value.

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Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

4. Limited by guarantee

The Charity is a Company Limited by Guarantee having no Share Capital.

5. Donations and legacies

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations		
Offerings	64,618	72,695
Tax repayments received	9,927	8,400
	<u>74,545</u>	<u>81,095</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from Use of Church	28,001	25,167
Employment Allowance Reclaim	8,847	-
	<u>36,848</u>	<u>25,167</u>

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7. Investment income

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rent received	18,680	16,985
Bank interest receivable	4,496	3,613
	<u>23,176</u>	<u>20,598</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Direct costs £	Support costs (Note 9) £	Total funds 2025 £
Wages and salaries	24,255	8,925	33,180
Church building running costs	41,064	644	41,708
Church activities	11,092	-	11,092
Gifts and missions	10,690	-	10,690
Administration	1,846	7,856	9,702
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,500	1,500
Total	88,947	18,925	107,872

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £
Wages and salaries	22,461	10,116	32,577
Church building running costs	41,469	633	42,102
Church activities	2,624	-	2,624
Gifts and missions	13,660	-	13,660
Administration	538	11,018	11,556
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,404	1,404
Total	80,752	23,171	103,923

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities: Support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Salary costs	8,925	10,116
Photocopier	644	633
Telephone	659	669
Sundry costs	7,197	10,349
Governance costs – Independent Examiners fee	1,500	1,404
	<u>18,925</u>	<u>23,171</u>

10. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Independent Examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,404</u>

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	<u>33,180</u>	<u>32,577</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 2). No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

The Trustees consider the key management personnel to be themselves and the minister, who is not a Trustee. Total benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £23,405 (2024: £22,461).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustee expenses were reimbursed or waived during the year or the previous year.

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>2,240,247</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,240,247</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,240,247</u>

The land and buildings were introduced in 2011 and have been included by the Trustees at the insurance value made on the 12th January 2012. The asset is depreciated at 0% as the Trustees operate a policy of continuous repair and refurbishment so that there is considered to be no material diminution in value.

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	3,689	556
Prepayments and accrued income	14,781	13,317
	<u>18,470</u>	<u>13,873</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,141	5,960
Accruals and deferred income	7,950	13,950
Social security and other taxes	-	554
	<u>10,091</u>	<u>20,464</u>

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
<i>Designated fund</i>				
Fixed asset fund	2,240,247	-	-	2,240,247
General fund	132,589	134,569	(107,872)	159,286
	<u>2,372,836</u>	<u>134,569</u>	<u>(107,872)</u>	<u>2,399,533</u>

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Prior year comparative

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
<i>Designated fund</i>				
Fixed asset fund	2,240,247	-	-	2,240,247
General fund	109,652	126,860	(103,923)	132,589
	<u>2,349,899</u>	<u>126,860</u>	<u>(103,923)</u>	<u>2,372,836</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

2025	Fixed Assets designated fund £	General fund – free reserves £	Total funds 2025 £
Fixed assets	2,240,247	-	2,240,247
Current assets	-	169,377	169,377
Creditors due in less than 1 year	-	(10,091)	(10,091)
	<u>2,240,247</u>	<u>159,286</u>	<u>2,399,533</u>
 2024			
	Fixed Assets designated fund £	General fund – free reserves £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	2,240,247	-	2,240,247
Current assets	-	153,053	153,053
Creditors due in less than 1 year	-	(20,464)	(20,464)
	<u>2,240,247</u>	<u>132,589</u>	<u>2,372,836</u>

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Management Information

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**The following pages do not form part of
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	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Offerings	64,618	72,695
Tax repayments received	9,927	8,400
	<u>74,545</u>	<u>81,095</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Use of Church	28,001	25,167
Employment Allowance Reclaim	8,847	-
	<u>36,848</u>	<u>25,167</u>
Investment income		
Rent Received	18,680	16,985
Bank interest receivable	4,496	3,613
	<u>23,176</u>	<u>20,598</u>
Total income	<u>134,569</u>	<u>126,860</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	33,180	32,577
Ministry	450	340
Building Management	4,385	10,022
Gifts and Missions	10,690	13,660
Pastoral Care	10,292	1,540
Community and Evangelism	350	744
Gas, Electric and Water	10,088	7,992
Cleaning and Gardening	6,605	6,098
Repairs	14,889	12,630
Insurance	3,367	3,227
Telephone	659	669
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,500	1,404
Sundry	7,931	11,419
Children's Church	-	200
Council Tax	1,640	863
Other Capital Expenditure	1,846	538
	<u>107,872</u>	<u>103,923</u>
Total expenditure	<u>107,872</u>	<u>103,923</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>26,697</u>	<u>22,937</u>