

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025

Registered Address

62 Cromer Road
Sheringham
NR26 8RT

Charity Registration Number 1146572

Leadership Team

Rev I Savory (Minister)	T
Rev P Skivington (Youth Minister)	
Rev D Ward (Community Pastor)	
Mr I Charsley (Secretary)	T
Mr C Harrison	T

Management Team

Mr M Barr (Treasurer)	T
Mr I Kidger	T
Mr T Dawson	T
Mr A Frere-Smith	T
Mrs B Gabriel	T

T= Trustees

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
Baptist House
129 Broadway
Didcot
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OX11 8RT

Bankers

Barclays
Sheringham Branch

Independent Examiner

Timothy HIGNETT and Partners Ltd

Annual Report for 2024/2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements.

Charitable Object

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing document known as our Constitution (adopted 29 February 2012) which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of biblical Christian faith and also to advance education and other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the world.

Since September 2013, the Church occupies the new building at 62 Cromer Road which is held by Baptist Union Corporation Trusts entirely compatible with the above object.

Organisational Structure and Decision making processes

Covenant Partners (Members) of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to normally have been publicly baptised by immersion on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Partners' Meetings take place during the year, one of which is the AGM.

In accordance with the Constitution, Covenant Partners elect Trustees who together with the Leadership Team are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the Charity.

All partners are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Objectives and Activities

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of a regular public service of Christian worship held each Sunday morning at 10.15am.

There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board, Facebook and the website www.lighthousesheringham.org. There is a full children and young people's programme during the morning services. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church is involved with community activities that benefit children and young people:

- Little Ones – a parent/toddler group
- Football - a number of teams for various age groups, playing in local leagues
- Youth LifeGroups – youth discipleship
- Family Food Friday - provision of a free meal for families (alternate weeks)

Other church activities include:

- Kaleidoscope – an informal fellowship meeting for older people
- Prayer and fellowship Groups
- Mens Activities
- Table Tennis Club, a number of teams playing in a local league.

The Church has a café for the use of the general public. This offers a relaxed meeting place for all ages, including a soft play area suitable for pre-school children.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service and regular Safeguarding training is available and required for all workers.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

Under the leadership of Rev Ian Savory, now in his 10th year with us, the church has grown and matured with regular term held groups having a spiritual emphasis as well as activities of a more practical nature. The spring term concentrates on Prayer and summer term has activities inside and out where people can sign up to join. The Church has grown in numbers with many supporting the regular meetings held during the week. The Leadership meet every other week to pray, plan and explore the future and all the Trustees meet four times a year to carry out their legal obligations and plan and discuss Church life. The Partners (Members) continue to be involved in all the activities within the church but also building bridges with the community, especially through the Cafe and weekly groups that use our building.

The Church has a Partnership of 88 and many regular worshippers. The Church regularly runs a course for prospective church Partners.

Attendance at Sunday worship services averages about 120. The midweek Little Ones group continues with about 15-20 parents with their toddlers. Our children/youth work involves contact with around a 100 youth of Primary and Secondary school age. Involvement in local schools has also continued and is greatly valued by them.

Financial Review

The majority of giving to the Church is now done by bank standing order which helps to budget the finances. Some are committed to regular giving at Sunday services.

We are grateful to be able to support a full time minister, a youth pastor and a Community Pastor who is also involved with the running of local 'Men's Shed'. We also have part time administrators to deal with the use of the building and church matters.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

Now that the loans for the Building have all been paid off with the funds from the sale of the Manse, it has enabled the finances to be stabilised, and a buffer to help with Salaries and rising utility bills

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

Dated April 2025

CHARITY NUMBER: 1146572

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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on 28th October 2025

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GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Offerings:				
Donations Regular giving	104,897.40		101,266.70	
One off / other	44,899.23		60,053.06	
	<u>149,796.63</u>		<u>161,319.76</u>	
Tax refunded	<u>27,742.78</u>		<u>26,375.72</u>	
		177,539.41		187,695.48
Rent		11,700.00		7,400.00
Sheringham Shed (Salaries)		10,390.00		9,721.32
Hardship fund		697.64		1,476.00
Sundry income		<u>14,923.57</u>		<u>9,366.59</u>
		215,250.62		215,659.39
EXPENDITURE:				
Remuneration	163,460.75		138,716.04	
Housing expenses	4,277.85		18,221.73	
Administration and staff expenses	4,640.11		6,006.45	
Utilities	17,253.06		24,561.23	
Telephone and IT	961.56		1,882.24	
Maintenance	3,960.76		7,882.33	
Insurance	2,701.12		2,496.17	
Subscriptions and licences	3,903.51		3,391.31	
Catering and housekeeping	3,622.57		3,516.72	
Sundry expenses	919.86		775.00	
Hardship fund	827.62		1,873.97	
Mission	6,808.00		8,139.60	
Training	532.12		2,862.00	
Depreciation - Fixtures and fittings	<u>3,315.90</u>		<u>4,421.20</u>	
		<u>217,184.79</u>		<u>224,745.99</u>
		(1,934.17)		(9,086.60)
Excess of expenditure over income to General Fund		<u><u>(1,934.17)</u></u>		<u><u>(9,086.60)</u></u>

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BUILDING FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Offerings/gifts	<u>27,895.43</u>	27,895.43	<u>7,555.00</u>	7,555.00
EXPENDITURE:				
Professional fees	<u>7,924.80</u>	7,924.80	<u>-</u>	-
Excess of income over expenditure to Building Fund		<u><u>19,970.63</u></u>		<u><u>7,555.00</u></u>

GIVE AWAY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Individual church partners	<u>12,037.55</u>	12,037.55	<u>1,611.60</u>	1,611.60
EXPENDITURE:				
Donations made	<u>10,883.79</u>	10,883.79	<u>1,700.00</u>	1,700.00
Excess of income over expenditure to General Fund		<u><u>1,153.76</u></u>		<u><u>(88.40)</u></u>

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CAFÉ INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Café income	<u>32,463.69</u>	32,463.69	<u>29,433.98</u>	29,433.98
EXPENDITURE:				
Opening stock	800.00		800.00	
Maintenance	236.00		-	
Stock and sundries	14,394.48		11,410.18	
Wages	12,497.06		10,510.92	
Closing stock	<u>(800.00)</u>		<u>(800.00)</u>	
		27,127.54		21,921.10
Excess of income over expenditure to General Fund		<u><u>5,336.15</u></u>		<u><u>7,512.88</u></u>

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS - per schedule		1,636,025.43		1,639,341.33
CURRENT ASSETS				
Barclays current account	21,991.71		14,312.43	
Barclays saver account	30,496.52		30,050.63	
Barclays building fund account	40,479.18		16,558.90	
Petty cash account	25.00		25.00	
Stock and work in progress	800.00		800.00	
Gift Aid debtor	7,731.79		8,276.81	
Prepayments	706.03		656.71	
	<u>102,230.23</u>		<u>70,680.48</u>	
Less:				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	11,009.59		7,302.11	
Interest free loans	14,000.00		14,000.00	
	<u>(25,009.59)</u>		<u>(21,302.11)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		77,220.64		49,378.37
NET ASSETS		<u>1,713,246.07</u>		<u>1,688,719.70</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Balance b/fwd	575,090.01		576,752.13	
Excess of expenditure over income	(1,934.17)		(9,086.60)	
Café excess of income over expenditure	5,336.15		7,512.88	
Give Away excess of expenditure over income	<u>1,153.76</u>		<u>(88.40)</u>	
		579,645.75		575,090.01
BUILDING FUND				
Balance b/fwd	1,113,629.69		1,106,074.69	
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>19,970.63</u>		<u>7,555.00</u>	
		1,133,600.32		1,113,629.69
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**FIXED ASSETS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	TOTAL	CROMER ROAD	FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31st March 2024	1,760,938.63	1,626,077.73	134,860.90
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
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At 31st March 2025	<u>1,760,938.63</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>134,860.90</u>
Depreciation			
At 31st March 2024	121,597.30	-	121,597.30
Charge for the year	3,315.90	-	3,315.90
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At 31st March 2025	<u>124,913.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,913.20</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2024	<u>1,639,341.33</u>	<u>1,626,077.73</u>	<u>13,263.60</u>
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