

Deva Church

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

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Deva Church
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Deva Church Ffordd Pant y Celyn Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 8YE
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 4th May 2012
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1152350
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Andrew Dalton David Jones Eric Payne Phillip Shepherd Ron Cutting David Phillips (appointed 28 Oct 2024)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Deva Church
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

The objectives of Deva Church are to communicate the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible and also to provide a Christian Church Fellowship. To be able to reach this objective the Church carries out a number of varied activities including regular Sunday Services held for worship and the preaching of the Gospel which include crèche and special classes for children if they attend. Outreach to and support for the local community is through weekday activities providing for needs of older people and activities for ladies. Church is also involved in providing a Local Authority "Warm Hub" and its own "Deva Hub" and/or coffee morning. The church building is also used for a number of community activities, organised by The Church and others including Neighbourhood Watch, and 'Surgeries' for local Councillors and community Police Officers. On Tuesdays a Midweek Prayer and Bible study meeting is held providing information on local and world issues for prayer information along with Bible ministry. Regular reports are given on worldwide missionary work to inform and provide an opportunity to give financial support.

On 31st March 2025 the Church had a formal Membership of 38 augmented by a number of regular attendees to its Services and activities.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

Overview: The Church is committed to demonstrating the love of Christ in its neighbourhood and has adopted ideas to fulfil its aims.

The updating of its website and provision of recorded sermons provides a valuable contact with those unable to attend services on a regular basis. The Church's financial giving to Mission has been reviewed to ensure cost effective use of resources.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the following:

- 1) Providing regular public worship open to all.
- 2) Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
- 3) Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups when circumstances allow.
- 4) Providing activities for children when such are required.
- 5) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.
- 6) Continuing to be involved in a local food bank.
- 7) Providing support and undertaking Funeral Services for those who are and are not Members of The Church.
- 8) Holding a monthly Communion Service with 'signing' for deaf attendees.

9) Updating the Church Website to provide more information to the Public and encourage more to come to our meetings.

10) Members actively involved in other charitable work including Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons UK), MEDCARE, Bible Society and SASRA.

11) Allowing the Church building to be used for Community activities such as Police Surgeries, Exhibitions, Prestatyn Town Council's Civic Service and as a Polling Station.

12) A review of our regular donations to Missionary works was undertaken and led to the system of regular amounts being given to specified works rather than based on a variable monthly offering.

Reserves policy

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which provides sufficient funds to enable the charity to continue in operation while it addresses any unforeseen expenses or shortfall in long term resources.

Financial review of the accounts April 2024 to March 2025

Income for the year ending 2024 has slightly increased to £28,959 from £21,721 in the year ending March 2023.

Governance

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to: "Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP Make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business".

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David K Jones

David K Jones (May 25, 2025 12:46 GMT+1)

David K Jones Trustee

Date: May 25, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Deva Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Deva Church for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (May 29, 2025 12:31 GMT+1)

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Date: May 29, 2025

Deva Church
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds			
		General Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
Notes		£	£	£	£
Income receipts					
Offerings and Donations		16,579	1,829	18,407	19,810
Gift aid receipts		6,580	-	6,580	-
Prestatyn Council / Warm Hub		2,611	-	2,611	1,376
Bank interest		561	-	561	535
Income from letting of facilities		800	-	800	-
Total receipts		27,130	1,829	28,959	21,721
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	21,354	6,060	27,414	28,060
Total payments		21,354	6,060	27,414	28,060
Net of receipts / (payments) before		5,777	(4,231)	1,545	(6,339)
Transfers between funds	3	(4,550)	4,550	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,227	319	1,545	(6,339)
Cash funds as at last year end		42,780	1,200	43,981	50,321
Cash funds at this year end	A	44,007	1,519	45,526	43,981

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund:		2025 £	2024 £
		General funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		44,007	1,519	45,526	43,981
		<u>44,007</u>	<u>1,519</u>	<u>45,526</u>	<u>43,981</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		2,754	-	2,754	6,580
		<u>2,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,754</u>	<u>6,580</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination		600	-	600	1,200
		<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total		<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,200</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David K Jones

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David K Jones

Date: May 25, 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Fund:</u> General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Ministry expenses	100	6,060	6,160	11,010
Gifts and speaker expenses	1,833	-	1,833	1,880
Photocopier, stationary & internet	1,829	-	1,829	1,108
Utilities	3,909	-	3,909	3,203
Outreach activities	1,204	-	1,204	25
Caretaking, windows and cleaning materials	3,156	-	3,156	2,923
Church Growth Trust - church rental	160	-	160	160
Building & contents insurance	1,478	-	1,478	1,258
Building & grounds, repairs & maintenance	4,722	-	4,722	3,358
Legal fees, licenses, audit	2,463	-	2,463	2,282
Catering	500	-	500	853
	<u>21,354</u>	<u>6,060</u>	<u>27,414</u>	<u>28,060</u>

3 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	42,780	27,130	(21,354)	(4,550)	44,007
Restricted funds					
Missionary Fund	1,200	1,829	(6,060)	4,550	1,519
	1,200	1,829	(6,060)	4,550	1,519
Total funds	<u>43,981</u>	<u>28,959</u>	<u>(27,414)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,526</u>

The Missionary Account exists to hold funds given voluntarily by the church membership prior to being sent as regular gifts to missions supported by the church.










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Final Audit Report

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