

Shirley Community Church
Charity Number 1153617

**The Shirley Community Church Trustees
Report and Financial Statements for the
Year Ended 5th April 2025**

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Shirley Community Church
Legal And Administrative Information

Charity Number	1153617
Registered Office	Shirley Community Church Green Lane Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 1AA
Trustees	Jonathan Heyes Jane Heyes Rev Guichun Jun
Chairperson	Jonathan Heyes
Treasurer	Jonathan Heyes 16 Skelcher Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 2EZ

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Trustees Report for The Year Ended 5th April 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 5th April 2025. The trustees who served during this time and the current trustees are shown on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees delegate the day-to-day business matters of the Church to the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team as of 5th April 2025 consists of Mr Gheorghe Ciorna, Mr Stephen Williams, Mr Jonathan Heyes and Mrs Jane Heyes. Some of the practical matters are delegated to sub-groups (e.g., Deacons).

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2025. Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting practices set out on page 5 and comply with the charity's applicable law.

Shirley Community Church is constituted under a trust dated 12th December 2012 and a memorandum of change dated 20th August 2023.

Shirley Community Church is a registered charity, number 1153617. Its address for meeting and administration purposes is Shirley Community Church, Green Lane, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1AA.

Objectives And Activities

The objectives of the Church are for the public benefit to advance the Christian faith in Shirley, Solihull and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Leadership Team may from time to time think fit.

Activities And Performance

The reporting year was one of consolidation as the Church built on the stability that had existed from the latter half of the previous reporting year. During the reporting year there were no changes in either the trustees or the leadership team. Over the reporting period there have been several new people and families joining the Church. Many of the new people are from Romania and other parts of eastern Europe. To assist in teaching, a set of small radio receivers were purchased to facilitate translation from English. The equipment was also used to translate into English in meetings held over Christmas which were Romanian based. The congregation reflects several nations in addition to Romania with people from Iran, Nigeria, Hong Kong and Poland amongst those attending. Attendance at the Sunday morning meeting has risen and additional meetings in Romanian have been arranged for Sunday evening. There is also a Romanian based study group on a Thursday evening.

The youth meeting on a Friday evening held weekly during term time is now established with a number of young people attending regularly. The numbers have increased which resulted in additional adult volunteers attending. A meeting for younger children was introduced that runs at the same time as the youth meeting. The reporting year began with the Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC) youth group running concurrently to the SCC group. As the numbers attending the SCC group grew a practical issue emerged of accommodating both groups in the building at the same time. After discussion with BCEC it was agreed that the BCEC group would be held on another day.

In the last week of August 2024, a Holiday Bible Club was run that saw many children attending. The club finished with a barbeque for staff, parents and children on the Saturday.

In January 2025 the Coffee Morning was restarted on a Wednesday morning instead of a Monday. The attendance at the Coffee Morning was disappointing, very few people from outside of the Church attended and those that did came once but did not return. In March 2025 it was decided to close the Coffee Morning again.

The sale of Church House to Gheorghe and Olga Ciorna which had begun in the previous reporting year was completed in February 2025.

The outside groups that used the Church building all continued to meet. The Brownies group meet on a Monday evening during term time. The Art Group reduced their meetings to Thursday morning during term time. Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC) continue to use the building for a Cantonese meeting every Sunday afternoon. They also held an extended meeting over the Christmas holidays. Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, the building was used a retreat by the Chessington Korean Christian Fellowship.

The generous giving of members means that the support of activities and projects continued from the start of the reporting year. At the end of the reporting year the Church had two employees, the Senior Minister and a directly employed cleaner.

In March 2025 the trustees agreed to proceed with moving the Church from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Risk management

The trustees are aware of risks that could affect the charity. Areas of risk that are monitored are financial, operation, safeguarding and governance. The financial risk is monitored every month by the production of a financial report which is circulated to the trustees and leadership team.

Operational risk is monitored by both the trustees and the leadership team. Any issue of concern is discussed and dealt with on an ad-hoc basis.

Safeguarding is acknowledged as a constant risk. A Safeguarding policy is in place and is available for all to see on the church website. Safeguarding checks are completed for all trustees and those in a leadership position in any of the church groups. There are posters around the church alerting attendees to be aware of safeguarding. Any safeguarding issue that is raised will be investigated according to the policy.

The risk regarding governance is one that is recognised. Of the three trustees currently in place, two are connected as they are a married couple. This situation will be addressed in the new CIO (as mentioned earlier) as none of the trustees will be connected.

Financial review

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The accounts show an excess of income over expenditure for the reporting year. Almost of the surplus is a result of Church House as mentioned earlier, however when the proceeds of the sale are taken into account there still remains an excess of income over expenditure.

The Charity is principally funded by gifts and offerings from those attending the Church. This income is either through receipts direct to the bank account, or in the weekly offering taken up during the Sunday Service. Additional income is received from the use of the Church premises for meetings.

The largest cost to the Charity is that of employment. There are two employees at the end of the reporting period, the Senior Minister and a cleaner.

The Charity has a policy of supporting other Christian charities and makes gifts in the support of this aim.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

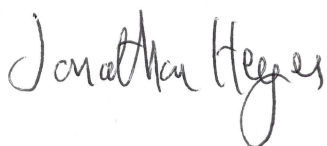
The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Law) applicable to charities in England and Wales. This requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP,
- Make Judgements and 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 do so and presumes that the charity will continue in operation.

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

On behalf of the trustees



Jonathan Heyes
Chairperson

15th December 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

5th APRIL 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1153617

Set out on pages

9 to 11

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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 or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Martin Creese

Date:

12th DECEMBER 2025

Name:

MARTIN CREESE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

20 PORTIA AVENUE

SHIRLEY, SOUTHALL

B90 2NW

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Charity Name	No (if any)
Shirley Community Church	1153617

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2024		05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - gifts and offerings	29,967			29,967	41,412
Rental Income	-			-	3,875
Hire of Premises	8,446			8,446	7,317
Gift Aid received	10,407			10,407	8,333
Interest Received	685			685	152
Gifts Received	895			895	895
Utility Rebate	4,848			4,848	-
Sale Of Property				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,248	-	-	55,248	61,984
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale Of Property	274,000	-	-	274,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	274,000	-	-	274,000.00	-
Total receipts	329,248	-	-	329,248	61,984
A3 Payments					
Employment costs	35,501			35,501	40,349
Utility costs	4,260			4,260	7,392
Administration costs	6,468			6,468	10,817
Repairs and Maintenance	2,358			2,358	3,667
Bank Charges	-			-	-
Donations	275			275	2,558
Legal Costs	1,475			1,475	612
				-	
				-	
Sub total	50,337	-	-	50,337	65,395
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,337	-	-	50,337	65,395
Net of receipts/(payments)	278,911	-	-	278,911	- 3,411
A5 Transfers between funds					
			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,262			30,262	33,673
Cash funds this year end	309,173	-	-	309,173	30,262

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	5,562	-	
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	60,347		
	Lloyds Bank 95 Day Notice Account	240,263		
	Total cash funds	306,172	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Land and Buildings	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	800,000
	Residential Property adjoining Church	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	310,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Receipts and Payments

	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2023/24 £	2024/25	Total 2024/25 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	48,090	56,037	41,412		27,438
Gifts received	9,000	8,295	895		424
Gift Aid recovered		6,468	8,333		10,407
Rental Income from Church House	10,075	8,525	3,875		0
Use of Church Premises	1,187	5,189	7,317		8,446
Interest Received from Bank	2	23	152		685
Utility Rebate					4,848
Sale Of Property					274,000
	68,354	84,537	61,984		326,248
<u>Payments</u>					
Employment Costs	38,373	40,277	40,349		35,501
Utility	1,703	3,407	7,392		4,260
Gas				1,632	
Electricity				2,210	
Communications				418	
Administration	7,177	8,730	10,817		6,468
Holiday Bible Club				272	
Sunday School				395	
Youth Meetings				107	
Mens/Ladies Breakfasts				15	
Coffee Morning				61	
Church Meals/Refreshments				73	
Safeguarding				228	
CCLI Licences				352	
Church Website				443	
Insurance				1,528	
Cleaning/Toilet Consumables				232	
Stationery/Printer Consumables				709	
Equipment				1,866	
Training Costs				2	
Publicity				43	
Subscriptions				142	
Building	6,874	13,110	3,667		2,358
Repairs and Maintenance				2,288	
Church House				0	
Church Gardening				70	
Gifts and Donations	16,600	11,778	2,558		275
Bank Charges	0	0	0		0
Legal Costs	0	0	612		1,475
	70,727	77,303	65,396		50,337

Bank Balances				
Current Accounts	10,190	19,401	15,838	5,562
Deposit Accounts	16,248	14,272	14,424	300,609
	26,438	33,672	30,262	306,171