

FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

ALSO KNOWN AS NEW FRONTIERS CHESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1154404

FREEDOM CHURCH CHESTER

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The Trustees present their report with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Charity No. 1154404

Principal Address

Freedom Church, Chester City Mission, 6 Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2AR

Trustees:

Mr Keith Cooper
Mrs Hannah Lawrie
Mr Kevin Pearson
Dr Emma Beddoes

Independent examiner

Mr David Scotland (retired FCMA, CGMA), 265 Chester Road, Whitby, Cheshire. CH66 2NZ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The primary aim of the trust is to support the work of the Christian church 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 to 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.

Freedom Church is based on the teaching of the Bible. We strive to be a worshipping, spirit-filled community where the evidence is lives being changed. We value home, church and work life equally and view all of these as valuable in God's Kingdom. Together we want to love and bless the city and beyond, we feel the best way to achieve this is to be God's hands, feet and mouth, empowered by the Holy Spirit and doing the things that Jesus Christ would do if He were physically here in Chester.

We strive to be a church on a mission, one which reaches the people of Chester with the love of God and which grows by planting more churches.

INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW TRUSTEES

The trustees are briefed regarding the Freedom Church, its objectives, aims and obligations in relation to the charity.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error. The charity does not hold a reserves policy at this time however this is under review and a reserves policy is being prepared by the trustees.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The results for the period are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Charitable activities

This year we have seen continued growth as well as consolidating our fellowship.

We continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am with additional weekly & fortnightly prayer meetings. Also we have small group meeting every other Wednesday for teaching, bible reading, discussions and prayer.

We have a strong eldership and leadership team in place to oversee the activities of the church and provide good accountability. We have established broad based leadership teams across all areas of church activity.

Social action

We still have a good relationship with the Chester City Mission. Although we no longer work directly with the homeless we operate a FoodBank from our building every Wednesday. In conjunction with FoodBank we run a coffee morning and Warm Space. This is open to everyone and is appreciated by the wider community.

Youth and Children

Youth meet regularly during term times and we also hold activities for children. This involves appropriate age related teaching, singing and fun activities.

Outreach and Evangelism

Outreach into Chester and North Wales continued during the year with regular services in both Chester and Ewloe. We also conduct other outreach activities in Chester city centre and Chester market.

Future Plans

Facilities continue to be improved and further development is planned for the coming year to the building structure which relies on the support of the Chester City Mission to grant their consent. During this financial year Dr Emma Beddoes stood down from the trustees and Mr Kevin Pearson was appointed as chair. We plan to expand the trustees to 5 in the coming year.

Approved by order of the trustees on 19th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Cooper - Trustee



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Freedom Church Chester

I report on the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities of the Freedom Church Chester for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 6-7.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. This included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

Consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts are also recorded upon and presenting these for explanation to the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for a full audit and consequently no opinion is given whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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07th February 2026

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2025

| | 2024/25 | | | 2023/24 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | | |
| DIRECT GIVING | | | | | | |
| General Donations | £ 80,370 | £ - | £ 80,370 | £ 63,241 | £ - | £ 63,241 |
| Devoted/Charity Shop | | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Other Income (includes Gift Aid) | £ 9,798 | £ - | £ 9,798 | £ 7,854 | £ - | £ 7,854 |
| Rental Income | £ 14,323 | £ - | £ 14,323 | £ 12,323 | £ - | £ 12,323 |
| | £ 104,491 | £ - | £ 104,491 | £ 83,418 | £ - | £ 83,418 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
| Giving: Devoted | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| other Charitable activities | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Charity Shop | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Overheads | | | | | | |
| Rent & Rates | £ 16,950 | £ - | £ 16,950 | £ 20,128 | £ - | £ 20,128 |
| Salaries | £ 28,008 | £ - | £ 28,008 | £ 15,785 | £ - | £ 15,785 |
| Utilities | £ 10,728 | £ - | £ 10,728 | £ 8,653 | £ - | £ 8,653 |
| Travel | £ 1,364 | £ - | £ 1,364 | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Print & Stationery | £ 738 | £ - | £ 738 | £ 385 | £ - | £ 385 |
| Sunday Meeting Costs | £ 8,477 | £ - | £ 8,477 | £ 7,313 | £ - | £ 7,313 |
| Telephone & Computers | £ 2,177 | £ - | £ 2,177 | £ 1,132 | £ - | £ 1,132 |
| Equipment Hire | | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| Maintenance | £ 7,029 | £ - | £ 7,029 | £ 10,993 | £ - | £ 10,993 |
| Training | £ 1,137 | £ - | £ 1,137 | £ 682 | £ - | £ 682 |
| Mission & Evangelism | £ 21,601 | £ - | £ 21,601 | £ 12,849 | £ - | £ 12,849 |
| Bank Charges | £ 85 | £ - | £ 85 | -£ 49 | £ - | -£ 49 |
| Professional fees | £ 2,479 | £ - | £ 2,479 | £ 3,133 | £ - | £ 3,133 |
| | £ 100,773 | £ - | £ 100,773 | £ 81,004 | £ - | £ 81,004 |
| Total payments | £ 100,773 | £ - | £ 100,773 | £ 81,004 | £ - | £ 81,004 |
| Accumulated funds/(losses) | £ 3,718 | £ - | £ 3,718 | £ 2,414 | £ - | £ 2,414 |
| Cash funds as of 31 May 2024 | £ 53,254 | £ - | £ 53,254 | | | |
| Cash funds as of 31 May 2025 | £ 54,698 | £ - | £ 54,698 | | | |

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2025**

| | 2024/25 | | | 2023/24 | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | Unrestrict ed funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Unrestrict ed funds | Restricted funds | Total funds |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | | | |
| Bank - CAF | £ 54,698 | £ - | £ 54,698 | £ 53,254 | £ - | £ 53,254 |
| Cash in Hand | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ 19 | £ - | £ 19 |
| Trade Debtors | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| | | | | £ - | | |
| | £ 54,698 | £ - | £ 54,698 | £ 53,273 | £ - | £ 53,273 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Trade Creditors | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| PAYE | 0 | £ - | £ - | 0 | £ - | £ - |
| Net Wages | 0 | £ - | £ - | 0 | £ - | £ - |
| | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| TOTAL FUNDS | £ 54,698 | £ - | £ 54,698 | £ 53,273 | £ - | £ 53,273 |



Signed: K R Cooper - Trustee

Dated: 21-Jan-26

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

There was no restricted funds received in the current tax year, all funds received are classed as non-restricted

ACCOUNTING BASIS ADOPTED

Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis .

SIGNIFICANT VALUES SHOWING UNDER LIABILITIES

No significant costs have been accrued for. PAYE liabilities deemed insignificant at year end as all employees do not fall under PAYE requirements as they are part-time in nature