

ASPLEY CHRIST CHURCH

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Registered Charity No 1156269

Aspley Christ Church – Trustees’ Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Aspley Christ Church
Charity registration number	1156269
Principal office	531 Aspley Lane Aspley Nottingham NG8 5RW
The Trustees	Mr A I Coward Mr M A Clowes Mr P K Riisnaes Mr D W Pigott Mr N Cruickshank Mr M J Walker
Independent examiner	Mr D Cottingham

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated and registered as a charity on 19th March 2014.

The Trustees are all members of the CIO. There must be a minimum of at least three trustees but there is no maximum.

Trustees are given an appropriate level of induction and training. This is dependent on the individual's requirements and knowledge of the charity's activities. All trustees are reminded of their statutory obligations and given appropriate guidance and training on their responsibilities as trustees.

The Trustees form part of a wider Leadership Team which meets 8 times a year and manages the day-to-day operations of the charity.

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the charity to:-

Mr M A Clowes	- Pastor
Mr J Bass	- Assistant Pastor to 28-2-2025
Mr A Coward	- Site Manager
Mrs K Pigott	- Administration
Mrs B Courtney	- Pastoral Worker
Mrs D E May	- Treasurer
Mrs R Hall	- Children's Worker from 1-2-2025
Mrs R Noutch	- Community Worker from 1-2-2025

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. This includes the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. These procedures are annually reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Under its constitution, the charity has the power to deposit or invest funds, employ a professional fund manager, and arrange for the investments or other property of the CIO to be held in the name of a nominee, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the trustees of a Trust are permitted to do by the Trustee Act 2000. The charity has power to employ and remunerate staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO. The CIO may employ or remunerate a charity trustee only to the extent that it is permitted to do so within the rules of the CIO or authorised by the Charity commission.

The Trustees consider key management personnel to consist of the charity Trustees. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The Trustees are the custodians of the church property.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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Aims and Objectives

The church is set up for the benefit of attenders to the church and the local community in West Nottingham and the surrounding area, in order to share the message of the Christian Faith and provide practical support and friendship. In particular those benefiting in the community are families and young people, as well as national and international missionaries and mission organisations.

Annual Report: Achievements & Progress

1. Leadership & Staffing

The past year has been a season of transition and growth for our leadership team.

- Farewell to Jon Bass: We expressed our deep gratitude to Jon Bass, our Assistant Pastor, as he moved on from his role at ACC.
- New Appointments: To address the "stretched resources" identified in our previous report, we are delighted that Ruth commenced her role as Community Worker and Beckii as Children's Worker. Their arrival marks a significant investment in our outreach and the next generation.

2. Spiritual Life & Growth

We continued to see the Lord's blessing through a growing and diversifying congregation.

- Baptisms & Membership: We celebrated numerous baptisms this year. This was accompanied by a significant number of individuals officially joining as new members.
- Discipleship: Our commitment to the Gospel remained central; we successfully ran several Christianity Explored courses, welcoming those seeking to learn more about the faith.
- Worship: We introduced Communion into the Family Service, allowing the entire church family to remember Christ's sacrifice together.

3. Community Outreach & Fellowship

Our heart for the community around Aspley remained a core priority.

- Community Fun Day: This event was exceptionally well-attended, serving as a vital bridge between the church and the local neighbourhood.
- Women Do: This ministry continued to flourish, hosting a series of successful, high-energy events that saw great attendance.
- Melbourne House: Our faithful monthly visits to Melbourne House continued, providing spiritual support and companionship to the residents.

4. Building & Safety Improvements

Following our safety audit last year, we completed several key infrastructure projects:

- Accessibility: We officially designated Disabled Parking Spaces at the front of the building to ensure all can access our services easily.
- First Floor Safety: Following the decision not to install an external fire escape, we successfully installed a Refuge Point on the first floor as part of our enhanced mitigation measures.

5. Future Outlook

- Facility Comfort: With the safety installations largely complete, our focus turned to the heating system, which still required improvement to ensure the building is comfortable for all activities.
- Resource: We were looking for an Associate Pastor to become in time the natural successor to our Pastor Martin.

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Financial Review

The financial statements were prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Income for the year amounted to £153,963 (2024: £154,035). Expenditure amounted to £146,596 (2024: £173,252) leaving a surplus of £7,367 (2024: deficit of £19,217). The cash held in the bank and at hand at the year-end was £41,951 (2024: £34,583).

The general fund had a surplus of £271 at the year end.

Expense headings in the financial statements were updated to better reflect expenditure.

A system for digital giving was introduced whereby donations can be collected by tablet & card reader.

Reserves Policy

Aspley Christ Church was established in 1931 and is currently experiencing a period of growth. The charity is a going concern and the Trustees have deemed it necessary to retain reasonable reserves for salaries, running costs and general maintenance. The agreed level of reserves that the Trustees have agreed to retain is the equivalent of 3-6 months running costs. To retain this level of reserves the Trustees will periodically discuss the balance of reserves held. The Treasurer will report any significant changes to levels of reserves to the Trustees as appropriate. If the level of reserves has dropped the Trustees will consider whether this is due to reduction of income or increase in expenditure or both and what action should be taken. The Trustees will conduct an annual risk analysis of the church's financial situation and its impact on reserves held.

This policy was adopted on 19th October 2021 and will be reviewed in January 2026.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on19/1/26..... and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:



Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **ASPLEY CHRIST CHURCH TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Aspley Christ Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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Nottingham
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Date:

14/12/25

ACC External Examiner's Accounts 2024/25 - Year Ended 31 March 2025

Summary

	In	Out		Balance 24/25	Balance 23/24
General Fund	108,183	107,912		28,322	28,051
Compassion	149	677		1,342	1,870
Orgs & Mission	24,957	24,375		183	-400
Building Fund	20,674	13,632		12,104	5,063
Total	153,963	146,596		41,951	34,584

Balance of Funds

			Cash In Hand Mar 2025	
Bal B/F 23/24	34,584		Natwest	36,074
Other Income	153,963		Co-operative	5,877
Other Expenses	146,596			
Bal C/F 24/25	41,951			41,951

General Expenditure

		24/25	23/24	22/23
Wages & Salaries		70,364	67,478	62,619
Pastor Expense			0	604
Church Worker Expense			0	544
Print & Stationery		608	905	1,305
Training & Conference		2,427	2,669	
Toddlers		239	174	3,075
Sun School		1,093	570	
Youth Work		954	6,842	
Adult Work		7,320	2,942	3,621
Visiting Speakers		1,324	1,708	916
Refreshments	Lunches etc	2,136	2,963	902
Pastoral			0	2,194
Licences & Subscriptions		6,037	5,687	4,280
Gen Building		12,802	12,581	10,948
Admin			0	605
IT		2,602	635	2,467
Total		107,906	105,154	94,080

Income

		24/25	23/24	22/23
General Fund		108,183	99,105	103,707
Compassion		149	417	3,444
Organisations & Mission		24,957	23,693	24,017
Building Fund		20,674	30,579	32,942
Youth 259ers		0	241	1,810
Total		153,963	154,035	165,920

Balance of Loans from Church Members

B/F 01/04/2024		56,500
Repaid 24/25		9,000
C/F 31/03/2025		47,500

Approved at a meeting of the trustees on 19/01/26

Signed

