

Encounter Trust Winchcombe

Charity No. 01157308

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2025

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Encounter Trust Winchcombe
Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Encounter Trust Winchcombe

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Encounter Trust Winchcombe for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 can 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Roger Moore

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Encounter Trust Winchcombe Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The charity's name is Encounter Trust Winchcombe and also operates under the name Encounter Vineyard.

Charity Registration Number: 1157308

Principal and Registered Office: Gretton Road, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Glos GL54 5EE

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

M. Bailey
A. Busby
A. Lee
M. Hayes
M. Dickie
A. Magee

Accountants

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Objectives and Activities

The main objects of the charity are:

- a) To advance Christianity in Winchcombe and elsewhere.
- b) To relieve poverty and those who are in need because of sickness or age or some other reason.
- c) To advance education within the principles of the Christian faith.
- d) To promote such other charitable objectives as the trustees, consider appropriate.

The main activity of the charity is to advance the Christian faith through the running of a church and related activities and to support mission and those in need or distress.

In planning the activities of the charitable company, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The charity's activities to advance the Christian faith and support mission and those in need or distress are available to people in the Winchcombe area and elsewhere.

Achievements and Performance

1. Introduction

This past year has been another year where we have been encouraged. We have found ourselves continuing to move forwards in what has now been a season of six plus years of continuous development for the church. This growth has been both numerical, spiritual, financial, with new ministries and increased numbers of people belonging and serving.

We have also seen our regional influence expand with more and more people being drawn from an ever-widening geographical circle.

We are grateful for our membership of The Vineyard of UK & Ireland Movement and the benefits of access to the resources they provide for resourcing and equipping. As well as being able to contribute and invest in a movement that is bigger than just us.

This past year has been another year where we have given ourselves to helping people 'Find and Follow Jesus' and have seen people find healing from the past, purpose in the present and hope for the future. A church where we have sought to welcome everyone and anyone, recognising the imperfections of us all, affirm the significance of all those who join us and believe in God's ability to bring transformation to our lives.

As always, this has been supported by all those who are Trustees, the Leadership Team, Staff, volunteers and wider church family. Some of the significant needs that we have focussed on in these areas has been growing and developing the depth of our staffing support, our leadership and our teams. We have been reviewing and appraising role profiles and matching them to our current needs

In this past year we are grateful to have continued to see growing links with our wider movement, The Vineyard UK & Ireland. We have collectively engaged in increasing numbers with their annual leader's conference, we have had a significant number of people engage in the Vineyard Leadership Essentials training course, as well a number on the Preaching Master Class.

We have continued to see strong Sunday morning celebrations, we have strengthened existing, as well as creating, new life groups. Youth and Kid's ministries have continued and developed. We have seen increased numbers at our corporate prayer gatherings (Firefall) and our training evenings (Encounter Equip). We give thanks for the growing men's and women's ministries, as well as the ministries of Lunch Café and Open Space.

We give thanks for the developing work of Healing Rooms, where we see a powerful culture of the Presence of God, as people from all around, come to be prayed for, as well the development of Sozo emerging as part of this ministry, with its emphasis on the healing of inner wounds. We also enjoyed our first Healing Rooms Retreat for the team.

In the past year have also launched termly training evenings for all those who serve in leadership within the life of the church, a new after school club for parents and children in the local community, as well as experimenting with a new gathering for our young adults.

Alongside all of this has been the blessing of finance where after a year of significant expenditure the deficit for last year was only £8,507.

We have also been encouraged by our engagement with the wider community through our Café Lunches, Family Fun, Light Parties, mid-week and weekend youth activities and Toddlers mid-week activities, engagement with other local churches and our counselling ministry. Alongside this is our investment in hosting and supporting the local Foodbank, the work of CAB and Radio Winchcombe.

There have been long-term challenges, not least with long-term absenteeism on the staffing front, as our youth worker was away with long-term sickness. However, we are grateful for all those who stepped in to 'fill gaps' and keep this ministry going. But, alongside all this, there have been additions to the staff to help nurture and support the developing worshipping life of the church as we have sought to make space for growth and multiplication.

One of the outstanding highlights for us this past year was the 'Summer of 25.' We had many different community building activities, from BBQ's to picnics, but the highlight was our first 'Church on the Farm' event, where we gathered together as a wider church family for a weekend of celebration, fun and feasting. We are so very grateful to Alex and Liz Archard, members of the church family, for letting us use their beautiful farm for this weekend.

Yet again, it has been another year where we have been reminded of the faithfulness of God and we give thanks for and celebrate what we consider to be many clear signs of grace, favour and encouragement within the life of Encounter Vineyard.

This past year has been another year for Encounter Vineyard where we have been encouraged by our continued expansion. We have found ourselves continuing to move forwards in what has now been a season of five plus years of continuous growth for the church.

We are grateful for this growth, where what we have experienced has been both numerical, spiritual, financial, with new ministries, additional staffing and increased numbers of volunteers serving.

This past year, in the light of the general decline of the wider church in the nation, we have focussed on how, together, as a church, we are faced with extraordinary possibilities and extraordinary problems. The question we have asked is 'how do we posture ourselves at such a threshold as this?' We have asked the questions: 'How are we doing?' 'What is God saying to us?' and 'Where is He leading us into the future?' We have sought to step into all we believe we have been called to.

Ultimately, it has been a year where we have been reminded once again of the faithfulness of God and we give thanks for and celebrate what we consider to be many clear signs of grace and encouragement within the life of Encounter Vineyard.

2. Mission Vision & Strategy

Our vision continues to combine our charitable objects, based on our Christian faith, the requirements of a growing and vibrant local church, and our desire to serve those around us in the community and beyond in the wider region. Wherever possible we seek to work in collaboration with others agencies in serving those who are vulnerable and in need as we collectively use the resources, we have to make a difference in the lives of others.

Charitable Aims & Activities

To advance the Christian Faith through the leadership of a church and related activities in Winchcombe and the surrounding region. To support mission and those in need or distress.

Vision, Missions Beliefs and Values

At Encounter Vineyard we believe that vision, mission, beliefs and values go hand in hand. Our vision and mission determine the direction and destination of the church, and our beliefs and values determine the culture.

Our Mission (What we exist for)

We want to create a church culture where together we Practice the Way of Jesus

We want to create a church culture where we collectively help people encounter God: find freedom from the past, purpose for the present and hope for the future

Our Vision (What it will look like)

To be a community that is devoted to Jesus, irrevocably committed to loving and supporting one another, and relentlessly dedicated to serving those in the community and beyond, as we share God's love and bring hope to those in need.

To be a community where everyone is made to feel welcome, where we recognise that nobody is perfect, but that we celebrate everyone's significance, as well as believing that anything is possible.

Our Strategy (what will make this happen)

We believe that strategy is essentially the 'roadmap' that tells us how to get from where we are to where we want to be.

Our leadership focuses primarily on what we know and believe about God, and His purpose for us, as this is the most important dimension of who we are at Encounter Vineyard. We are committed to helping people explore the spiritual side of life and the implications for the whole of life. We seek to make Encounter Vineyard a place for people in every stage of their spiritual journey...a place where people can belong even before they believe. For those who are curious, as well as those who have been part of the church for many years.

Part of our strategy is to see Encounter Vineyard's ministry become increasingly innovative, whilst remaining true to our core beliefs, that are ultimately centred in Jesus and His message as found in the Bible. We continue to seek to:

- Hear what God is saying to us
- Continue to make changes that help us move towards increasing health and effectiveness
- Equip the church for its ministry and mission
- Encourage a passion and commitment that is contagious

3. Spiritual Activity

We believe that worship and prayer set the spiritual temperature for all we do as a church. We also believe that the primary ways that we determine the spiritual health of Encounter Vineyard are through our corporate regular worship, our prayer life, belonging, our giving and our serving.

During this past year, we have once again, seen growth in all of these key areas.

Our weekly patterns of worship and engagement have enabled us to gather regularly to celebrate, teach and respond. This happens both in the building and online. Online remains a significant 'gateway' and front door for people who consider joining the church.

We have continued to see the development of our Sunday ministry and have now created more space for those who are coming to worship with us and are joining the church, by adding an evening celebration to our weekend ministry. We have invested in this by creating a part time salaried role for our worship leader. We have also been blessed with significant financial gifts that have allowed us to invest in new comfortable seating that has transformed our main place of corporate worship.

As always, we are so grateful to our volunteer teams that have helped facilitate the different dimensions of our Sunday ministry, whether in offering welcome, hospitality, leading of worship and supporting the youth and kid's teams.

Along with continued growth on Sundays we have continued to see a growing commitment to Firefall, our corporate prayer meeting. This is the 'powerhouse' of the church. We have also seen increased growth and interest in Encounter Equip, which has become an increasingly interactive and popular arena for discipleship.

We have been blessed to offer services at the key moments in people's lives, with a number of thanksgiving services, funerals, baptisms and this year for the first time in recent years, weddings!

Most of what happens here at Encounter Vineyard is only achievable as a result of the many volunteers who serve in the different areas within the life of the church. We are so grateful for each and every one of them. Whether it is serving in the many and varied ministries, the care and maintenance of the buildings and facilities or the pastoral and leadership support that is needed across the board, we are grateful to partner with so many committed members of the church family.

Once again, we can say that we live with gratitude for the significant increase in revenue streams that have made much of what we're attempting to do possible. We have had another fruitful gift day, as well as increased regular giving, which has meant that we have been able to expand the work that we believe that God has called us to do.

Because we have ever-increasing numbers joining the church and our increased giving, we now have finances that allow us to have reserves that are in line with our reserves policy, allowing for wise and prudent fiscal control. We give thanks that we are a debt free church, as well as having buildings and facilities that are being continually upgraded, cared for and invested in.

No 9 Counselling continues to be offered to those in the community and beyond, who want to go on a journey of self-exploration, in the context of a safe environment. It is run by one of the Pastors who is a Person-Centred Integrative Counsellor and Spiritual Director.

We have had many encouragements to reflect on during this past year as we have focussed on the theme of 'Embracing the Awakening.' As we keep moving forward, we will do so with an ever-increasing conviction that we exist to bring hope and illumination to those who are in need of hope. In many ways we recognise that we are only just 'scratching the surface' of what we are called to do, but we remain committed to leaning into our vision of seeing lives being transformed and changed as audaciously and creatively as we possibly can.

We know that we are called to continue growing and expanding and that we will need to continue to invest in what we would call future 'kingdom growth.'

4. Community Benefit

We understand that our calling on our church is to go beyond just serving inside the walls of Encounter Vineyard. We are constantly looking for opportunities to celebrate all that is good in the region and to honour God by serving others around us. Through our commitment to the local community and the wider region we aim to bring hope and help to those around us, as well as expressing the heart of all that matters to us at Encounter Vineyard.

Over the past year we have continued to invest in our community and regional involvement. Our buildings have been used most days of the week, with many hundreds of people regularly using the facilities, many of whom are not Church members. Once again, we have seen more people pass through our doors and engage in our activities than the year before.

The following is a list of the activities or events that we have run, support or sponsor:

Events run by the Trust:

- Sparklers Toddler Groups
- Encounter Youth
- Encounter Kids
- Encounter Family Fun
- Encounter Light Party
- Alpha Courses
- Encounter Equip
- Firefall
- Seasonal celebrations
- Sunday celebrations
- Online ministry
- Women's Breakfasts
- Women's: Life Line
- Women's: Coffee & Co
- Women's: Social events
- Encounter Craft (art and sewing)
- Men's Breakfast's
- Men's: Social events
- Wider Church Family events
- Weekend at the Farm

Events/activities that we have supported/sponsored:

- North Cotswold Foodbank
- CAB
- Hope for Justice
- International Justice Mission
- Is61
- CAP
- Winchcombe Music and Arts Festival
- Winchcombe County Fair
- Wingreen Town
- Winchcombe School Counselling Service
- Radio Winchcombe – community radio recording studio based in our premises
- Churches Together Winchcombe

5. Partnerships

Like many churches we recognise the importance of collaboration. We recognise that we can accomplish more through co-operation than competition. Practically working with others, where possible, helps us concentrate more of our resources on impacting the community and region around us and less on maintenance. It allows us to have a national and international engagement. It allows us to share expertise, be developed, and avoid unnecessary duplication.

During the past year we have collaborated with:

- Churches Together in Winchcombe
- Winchcombe Town Council
- Winchcombe Sports Hall
- Mid Cotswold Evangelical Fellowship
- North Cotswold Foodbank
- CAP - a debt management project
- Compassion – child support charity
- Hope for Justice
- International Justice Ministry
- Open Doors – persecuted church
- Tewkesbury Borough Council
- British Legion
- Winchcombe Mini VIP's
- Winchcombe Abbey Primary School
- Winchcombe School
- Winchcombe Medical Centre
- Winchcombe British Legion
- Vineyard UK
- Overseas Mission Partners
- Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Winchcombe NHS Social Prescribers

6. Conclusion

In what has been another year of blessing for us we give thanks for all that has happened, especially the growth that we have experienced on a number of fronts. We recognise the outstanding contribution of all those who have served in so many different ways. We give thanks for all those who have given their time, their resources and their energy, in allowing us to achieve all that we have been able to achieve.

As we look to the future, we do so with excitement and with confidence. We will continue to explore and investigate the many different ways that we believe are before us as we seek to achieve our charitable objectives, step into our mission and fulfil our vision.

Investment Policy

1. The maintenance and enhancement of capital at least in line with inflation over the long term.
2. To obtain a reasonable balance between capital growth and income so that the Charity can meet future as well as current needs.
3. To avoid any investment that is unduly risky.

Financial Review

The total income for the year was £291,870 (2024: £318,103) and total expenditure on charitable activities amounted to £305,160 (2024: £298,124). The balance on unrestricted funds at the year-end was £90,603 (2024: £99,783) and restricted funds £1,005 (2024: £332).

Reserves Policy as at 31 August 2025

The charity trustees have reviewed the reserves available to the charity and have concluded that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be not less than 3 months of discretionary expenditure including that required to satisfy contractual commitments to staff members and provide working capital for growth as the charity continues to develop.

The current reserves amount to just over £70,000 (between 2 and 3 months) and are invested in a range of fixed interest and equity instruments selected to be readily available if required.

Our declared aspiration is to increase this level of reserves to £78,000 as and when operational funds permit.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Encounter Trust Winchcombe is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. It is a charitable incorporated organisation and was formed under a Deed of Trust dated 4th June 2014.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees keep the composition of the board under review and will seek to appoint additional members with appropriate skills and expertise should the need arise. Interested parties are given details of the background of the charitable company in order to make them aware of current activities.

To be eligible for appointment trustees must be 16 years or over and subscribe to the Statement of Beliefs. Two members of the leadership team will also serve as trustees and all trustees except for the senior pastor are selected by the leadership team in consultation with existing trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Encounter Trust Winchcombe
Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


[Mark Bailey \(Nov 19, 2025 12:32:24 GMT\)](#)

M. Bailey
Trustee

Encounter Trust Winchcombe
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	268,923	1,346	270,269	287,244
Investments	4	634	-	634	910
Other trading activities	5	20,967	-	20,967	29,949
Total		290,524	1,346	291,870	318,103
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	302,817	2,343	305,160	298,124
Total		302,817	2,343	305,160	298,124
Net income/(Loss)		(12,293)	(997)	(13,290)	19,979
Transfers between funds		(1,670)	1,670	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		(13,963)	673	(13,290)	19,979
Other gains and losses					
Net gain/losses on investments		4,783	-	4,783	3,276
Net movement in funds		(9,180)	673	(8,507)	23,255
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		99,783	332	100,115	76,860
Total funds carried forward		90,603	1,005	91,608	100,115

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 August 2025

Charity No. 01157308		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	624	1,841
Investments	11	72,760	37,855
Total fixed assets		73,384	39,696
Current assets			
Debtors	12	689	689
Cash at bank and in hand		29,537	71,618
Total current assets		30,226	72,307
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	13	12,002	11,888
Net current assets		18,224	60,419
Total assets less current liabilities		91,608	100,115
Total net assets	14	91,608	100,115
The funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted income funds	15	90,603	99,783
Restricted funds	15	1,005	332
Total charity funds		91,608	100,115

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Bailey

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M. Bailey
Trustee

Encounter Trust Winchcombe
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds -	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds -	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds -	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds -	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income -	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure -	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies -	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts -	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities -	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

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Volunteer help -	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income -	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets -	This includes and gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets -	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure -	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds -	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities -	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable -	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus and accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs -	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure -	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to charity.

Encounter Trust Winchcombe
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025

2 Statement of Financial Activities – prior year

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	282,611	4,633	287,244
Investments	910	-	910
Other trading activities	29,949	-	29,949
Total	313,470	4,633	318,103
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	293,349	4,775	298,124
Total	293,349	4,775	298,124
Net income	20,121	(142)	19,979
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)	20,121	(142)	19,979
Other gains and losses			
Net gain/losses on investments	3,276	-	3,276
Net movement in funds	23,397	(142)	23,255
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	76,386	474	76,860
Total funds carried forward	99,783	332	100,115

3 Income from donations and legacies

	2025 £	2024 £
Tithes, offerings and grants	219,192	236,488
Gift aid tax refunds	51,077	50,756
Total	270,269	287,244

Of the £270,269 received in 2025 (2024: £287,244) £1,346 was restricted funds (2024: £4,633) and £268,923 (2024: £282,611) unrestricted funds.

The charity benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts
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4 Income from investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Lloyds bank interest	342	743
Kingdom bank interest	171	167
Return on investments	121	-
Total	634	910

5 Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church events and other income	17,682	26,829
Rental income	3,285	3,120
Total	20,967	29,949

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ministry support	187,966	170,913
Gift and donations	3,900	9,182
Motor, travel, pastoral and entertainment	5,054	4,511
Sundry expenditure	8,232	6,043
Conferences, training and event costs	12,924	10,823
Food and drink	2,687	4,023
Book, tapes and resources	3,644	4,129
Property costs	42,004	51,039
Depreciation	1,420	1,844
Administration	35,457	33,817
Accountancy	1,872	1,800
Total	305,160	298,124

Of the £305,160 expenditure in 2025 (2024: £298,124) £302,817 was charged to unrestricted funds (2024: £293,349) and £2,343 to restricted funds (2024: £4,775).

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for the year ended 31 August 2025

7 Analysis of staff costs and trustee remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	167,570	148,077
Employer's national insurance	8,935	12,859
Employer contribution to Pension Scheme	7,745	7,136
Total	184,250	168,072

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

During the year the Trustees, and their related parties, received remuneration from the charity as permitted by the Trust deed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
M Bailey (Trustee):		
Salary	50,895	48,408
Employer's national insurance	6,239	5,425
Employer contribution to Pension Scheme	2,545	2,420
	59,679	56,253
	£	£
K Bailey (Non-Trustee related party):		
Salary	40,715	33,216
Employer's national insurance	4,782	3,329
Employer contribution to Pension Scheme	2,036	1,661
	47,533	38,206

During the year the trustees and their spouses and key management personnel donated £33,100 to the charity in total (2024: £23,853) and were reimbursed motor and other expenses of £5,304 (2024: £3,217).

8 Staff numbers

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Church management	6	5

9 Related party transactions

Encounter Trust Winchcombe is the sole trustee of the Matilda Swinburne Trust which has legal ownership of the church building and No 9 Gretton Road both of which are used by Encounter Trust Winchcombe at no extra cost.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost:			
As at 01.09.2024	55,004	41,566	96,570
Additions	-	203	203
As at 31.08.2025	<u>55,004</u>	<u>41,769</u>	<u>96,773</u>
Depreciation:			
As at 01.09.2024	54,470	40,259	94,729
Charge for year	534	1,186	1,720
As at 31.08.2025	<u>55,004</u>	<u>41,445</u>	<u>96,449</u>
Net book value:			
As at 31.08.2025	<u>0</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>324</u>
As at 31.08.2024	<u>534</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>1,841</u>

11 Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value of investments at 1 st September	37,855	14,580
Purchases at cost	30,000	19,999
Interest income	121	-
Movement in market value – unrealised gain/(loss)	<u>4,784</u>	<u>3,276</u>
Market value of investments at 31 st August	<u>72,760</u>	<u>37,855</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	<u>689</u>	<u>689</u>
Total	<u>689</u>	<u>689</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	36	2,147
Accruals	1,872	1,800
Other creditors	4,054	2,158
Taxation and social security costs	6,040	5,783
Total	12,002	11,888

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	624	-	624
Investments	72,760	-	72,760
Cash at bank and in hand	28,532	1,005	29,537
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(11,313)	-	(11,313)
Total	90,603	1,005	91,608

15 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance 01.09.2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Funds 31.08.2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Dorcas fund	300	-	-	(300)	-
Restricted giving:					
Life Line	382	1,271	(1,063)	300	890
Kintsugi donations	60	60	(5)	-	115
Stacey Speight	(10)	-	(623)	633	-
Peter Wiles	(400)	-	-	400	-
International Justice Mission	-	-	(150)	150	-
Isaiah 61 Movement	-	-	(360)	360	-
Other	-	15	(142)	127	-
Total	332	1,346	(2,343)	1,670	1,005

The restricted funds are for specific projects in the church's activities and pastoral care. Funding deficits are covered by transfers in from unrestricted funds.

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Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance 01.09.2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Unrealised gain	Funds 31.08.2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	99,783	290,524	(302,817)	4,783	92,273
Transfers	-	-	(1,670)	-	(1,670)
Total	<u>99,783</u>	<u>290,524</u>	<u>(304,487)</u>	<u>4,783</u>	<u>90,603</u>

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purpose of the fund
General fund	The 'free reserves' after allowing for all designated funds

16 Other financial commitments

The charity has a lease for the rental of a printer at a cost of £201 per quarter. At 31st August 2025 £1,213 remains outstanding. (2024: £2,017).

17 Independent examination fees

Beaufort Chancery Limited Chartered Accountants continued their appointment as independent examiner during the year.

Fees were payable as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination	312	300
Accountancy services	1,560	1,500
Total	<u>1,872</u>	<u>1,800</u>

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	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Tithes, offerings and grants	219,192	236,488
Tax refunds	51,077	50,756
Rental income	3,285	3,120
Other income and church events	17,682	26,829
Interest	634	910
Total Income	<u>291,870</u>	<u>318,103</u>
Expenditure		
Ministry		
Ministry support and salaries	187,966	170,913
General Giving	3,900	9,182
Motor, travel, pastoral and entertainment	5,054	4,511
Sundry expenses and fees	8,232	6,043
Conferences, training and event costs	12,924	10,823
Food and drink	2,687	4,023
Books, tapes and resources	3,644	4,129
	<u>224,407</u>	<u>209,624</u>
Property		
Rent and utilities	11,385	10,820
Repairs and maintenance	22,739	32,839
Insurance	3,518	3,324
Cleaning and hygiene	4,362	4,056
	<u>42,004</u>	<u>51,039</u>
Management and Administration		
Depreciation	1,420	1,844
Printing, postage, stationery, advertising and computer cost	9,501	9,996
Telephone	7,815	6,303
Accountancy	1,872	1,800
Legal and professional services	1,084	2,964
Administration services	3,495	3,327
Subscriptions and licenses	1,933	1,249
Vineyard	10,500	9,000
Bank charges	1,129	978
	<u>38,749</u>	<u>37,461</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>305,160</u>	<u>298,124</u>
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	4,783	3,276
Total funds carried forward	<u>(8,507)</u>	<u>23,255</u>











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