

Charity Registration number: 1159137

**CHURCH ALIVE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025
(A charitable incorporated organisation)**

AUKER RHODES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LLP

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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CHURCH ALIVE

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER : 1159137

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT : Registered CIO dated 10 November 2014

TRUSTEES : Andrew Northcott
Anna Greathead
Harry Naylor
Ruth Pedzai
Alan Wickens
Phuong Quynh Ng Richards appointed on 16-10-24
Peter Mullins appointed on 16-10-24

TRUST OBJECTIVES : The advancement of the Christian Faith

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS : The Hope Centre
3 Ledbury Close
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER : R. J. Kenyon FCA
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CHURCH ALIVE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

OBJECTIVES, ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was registered on 10 November 2014. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in England (No:1159137).

The principal address of the Charity is The Hope Centre, 3 Ledbury Close, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 8RR.

The objectives of the Charity are to advance and promote the Christian faith; the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, or who are aged or sick; the advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served during the year were:-

Paul Clague	resigned on 30-04-24
Andrew Northcott	
Anna Greathead	
Harry Naylor	
Ruth Pedzai	
Alan Wickens	
Phuong Quynh Ng Richards	appointed on 16-10-24
Peter Mullins	appointed on 16-10-24

AGENTS AND ADVISERS

The Independent Examiner is Mr. R. J. Kenyon FCA, of Auker Rhodes Professional Services LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors of Yeadon.

The bank account of the Charity is maintained at the Co-operative Bank.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Initiatives intended to achieve the charity's objectives have been designed and implemented to benefit all people in the community, regardless of faith or religious affiliations.

Sunday morning meetings are open to the public who are welcome to attend. The website gives details of the venue and meeting times. Other activities for children, church members and the community take place from time to time. In particular, the church runs a number of regular meetings for Bible study, prayer and fellowship as well as groups to support those with mental health challenges and meeting other needs identified within the community.

We take up special offerings for known cases of hardship, or activities supporting Christian Bible education and young children's ministry which are supplemented from general funds when necessary.

The trustees remain profoundly grateful for the generosity of the church family who give both their time and money, enabling our activities and the meeting of needs. Gift Aid continues to be a great help for which we are thankful.

Over this year we have continued our relationship with LifeLink Global both for spiritual and practical purposes and as a result of this relationship, we have raised money for projects in Africa. Going forward into 2025/26 we intend to formalise our connection with the Catalyst network of churches for future oversight and spiritual support. We are grateful for the years of support we have received from LifeLink Global.

Plans for next year also include a residential trip for our youth, for which fundraising is in progress.

We continue to liaise and work with other local churches and agencies (including Karis Neighbour Scheme) to develop understanding and support initiatives in the local community.

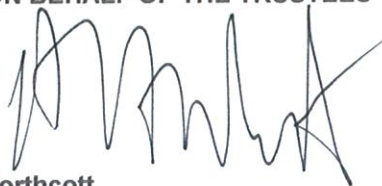
The trustees have taken an active interest in the proposed redevelopment of Ladywood as it potentially has an impact on our privately owned office building. We have participated fully in the Council's ongoing consultation process and will seek independent advice as the plans becomes clearer.

The Charity does not have any related charities. The Charity has links with another Christian charity, Lifelink Global, which may be regarded as a co-operating charity.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFAIRS

Full details of the financial transactions are contained in the attached accounts and the total receipts for the period were £101,206 (2024 : £105,327) and after deducting payments of £98,899 (2024 : £108,650) the net incoming resources were £2,307 as compared with net outgoing resources of £3,323 in 2024.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



Andrew Northcott
Trustee
27-January-2026

STATEMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report 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 & Wales 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 of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 2011, 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 of fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE CHURCH COMMITTEE OF
CHURCH ALIVE**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF 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 (the 2011 Act), 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; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In the course of 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 Acthave 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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27 January 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	3	98,159	1,815	99,974	103,412
Investment Income	4	1,232	-	1,232	1,916
		<u>99,391</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>101,206</u>	<u>105,328</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities					
Grants payable	5	17,822	1,941	19,763	20,121
Costs of activities	6	72,163	-	72,163	70,725
Support costs	7	6,973	-	6,973	17,804
		<u>96,958</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>98,899</u>	<u>108,650</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>96,958</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>98,899</u>	<u>108,650</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,433	(126)	2,307	(3,322)
Net transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>2,433</u>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>2,307</u>	<u>(3,322)</u>
Balances at 1 April 2024		110,568	671	111,239	114,561
Balances at 31 March 2025		<u>113,001</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>113,546</u>	<u>111,239</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classified as continuing.

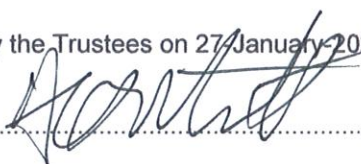
The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds 31 March 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	9	36,896	-	36,896	38,126
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	15,886	-	15,886	28,769
Cash in hand		62,406	545	62,951	47,161
		<u>78,292</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>78,837</u>	<u>75,930</u>
CREDITORS: amounts due					
within one year	11	(2,189)	-	(2,189)	(2,819)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>76,103</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>76,648</u>	<u>73,111</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>112,999</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>113,544</u>	<u>111,237</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>112,999</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>113,544</u>	<u>111,237</u>
RESERVES					
Brought forward		110,566	671	111,237	114,561
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources		2,433	(126)	2,307	(3,324)
Balances carried forward		<u>112,999</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>113,544</u>	<u>111,237</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2026

Andrew Northcott (Trustee)



The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. General information

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was registered on 10 November 2014.

The address of its registered office is

The Hope Centre

3 Ledbury Close

Ladywood

Birmingham

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2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are the more important Accounting Policies adopted by the Charity:

a) ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued March 2018 and the Charities Act 2011.

b) ACCRUALS BASIS

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis where income from donations and gifts and expenditure is brought into account when receivable or due.

c) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is charged on fixed assets to write off the cost over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Building - 2% straight line

PA Equipment - Fully depreciated

d) FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are general funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restriction imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Grant receivable (inc. recov. tax)	17,119	1,815	18,934	18,335
Special offerings	7,710	-	7,710	7,221
Regular Giving / Tithes	73,330	-	73,330	77,856
	<u>98,159</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>99,974</u>	<u>103,412</u>

4. INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Bank Interest	982	-	982	967
Other income	250	-	250	948
	<u>1,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>1,915</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Lifelink Global	8,960	-	8,960	8,021
Relief and Development	1,612	126	1,738	3,591
Other Grants	7,250	1,815	9,065	8,509
	<u>17,822</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>19,763</u>	<u>20,121</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

6. COSTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Accommodation	21,369	-	21,369	19,950
Children and Youth	342	-	342	506
Conferences	115	-	115	155
Food & Drink	203	-	203	352
Mission & Travel	-	-	-	1,563
Outreach & Hospitality etc	294	-	294	382
Pastoral Services	49,840	-	49,840	47,817
	<u>72,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,163</u>	<u>70,725</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Computer and website	587	-	587	1,285
Depreciation	1,230	-	1,230	1,230
Insurance & Licenses	1,305	-	1,305	1,532
Legal and professional fees	1,176	-	1,176	1,327
Mileage & Travel	292	-	292	378
Printing, Postage, Stationery	41	-	41	26
Repairs and Maintenance	283	-	283	10,063
Sundry Expenses	12	-	12	74
Training Courses & Materials	64	-	64	306
Utilities - heat & light etc	1,983	-	1,983	1,583
	<u>6,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,973</u>	<u>17,804</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
Ministry remuneration	45,897	43,277
	<u>45,897</u>	<u>43,277</u>

One trustee, Andrew Northcott, was engaged in remunerated ministry during the year. The amount paid to them in respect of ministry fees and expenses during the year, in accordance with the trust deed was £45,897 (2024: £43,277). No other payments were made to any trustees during the year.

9. FIXED ASSETS

	The Hope Centre Buildings £	PA Equipment £	Total £
Cost at 1 April 2024	61,492	29,158	90,650
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-
Cost at 31 March 2025	<u>61,492</u>	<u>29,158</u>	<u>90,650</u>
Depreciation at 1 April 2024	23,366	29,158	52,524
Depreciation charge	1,230	-	1,230
Depreciation on Disposals	-	-	-
On Revaluation	-	-	-
Depreciation at 31 March 2025	<u>24,596</u>	<u>29,158</u>	<u>53,754</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2025	<u>36,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,896</u>
Net book value at 31 March 2024	<u>38,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,126</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

10. DEBTORS	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
Other Debtors	15,886	28,769
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	<u><u>15,886</u></u>	<u><u>28,769</u></u>
11. CREDITORS : amounts due within one year	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
Accrued Expenses	2,189	2,819
	<u>2,189</u>	<u>2,819</u>
	<u><u>2,189</u></u>	<u><u>2,819</u></u>

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (General) Regulations 2012, that at year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

12. RESERVES

As at 31 March 2025 there were restricted funds £545 (2024 : £671) and unrestricted funds £112,999 (2024 : £110,566).

13. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Church was controlled by the Trustees throughout the current and previous year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Year ended 31 March 2025		Year ended 31 March 2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grant receivable (Income Tax recoverable)	17,119		17,550	
O2H Grant	1,815		785	
Special offerings	7,710		7,221	
Regular Giving / Tithes	73,330		77,856	
Bank Interest	982		967	
Other income	250		947	
		101,206		105,326
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Lifelink Global	8,960		8,021	
Relief and Development	1,738		3,591	
Other Grants	9,065		8,509	
Accommodation	21,369		19,950	
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Legal and professional fees	1,176		1,327	
Mileage & Travel	292		378	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	41		26	
Repairs and Maintenance	283		10,063	
Sundry Expenses	12		74	
Training Courses & Materials	64		306	
Utilities. Electric,Gas,Water,Rates	1,983		1,583	
		98,899		108,650
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		2,307		(3,324)
Balance at 1 April 2024		111,237		114,561
Balance at 31 March 2025		<u>113,544</u>		<u>111,237</u>