

City Church Chester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 28 February 2025

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CITY CHURCH CHESTER
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	City Church Chester 11 Sheldon Avenue Vicars Cross Chester CH3 5LF
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 2012, amended October 2014
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1159254
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jonathan Keegan Matthew Chilvers Luke Cassell Phil Jones
BANKERS	HSBC
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CITY CHURCH CHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of City Church Chester ('the charity') for the year ended 28 February 2025 on pages 3 to 5 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Archie McDowall

Archie McDowall (Jul 21, 2025 12:07 GMT+1)

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Date: Jul 21, 2025

CITY CHURCH CHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts					
Donations, legacies and grants		20,826	4,712	25,538	28,305
Gift aid receipts		3,925		3,925	4,770
		<u>24,751</u>	<u>4,712</u>	<u>29,463</u>	<u>33,075</u>
Total receipts		<u>24,751</u>	<u>4,712</u>	<u>29,463</u>	<u>33,075</u>
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	23,568	-	23,568	20,242
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,928	7,403	13,331	10,817
		<u>29,496</u>	<u>7,403</u>	<u>36,899</u>	<u>31,059</u>
Total payments		<u>29,496</u>	<u>7,403</u>	<u>36,899</u>	<u>31,059</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(4,745)	(2,691)	(7,436)	2,016
Transfers between funds	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(5,745)</u>	<u>(1,691)</u>	<u>(7,436)</u>	<u>2,016</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		10,859	1,665	12,525	10,509
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>5,114</u>	<u>(26)</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>12,525</u>

The notes on page 5 form part of these accounts.

CITY CHURCH CHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds				
Cash at bank	5,017	- 26	4,991	12,428
Petty cash	97	-	97	97
	<u>5,114</u>	<u>- 26</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>12,525</u>
B Other monetary assets				
Gift aid due to charity	2,134	325	2,459	3,580
	<u>2,134</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>2,459</u>	<u>3,580</u>
C Liabilities				
Fee for Independent Examination	936	-	936	912
	<u>936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>912</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use				Current value £
Equipment				<u>14,000</u>
				<u>14,000</u>
Current values have been estimated by the trustees.				

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by J Keegan date Jul 11, 2025
J Keegan (Jul 11, 2025 11:58 GMT+1)
Jonathan Keegan

The notes on page 5 form part of these accounts.

CITY CHURCH CHESTER
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Rent	5,920	-	5,920	5,310
Pastoral Services (Note 4)	8,960	-	8,960	7,520
Insurance	402	-	402	321
Support services	1,757	-	1,757	1,877
Church activities	4,079	-	4,079	3,616
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	1,538	-	1,538	698
Independent examination	912	-	912	900
	<u>23,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,568</u>	<u>20,242</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Organisations:				
Avail Grace	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Mission Life Grace	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Homeless Drop in	1,100	180	1,280	625
Les Wheeldon	-	412	412	1,353
India Mission	1,000	2,511	3,511	-
Rora Christian fellowship	1,000	-	1,000	-
Campbell Hall Repairs	-	3,500	3,500	-
Other organisations < £1,000	240	550	790	478
Ukraine Offering - Baptist Church of Poland	-	-	-	500
Individuals	188	250	438	5,462
	<u>5,928</u>	<u>7,403</u>	<u>13,331</u>	<u>10,817</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

The charity does not have any employees.

Matthew Chilvers, a Trustee, was paid a consultancy fee of £8,960 (2024: £7,520) for Pastoral Services. This payment is permitted by the Charity's governing document.

No amounts were paid, or are payable, to any other trustee or to any person connected to them.

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 29 Feb 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 Feb 2025 £
General funds	10,859	24,751	(29,496)	- 1,000	5,114
Restricted funds					
One Way Mission: Les Wheeldon	-	412	(412)	-	-
Campbell Hall Repairs	-	2,500	(3,500)	1,000	-
Foodbank Fund	15	-	-	-	15
Teen Challenge	550	-	(550)	-	-
Offering for India	850	1,650	(2,511)	-	11
Other	250	150	(430)	-	30
	<u>1,665</u>	<u>4,712</u>	<u>(7,403)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>26</u>
Total funds	<u>12,524</u>	<u>29,463</u>	<u>(36,899)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,088</u>

The One Way Mission: Les Wheeldon is funds restricted for a gift from the One Way Mission to Les Wheeldon for his visit to Finland to visit the one way Mission

The Campbell Hall Repairs funds are funds donated towards the repairs needed on Campbell Hall

The Foodbank Fund is funds donated for use by the Foodbank

Teen Challenge is funds restricted for use of Teen Challenge general charitable fund

Offering for India are donations which are restricted for the work of Geoff Brown in his support of the Indian Pastors network.

Other restricted funds are for smaller donations given for specific charitable purposes



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 1st March 2024

To: 28th February 2025

Charity name: City Church Chester

Charity registration number: 1159254

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in Chester, the UK and the world as the Trustees see fit(b) Advancement of the education of the public in the Christian faith in Chester, the UK and the world as the Trustees see fit(c) To relieve persons in need financially, physically or mentally in Chester(d) To promote other charitable purposes beneficial to the community and the public generally
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The current activities of the Charity in relation to the Objects are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Maintaining a place of Worship and weekly worship meetings fully open to the public. Meetings are held on Sunday mornings at Campbell Community Hall and during the week in people's homes. Sunday School and creche are also run weekly to serve the children of the church and the public.(b) Preaching and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and engaging in evangelism and missionary activities. This is outworked through outreach events and one on one relational evangelism(c) Providing pastoral care to those attending the church and giving

		<p>spiritual and practical help to such persons and members of the public. The Elders of the church provide this along with those running Student Work for the pastoral support of students at Chester University. One of the Elder's also chairs the Advisory Committee for the CU along with other church leaders in Chester.</p> <p>(d) Providing financial or practical help to people suffering from financial need or the effects of sickness or disability. This happens as and when the Trustees see fit.</p> <p>(e) Providing facilities for members of the church and the public with the object of improving their health and/or quality of life. This happens specifically at Homeless Drop and visiting parisoners.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers form an integral part of the work of City Church Chester. There are no employees of the Charity and all activities happen as a result of the dedication and commitment of members of the Church who act as Volunteers in multiple areas of the Charitable work. This includes volunteers in the areas of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School, • Homeless ministry, • Pastoral Team, • Welcome Team, • Tech Teams, • Women's & Men's Bible Study Leaders, • Community and church Lunches, • Foodbank Co-ordinators, • Children's Buddys, • Administration; and • Worship teams.
Other		

Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The Charity income for 2024-25 was £29,463.00 including restricted gifts. This was a small reduction on the previous year but the charity is maintaining itself and there are no concerns as to the ongoing capacity of the charity.(b) We are continuing to welcome new church members and baptising new christians(c) There are two Sunday School groups 2-6 year olds and 6 upwards.(d) The Charity still gives to the local foodbank weekly and is in good contact with the local foodbanks maintaining a list of the most required items.(e) The giving to Missionary's abroad continued this year to India and the Avail Missionaries in Thailand.(f) The giving to those in financial hardship has also increased specifically to Teen Challenge.(g) The Homeless drop in continues to be very well attended and there are many volunteers from City Church who help with this.(h) Connect Groups and Community groups continue to thrive and an extra day time group has been started.(i) In terms of worship, City has connected with another church in the City to host Joint Worship evenings on Sunday evenings. This has been a great display of unity in the city(j) An evangelistic event is planned with Rico Tice in June of 2025.
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		(k) We are planning to welcome other missionaries from the Avail charity

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The total funds held at the end of the year are £ 5,088.00 . The Trustees intention is to continue to use the general funds that are in excess of the reserve to increase giving to missionaries and missional work in Chester, Nationally and abroad.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves are held to be able to give to various national, international and local charitable causes as and when required.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Charity keeps a reserve of £2,500.00 and has never gone below the reserve amount since the reserve was made. This reserve has been reviewed and is being kept at £2,500.00 for the next year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	There are various monthly outgoings such as rent, website etc that must be paid every month so a reserve is required in the event that the monthly giving dropped dramatically for some reason in order that those contracts/leases could be paid as required until the contract/lease could be ended.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no concerns in this respect. If any issue arise the Trustees will deal with the uncertainty as it arises.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.47	
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)		
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Trust deed dated February 2012 as amended by deed dated October 2014
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	Trust deed
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.	Para 1.25	Every Trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution of the Trustees

election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		passed at a special meeting (under Clause 15 of the Trust Deed)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	City Church Chester
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Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1159254
Charity's principal address	11 Sheldon Avenue, Vicars Cross, Chester, CH3 5LF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matthew Chilvers	Chair		
2	Jonathan Keegan			
3	Luke Cassell			
4	Phil Jones			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others – N/A

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	<div>P Jones</div> <div><small>P Jones (Jul 14, 2025 07:11 GMT+1)</small></div>	<div>J Keegan</div> <div><small>J Keegan (Jul 11, 2025 11:58 GMT+1)</small></div>
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Full name(s)	Philip Jones	Jonathan Keegan
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	Jul 11, 2025	