

Activities and Achievements

Weekly Saturday & Sunday Meetings

All of our weekly meetings in 2024 have been growing steadily. With our weekly attendances in London, Bristol and Edinburgh growing in numbers. Our service in London continues to be live-streamed on to Youtube for members living outside the areas of our outreach or face challenges with accessibility.

By the end of the year our weekly physical attendance was averaging about 130 people every weekend. We continue to have success in reaching a growing number of international students who are new to the UK. This includes local under & post graduate students and those from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines, Hong Kong, China and Mauritius to name a few. We also have more students getting jobs and graduating into young working adults in our church, many naturalising into permanent residents.

Our weekly meetings are open to all and feature a lively contemporary Christian worship experience which incorporates modern hymns, prayers, preaching and teaching from the Bible and inter-personal relationship building over meals after the service.

Our aim is to provide an avenue for Christians to worship and grow their faith. And members of the public curious about faith to discover and learn more about Jesus and the hope that God promises in this life and eternity next. We encourage our members to make positive contributions to society by living out the teachings of Christ daily. Many have reported the Christian faith as a key factor in them thriving spiritually, mentally and emotionally amidst the challenges of daily life.

Audio recordings of our weekly sermons are available for free public listening on websites like Sound Cloud and mobile apps like Apple Podcast and Spotify.

This has been very helpful in our outreach of those living in UK who are unable to find local Christian support. The listener feedback to this has been encouraging.

Small Group Meetings

In order, to give members a better understanding of the Bible and create a closer bond with each other, we host small mid-week meetings in 10 locations across our cities on Wednesday nights, where questions on faith can be asked and answered in a relaxed environment. Our small groups usually take place in the flats and houses of our church members.

The small groups usually start with a meal together, followed by a Bible study lead by lay-leaders from our congregation and ending in prayer.

Members in all locations also meet fortnightly for Prayer Meetings on Tuesday nights, we meet to pray for each other. As well as God's peace, blessing and protection over the UK, governmental institutions and other current events happening nationally or internationally.

Public Evangelism

To raise awareness of Christianity among the public, our church launched a series of talks online using materials from "Alpha", a widely used evangelism resource. We ran this 10-week

course twice in 2024 and it led to many new friends discovering Christianity. This year, the course was attended by about 25 people.

We have also hosted a series of apologetic talks in person during our Sunday meetings, helping people learn the difference between Christianity and Islam and other topics like the problem of evil. These were very popularly attended.

In 2024, we also set up booths at the Fresher's Fair of 4 major universities: King's College, Imperial College and City University and University College London to engage with new students and talk to them about issues relating to faith, church and life.

Helping The Homeless

With homelessness on the rise in the UK, our church has been actively helping those in need by lending them our ears, praying with them and giving out parcels with food, toiletries, socks and gloves. This was a coordinated work across our locations in London, Bristol and Edinburgh during Easter and the winter months.

Helping Young Couples

Our church has also started running relationship enrichment sessions for dating and married couples. To help strengthen relationships and encouraging healthy marriages.

We have also started offering Pre-Marriage Counselling for engaged couples who are stepping into marriage. Our church continues to be committed to healthy marriages.

Welcoming New Students

In our commitment to help students adapt to life in the UK, combat homesickness and improve their mental health, the church has organised free lunches and dinners after our weekly worship services during the start of new semesters in September and October. We encourage our students to invite their friends along, especially those who have never been to church to experience the blessing of Christian hospitality.

We also organise guided tours around the city to help students navigate their new surroundings.

Helping Young Working Adults

As the number of our working adults grow, we have also started organising quarterly networking events called "Connect", to support them and help them thrive in their respective industries. We have people working in the following sectors: public, banking, finance, legal, tech, fashion, medical, research and education. During these meetings, we touch on issues of work-life balance, career growth, finances, discrimination and how to live out the teachings of Jesus by being salt & light in their marketplaces.

Church Weekend Away

We continue to organise annual combined church weekend aways called the Acts UK Getaway. This year it was held at the Dalesdown Christian Centre in Horsham, West Sussex from the 15th to 17th November 2024.

This year we had a total of 130 members joining, including young working adults and university students from London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Southampton and Nottingham.

Every year during this spiritual retreat we encourage our members and friends to escape from the city, stop talking about work, rest, play, eat and deepen our faith in God. We believe this is so important in order to grow in our love for Jesus and our love for others.

Easter and Christmas Celebrations

For 21-days leading up to the Easter weekend, the church enters into a season of prayer and fasting. We encourage people to give to Christian Missionary needs in countries outside of the UK. Good Friday was celebrated by ministering to the poor and our Easter Sunday services were open to all.

Our usual in-person Christmas Service on the 24th of December had to be done via online streaming this year due to our various meeting venues being closed due to the Bank Holidays.

Water Baptisms

We baptised 8 adults in 2024. Our efforts in sharing the gospel and making disciples in accordance to the teachings of Jesus continue to bear good fruit.

Volunteers

Except for Pastor David Yeow's involvement, all our activities are supported by other lay-leaders and volunteers from our congregation who give of their time and talents freely. We encourage all our members to volunteer at our weekly meetings as an expression of our Christian witness.

Registered Charity No: 1159704

Acts London

Financial Statement for the year
Ended 31st January 2025

Correspondence Address: Flat 2, 26 Rochester Place, London, NW1 9DF

Acts London
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 31.01.2025

| | General Fund | Total |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Income | | |
| General Offering & Donations | 198,966 | 198,966 |
| Total | 198,966 | 198,966 |
| Expenses | | |
| Rent & Rates | 33,136 | 33,136 |
| Light and Heat | 957 | 957 |
| Salaries, NI and payroll costs | 25,806 | 25,806 |
| Meeting venue hire cost | 52,007 | 52,007 |
| Telephone | 1,254 | 1,254 |
| Post & stationery | 1,904 | 1,904 |
| Travelling | 6,871 | 6,871 |
| Refreshment at meetings | 11,230 | 11,230 |
| Insurance | 235 | 235 |
| Campsite fees | 4,970 | 4,970 |
| Sundry Expenses | 5,148 | 5,148 |
| Accountancy | 775 | 775 |
| Legal & professional fees | 250 | 250 |
| Payroll costs | 644 | 644 |
| Donation to Charities | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| | 146,887 | 146,887 |
| Bank Charges | 96 | 96 |
| Depreciation - Fixtures & fittings | 212 | 212 |
| Total | 147,195 | 147,195 |
| Tax payable | 10,025 | 10,025 |
| Surplus for the year | 41,746 | 41,746 |

Acts London
Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2025

| | 31.01.2025 | 31.01.2024 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Fixtures & Fittings - Net Book Value | 847 | 1,059 |
| | <u>847</u> | <u>1,059</u> |
| Current Assets | | |
| Other Debtors | 550 | 771 |
| Prepayments | 9,878 | 2,683 |
| Cash at bank | 147,271 | 108,521 |
| | <u>157,699</u> | <u>111,975</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Directors' current accounts | 250 | 250 |
| Tax Payable | 10,025 | 2,834 |
| Accrued Expenses | 815 | 2,963 |
| Amounts due to Acts Malaysia | 6,287 | 7,564 |
| | <u>17,377</u> | <u>13,650</u> |
| Net Liabilities | <u>141,169</u> | <u>86,566</u> |
| General Fund | | |
| Balance Brought Forward | 99,423 | 86,566 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 41,746 | 12,857 |
| Balance Carries Forward | <u>141,169</u> | <u>99,423</u> |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ACTS LONDON

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST January 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1159704

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 10/09/2025

Name:

MR MEHBOOB KESHANI

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(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.