

CHURCH ON THE WEALD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Charity number

1160618

Charity trustees

Marcia Mitchell
Alastair Lee Windus
Viji Sam
William Trezise Buckley
Michael Peters (Appointed 14 July 2025)
Carl Maidment (Appointed 28 June 2025)
Gillian Peters (Appointed 31 August 2025)

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Independent examiner

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Trustees' Report

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

1 Constitution

The church was formed by its constitution on 1 January 2015 and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24th February 2015 as Gateway Church on the Weald. The name of the charity was changed to Church on the Weald on 30 August 2016.

2 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the church are to advance the Christian religion, to advance education in particular in relation to the doctrines of the Christian religion and to relieve poverty and hardship.

3 Organisational structure

Elders ultimately lead the church and lay out the vision with support from the trustees.

4 The Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church.

The trustees that served during the year were:

Alastair Lee Windus
Victoria Windus (Resigned 31 August 2025)
Viji Sam
Marcia Mitchell
William Trezise Buckley
Michael Peters (Appointed 14 July 2025)
Carl Maidment (Appointed 28 June 2025)
Gillian Peters (Appointed 31 August 2025)

5 Review of activities

It has been another exciting year for Church on the Weald, with a number of changes where we have seen God's working and provision for us as a church family.

Sunday morning meetings continued in Tenterden Junior School until January 2025. We thank the leadership and caretaking teams at the school for how well they served us while we have met there. We made many connections with local families in the community through our partnership with the school, and we trust these will continue.

Towards the end of 2024, an opportunity arose to start renting the 'old' Methodist church building in Tenterden High Street following the closure of the Methodist congregation and meetings there. We had our first Sunday morning meeting there on 26 January 2025. The trustees and elders are now prayerfully exploring with the local and national Methodist teams whether there is an opportunity for Church on the Weald to purchase the building directly. This is clearly an exciting time for the church family, and further discussions about how to finance this potential purchase through gift days, one-off donations, increased regular giving, and external financing will all be given significantly more prayer and time over the coming months. In the meantime, we have settled in well to the building and are already blessed by not needing to do a full set-up and pack-down each week, among other benefits!

As mentioned, prayer continues to be the foundation of all that we do. There is the opportunity for members of the church family to meet weekly for early morning prayer on Tuesdays via Zoom and fortnightly in person on Sunday evenings, as well as 24-hours of prayer days at least twice during the year. Life groups, including the 'Closer' ladies' group that meets fortnightly on Monday mornings, have gone from strength to strength.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Baby Basics Tenterden, which provides beautifully-packaged bundles of newborn essentials to local, vulnerable mothers, has continued to flourish this year. Donations are received from the church family and others in the community and referrals are made by local midwives and other healthcare professionals. Twenty-four bundles were given out between April 2024 and March 2025, and there have been some lovely messages of thanks coming back to the church family from new mothers overwhelmed by the love and generosity shown in the hampers.

Children's and youth work has also had a year of continuing to serve the church family, learn more about God, and grow together in faith. In the summer, some of the youth group went to the Wildfires family festival and others went to the Satellites youth gathering, with many testimonies of personal encounters with God, seeing Him at work in the lives of thousands of other young people, and being equipped for all He is calling them to do.

We give thanks to our volunteers – our elders, Carl and Nelson, those in the core leadership team and the wider team of deacons, our trustees, Alessy's team of youth and children's workers, Marcia in her role as lead for safeguarding and health and safety, Mike and Gillian as our pastoral leads, Lisa who has recently taken over administration, our life group leaders, those who serve faithfully each week on the rotas for welcome, refreshments, setting up and packing down, PA, worship, anchoring, preaching, and so many more. Above all, we serve because of who God is and in grateful thanks for His faithfulness and provision. It is an exciting season for the church family, and we look forward in expectant hope to what lies ahead in 2025-26.

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the church are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

There were net deficit for the year on General Funds of £27,033 (2024: Surplus £5,365). The Gift Aid debtor at the year end of £16,035 was received post year end on 3 April 2025.

The balance on funds carried forward at 31 March 2025 was £113,765 (2024: £140,664) of which £23,585 (2024: £24,943) has been designated for a particular purpose and £1,492 (2024: £Nil) is restricted.

8 Risk management

The church has considered the risks it may face and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.

9 Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash resources to cover at least four months expenditure.

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was re-appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 Dec 2025


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Gillian Peters
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church on the Weald

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Church on the Weald ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 respect of the CIO 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.



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Date: 12 January 2025

Receipts and Payment Account

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts					
Donations (Gift aid)	69,470	-	-	69,470	72,001
Donations (Non Gift aid)	13,574	-	1,320	14,894	12,493
Gift aid reclaimed	3,312	-	-	3,312	17,450
Other income	48	-	-	48	-
Total receipts	86,404	-	1,320	87,724	101,944
Payments					
Ministry costs	61,245	-	-	61,245	58,637
Training & conferences	1,086	-	-	1,086	1,705
Publicity	666	-	-	666	213
Computer and website costs	1,826	-	-	1,826	2,273
Insurance	657	-	-	657	627
Independent examination Fee	990	-	-	990	900
Catering	620	-	-	620	577
Venue hire charges	12,061	-	-	12,061	12,135
Church and Community Events	5,868	1,215	579	7,662	4,543
Children and Youth work	757	-	-	757	389
Child protection	240	-	-	240	208
Youth trips	1,021	-	-	1,021	1,966
Pastoral expenses	2,055	-	750	2,805	2,817
Church ministry groups	484	-	-	484	-
PA and worship	606	-	-	606	651
Premesis costs	2,704	-	-	2,704	-
Supporting others/Gifts and tithes	14,219	-	-	14,219	6,200
Sundry expenses	20	-	-	20	-
Administration and travel	4,104	-	-	4,104	3,765
Hospitality	850	-	-	850	1,335
Total payments	112,079	1,215	1,329	114,623	98,941
Net receipts/ (payments)	(25,675)	(1,215)	(9)	(26,899)	3,003
Funds brought forward 1 April 2024	115,721	24,943	-	140,664	137,661
Transfers between funds	(1,358)	(143)	1,501	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 March 2025	88,688	23,585	1,492	113,765	140,664

The notes on page 7 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand - Current Account	<u>113,765</u>	<u>140,664</u>
Represented by -		
General Funds	88,688	115,721
Designated Funds	Note 4 23,585	24,943
Restricted Funds	Note 5 1,492	-
	<u>113,765</u>	<u>140,664</u>
Gift aid reclaim pending	<u>17,387</u>	<u>3,254</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy /Independent Examination Fees	990	942
Outstanding Tithe	-	3,715
	<u>990</u>	<u>4,657</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29.12.25



Gillian Peters
 Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds represent monies set aside by the church for specific purposes.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the church for specific purposes.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees incurred no expenses in their role as Trustees (2024: £nil).

3. Related party transactions

Donations received from trustees and their related parties amounted to £29,250 (2024: £20,000). This doesn't include any donations given in cash collections, which wouldn't be separately identifiable.

4. Designated funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Outreach projects	143	-	-	(143)	-
Legacy fund	8,000	-	1,215	-	6,785
Reserve Fund	16,800	-	-	-	16,800
	<u>24,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,215</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>23,585</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Baby Basics	-	570	579	1,501	1,492
Specific gifts	-	750	750	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,329</u>	<u>1,501</u>	<u>1,492</u>