



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	04	24	To	31	03	25

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Village Church Formby

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1161208

Charity's principal address

1 Furness Avenue

Formby

Merseyside

Postcode

L37 3NP

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	Timothy Lister	Full Time Elder		Trustees
2	Gary Wallis	Elder/Interim Treasurer		Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian faith through:

- Christian Worship
- Enlightening and teaching the public
- Production of Christian literature
- Missionary Work
- Raising awareness about the Christian faith

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

All of our activities are aimed at the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with our basis of faith through Christian Worship, Teaching and enlightening the public, Production of Christian literature, Missionary Work, Raising awareness about the Christian faith, and other such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the elders, further the work of the church.

We provide a place of Christian worship and education in Formby, both at our premises and through a number of local groups held in people's homes, and occasionally directly in the local community via open air and one to one sessions. We hold a worship service at the church every week. During this time we have a Sunday school for ages 2-11 and also have Creche facilities available.

Our church feels very strongly that it has a responsibility and duty to all the 25,000 residents of Formby for their spiritual and social welfare. All our activities are therefore open to the general public, who are most welcome to attend. In our Sunday service we actively encourage everybody who attends to fill out a connection card so we can follow up with them and understand / help with their needs. We also try to engage with our community as much as possible by street evangelism, and providing a warm and welcoming environment for prayer and worship.

We provide lifts to and from our services and events for the elderly, infirm, and disabled as required.

The Village Church Formby has been a CIO since 2015. The Trustees are familiar with the requirements of section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Village Church Formby continues to be a key contributor within the community of Formby as we fulfil our stated goals. Our weekly meetings have continued to change and adapt as required by the people of the community who attend. We still provide for All Age Services on weeks where regular Sunday School is not held (usually monthly) and have recently welcomed the older children (ages 12+), previously in Sunday School to remain part of the regular service.

As the children in the church have grown up we were forced to end our primary kid's club, however, this has resulted in an increased number of youth eligible to attend youth activities, which we are now part of in conjunction with other local churches. If the age range of the children interested changes we remain ready to restart kid's club or an alternative dependent on volunteers and church facilities.

We have also continued with regular weekly meetings in people's homes as we seek to include more of our regular Sunday attendees in our work. This has seen an increase both in numbers and in commitment from those in church as they seek to share their lives together.

We continue to meet weekly for a prayer meeting, as well as regular leadership and oversight meetings, including those of Elders, Trustees, ministry teams, and planning teams.

We are still hampered in our growth by the constraints of our building facilities and capacity. We continue in the search for suitable premises, however know feasible options have arisen over the last year.

We have also faced the difficulty of continuing church business matters following the loss of former treasurer and trustee Paul Lister. This has resulted in Gary Wallis serving as interim treasurer until a permanent replacement can be appointed, however, such a person has not been identified over the last year. Having a church elder serve as treasurer is not desirable, however, we will continue in this way until an alternative option becomes available.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Village Church Formby, formerly Formby Baptist Church, has been blessed with a number of small bequests and good reserves from the period when it had no paid employees. Currently its monthly expenditure exceeds its income, therefore we have set a minimum reserves level of £20,000. As of 31/03/25 we have just less than double this amount available.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

An important issue to report is that no gift aid has been claimed in this year's reporting. This is due to the complex nature of accounting and the fact that an inexperienced person has unexpectedly been forced to take on the treasurer role. According to government guidelines gift aid can be claimed up to four years in arrears, whilst our unclaimed period is just under 18 months. It is hoped that in the coming months a claim can be calculated and processed which will then appear in next years reports.

Section F

Other optional information

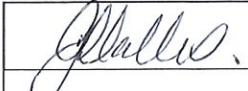

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gary Wallis	Timothy Lister
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Elder (Interim Treasurer)	Trustee and Full Time Elder
Date	23 January 2026	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024


To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	594	-	-	594	681
Gift Aid Declaration	38,276	-	-	38,276	32,463
Inland Revenue	-	-	-	-	8,036
Offering	1,243	-	-	1,243	1,614
Missionary Gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Offering	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	84	-	-	84	-
Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,198	-	-	40,198	42,794
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,198	-	-	40,198	42,794
A3 Payments					
Books	-	-	-	-	73
Building Upkeep	-	-	-	-	-
Building Projects	-	-	-	-	-
CCL Licence	97	-	-	97	93
CCPAS	-	-	-	-	157
Staff	53,085	-	-	53,085	50,339
Ministry	267	-	-	267	178
Insurance	1,021	-	-	1,021	968
Missions	1,440	-	-	1,440	1,440
Special Events	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday School Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	-	-	-	-	648
Support Services	2,063	-	-	2,063	778
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	35
Utilities	1,835	-	-	1,835	1,696
Miscellaneous Expenditure	-	-	-	-	18
Gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment Transaction	-	-	-	-	46
Sub total	59,808	-	-	59,808	56,469
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,808	-	-	59,808	56,469
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,610	-	-	- 19,610	- 13,675
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,230	-	-	59,230	92,571
Cash funds this year end	39,620	-	-	39,620	72,905

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds General Account	941.11	-	-
	Lloyds Deposit Account	38678.45	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	39,620	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church - 1 Furness Avenue	200000	-	-
	Furniture, fixture, fittings, AV etc	2000	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Gary Wallis	22/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Village Church Formby

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/25

Charity no
(if any)

1161208

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

Janice Lister *Matthew Bell*

Date:

14.12.25

Name:

JANICE LISTER MATTHEW BELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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GMC: 7558178

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.