

Charity no. 1161520



Bourne Christian Centre

**Trustees Annual Report and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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ROOTED IN CHRIST GROWING IN LOVE

Bourne Christian Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered in England and Wales, Number: 1161520.

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number	1161520
Registered office and operational address	Bourne Chapel Waters Road Kingswood Bristol BS15 8BE
Trustees	<p>The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:</p> <p>S Bryant (appointed 13 January 2025) C Cox S Edwards R Finlayson S Lee (resigned 24 November 2024) S Palfreyman (appointed 13 January 2025) M Southall</p>
Leadership team	<p>The leaders who held office during the year are:</p> <p>Ben and Joanna Mitchell Mark and Vicky Payton Jon and Julia Pike Mark and Karen Southall Jon Steer</p>
Bankers	<p>CAF Bank Ltd PO Box 289 West Malling Kent ME19 4TA</p> <p>The Co-operative Bank plc PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP</p>
Independent examiner	<p>Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD</p>

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Report of the trustees

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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The income of the charity is below the threshold for a statutory audit to be required. The trustees have therefore opted to have the accounts independently examined fulfilling the requirements of the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Bourne Christian Centre is a registered charity and uses the names of Bourne Christian Centre, Bourne Family Project, Bourne Relief and The Storehouse for the various parts of its work.

Governance

Bourne Christian Centre is led by the Leadership Team and Trustees. The Leadership Team have responsibility for the spiritual direction and vision. The Trustees have legal responsibility for the charity and seek to support the outworking of the Leadership Team's vision and direction in accordance with the charity's constitution and relevant laws and regulations.

The two teams meet during the year to discuss plans and direction or where need arises to discuss specific topics.

Trustees

The trustees and leaders who held office during the year, or currently hold office are set out on page 1 of the accounts.

All the trustees held office throughout the year, except where stated, and no remuneration has been paid to any trustee.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees, to bring the appropriate balance of experience and skills. Induction training is provided by the existing trustees, and further third-party training is provided as appropriate.

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a constitution dated 23 February 2015 and is a registered charity, registered in England and Wales.

Involvement with other charities

Rob Scott-Cook of Woodlands Group of Churches provides the leadership team of the church with support and spiritual oversight, through the building of relationship and communication.

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Risk management

The trustees review the major risks the charity faces on a regular basis and have identified the following risks:

Financial sustainability - the trustees believe that maintaining the reserves at the agreed level, combined with our forecasting and monthly scrutiny of management accounts, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The reserves policy is set out on page 16 of this report.

Safeguarding - the church undertakes a significant amount of work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and we ensure their safety in our care is paramount. The church safeguarding procedure and policy is based on the Thirtyone:eight template and is reviewed annually.

Health and safety - the trustees continue to review our policies and procedures and perform risk assessments for events held during the year.

Reputational risk - the trustees review the impact on reputation that any activity we undertake may have and seek to take appropriate mitigating action, as necessary.

We continue to reconsider our points of risk and ensure appropriate mitigations are in place where required to safeguard the sustainability and assets of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

Objectives

The objectives of the trust are to proclaim and further the Gospel of God concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith and the relief of people in need, hardship, or distress.

When planning the activities to outwork our objectives the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We subscribe to the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith.

Vision

The church has a strong and committed congregation and as a group we are keen to find God and outwork his vision for this church:

Rooted in Christ, Growing in love

The leadership team see us outworking this through being a 'deep and wide' church. We need to get deep as a church in the Spirit, the word (the Bible) and love, with a hunger to receive new gifts, to grow in our gifting and to enable others to do the same. Wide is about more than our church, it is about reaching out into the community. Increasingly we want to be a church that:

"Proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken hearted, proclaims freedom to the captives and release from the darkness for the prisoners, proclaims the year of the Lord's favour and the day of the vengeance of our God, comforts all who mourn and provides for those who grieve in Zion."

Isaiah 61:1

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There are three areas that we are focusing on to outwork this vision:

**Celebrating family;
Engaging community; and
Making Jesus known.**

An important part of outworking our vision is for us to take our place in the body of Christ in Bristol, which we are achieving through our relationship with the Woodlands Church Family. During the year we also signed up with the Müllers (a working name of The George Müller Charitable Trust) into their Church Partnership which focusses on strengthening youth work within the church and across Bristol. We are excited to see how this partnership will develop our youth provision in Kingswood in the coming years.

Public benefit

The activities that the charity undertakes to meet its charitable purposes for public benefit are:

- The provision of Gathered Church services and events to the general public;
- Local community outreach activities including grants to extended members of the community where a need is identified;
- The provision of events and activities for children and youth;
- The provision of counselling, therapy services and family support related activities through Bourne Family Project;
- The provision of dedicated space in our building for the South and East Bristol Foodbank;
- The provision of our halls for regular community NHS Blood and Transplant 'Giving Blood' sessions;
- Support for Christian overseas missionaries and organisations through Bourne Relief; and
- Pastoral care to those of any age or background associated with the activities of Bourne Christian Centre and its activities.

Further details on the activities of the charity and how it has delivered public benefit are described below.

Pastoral care and outreach

People who come to the church regularly are invited to join a homegroup and the leaders of these groups develop a close relationship with their members. This personal contact enables people to grow in their relationship with God and to deal with any issues they are encountering. Where further help is needed to support individuals, the leadership of the church become involved.

The church is involved in outreach through talking to shoppers at the local Kings Chase Shopping Centre, as well as through the meetings and groups we run.

Grants are paid at the discretion of the trustees; these grants are for the furtherance of the gospel or for those in need of financial support. For an analysis see note 6 in the accounts.

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The church is committed to reaching as many of the local community as possible and this is achieved through advertising our services and other weekly activities at the church and meeting people at the shopping centre.

GATHERED CHURCH

Objectives and activities

The church gathers regularly at different times of the week and we have various gatherings that are a useful forum to preach the gospel and help people grow in their relationship with God. The church does not operate a formal membership structure but seeks to support all those who come to our gatherings. The church gathers:

- Sunday Morning - includes groups for children and youth;
- Prayer and bible study - during the week;
- Home groups - various locations throughout the week;
- Fusion youth - bi-weekly at the church premises (Years 6 to 13); and
- Bourne Youth Club - twice a month in the church premises (Years 6 to 13).

The church also runs groups for the local community:



Bourne Toddlers runs weekly as a play and stay session. Parents and carers with their toddlers can enjoy free play, crafts and the opportunity to meet and chat with others.

Silver Singers runs on the first Wednesday of the month for a time of singing songs from the past decades with refreshments.



Bourne Community Club runs twice a month with activities, games, refreshments, and a chance to chat over refreshments.

We also host a branch of the South and East Bristol Foodbank from our offices, staffed by volunteers from the churches in Kingswood. We also open our facilities to NHS Blood and Transport to support with their 'Giving Blood' sessions. This year we also partnered with another local charity, Southern Brooks, to accommodate a 'Welcome Space' that provided a warm safe space for community members to come for a couple of hours on a weekly basis during the winter months.



SOUTHERN BROOKS
connect support thrive



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Volunteers

The leadership team and trustees are incredibly grateful for the volunteers who work within the church. We currently have 64 people who help on a voluntary basis and without them the church would not function. The volunteers are involved in every area of the church, particularly:

- Running the various Sunday and midweek meetings;
- Outreach into the community; and
- General maintenance of the buildings.

Achievements and performance

Sunday Gathering - every Sunday the church family gathering for a time of welcome, sung worship, children's and youth work, Bible teaching, reflections and refreshments. This a time to publicly preach and teach the gospel and is open to the public. Each week we see teams of volunteers, average 15 people per week, serving and making "church" happen. During the year we have seen at gatherings an **average of 83 people**, of which **10% are non-church** members.



Bourne Café - on the first Sunday of the month, we hold our a more informal service in the Lower Hall with space for discussion, cakes, and coffee. This is an opportunity for those who are looking into Christianity to ask questions and find out more about our faith. We also invite those attending groups (Bourne Youth Club, Bourne Toddlers, Silver Singers and Community Club) to Bourne Café to experience Church in an informal setting. Teams of volunteers, average 15 people per week, serve and each month we have seen an average of **82 people**, of which **10% are non-church** members.

Christmas Specials - Christmas saw a great opportunity to put on special events; traditional Christingle, a Pan-tivity (fun of a panto with the heart of the nativity), Family and Carol Services and a Christmas Eve Unplugged (reflective evening gathering). All of these were accessible and open to church members and our community, seeing **average attendance of 82** and a **third of those being non-church** members. The church members supported all these events, including volunteering on welcome, stewarding and refreshment teams - approximately **13 volunteers** at each event.



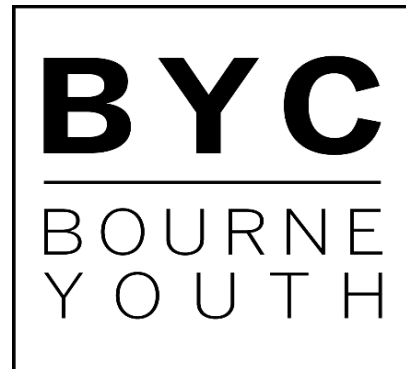
Children's and Youth Work - we have two classes for children and youth on a Sunday morning, for those walking through to aged eighteen. These classes use age-appropriate material to help them understand more about the Christian faith and to build their relationship with God. We were successful this year in winning a £4,000 Youth Outreach grant from Müllers - this will help build and support our youth work provision.

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Fusion (Years 6-13) – running bi-weekly, it has a focus on fellowship and discipleship and is run from the church premises. We have taken the group through the Youth Alpha course and opened it up to youth that attend the Bourne Youth Club. Most weeks we saw 16 young people, **with a quarter of those attending having no other links with our church** and take an interest in exploring faith further.



Bourne Youth Club (Years 6-13) - runs on the first and third Friday. We are currently seeing about 30 children each week, with half of those attending having no other links with our church. Each session includes games, a talk, and some food. It is well supported by volunteers who come and cook the children some food and build relationships with them.



Bourne Toddlers - a weekly play and stay toddler group that runs throughout the year, where parents and carers with their toddlers can enjoy free play with a vast selection of toys, as well as book and baby corner and craft tables. This community has grown and receive lovely praise of its welcome and inclusivity. Run by a small team of volunteers (5 per week), we see **on average 81 parents, carers and toddlers, of which 94% are from the wider community.**

Silver Singers - each month (first Wednesdays) we see on average **11 non-church members join us** to sing along with music from the past few decades - and a space for those to want to have a dance as well! There is always a half-time refreshment to catch a breath and a chat with church members and the volunteers.



Bourne Community Club - twice a month (second and fourth Wednesdays) our doors are open for community members to come and enjoy some company whilst doing a craft, completing a puzzle, join in with a game or even a round on the pool table or table tennis. With a small team of volunteers from the church, we have built relationships with **community members, on average 11 each at session, and church members.**

Fundraising - during the year the Trustees were presented with the option of employing a fundraising organisation 'Chell Perkins' to specifically focus on fundraising activities for Bourne Family project, our Building Project and fundraising for Youth Work provision. The Trustees approved the engagement of Chell Perkins and were pleased to receive a donation from a church member to support this activity. Chell Perkins began their feasibility study in January and subsequent bid writing thereafter. Bids are submitted to a suite of funders in April 2025.



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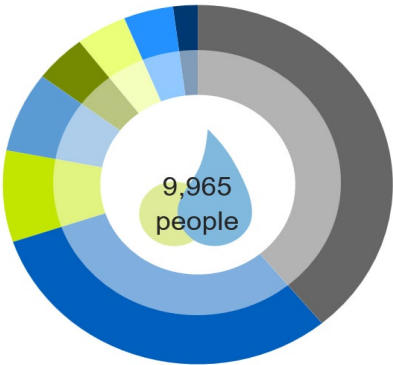


Storm Darragh hit the UK in December and unfortunately affected the running of our Christmas Craft Fair and Sunday Service. Following the storm, we identified damage to our roof exterior and interior. We have been in contact with insurers and relevant professionals and contractors to facilitate repairs. We are awaiting professional advice and review from our insurers and expect repairs to be extensive and require significant financial investment in 2025-26.

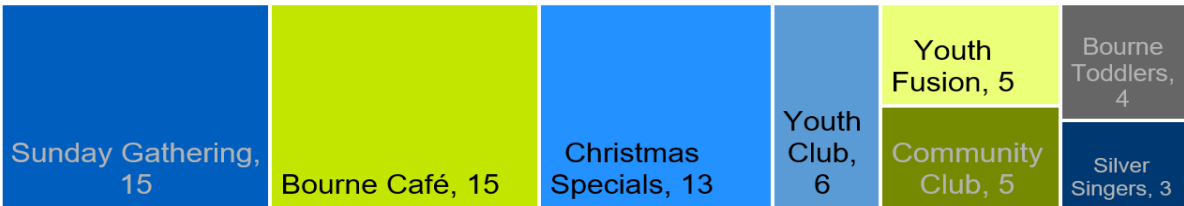
Facts and figures

Across the year 2024-25 we saw nearly 10,000 people in attendance and average of 192 people a week engaging with our weekly gatherings, groups and seasonal special events:

Bourne Café (10/yr)	820
Bourne Toddlers (48/yr)	3,888
Christmas Specials (5/yr)	410
Community Club (24/yr)	432
Silver Singers (12/yr)	204
Sunday Gathering (37/yr)	3,071
Youth Club (20/yr)	720
Youth Fusion (20/yr)	420



We are only able to run our gatherings, groups and events as we have an amazing team of volunteers you give their time to serve our community - here are our average team numbers:

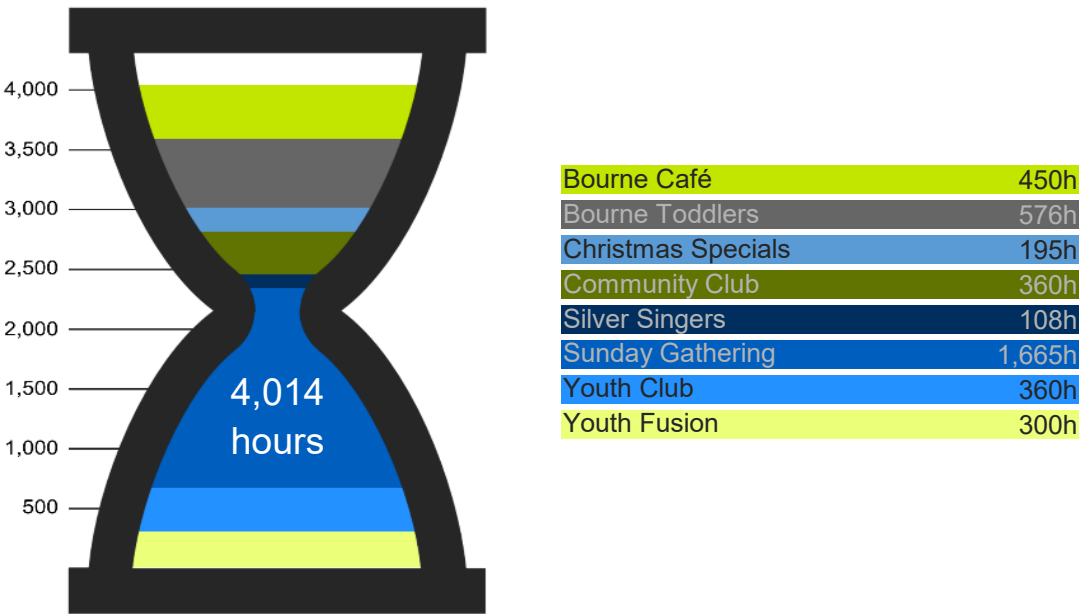


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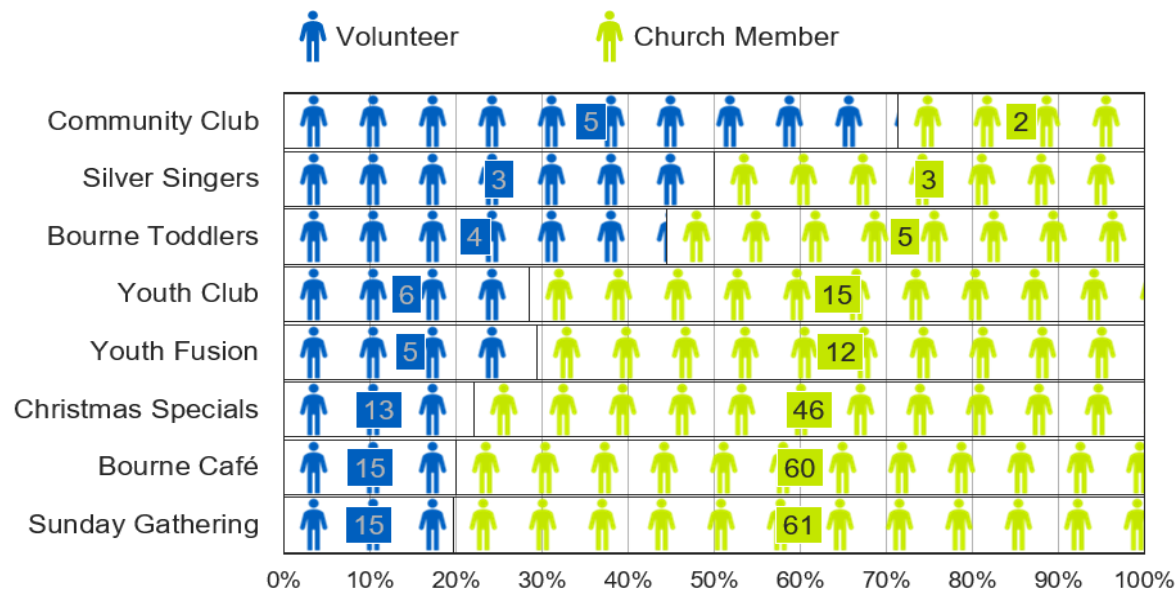
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During this year our amazing volunteers gave us just over 4,000 hours:



It's not just about the volunteers; we experience great support from our church members at all our gatherings, groups and events:

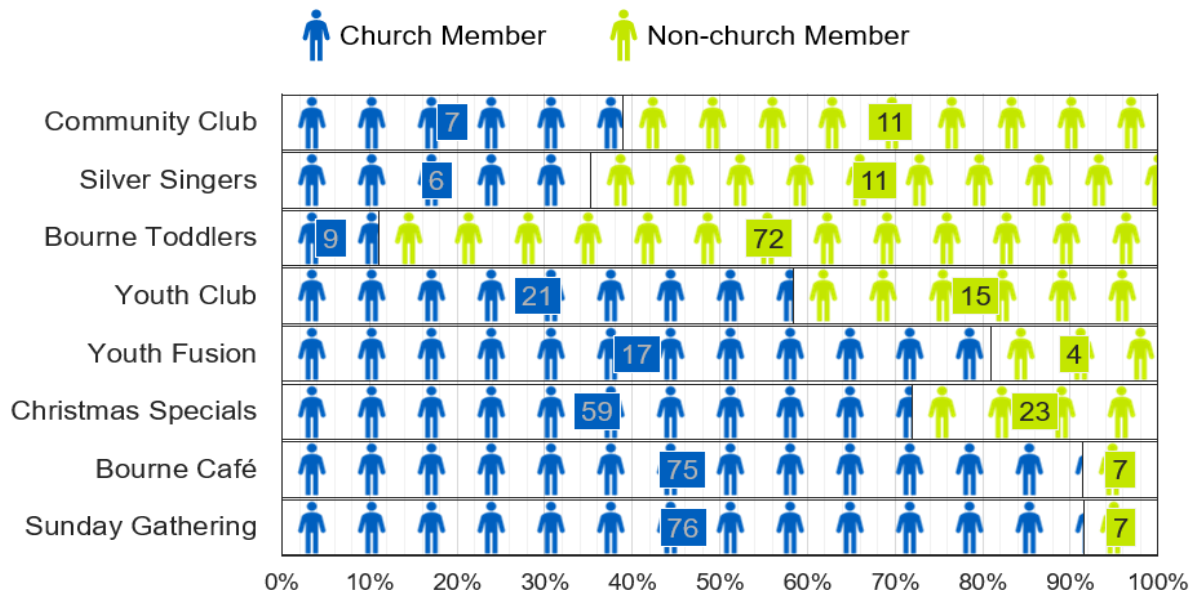


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It has been great to see so many of our community join us at our gatherings, groups and events:



BOURNE FAMILY PROJECT

Our mission is to express Christ's compassion and love to our community through providing advice, training, resourcing, adult counselling, children's therapy, and forest school.



We welcome families and individuals from across Bristol and South Gloucestershire via self-referrals, or through other organisations and services such as GPs, schools, and nurseries. Whatever their reason for seeking our support, our team of qualified and student therapists help people to:

- Navigate difficult challenges in life;
- Process traumatic experiences or overwhelming emotions;
- Make connections;
- Increase their sense of worth and confidence;
- Understand their own path to wellbeing;
- Feel empowered to make positive changes;
- Have hope for the future; and
- Learn new skills.

Adult Counselling - work in a person-centred way, carefully listening to each person's story, empowering individuals to help clients understand how their personal history has impacted them, learn their personal triggers, and identify ways to be more resilient.

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Children's Creative Therapy - is a way for troubled children to process their traumatic experiences, either through talking, or the metaphor of play, helping to make painful memories less intense and increasing resilience.

We have links with the local health centres and schools enabling us to reach as wide a section of the local community as possible. A small charge is made for our services, but we consider individual's circumstances to ensure that an inability to pay does not exclude any beneficiaries.

Family Fund - sessions are £20 (increasing to £22.50 in April 2025) with every session being funded via the fees and the Family Fund (from some of the regular donations). Therapists discuss fees and slowly reduce the amount requested in small increments if they are unable to pay. Information about personal grants is sent out to those who refer to encourage them to seek funding from other sources if unable to pay. Subsidised clients are given 16 sessions - no opportunity for extension.

Objectives and activities

The focus for our services continues to be adult counselling and children's creative therapies. We recognise the need for a more holistic approach that goes beyond the therapy room and have continued our **Forest School Holiday** provision this year bringing in an average of £99 surplus each session. Due to availability of staff, we were unable to run summer holiday Forest School sessions which lead to a reduction in income this year. The toddler stay-and-play outdoor session closed in July 2024 due to low attendance numbers not covering land rental and staffing costs.

Due to volunteer availability, running further **Cooking Healthily on a Budget Courses** has not occurred but the funding remains so zero-hour contracts are being written to enable more sessions to run. We had hoped to partner with our local Foodbank to run further sessions, but due to reorganisation at InHope we have not been able to take this forward at present. CAP changed their Money Course meaning that all our volunteers had to retrain before we could run a **Money Coaching** course. We have not had the number of individuals signing up to this as we had hoped, so we reached out to our local CAP Money Centre in Downend to see if we could partner with them. They were in the process of trialling courses in their own church community and so possibility of a partnership remains open for a future opportunity at Bourne Christian Centre under their direction.

Parent and Baby Group - provides a friendly, welcoming space for parents/carers of children 0-1 and siblings to come for supportive chats, encouragement, tea and biscuits. It's run by a volunteer and the manager using the Quartet Foundation grant money to cover the hours. Parents donate to the cost as they are able.

Children's Creative Therapy - continues to offer one-to-one weekly therapy to children aged 4-16. Weekly sessions last for 45 minutes and run two days a week. Each therapist also conducts reviews with parents/carers every 6-8 weeks. We have one qualified Play Therapist who works as a consultant providing play therapy and creative therapy for teens and 1 student. The low level of students and volunteers has led to fewer children being seen this year. Our focus is on finding grants to fund this in 2025.

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Achievements and performance

At the start of this financial year, we had **58 on the children's waiting list**. We now have new practices to keep the waiting list monitored closely and now we have 61. To support the more complex cases on the list we hired a Play Therapist for 5 hours a week term time only. They are also a creative therapist trained for teenagers so have been able to work with older children. Our average waiting time for children's therapy is 13 months.

Project Sustainability

We are ensuring that BFP is increasingly sustainable by taking the following steps:

- Promote services online, through GP surgeries and to other organisations;
- Continuing the option to 'Pay it forward' by overpaying for sessions if clients would like to help fund others;
- Some of the regular monthly donations are used to subsidise fees (Family Fund). In discussion with therapist, clients can pay less than the suggested fee but only have 16 sessions (no extensions);
- Ensuring client sessions are only 16 weeks. Extra sessions are up to the discretion of the Manager. Clients can re-refer if needed;
- Every session must be funded, whether through payments or the Family Fund;
- Building links with other services in the area (E.G Beloved refer some clients to us and pay £30 per session to help us cover overhead costs and meetings with Network counselling to build links with them); and
- Provide opportunities for feedback on current services and what the community thinks is missing in the area. Consider how/if we are able to fill these gaps.

Future plans include:

- Continue Forest School Holiday Club as a source of income;
- Apply for grants to cover core-costs;
- Apply for a multi-year grant to pay for a Creative/Play Therapist;
- Create a team fundraising event to widen our base of supporters from church members; and
- Use community feedback to change/expand services if suitable.

Income this year:

- The Woodward Charitable Trust donated £1,000 core costs; and
- Toddler group, run by church volunteers and assisted by the Operations Manager, allocates its funds and expenses to BFP this generated £3,502.

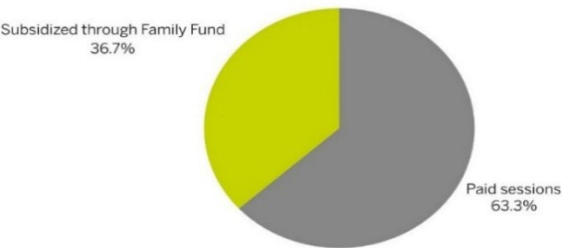
Our income from expected fees is at 75% recovery.

Most of our payments are now take on card with very few cash or BACs.

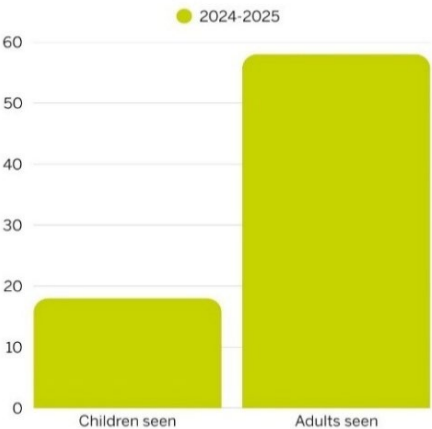
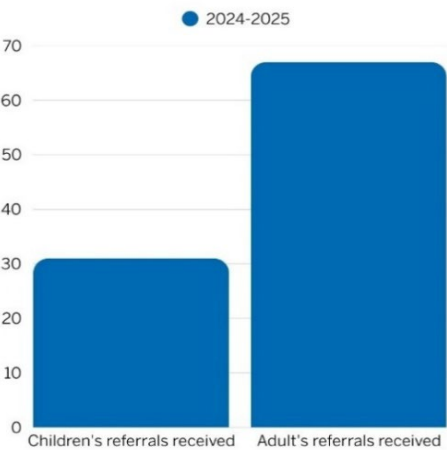
Towards the end of March, we were approached by Kinergy counselling service who were closing down and wanted to donate furniture to another charity. Through their generous donation we were able to replace chairs in our counselling rooms and waiting room. Plants, lamps, blankets, cushions, coffee tables, heaters, fans, artwork, rugs and more were used to make our rooms more homely, welcoming and inviting. It has made a huge difference to us as a small organisation to be able to upgrade the furniture and equipment we had in this way. We would have been able to afford this otherwise.

Facts and Figures

960 therapy and counselling sessions held this financial year



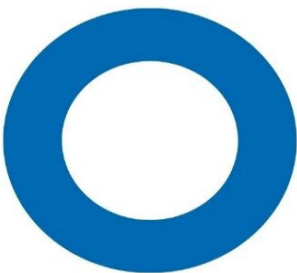
Despite only 63.3% of our sessions being fully paid, we have still recovered 75% costs through some clients overpaying for their sessions.



Children's Therapy



97% made progress in ability to express emotions



100% made progress in increased self-esteem



97% made progress in ability to form positive relationships

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Adult's Counselling



93% made progress in understanding how personal history has impacted them



90% made progress in being aware of personal triggers



90% made progress in finding ways to be more resilient

BOURNE RELIEF

Bourne Relief was established as the fundraising section of the church, with the aim of supporting and enabling those in need wherever they are. The projects we supported in this year were:



- Removing Obstacles To Education (ROTE); and
- The Storehouse.



Objectives and activities

ROTE is a project founded by two members of the church congregation, Paul and Francesca Meager, after spending 2018 and 2022 in Mozambique serving. The project currently supports 6 boys with their annual school enrolments and have provided them with school uniforms, books, stationery, PE kits and shoes, as well as items to help them with employment, such as bikes. ROTE has also helped to build brick houses through Iris Ministries' house building sector, 'Mercy Ministries'.

The Storehouse was initiated as a response to the increase in hardship we are seeing in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. Our community has been noticeably affected by the rise in heating and electricity bills and many people are struggling to provide enough food and warm clothing for themselves and their families. The Storehouse is intended to "meet the needs of those in need" and can include helping people with clothing, food, heating, and wellbeing needs. Currently those accessing help from The Storehouse are primarily from Foodbank, Bourne Christian Centre (BCC) and the clubs run by BCC. For The Storehouse to run effectively, BCC works in partnership with its Foodbank to provide food and stores donated clothes for distribution. BCC's Operations Manager is also available throughout the week to run the ministry as and when needed. The fundraising is done by means of regular donations, sponsored and social events.

Achievements and performance

ROTE - During 24-25 Paul and Francesca have been based in the UK. It has been a challenge to continue offering the same level of support to the boys whilst being based back in the UK.

The youngest of the boys is now in year 10 and two more of the boys are in year 11 and 12. The remaining three boys are no longer in education.

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For the year April 24 to March 25, ROTE has continued to provide the school uniforms, books, stationary, shoes, and backpacks for the 3 boys who remain on the ROTE programme.

Our ROTE workers, Paul and Francesca have sought to provide ongoing emotional support and prayer to the boys who remain on the programme through regular WhatsApp calls. This helps keep the boys accountable for their school attendance and gives them the motivation and encouragement they need to carry on in such a tough environment.

Over the past year ROTE has built one more house for the family of the youngest boy on the ROTE programme. This house was built to replace a crumbling mud hut housing around 8 children and 3 adults.

Due to the challenges with being able to offer support to the boys while Paul & Francesca are based in the UK, it has been decided that ROTE will no longer continue to offer support with their education after December 2025. It has become increasingly difficult to verify that the boys are using the money for the right purposes, but more significantly we are not able to run our homework club programme which was the most vital part of their success at school. Further to this, they have now reached the stage in their education where they have the opportunity to move on and find employment. Our prayer is that each of the boys will use the gift of education that ROTE has given them and be able to move forward, finding the right opportunities to benefit their lives.

The Storehouse - gives out physical items to people on an occasional basis. Receiving support on a formal weekly basis is not something The Storehouse seeks to offer. Should it be noticed that someone is depending on The Storehouse for regular support, further help and referring them to appropriate professional services would happen immediately.

The type of help The Storehouse can offer is practical help to meet basic needs that affirm human dignity and comply with basic humanitarian rights to such things as food, clothes, warmth and shelter. Help could include clothing, shoes, food, toiletries, money on an electric card, bedding or, if homeless, a tent or booking a space in a night shelter or hostel for up to three nights. Money alone is not directly given.

Grant making policy

Grants are paid to individuals and charities at the discretion of the trustees and in line with the charity's grant making policy. These grants are for the furtherance of the gospel or for those in need of financial support. Grants paid out in the year amounted to £1,486 (see note in financial statements).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources and expenditure

Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted church income mainly comes from donations made by church members. This is used to support the pastoral work and to meet the costs of holding the various church meetings.

Fee income from users of the Bourne Family Project is included in unrestricted income and transferred to a designated fund to support the costs of the project.

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To help with routine maintenance and to support the planned renovation of the buildings we have a designated fund for maintenance, with income transferred from unrestricted funds. During the year funds were expended from the maintenance fund to replace a boiler servicing the chapel building. Unused funds are carried forward to enable us to undertake larger maintenance and renovation works.

Expenditure from unrestricted funds comprises salary costs for our operations and admin staff and expenditure to ensure the operations of our church ministries and Sunday services.

Restricted funds

Restricted collections

During the year there have been occasions where church members have been asked to support, or have offered to support, projects and so the income for these has been included as restricted collections. The main restricted collections that church members have contributed to are:

Overseas mission - for church members who go overseas on mission trips; and for funds distributed to projects overseas.

Building Redevelopment Project - the buildings need redevelopment to make them more inclusive and accessible and initial thoughts on this have been developed. Donations to our building funds continue and have begun to be drawn upon as we begin phase 1 of our building plans to which include installing a lift in the chapel.

Ministries, Outreach and Operations Manager - specific call on funds to increase the role to support plans of the church to deliver its mission. Funds are drawn upon each month to support the payment of this role's salary.

As well as these collections, church members contribute to **The Storehouse** and **Bourne Family Project**.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves and consider that a level of three to six months general expenditure would be adequate. At the year end this would be between £28,669 and £57,339 compared to free reserves of £32,836 which equates to 3.6 months.

The charity is also building up a designated maintenance fund so that we should have funds available for routine maintenance and to cover any major work that may be required. To support our building project the charity has a building fund, and unspent funds are carried forward each year to support the financial resources required to deliver this project.

The charity holds unrestricted reserves of £32,836 and £350,056 of designated funds. Of these, £57,403 is held in current assets, therefore is readily available for use by the charity without impacting the £53,510 of restricted funds held.

The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves and cash flow to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. For this reason, the accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

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THANK YOU

We are very appreciative of the grant funders that have supported us this year and would like to thank:

- Woodward Charitable Trust.

We would like to thank the church members for their support and all the work they do to outwork the church vision. They support us in a variety of ways, including:

- Practical ways through volunteering;
- Through prayer for all our ministries;
- Financial giving to support both the general work of the church and specific ministries; and
- Fundraising to support our ministries.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which 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 constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity have no liability to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 8 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Edwards

Simon Edwards, Trustee

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Bourne Christian Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bourne Christian Centre (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 20 to 37.

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').

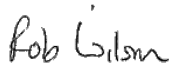
I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 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; or
- (3) the accounts do 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.



Date: 8 September 2025

Robert Wilson FCA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

5th Floor Mariner House

62 Prince Street

Bristol

BS1 4QD

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	Restated 2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and gifts	3	34,215	87,204	121,419	127,517
Charitable activities	4	5,800	28,980	34,780	30,109
Investments		89	1,817	1,906	1,470
Other income		-	5,590	5,590	-
Total income		40,104	123,591	163,695	159,096
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		2,124	1,619	3,743	70
Charitable activities:					
Gathered Church		9,186	96,313	105,499	102,445
Pastoral and Outreach		-	1,038	1,038	2,600
Bourne Family Project		20,846	31,907	52,753	49,129
Overseas mission		1,546	60	1,606	4,529
Total expenditure	5	33,702	130,937	164,639	158,773
Net income / (expenditure)		6,402	(7,346)	(944)	323
Transfers between funds		(760)	760	-	-
Net movement in funds	7	5,642	(6,586)	(944)	323
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		47,868	389,478	437,346	437,023
Total funds carried forward		53,510	382,892	436,402	437,346

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 14 to the accounts. The prior year comparative was restated to include gifts in kind related to pro bono therapist fees valued in the current year at £6,044 (2024: £5,416).

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	10		334,285	345,594
Current assets				
Debtors	11	4,664		3,808
Cash at bank and in hand		106,249		96,703
		110,913		100,511
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	12	(8,796)		(8,759)
Net current assets			102,117	91,752
Net assets	13		436,402	437,346
Funds	14			
Restricted funds			53,510	47,868
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			350,056	361,365
General funds			32,836	28,113
Total charity funds			436,402	437,346

Approved by the trustees on 8 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Edwards

Simon Edwards, Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

Bourne Christian Centre is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Bourne Chapel, Waters Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 8BE.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Bourne Christian Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £32,836 and designated reserves held in net current assets, that can be drawn down if necessary, of £15,771, without impacting restricted funds. The cash balance is £106,249. The trustees therefore consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted reserves and cash flow to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Expenditure is analysed as follows:

Raising Funds

This includes expenses for fundraising events.

Gathered Church

This includes the cost of running the meetings to proclaim the gospel, including the Sunday morning meeting, mid-week meetings for youth etc. and costs of the Bourne Chapel and items necessary to hold meetings.

Pastoral and Outreach Costs

This includes expenses for the pastoral team, outreach and grants made by the church to support charities and individuals including those working overseas.

Bourne Family Project

This is the cost of the work we do to support families including counselling, children's creative therapies and group work.

Overseas Mission

This includes the distribution of sponsorship and donations made to Bourne Relief for overseas projects.

Support Costs

These are costs incurred to support the activities within the church and includes salaries, insurance and banking. Support costs are allocated to activities based on the proportion of direct activity costs.

Governance Costs

This includes costs incurred in respect of constitutional and statutory matters including the independent examination costs.

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies (continued)

h) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis, which is an estimate of resources used in each activity:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	0.0%	0.0%
Gathered Church	76.8%	75.4%
Pastoral and Outreach	0.8%	2.2%
Bourne Family Project	22.2%	22.2%
Overseas Mission	0.2%	0.2%

i) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings:	
PA equipment	10% straight line
Other	25% straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

j) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

m) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

n) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are the depreciation rates as described above.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities (restated)

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and gifts	47,324	80,193	127,517
Charitable activities	5,306	24,803	30,109
Investments	96	1,374	1,470
Total income	52,726	106,370	159,096
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	70	-	70
Charitable activities:			
Gathered Church	10,005	92,440	102,445
Pastoral and Outreach	631	1,969	2,600
Bourne Family Project	19,010	30,119	49,129
Overseas mission	4,459	70	4,529
Total expenditure	34,175	124,598	158,773
Net income / (expenditure)	18,551	(18,228)	323
Transfers between funds	(6,421)	6,421	-
Net movement in funds	12,130	(11,807)	323

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3. Income from donations and gifts

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Gathered Church	17,405	87,204	104,609
Bourne Family Project	10,765	-	10,765
Overseas Mission	1	-	1
Gifts in kind	6,044	-	6,044
Total income from donations and gifts	34,215	87,204	121,419

Prior period comparative (restated):

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Gathered Church	23,827	80,193	104,020
Bourne Family Project	15,410	-	15,410
Overseas Mission	2,671	-	2,671
Gifts in kind	5,416	-	5,416
Total income from donations and gifts	47,324	80,193	127,517

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Gathered Church:			
Room hire and rent	-	8,580	8,580
Other income	-	587	587
Bourne Family Project:			
Grants	5,450	-	5,450
Fees	-	19,813	19,813
Fundraising	350	-	350
Total income from charitable activities	5,800	28,980	34,780

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4. Income from charitable activities (continued)

Prior period comparative (restated):

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Gathered Church:			
Room hire and rent	-	8,450	8,450
Other income	-	635	635
Bourne Family Project:			
Grants	4,809	-	4,809
Fees	-	15,718	15,718
Fundraising	497	-	497
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Total income from charitable activities	5,306	24,803	30,109

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5. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Gathered Church £	Pastoral and Outreach £	Bourne Family Project £	Overseas Mission £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 8)	-	35,602	-	31,533	-	12,863	79,998
Grants payable (note 6)	-	-	-	-	1,486	-	1,486
Premises costs	1,680	20,395	-	-	-	6,021	28,096
General expenses	2,063	12,248	758	13,947	60	7,794	36,870
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	3,303	3,303
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	2,520	2,520
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	297	297
Depreciation	-	12,069	-	-	-	-	12,069
Sub-total	3,743	80,314	758	45,480	1,546	32,798	164,639
Allocation of support and governance costs	-	25,185	280	7,273	60	(32,798)	-
Total expenditure	3,743	105,499	1,038	52,753	1,606	-	164,639

Total governance costs were £2,520 (2024: £2,400).

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5. Total expenditure (continued)

Prior period comparative (restated)

	Raising funds £	Gathered Church £	Pastoral and Outreach £	Bourne Family Project £	Overseas Mission £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 8)	-	35,432	-	30,711	-	12,430	78,573
Grants payable (note 6)	-	-	550	-	4,458	-	5,008
Event costs	70	-	-	-	-	-	70
Premises costs	-	12,842	-	-	-	6,379	19,221
General expenses	-	15,775	1,329	11,152	-	7,519	35,775
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	3,289	3,289
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	-	700	700
Depreciation	-	13,737	-	-	-	-	13,737
Sub-total	70	77,786	1,879	41,863	4,458	32,717	158,773
Allocation of support and governance costs	-	24,659	721	7,266	71	(32,717)	-
Total expenditure	70	102,445	2,600	49,129	4,529	-	158,773

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6. Grants payable

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Grants to individuals:</i>		
UK (2025: 0, 2024: 2)	-	550
Overseas (2025: 5, 2024: 8)	1,486	1,458
<i>Grants to organisations:</i>		
Overseas mission:		
IRIS Pemba	-	3,000
	<u>1,486</u>	<u>5,008</u>

7. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	12,069	13,737
Operating lease payments	1,008	1,250
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excluding VAT)	2,520	2,400
	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,400</u>

8. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	78,017	76,666
Pension costs	1,981	1,907
	<u>79,998</u>	<u>78,573</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees and the leadership team. All key management personnel work in a voluntary capacity.

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8. Staff costs and numbers (continued)

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Family support	5	5
Gathered Church	1	1
Support	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Average head count	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	529,705	91,481	621,186
Additions in year	-	760	760
	<u>529,705</u>	<u>92,241</u>	<u>621,946</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>529,705</u>	<u>92,241</u>	<u>621,946</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	194,029	81,563	275,592
Charge for the year	8,381	3,688	12,069
	<u>202,410</u>	<u>85,251</u>	<u>287,661</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>202,410</u>	<u>85,251</u>	<u>287,661</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>327,295</u>	<u>6,990</u>	<u>334,285</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>335,676</u>	<u>9,918</u>	<u>345,594</u>

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	680	210
Prepayments	2,133	2,176
Income tax recoverable	1,583	1,422
Other debtors	268	-
	<u>4,664</u>	<u>3,808</u>

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12. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	7,985	7,801
Other taxation and social security	811	958
	<u>8,796</u>	<u>8,759</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	334,285	-	334,285
Current assets	53,510	15,771	41,632	110,913
Current liabilities	-	-	(8,796)	(8,796)
Net assets at 31 March 2025	<u>53,510</u>	<u>350,056</u>	<u>32,836</u>	<u>436,402</u>
Prior year comparative	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	345,594	-	345,594
Current assets	47,868	15,771	36,872	100,511
Current liabilities	-	-	(8,759)	(8,759)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>47,868</u>	<u>361,365</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>437,346</u>

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14. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Restricted Church Funds:					
Building Fund	24,758	4,589	(250)	-	29,097
Overseas Mission Fund	786	-	-	-	786
Ministries and Outreach leader	-	8,690	(8,690)	-	-
Sports England	-	1,450	(690)	(760)	-
George Muller Charitable Trust	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Chell Perkins	-	4,126	(1,680)	-	2,446
 Bourne Relief:					
Overseas projects	4,191	90	(1,546)	-	2,735
Storehouse	1,604	-	-	-	1,604
 Bourne Family Project:					
Donations and fundraising	11,660	17,159	(16,876)	-	11,943
Aviva wellbeing grant	1,640	-	(741)	-	899
Grant - Quartet Foundation	3,229	-	(3,229)	-	-
Total restricted funds	47,868	40,104	(33,702)	(760)	53,510
 Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Fixed assets fund	345,594	-	(12,069)	760	334,285
Maintenance fund	15,771	-	-	-	15,771
Bourne Family Project	-	23,539	(27,043)	3,504	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	361,365	23,539	(39,112)	4,264	350,056
 General funds	28,113	100,052	(91,825)	(3,504)	32,836
Total unrestricted funds	389,478	123,591	(130,937)	760	382,892
Total funds	437,346	163,695	(164,639)	-	436,402

Purposes of restricted funds

Building Fund

Our buildings need major renovation to make them more accessible and inclusive, so a building fund has been established to finance this work. Following work on the flat roof and part of the roof over the Chapel we have started the preparatory work for the installation of a lift to access the first floor of the Chapel.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Overseas Mission Fund

The overseas mission fund includes donations towards the costs of individuals going overseas on mission work.

Ministries and Outreach leader

It was decided that we needed more support for the Ministries and Outreach in the church and so a paid role was created to provide this. In order to support the funding of the role the church members were asked if they would agree to provide donations towards this. The donations are used to support the cost of this role with the remainder funded from unrestricted funds.

Sports England

This grant was to enable us to purchase some sports equipment for our youth and community groups. It was used to buy a table tennis table, basketball hoops and indoor bowling equipment.

George Muller Charitable Trust

The church would like to increase our provision for youth within the church and local area. This grant was received as a contribution towards employing a youth worker to enable us to achieve this. We are currently looking at obtaining further grants before employing the youth worker.

Chell Perkins

The church needs funds to support Bourne Family Project, Youth work and the building project. Chell Perkins have been employed to help with this fundraising and has received a gift to support this, the remainder of the cost will come from unrestricted funds.

Bourne Relief Overseas Projects

ROTE (Removing Obstacles to Education) - Funds raised through donations and fundraising are used to support children in Pemba, Mozambique. A couple from the church have been based in Pemba and this fund is used to help the children they are continuing to support.

Bourne Relief Storehouse

This fund is used to help those in hardship, including help with clothing, food and heating.

Bourne Family Project:

The Bourne Family Project supports families in the local area. The project receives donations and grants towards its work and these funds are kept separately and spent in accordance with the funders' specifications. The specific restricted funds within the Bourne Family Project are:

- Fundraising – donations and fundraising events specifically to support the project;
- Aviva grant for wellbeing – grant to help improve people's wellbeing, specifically for running courses to help with budget management and cooking on a budget; and
- Quartet foundation – grant to help with wellbeing, this will be used to support supervision costs for staff and to run courses such as CAP money course. Expenditure on the grant was completed in the year.

Purposes of designated funds

Fixed assets fund

The fixed assets are held in a designated fund with the cost of additions funded by a transfer from unrestricted funds.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of designated funds (continued)

Maintenance fund

As well as the building work there is maintenance needed to the building and so the charity has a maintenance fund. This is funded through transfers of unrestricted income, any excess in the maintenance fund will be used for the renovation.

Bourne Family Project

The church transfers unrestricted income to cover some of the costs of Bourne Family Project, this includes fees paid by users of the project and a contribution from church funds.

Transfers between funds

The church capitalised costs of £759 for basketball hoops, these were financed by a transfer from the restricted Sports England fund to the fixed asset fund.

The church supported salaries for the Bourne Family Project via a transfer of £3,504 from unrestricted funds.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative (restated)	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Restricted Church Funds:					
Building Fund	17,034	14,145	-	(6,421)	24,758
Overseas Mission Fund	786	-	-	-	786
Ministries and Outreach leader	-	9,683	(9,683)	-	-
Bourne Relief:					
Overseas projects	5,953	2,767	(4,529)	-	4,191
Storehouse	2,226	-	(622)	-	1,604
Bourne Family Project:					-
Donations and fundraising	7,573	21,322	(17,235)	-	11,660
Aviva wellbeing grant	1,688	-	(48)	-	1,640
Grant - Quartet Foundation	-	4,809	(1,580)	-	3,229
Souter Trust grant	478	-	(478)	-	-
Total restricted funds	35,738	52,726	(34,175)	(6,421)	47,868
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Fixed assets fund	349,516	-	(13,737)	9,815	345,594
Maintenance fund	14,393	3,254	(1,876)	-	15,771
Bourne Family Project	-	19,444	(22,948)	3,504	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>363,909</i>	<i>22,698</i>	<i>(38,561)</i>	<i>13,319</i>	<i>361,365</i>
General funds	37,376	83,672	(86,037)	(6,898)	28,113
Total unrestricted funds	401,285	106,370	(124,598)	6,421	389,478
Total funds	437,023	159,096	(158,773)	-	437,346

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15. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	1,008	1,507
Within 1 - 5 years	<u>2,772</u>	<u>3,780</u>
	<u><u>3,780</u></u>	<u><u>5,287</u></u>

16. Related party transactions

Trustees and connected persons donated, before gift aid, £14,375 (2024: £28,291) to the charity during the year. There were no other related party transactions.