

Charity registration number: 1163494

**MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Melrose Christian Fellowship
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Trustees	Mrs Miriam Elliot Mr Philip Keeble Ms Belinda Walker
Charity Number	1163494
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Melrose Christian Fellowship Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The trustees of Melrose Christian Fellowship present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Melrose Christian Fellowship is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1163494

New Trustees of Melrose Christian Fellowship are elected by Members at the AGM on a one member one vote basis or are appointed by the existing board.

The constitution provides for a minimum of three trustees to a maximum of nine trustees of which no more than three can be non members. All trustees give up their time freely and trustee remuneration is not paid although Pastor Philip Keeble receives a salary as Pastor.

The following Trustees have served throughout the accounting period, except where indicated:

Pastor Philip Keeble (Chairman)
Miriam Elliot
Belinda Walker

Governing document: Constitution 9th September 2015

The Charity employs two pastors, a Personal Assistant, and one Administrator. The Pastors report to The Board of Trustees. No expenses have been reclaimed by any of the Trustees (Except for the two Pastors who are paid by the church in their capacities as Pastors but not as a Trustees)

The general governance of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. However the day to day operation is delegated to Rhoda Morson, the church administrator who reports to the Trustees via the Chairman.

The aims and purposes of the charity are set out in the constitution.

Achievements and performance

The church entered 2025 as the 51st year of its operation. This was designated as the year of regeneration.

A strong feature of the church is its ministry to young people - called Friday Club. When Philip and Evadne came to Basingstoke in 1974 they recognised that the generation of people on Popley no longer "sent" their children to Sunday School. So the Lord told them don't hold Sunday School on a Sunday but on a Friday evening and call it a club! In some cases 3 generations have come through Friday Club, learning the books of the Bible, singing songs, Bible stories, tuck and games. (Not in that order!)

The beginning of 2025 saw the start of "Glory Fasts and prayer" once a month and a continuation of early morning prayer meetings throughout the week.

2025 saw the third outreach mission partnering with 3 other churches. This was successful in the area of children coming to Friday Club which is continuing to run a session of infant/junior school age (The mini session) and secondary school age (The midi session) and has increased to weekly meetings for the older youth (The senior session). In addition there is the YABS (Youth and young adults Bible Study) at the home of James and Rhoda Morson.

There has been a slow but steady increase of members enjoying the fellowship and the Love of God in the Sunday meetings and various house groups.

There has been an increase in voluntary groups so that we now see a prayer group for spouses, an over 50's group. Otherwise the fellowship has continued to undertake a wide range of activities to fulfil its objectives with food link, youth outreach work and womens and mens ministries.

The fellowship benefits from the work of many volunteers in carrying out its wide range of activities.

Donations are made to other charities such as Adopt a Child, United Christian Broadcasters, Jews 4 Jesus, Good News For Everyone (formerly Gideons), Open Doors and CMI (Creation Ministries International)

Financial Review

Total income was £77,107, an increase of 18% compared with 2023/24, primarily due to an insurance claim in respect of the van. Gift Aid claimed 20% of relevant income. Total costs rose to £79,000 from £65,000, driven by increases in insurance, depreciation, wages, and rent. Year-end reserves were £45,573, of which £25,000 was held in cash. Overall, the charity remains financially healthy and able to meet its commitments.

Reserves Policy

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Melrose Christian Fellowship Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Aims and Objectives - continued

For the year ending March 2025, the charity had free reserves (unrestricted funds) as indicated in the accounts attached. Restricted funds are as indicated in the accounts. The Trustees have a policy of reviewing the condition of the financial state if the bank balance falls close to £10,000. This so far, has never happened.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure the appropriate controls are in place for reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The leadership team and Trustees do not perceive any major risks to the charity currently.

Future Plans

The income and finances of the charity have not been affected even by Covid. Plans for expansion through TFM, CFL, Friday Club and other outreach events are in place for the coming year

Public Benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit and the constitution in deciding what activities the charity undertakes. All activities are focused on our charitable purposes.

Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Public Benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees' report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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 of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

PS Keeble

PS Keeble (Jan 9, 2026 04:27:08 GMT)

Mr Philip Keeble

Trustee

8th January 2026

**Melrose Christian Fellowship
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Melrose Christian Fellowship
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Melrose Christian Fellowship (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 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 Trust 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 contents 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.



Kyaw Thant ICPA
8th January 2026
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**Melrose Christian Fellowship
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	61,793	-	61,793	60,340
Charitable activities:					
Costs of Charitable Activities		652	-	652	504
Investments	4	-	-	-	353
Other	5	14,662	-	14,662	4,135
		<u>77,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,107</u>	<u>65,332</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	7	(32,979)	(765)	(33,744)	(24,236)
Charitable activities:	7				
Costs of Charitable Activities		(45,831)	-	(45,831)	(41,316)
		<u>(78,810)</u>	<u>(765)</u>	<u>(79,575)</u>	<u>(65,552)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		<u>(1,703)</u>	<u>(765)</u>	<u>(2,468)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(1,703)</u>	<u>(765)</u>	<u>(2,468)</u>	<u>(220)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		47,276	765	48,041	48,261
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	17	<u>45,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,573</u>	<u>48,041</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2024

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**Melrose Christian Fellowship
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	12	12,332	-	12,332	1
		12,332	-	12,332	1
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	11,213	-	11,213	10,912
Cash at bank and in hand		24,465	-	24,465	39,912
		35,678	-	35,678	50,824
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	(2,437)	-	(2,437)	(2,784)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		33,241	-	33,241	48,040
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,573	-	45,573	48,041
NET ASSETS		45,573	-	45,573	48,041
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				-	765
Unrestricted Funds				45,573	47,276
TOTAL FUNDS	17			45,573	48,041

On behalf of the board

PS Keeble
P S Keeble (Jan 9, 2026 04:27:08 GMT)

Mr Philip Keeble
Trustee
8th April 2026

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**Melrose Christian Fellowship
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. General Information

Melrose Christian Fellowship is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1163494. The principal address is 123 Stratfield Road, Basingstoke, England, RG21 5RT.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.3. Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming Resources with Related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind for use by the CIO are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the CIO or have been met.

Government Grants

The CIO has not received government grants in the reporting period.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the CIO provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

2.4. Resources Expended

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

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2.5. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor Vehicles	20% Straight line method
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2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	51,619	47,439
Gift aid	10,174	10,534
Other	-	2,367
	<u>61,793</u>	<u>60,340</u>

4. Investment Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	353

5. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Reimbursements of costs	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	14,090	-	14,090
Other giving	-	-	-
Building funds	60	-	60
Friday club	512	-	512
Wages Fund	-	-	-
	<u>14,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,662</u>

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Reimbursements of costs	109	-	109
Commission	744	-	744
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	-	-
Other giving	1,116	766	1,882

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Building funds	-	-	-
Friday club	1,000	-	1,000
Wages Fund	400	-	400
	<u>3,369</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>4,135</u>

6. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	3,083	1,006
Gain/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(14,090)	-

7. Analysis of Expenditure

	2025
	Total
	£
Raising funds	33,744
Costs of Charitable Activities	45,831
	<u>79,575</u>

	2024
	Total
	£
Raising funds	24,236
Costs of Charitable Activities	41,316
	<u>65,552</u>

8. Support Costs

	2025
	Total
	£
Employee costs	47,053
Premises expenses	13,243
General administration	6,428
Depreciation	3,083
	<u>69,807</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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			2024
	Raising funds	Costs of Charitable Activities	Total
	£	£	£
Employee costs	1,613	41,316	42,929
Premises expenses	9,523	-	9,523
General administration	4,556	-	4,556
Depreciation	1,006	-	1,006
	<u>16,698</u>	<u>41,316</u>	<u>58,014</u>

9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>672</u>	<u>656</u>

10. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>45,831</u>	<u>41,716</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

11. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 4 (2024: 4)

12. Tangible Assets

	Motor Vehicles
	£
Cost	
As at 1 April 2024	14,394
Additions	15,414
Disposals	(14,394)
As at 31 March 2025	<u>15,414</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2024	14,393
Provided during the period	3,083
Disposals	(14,394)
As at 31 March 2025	<u>3,082</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 March 2025	<u>12,332</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>1</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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13. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	11,213	10,912

14. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,783	1,782
Credit cards	254	601
Taxation and social security	400	401
	<u>2,437</u>	<u>2,784</u>

15. Loans

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Other loans	<u>254</u>	<u>601</u>

16. Other type of Risk

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

17. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	43,090	77,107	(78,810)	41,387
Designated:				
Designated	4,186	-	-	4,186
Total unrestricted funds	<u>47,276</u>	<u>77,107</u>	<u>(78,810)</u>	<u>45,573</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted	765	-	(765)	-
Total funds	<u>48,041</u>	<u>77,107</u>	<u>(79,575)</u>	<u>45,573</u>

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	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	48,261	59,980	(65,151)	43,090
Designated:				
Designated	-	4,586	(400)	4,186
Total unrestricted funds	<u>48,261</u>	<u>64,566</u>	<u>(65,551)</u>	<u>47,276</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted	-	766	(1)	765
Total funds	<u><u>48,261</u></u>	<u><u>65,332</u></u>	<u><u>(65,552)</u></u>	<u><u>48,041</u></u>

18. Related Party Disclosures

Philip Keeble, chair of trustees, received £13,217 (£10,678 23/24) for his Senior pastor role. Evadne Keeble, wife of P Keeble, received £13,217 (£11,154 23/24) for her Personal assistant role. Rhoda Morson, daughter of P Keeble, received £7,796 (£7,738 23/24) for her Administrator role. James Morson, son-in-law of P Keeble, received £11,60 (£7,555 23/24) for his role as Assistant pastor.

Other than reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses no payment was made to trustees or any persons connected to them during this financial period.