

# The Gateway Church - Newcastle

Report and Accounts  
Year ended 31 March 2025

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**THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	The Gateway Church - Newcastle c/o Pendower Good Neighbour Project 12-14 Sunnybank Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6SD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation registered 29 Oct 2015 as amended 11 June 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1164161
TRUSTEES	Sam Douthwaite (chair) Kemi Olantunji Stephen Gill Nicola Riches
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc 102 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1SL
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Archie McDowall BA, CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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## **THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

#### **Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) the advancement of the Christian faith in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide
- b) to relieve financial hardship by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide

#### **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity hosts multiple weekly activities, including:

- five Sunday gatherings
- prayer meetings
- children's work
- community practical care drop in sessions

These provide a place for people to grow in their understanding of Christianity and/or receive practical support to relieve poverty. We also facilitate a weekend away.

In this financial year we have successfully maintained our practical support in the community through the clothes bank and pantry. At the pantry we have seen the savings since opening reach £15,000. Members accessing this service report that at the same time as receiving practical benefit it is a place that they are feel safe, comfortable and enjoy coming to.

During this year we hosted our first weekend away which provided an opportunity for people to take time out of the busy city, enjoy time and nature and be built up through positive activities and Christian investment.

Through the work of our Sunday gatherings, prayer meeting and evangelistic outreach we have given people from many backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about and grow in the Christian faith. We have partnered with a work aiming to support and strengthen men. This has included fitness sessions and mental health drop ins that are positively received and people leave reporting on the benefits of it.

#### **Financial review**

During the year income increased by £30,895, to £105,445, and expenditure increased by £14,760, to £79,175. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £26,271 to £65,983, of which £40,693 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

The charity is in a strong position at the close of 24/25 giving scope for continuation and development of our work.

#### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted funds of £40,693 (£19,290 in general funds and £21,403 in designated funds) and this has been factored in to the 24/25 budget. The charity is complying with its reserves policy.

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are selected and appointed following discussions amongst the current trustees and Church Eldership.

**Risk statement**

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*N J Riches*  
N J Riches (Dec 18, 2025 16:55:56 GMT)

Nicola Riches

Date: Dec 18, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Gateway Church - Newcastle ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

*Archie McDowall*  
Archie McDowall (Jan 6, 2026 12:08:59 GMT)

Archie McDowall BA, CA

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
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Date: Jan 6, 2026

**THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		37,024	18,000	1,299	56,323	39,864
Grants		-	-	40,000	40,000	29,500
Gift aid receipts		4,780	-	-	4,780	5,127
Other		44	4,299	-	4,342	59
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>41,847</b>	<b>22,299</b>	<b>41,299</b>	<b>105,445</b>	<b>74,550</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	39,056	10,858	28,985	78,898	63,754
Grants & donations paid	3	277	-	-	277	660
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>39,333</b>	<b>10,858</b>	<b>28,985</b>	<b>79,175</b>	<b>64,414</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		2,515	11,441	12,314	26,271	10,136
Transfers between funds		(2,462)	2,462	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>13,903</b>	<b>12,314</b>	<b>26,271</b>	<b>10,136</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		19,237	7,500	12,975	39,712	29,576
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>19,290</b>	<b>21,403</b>	<b>25,290</b>	<b>65,983</b>	<b>39,712</b>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	19,290	21,403	25,290	65,983	39,712
	<b>19,290</b>	<b>21,403</b>	<b>25,290</b>	<b>65,983</b>	<b>39,712</b>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	5,909	-	-	5,909	4,750
Grant due to charity	-	-	12,000	12,000	-
Deposit for Church Weekend 2025	-	1,839	-	1,839	-
	<b>5,909</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>19,748</b>	<b>4,750</b>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
PAYE due	68	-	-	68	449
March '25 salary paid in April '25	4,484	-	-	4,484	-
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	924	-	-	924	912
	<b>5,476</b>			<b>5,476</b>	<b>1,361</b>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
				Value	Value
				2,025	2,024
				£	£
Contents and equipment				5,128	4,935
				<b>5,128</b>	<b>4,935</b>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

N J Riches  
N J Riches (Dec 18, 2025 16:55:56 GMT)

Nicola Riches

Date: Dec 18, 2025

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**THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	General funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Senior Elder costs (see Note 4)	12,977	-	-	12,977	21,460
The Sanctary	-	-	28,388	28,388	22,238
General running costs (incl. Tabitha's Place)	11,000	2,273	596	13,869	8,894
Kingdom Kids costs	12,221	-	-	12,221	8,170
Rent	440	-	-	440	1,080
Property costs	-	-	-	-	415
Professional costs (incl. insurance)	823	-	-	823	608
Accounts & Independent Examination	912	-	-	912	888
Children and Youth	547	-	-	547	
Weekend Away	135	8,585	-	8,720	
	<u>39,056</u>	<u>10,858</u>	<u>28,985</u>	<u>78,898</u>	<u>63,754</u>
<b>3 Grants &amp; donations paid</b>					
Institutions	-	-	-	-	-
Individuals	277	-	-	277	660
	<u>277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>660</u>
<b>4 Transactions with related parties</b>					

Sam Douthwaite, a trustee, served as a Senior Elder and received a salary of £14,334 (2024 - £18,700). He was paid for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Suzanne Douthwaite, the wife of a trustee was paid £14,148 (2024 - £13,466) in her role as an employee.



THE GATEWAY CHURCH - NEWCASTLE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement on funds

		Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>General funds</b>						
	Unrestricted Funds	19,237	41,847	(39,333)	(2,462)	19,290
<b>Designated Funds</b>						-
	Regent Chapel	7,500	18,000	(2,273)	-	23,227
	Weekend away 24/25	-	4,283	(6,745)	2,462	(0)
	Weekend away 25/26	-	16	(1,839)	-	(1,823)
		7,500	22,299	(10,858)	2,462	21,403
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
	Tabitha's Place	187	1,299	(596)	-	890
	The Sanctuary Hub	12,788	40,000	(28,388)	-	24,400
		12,975	41,299	(28,985)	-	25,290
	<b>Total Funds</b>	39,712	105,445	(79,175)	-	65,983

Tabitha's Place is a mercy and outreach ministry offering free refreshments, children's clothes, toys and books.

The Sanctuary Hub is money received for specific project work in the community and costs include a proportion of rent, property costs and payments for a coordinator role. All expenditure from this fund has been spent according to the remit and instruction of the grant providers.

The Regent Chapel fund is a regular donation made by an individual. The trustees have elected to designate this fund to support salaries for full time workers

# The Gateway Church Newcastle (1164161)











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