

Annual Report of The Trustees of Immanuel Christian Fellowship
Year Ending 31st March 2025
Charity Registration Number 1164508
9 Sycamore Square, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 2EN

Immanuel Christian Fellowship (ICF) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a membership wider than the Trustees. Immanuel Christian Fellowship is an independent Christian Church.

The Trustees of the Charity are:

Richard Smith (Chair), Hannah Segalofsky Smalley, Beverley Jayne Galpin and Paul Stephenson. Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the CIO, nominated and voted for at the AGM by simple majority.

The work of the charity is now seeing all services and ministries producing good progress over the 2024/2025 period. During the year ICF has conducted a wide range of activities these include; weekly Christian religious meetings, Christian worship, Bible study and discipleship sessions. Rainbow Tot's parent and toddler group has continued and has seen steady growth over the period of 2024/2025. We have continued to establish the group by continuing to provide budget friendly sessions, encouraging parents to engage in fundraising and supporting local families with days out during the Summer.

Our free meal days aimed at the homeless, unemployed and elderly have continued on Friday afternoons with extra funding from North Point (Welcome Spaces). These sessions have seen a steady increase in attendance. In October 2024 ICF launched a children's ministry (Fire Brands) for children aged 5 -12, providing weekly activities that include Christian based plays, arts and crafts and age-related Bible study. The children have excelled in all activities especially drama and craft sessions. They not only made the items needed for the Christmas Play but became very creative in their acting skills and their retention and knowledge of the Bible stories taught.

Immanuel Christian Fellowship continues to grow in membership and regularly draws in visitors from local towns and beyond. Immanuel Christian Fellowship has increased its number of volunteers in 2024 and has been able to provide free courses to new volunteers. ICF currently has a regular rota of 15 dedicated volunteers. The past year also provided an opportunity to offer positions of responsibility to volunteers by inviting members onto the Board of Trustees, this has allowed other trustees to stand down and focus on other areas of ministry.

The Charity has seen an increase in donations, tithes and offerings and has successfully secured funding from the National Lottery for Rainbow Tots and has also secured funding from Point North. Immanuel Christian Fellowship will continue to fund raise and make grant applications throughout 2025 for essential running costs and building development.

Immanuel Christian Fellowship has operated at The Bethel Tabernacle since March 2023 and plans to continue for many years. Members are working hard to secure funding for renovations needed to bring the building up to date along with funding to future proof the building and its legacy. One of our main goals is to fund a new heating system desperately needed. This will open more doors of opportunity to help enhance and expand our charitable activities.

We estimate that more than 360 local people including Shildon residents and people from surrounding areas, have received charitable support in the period 2024 to 2025, helping us attain our charitable aims and objectives. Trustees consider this to be a significant level of public benefit and expect to see this increase year on year.

Trustees continue to review the financial operation and procedures of the Charity and report findings during regular meetings this will continue throughout 2025.

The Charity has a Reserves Policy which aims to hold three months' worth of revenue/ running costs, to help ensure the Charity can meet its financial obligations.

The Charity has a Policy of Depreciating Fixed Assets on the following basis:

1. Computer, IT and Presentation Equipment - straight line to zero over three years.
2. General Furniture and Office Equipment - straight line to zero over five years.
3. Play/Activity Related Equipment - straight line to zero over three years.

Trustees Annual Report and Annual Accounts approved by the Board of Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Richard Smith, Chair
25th January 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31/03/2025

	2025 <i>Unrestricted</i>	2025 <i>Restricted</i>	2025 <i>Designated</i>	2025 <i>TOTAL</i>	2024 <i>TOTAL</i>
Receipts					
Donations	15,691.38	1,130.00	500.00	17,321.38	13,588.21
Income Through Other Charitable Activities.	45.47			45.47	518.64
Other Income	1,624.61			1,624.61	1,515.50
Total receipts	<u>17,361.46</u>	<u>1,130.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>18,991.48</u>	<u>15,622.35</u>

Payments

PC Cash Withdrawal For Petty Cash	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,800.00
Rent and rates	9,000.00			9,000.00	9,000.00
Insurance	273.47			273.47	273.47
Building & Decorating materials	80.99			80.99	287.92
Building Materials	56.09			56.09	971.72
Food & drink/services	264.86	1,033.63		1,298.49	1,101.96
Postage & stationery	20.00			20.00	
Computer Stationary, Paper and Envelopes.	100.87			100.87	
Donations & gifts	100.00			100.00	610.00
IT	231.06			231.06	1,158.40
Books And Periodicals	42.00			42.00	14.00
Furniture & Equipment	94.22			94.22	1,126.42
Furniture & Equipment 2					320.00
Rainbow Tots activities		231.43		231.43	1,244.00
Volunteer Expenses		150.00		150.00	
Professional fees	714.40			714.40	993.00
Cleaning Materials & Toiletries	23.48			23.48	18.57
Craft Tools\Youth Work	6.99			6.99	
Payment Back To Beverley	125.16			125.16	
Utilities \Gas\Electric\Water	4,564.86			4,564.86	2,677.46
Church Trip Expenses					450.00
Flowers & Cards					24.00
Hire of Transport/Tools\Equipment					406.32
Building Security\Locks\Alarms\Cameras					34.00
	<u>17,198.45</u>	<u>1,415.06</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>18,613.51</u>	<u>22,511.24</u>

Receipts less payments	163.01	(285.06)	500.00	377.95	(6,888.89)
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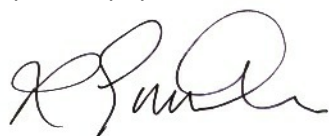
Transfers					
Balances b/fwd	1,906.33	6,688.16		8,594.49	15,483.38
Balances c/fwd	<u>2,069.34</u>	<u>6,403.10</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>8,972.44</u>	<u>8,594.49</u>

Made up of:	8,806.68	8,541.41
Current Account	165.76	53.08
Petty Cash	<u>8,972.44</u>	<u>8,594.49</u>

Approval of the accounts

The receipts and payments accounts were approved at a meeting of the management committee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:



Name: Pastor Richard Smith (Trustee)

Date: 25/01/2025