

HUNSLET CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (CIO)

(CHARITY NUMBER 1166960)

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITIES COMMISSION FOR 2024/25

The Church Board function as the Board of Managing Trustees for the Hunslet Church of the Nazarene C.I.O. We have continued to meet both formally and informally after services as required, to discuss issues that required attention, each member of the Board continues to contribute to the effective management of the church to the best of their ability, as they have been led of the Lord and a consensus in all decisions continues to be reached that takes the church forward.

This year Mrs Sharon Cook entered her eternal home to be rewarded by the Lord for her faithful service.

Our membership has not dipped despite the passing of this faithful saint. We welcomed a new member early in 2025. We have again been encouraged by a number of new people attending the church services, on a regular basis. We have also again been able to continue to minister to a large care/nursing home locally by taking special services. The services have been very well supported by both residents and staff; as requested by the manager we have increased the number of services in 2025. Our Community Coffee Morning outreach and Ladies Group continue with a number of regular attenders, and we have assisted the local MHA sheltered Housing complex by taking services when their chaplain was away.

Financially the church is continuing to manage its finances as best it is able, however, due to the proceeds of the sale of the Manse being ringfenced under a trust deed we are unable to use these funds for general church expenses or repairs/maintenance, and the banks are not offering any interest bearing accounts to give us funds to replace the lost interest/rent we previously enjoyed. The Trustees are looking at the possibility of investing these ringfenced funds in 2026 with the District Advisory Board of the Church of the Nazarene (BISD) with regard to a manse property in London, currently subject to a mortgage, this investment in BISD will provide an income stream for the church, without the problems associated with the local church being a landlord.

Our total income for the financial year to 30th September 2025 was £4233 and expenditure £4482, a slight increase in income and a significant decrease in expenditure. The church plan to replace the entrance security and fire doors at a cost of £4480 and we are grateful that this cost will be covered by a grant from Leeds City Council's Community Funds.

The Trustees continued to work with the local community in leading or taking part in several Remembrance Day/Sunday services.

We are grateful to the local preachers and ordained ministers who continue to help the Pastoral Team fill the pulpit weekly, this takes the pressure off the two Pastors and gives the congregation a varied ministry programme. This is particularly relevant this year with Rev. Terry Martin and his wife, Betty taking semi-retirement due to age/health reasons and Terry having to stop driving.

The church continues to look forward to the future and in addition to the property improvements are also planning the 122nd Church Anniversary Weekend in April 2026 at which the guest preacher will be Tom Ward, the Director of Good News Broadcasting Association and a concert will be given on the Saturday evening with the White Rose Male Voice Praise. We shall also be celebrating a Wedding Blessing Service for Helen and Barry, together with welcoming them into membership of the church.

We continue to seek opportunities to serve the Lord, and the local community in whatever ways He guides us, and despite increasing health concerns, we are still able to keep most of the church programmes going.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mike Hewison

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Chairman, Board of Managing Trustees, On behalf of the Board.

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CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

Consolidated Accounts presented to the 2026 Church AGM

INCOME

Offerings	£ 3490.70
Gifts	£ 628.00
Fees (KCom/LCC)	£ 36.00
EDF Refund	£ 78.67
Bank interest	£ 00.00
	<u>£</u>

Sub total (income) £ 4233.37

Brought Fwd.	<u>£ 128703.70</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 132937.07</u>
Income	£132937.07
Expenditure	<u>£ 4482.06</u>

Carried forward £128455.01

EXPENDITURE

Preachers exp. including hospitality	£ 520.00
Budgets	£ 75.00
Admin/misc. expense	£ 23.00
Gas/electric	£1325.20
Insurance	£1050.25
Repairs/maintenance	£1043.74
Outreach programmes expense	<u>£ 444.87</u>

Total expenditure £ 4482.06

Current A/c £127989.57
Cash £ 465.44

Total £128455.01

Notes – 1) inter A/c transfers Current A/c to Petty Cash £1300.00, 2) £100,000 of funds ringfenced re sale of manse.

Mrs. E. Martin, Church Treasurer