

Trustees Annual Report

1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

SECTION B

GOVERNANCE ISSUES (OPTIONAL INFORMATION)

The Private Limited Company limited by guarantee, Company Number 10016724, **Wildwood Church Stafford**, has Charity Incorporation status registered as a charity Number 1169325.

Trustees meetings were held seven times throughout the year in-person and on Zoom. The Company AGM was held in January 2025.

SECTION C

SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY.....

To advance Christian religion in accordance with the doctrinal basis of faith of the Evangelical Alliance

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS (INCLUDES WITHIN THIS SECTION THE STATUTORY DECLARATION THAT TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT)

2024 - 2025

Church services are in person each week and are open to all. Visitors and guests attend church services and other events, almost all of which are not subject to any charge. In addition, the charity live-streams Sunday services on YouTube to continue to be available to people who are unable to attend in person. We meet at Beaconside conference centre. The children meet each week and are joining the main service at the beginning and then move into their own groups.

The charity maintains The Gateway centre on Wildwood estate, Stafford, as community rooms and church offices. The facility is small but is well used through the week by groups of older and younger people.

Open, school and church-based youth work for all ages continued with our gap year student and the youth leader maintaining good connections with the young people.

In the Spring time, we hosted a variety of fundraising events to support local young people in attending a Christian youth conference, called Newday. We had a car wash, a quiz and a bake sale to raise money for this. In May, we also arranged a trip to Llandudno for the church and a large group of people from the local community.

Men's breakfasts had been taking place most months and there have been Church lunches following services. A number of our church members, and a few people from the community, attended the Devoted Christian conference in Stafford.

The church has been running an Alpha course, **Life skills course (CAP)** and First Steps toddler group. Home groups for adults and young adults have been meeting.

There has been a popular and committed group at 'drop in' Friday Coffee Morning attended mainly by older people, (up to 20 people each week), and a 'Knit and Natter' group meeting on a Thursday averaging 8 people each week.

Direct aid overseas continued to be provided to Liberia and indirectly overseas aid was provided through the Christ Central Churches, an organisation of which we are members.

We continued to collect food for Rising Brook Foodbank.

SECTION C

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL INFORMATION)

Most of our community-based activities are planned, organised and delivered by volunteers. Some were regular weekly activities such as Knit and Natter and a Friday Coffee Morning. The volunteers generally work in small teams and for relevant activities are DBS checked. They have undertaken First Aid and/or safeguarding training for children/vulnerable adults and risk assessments are also completed. They are supported by the Church leadership.

In addition to our own church services and activities we also work in partnership with the ChristCentral Churches network, other local churches as part of the group of Stafford churches known as Love Stafford, and with Youth Net, the local organisation supporting church-based youth work.

SECTION D

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

The Gateway building which we lease on Wildwood estate as a church office and base for our work continues to be a great asset in delivering our vision, to showcase, to all people, His glory, beauty and justice as we encounter Jesus, the God who is love. The building has been used as a base for staff over this year, but also for team meetings, Home groups who preferred a bit more space and for Youth Groups, Knit and Natter, the Friday Coffee morning and First Steps toddler group.

We continued to employ 3 staff during 2024-25 and, in partnership with Time for God, we were connected with a gap year student for the academic year. The gap year student recruited for 2024- 25 contributed greatly to youth work. Their main activity has been working with the schools, one to one and group work. The student also contributed to a range of general activities within the charity, including setting up a new group for young people to explore the Christian faith. The student received training/briefing and debriefing from Time for God before and after coming to the UK and met up with their cohort in the UK during the year.

SECTION E FINANCIAL REVIEW

BRIEF STATEMENT ON CHARITY'S POLICY ON RESERVES

We have maintained reserves at a reasonable level which will cover the cost of statutory redundancy payments for three months for our staff if the charity's activity were to cease.

FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS

Events organised by the church and the running of the church are funded by the Church members. There was a reduction in giving this year due to a change in circumstances for some of our most generous donors. In March and April, we launched a 'Step Up' campaign asking our church members to increase giving following which we had an encouraging response to this with many giving for the first time or choosing in faith to increase their regular donations. Income and expenditure were evenly balanced for 2024/5.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Wildwood Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1169325

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

T. Herriott

Date:

27/02/2026

Name:

Tim Herriott;

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2024	To	Period end date 31/08/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings & Gifts, Gift Aid (Covenants)	103,971	50,345	-	154,316	150,774
Tax Refund	20,782	9,188	-	29,970	23,090
Grants/Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Church Activities to generate funds	6,113	-	-	6,113	8,070
Bank Interest	706	-	-	706	737
Other Income	-	231	-	231	500
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	131,572	59,764	-	191,336	183,171
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	131,572	59,764	-	191,336	183,171
A3 Payments					
See Attached Schedule A	126,376	-	-	126,376	179,682
Charitable Activities	-	59,704	-	59,704	49,824
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	126,376	59,704	-	186,080	229,506
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Materials /IT/PA	-	-	-	-	4,721
Sub total	-	-	-	-	4,721
Total payments	126,376	59,704	-	186,080	234,227
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,196	60	-	5,256	- 51,056
A5 Transfers between funds	- 20	20	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	100,288	2,491	-	102,779	153,835
Cash funds this year end	105,464	2,571	-	108,035	102,779

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	National Savings	-	-	-
	Bank Accounts	105,464	2,571	-
	Cash Accounts	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	105,464	2,571	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Accounts Receivable	2,425	-	-
	Prepayments	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Accounts Payable	1630	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

**Wildwood Church -
1169325**

Schedule A

Payments Directly for Charitable Purposes

Payments	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Hire & Cost of Centre	21,209	17,468
Gifts UK and Overseas	4,394	29,535
Catering	1,395	1,236
Postage & Stationery	537	446
Insurance+Professional Fees	6,000	7,204
Activities	6,511	22,259
Youth/Church Workers	86,330	101,534
TOTAL	126,376	179,682