

Alive City Church

Financial statements

For the period ended 30 June 2025

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For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

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Charity Information

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

<b>CHARITY NUMBER:</b>	1169786
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT:</b>	Foundation Model Constitution
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE:</b>	31 Newstead Rise Catherham CR3 6RS
<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Mr Lemuel Boateng Mrs Golda Boateng Ms Isabelle Malou Ms Priscilla Williams-Silvera
<b>REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS:</b>	RB Accountants 26 Cheapside Wakefield West Yorkshire WF1 2TF
<b>BANKERS:</b>	Santander UK Plc 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN

Report of the Trustees

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 30 June 2025. The information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Objectives for the current year were as follows:

Services for adults and children throughout the week to engage members and increase fellowship and understanding of the bible

- Hold weekly in person Sunday services to serve the local Purley community with energetic music and an inspiring message to encourage and uplift those who attend.
- Hold online and in person midweek groups such as bible studies, prayer meetings, women and men focussed groups to give people the space to explore and dive deeper in the bible and its teachings.
- Weekly Kids Church - providing young children between 3 - 10 years old teachings on the bible and once the first lockdown started giving them weekly opportunities to connect with other children, can and have fun together.
- Weekly Youth sessions - empowering, encouraging and equipping our youth members 11 - 18 years old to live full and active lives in Christ. Our youth leaders working closely with the young people with support from parents and guardians to discuss, learn and dive deep into all topics from a biblical perspective.

Provide support to the community through a variety of pastoral care initiatives and events

- Counselling including marital, mental health and young people
- Supporting individuals and families from the communities financially where required
- Community events around Christians holidays - Summer Family day, Summer Retreat, Carols Night & Easter Fair.
- Evangelism - members of the church going out on the streets speaking to the local community about their needs and how we can support them
- Prayer support - through in person and online prayer meetings
- Partnering with other local churches - running Christianity Explored for the local community to explore the Christian faith.

Objectives for the fourth-coming year are as follows:

- The holding of public worship services, prayer meetings, lectures, teachings, celebrations, conferences and other events
- The production and distribution of literature and other resources advancing the Christian faith
- The provision of youth empowerment initiatives, including mentoring, creative arts programmes, sports activities and music workshops
- The provision of family support services, including parenting programmes, food distribution, counselling, therapeutic and pastoral support
- Community engagement activities, including volunteering opportunities, local events and intergenerational programs.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The charity's work has made a difference to the circumstances of its beneficiaries as; Alive City Church operates in Croydon, a borough facing significant challenges. Many young people are vulnerable to crime, exclusion and exploitation. Families are experiencing increasing economic hardship and widening social inequalities. Mental health and wellbeing concerns are growing, particularly among children, young people and parents who lack access to consistent support networks. These needs make Croydon a place where community-based services are essential. Our work directly responds to these challenges. Inspired by our belief that everyone has gifts, talents and purpose, we deliver youth empowerment programs such as mentoring, creative arts, sports events, music workshops and youth hangouts. We support families through parenting workshops, food distribution, counselling, therapy and practical financial assistance. We strengthen community connection through volunteering, local events and intergenerational programs, including community family fun days. Our education, skills and training activities include tutoring, academic support, employability programs, digital literacy, entrepreneurship workshops and personal development courses that help individuals progress in education, work and life.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Our impact reflects our commitment. We have donated £14,090 to struggling families in our community, including £4,000 specifically to single mothers. More than 50 young people have engaged in our sports, music and mentoring programs, and we have organized four community sports days. This track record shows our dedication to serving Croydon and improving lives, all achieved with very limited external grant funding.

Our work has improved wellbeing, built resilience, reduced isolation and provided safe, positive pathways for local residents in a borough where these opportunities are urgently needed.

The charity's work has provided benefits to society as a whole as we have contributed £1,500 to local charities such as Purley Food Hub and the South East Cancer Help Centre and do a monthly food bank collection for the Purley Food Hub.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity has experienced a significant increase in activity during the year, reflected in both income and expenditure levels. Total income for the year amounted to £245,319, representing a substantial increase of 63% compared to the prior year. This growth is indicative of strengthened giving and increased participation of the church's activities and outreach.

Total expenditure for the year was £161,632; an increase of 37% on the previous year. This rise in expenditure is consistent with the increased level of activity and demonstrates that the charity has continued to invest in its charitable objectives while maintaining a control over costs.

As a result, the charity generated a net surplus of £83,687 for the year. The positive position reflects prudent financial management and provides a solid foundation for future sustainability. The surplus will contribute to strengthening reserves and may be designated to support ongoing projects.

Overall, the charity remains in a healthy financial position at the year end, The trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is appropriate and that the charity is well placed to continue delivering its objectives in the forthcoming year.

## **RESERVES POLICY AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Projects, whether entailing capital or revenue expenditure, are not initiated until funding is committed. At present, donations are the main source of income for specific projects.

## **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

In September 2025 we launched ProjectFive14, a capital vision to secure a permanent multi-use community facility in Croydon. The centre would include:

- A worship auditorium (that can also be used for theatre for schools, performances, and community events)
  - A café and co-working space open to the wider public
  - A gym and wellness facility
  - A nursery supporting young families
  - A Digital Academy equipping young people with future-ready skills
  - A sports centre for youth development and mentoring
  - Therapy and counselling rooms supporting emotional wellbeing
  - Facilities to support wider social care needs, including reconnecting estranged families
  - Flexible spaces for worship, discipleship, mentoring, and community gatherings
- This is more than a building. It is a legacy project, a visible “city on a hill” serving the borough with faith and excellence. You can watch our vision in video form [here](#).

Croydon faces real challenges around youth engagement, knife crime, family breakdown and social isolation. We believe the Church must be present, practical and positioned. Securing a permanent facility would allow us to expand structured programs and provide a safe, stable and visible community asset in the borough.

Since launching our vision in September 2025, we raised just over £107,000 through congregational giving and fundraising events towards this vision.

Report of the Trustees  
For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

**ORGANISATION**

The Church is a registered Charity under number 1169786. It is run by appointed trustees.

**AGENTS AND ADVISORS**

The reporting accounts are RB Accountants.

**ACCOUNTS**

The attached statement of account has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102), and the charity's governing document.

**RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS**

75 volunteers put themselves forward to volunteer in different teams after becoming members of the church once they have completed the two part membership class.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES**

..... **Golda Boateng - Trustee**

**Date:**

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities  
For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

Charity law requires to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgments and estimates that are responsible and prudent.
- c) Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- d) Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue operating.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Reporting accountants report to the Trustees of Alive City Church  
For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's governing document. It is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express any audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: .....

**RB Accountants**  
**26 Cheapside**  
**Wakefield**  
**WF1 2TF**



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Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £	Notes
<b><u>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	245,319	-	245,319	150,426	2
Total income and endowments	245,319	-	245,319	150,426	
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>					
Charitable activities	161,632	-	161,632	117,876	
Total resources expended	161,632	-	161,632	117,876	
<b><u>NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES</u></b>					
	83,687	-	83,687	32,550	
<b>BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2024</b>	62,246	-	62,246	29,696	
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2025</b>	145,933	-	145,933	62,246	

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Balance Sheet

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £	Notes
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>					
Tangible assets	14,163	-	14,163	17,751	5
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>					
Debtors	47,673	-	47,673	11,767	6
Cash at bank	84,636	-	84,636	33,582	
	<u>132,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,309</u>	<u>45,349</u>	
<b><u>CREDITORS</u></b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	539	-	539	854	7
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	<u>132,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,309</u>	<u>45,349</u>	
<b><u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u></b>	<u>131,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,770</u>	<u>44,495</u>	
<b><u>INCOME FUNDS</u></b>					
Restricted funds			-	-	
Unrestricted funds			145,933	62,246	
			<u>145,933</u>	<u>62,246</u>	

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their

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**Golda Boateng**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the statement of recommended practice, accounting by the Charities Act 2011.

#### **a) Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are reported as gross.

#### **b) Donations**

Donations are credited in full to the financial statements on a cash basis.

#### **c) Grants Receivable**

Grants are recognised when receivable. Capital grants are treated as restricted fund income, revenue grants are treated as unrestricted fund income, unless they are for specific projects.

#### **d) Direct Charitable Expenditure and Management and Administration Costs**

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity. When necessary, costs are allocated between direct charitable expenditure and management and administration on an actual basis. Costs are recognised when the liability is incurred.

#### **e) Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost or estimated value in use.

#### **f) Funds**

Restricted funds represent capital project funds and revenue funds for specific projects.

#### **g) VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is included in expenditure or the cost of assets acquired.

## **2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Grants	55,832	-	55,832	36,000
Gifts and donations	180,941	-	180,941	102,357
Offerings	8,546	-	8,546	12,069
	<u>245,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,319</u>	<u>150,426</u>

## **3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

### **TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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**4. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:

	30.06.2025	30.06.2024
Volunteers during the year	75	45

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**5. FIXED ASSETS - INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

<b>COST</b>	30.06.2025	30.06.2024
Brought forward	37,798	29,103
Additions	1,133	9,802
Disposals	- -	1,107
Carried forward	38,931	37,798
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
Brought forward	- 20,046 -	14,641
Charge for the year	- 4,721 -	5,917
Disposals	-	512
Carried forward	- 24,767 -	20,046
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
Brought forward	17,752	14,462
Carried forward	14,164	17,752

**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Other debtors	15,256	-	15,256	-
Trade debtors	32,417	-	32,417	11,767
	47,673	-	47,673	11,767

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Accruals	540	-	540	540
Leases & HP	-	-	-	315
Trade creditors	- 1	-	1 -	1
	539	-	539	854

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (Unrestricted)

For the Period Ended 30 June 2025

<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Grants	55,832	36,000
Gifts and donations	180,941	102,357
Offerings	8,546	12,069
	<u>245,319</u>	<u>150,426</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>245,319</u>	<u>150,426</u>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Accountancy fees	540	540
Admin and management costs	664	290
Advertising	171	45
Bank charges	23	17
Bank loan interest	99	191
Church equipment	15,394	7,775
Cleaning	759	-
Computer expenses	1,062	1,187
Consultancy fee	25,345	7,200
Depreciation	4,721	5,917
Donations	9,698	2,574
Entertaining	3,919	3,285
Events	10,328	4,076
External vendors	8,160	5,480
Health and safety	75	-
Insurance	459	459
Kids church	432	25
Motor expenses	8,412	8,211
Pastor expenses	-	9,000
Post and stationery	1,907	1,119
Professional fees	3,406	-
Profit/loss on sale of tang. FA	- 545	260
Resources	2,981	2,314
Storage	3,393	2,899
Subscriptions	718	480
Sundry expenses	4,328	2,244
Telephone	346	416
Training courses / conferences	180	-
Travelling	6,680	9,564
Venue hire	45,339	42,308
Volunteer expenses	2,638	-
	<u>161,632</u>	<u>117,876</u>
<b>Total resources expenses</b>	<u>161,632</u>	<u>117,876</u>
 <b>NET OUTGOINGS RESOURCES</b>	 83,687	 32,550