



HOUSE OF LIFE

POLISH CHURCH IN MANCHESTER

Polish Church House of Life

Annual Report

Year: 2024/2025

Introduction

The past year has been a season of many valuable initiatives and shared experiences for the Polish Church House of Life. With gratitude, we reflect on the blessings and progress we have seen in our community life. Our mission continues to be clear: to nurture faith, strengthen fellowship, and preserve Polish cultural heritage among Poles living in the United Kingdom.

Library Development

An important achievement this year was the further expansion of our parish library. The collection continues to grow and has become a vital resource for our community. By providing access to Polish literature, the library supports not only education and spiritual growth but also the preservation of the Polish language for future generations. It is now a place of learning, exploration, and cultural connection for both adults and children.

Monthly Gatherings

Film Screenings

Once a month, members of our community gathered to watch episodes of The Chosen. These screenings were followed by thoughtful discussions, which provided a platform for reflection on faith, personal life, and the meaning of the Gospel message in everyday circumstances.

Bible Study

Alongside with the film screenings, we held monthly Bible study sessions focused on the Gospel of Mark. These studies deepened our understanding of Scripture, encouraged spiritual growth, and gave participants the opportunity to apply biblical principles to their daily lives.

Weekend Guest Events

We had the privilege of welcoming distinguished guests who enriched our community with their knowledge and experience:

Ryszard Krzywy led the session *How to Care for Your Spirituality While Living Abroad*, addressing the challenges of nurturing faith in a foreign environment.

Professor **Wojciech Gajewski** delivered a seminar on *The History of Christianity*, providing valuable historical insights and context that illuminated our understanding of the Church today.

A. Zielińska and G. Michaczow, specialists in psychological and spiritual care, led sessions that offered encouragement, support, and practical guidance for those facing personal challenges.

Social and Cultural Events

Christmas Celebrations

As in previous years, our community came together for Festive gatherings, which served as an opportunity to share in Polish traditions. These celebrations strengthened the sense of belonging within our community and ensured that Polish customs are passed on to younger generations.

Gatherings for Women and Men

Recognizing the diverse needs of our members, we organized dedicated events for women and men:

- Men's gatherings combined sport (table tennis) with meaningful conversation and fellowship.
- Women's meetings over tea created a welcoming environment for sharing life experiences, offering support, and building deeper relationships.

Conclusion

Looking back, this year has been a testimony to the strength and resilience of a faith-centered community. Each initiative – from library development and Bible studies to guest lectures and festive celebrations contributed to the spiritual, cultural, and social life of our members.

Through the dedication of many individuals, House of Life continues to nurture faith, strengthen bonds, and preserve Polish heritage in the United Kingdom. As we enter a new year, we do so with hope and anticipation, trusting that together we will continue to grow and build a thriving community, guided and sustained by God's grace.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
	General	Designated	Funds	2025	2024
Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	18,566	0	0	18,566	21,949
Activities for generating funds		0	0	0	0
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	<u>18,566</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,566</u>	<u>21,949</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities:					
Evangelism costs	6,000	0	0	6,000	2,442
Ministerial / Honoarium for visiting min.	1,160	0	0	1,160	750
Costs of other church activities	387	0	0	387	834
<i>Grants payable and restricted</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Donations passed on	0	0	0	0	0
Governance costs	5,267	0	0	0	0
Others	5,652	0	0	5,652	
Total resources expended	<u>18,466</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,466</u>	<u>20,418</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	100	0	0	100	1,531
Gross transfers between funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds b/fwd 11 September 2024	26,754	0	0	26,754	25,223
Prior year adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds c/fwd 10 September 2025	<u>£ 26,854</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 26,854</u>	<u>£ 26,754</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General £	Designated £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets		<u>6,227</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,227</u>	<u>7,582</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors		0	0	0	0	0
Bank and cash balances		<u>20,813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,813</u>	<u>21,339</u>
		20,813	0	0	20,813	21,339
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors payable within one year		<u>186</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>2,166</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,627</u>	<u>19,173</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>£ 26,854</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 26,854</u>	<u>£ 26,754</u>

THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

Unrestricted income funds:

General	26,854	0	0	26,854	26,754
Designated	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>26,854</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,854</u>	<u>26,754</u>

Restricted income funds:

	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
£	<u>26,854</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 26,854</u>	<u>£ 26,754</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6/11/25 and signed on their behalf by.

Guigwen David

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met:

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

Name: AKINOLA OLAWALE FCCA



Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA)

Address: 4 Wyne Close, Hazel Grove, SK7 6PD

Date: 02 November 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Polish House of Life Church

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended September 10, 2025.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the charities Accounts and Reports Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

Conclusions

There are no other matters I feel needed to be brought to your attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Akinola Olawale FCCA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Akinola Olawale', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Date: 02 November 2025