

Faversham Gospel Mission
Charity registration number 1171357

Trustees Annual Report
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Aims and Objectives

'For the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in Faversham, Kent and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.'

Structure and organisational relationships

Founded in the 1880s, in 2017 the Mission became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The spiritual leaders, deacons and trustees meet regularly. The Mission is a member body of the Evangelical Alliance, and we are active within Churches Together in Faversham.

Summary of main activities

We continued to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, with Communion monthly. Numbers attending remained around 25-45. There were regular prayer meetings and occasional special events. All church activities were open to all without any charge. Practical and pastoral support has continued to be provided to any in need, confidentially and without charge.

Following the sale of the Manse in 2019 we have undertaken a significant refurbishment of our building, starting in May 2024 and finishing in September. Similarly, preparations are underway to complete our renovation of the church building, work to begin in Spring 2026.

We continued to host the town's Trussell Foodbank. Ever since the 1880s we have been home to Faversham Mission Brass, storing instruments and providing weekly rehearsal space. Two community choirs also used the hall most weeks for rehearsal.

These community activities demonstrate how the trustees continually have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial review

Believing in 'every member ministry' we have no paid staff. We do not fundraise, and receive no grants from government or other sources. Only very exceptionally do we make grants.

Our receipts and payments accounts for the year show income of £27,334 and expenditure of £191,309, the deficit being £163,975. The majority of our expenditure during the year was due to the refurbishment of our building. During the year we made regular disbursements to several Christian organisations, totalling £3,112. Due to the cost of our building work, we have closed two accounts and now have a single bank account with NatWest. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

We have a reserves policy of always holding a minimum of three months' average expenditure. Despite recurring annual deficits of income over expenditure, we have no short- or medium-term concerns about the Mission's financial stability. There is no uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Reference and administrative details

Name: Faversham Gospel Mission

Registered charity number: 1171357

Principal address: Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JL

Names of trustees managing the charity:

Amanda Jane Eason

James Sidney Ransom

Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

During their time in office, all trustees held title to the property belonging to the charity.
There are no corporate trustees.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name: James Sidney Ransom

Position: Chair



Full name: GEOFFREY STUART SANDIFORD.

Position: Trustee

Date

28/11/25



Faversham Gospel Mission

Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JL

Charity No: 1171357

Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts	2024/25	2023/24
Tithes and offerings	14175	
Bank interest	1575	
Hall rental	11484	
Other	100	
Total	27334	33795

Payments		
Utilities	4863	
Maintenance and insurance	18832	
Building works	160824	
Housekeeping	127	
Contract cleaners	1361	
Office expenses	15	
Copyright licence	397	
Training	20	
Advertising	50	
I.T.	304	
Membership subscriptions	422	
Sunday school	64	
Pastor's expenses	321	
Regular gifts (Mission)	3112	
One off gifts	447	
Speakers' expenses	150	
Total	191309	80375

Deficit of income over expenditure

£163975

Expense Categories	
1	Octopus - Electricity
2	British Gas
3	BT
4	Business Stream Water
5	Castle Water
6	Building works
7	Cleaning services
8	Office expenses
9	Speaker expenses
10	Bridges Insurance
11	Copyright licence
13	31:8 Safeguarding
14	Kitchen and Janitorial
15	Advertising & publicity
16	Building maintenance
17	One off gifts
18	Regular gifts (Mission)
19	I.T.
20	Pastor expenses
21	Membership subscriptions
22	Sunday school
Total Expenses	

Your Actual Spending (Based on the data you've entered so far)		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£82.12	£985.46
	£246.56	£2,958.74
	£47.36	£568.36
	£18.68	£224.12
	£10.62	£127.41
	£13,402.01	£160,824.11
	£113.40	£1,360.80
	£1.28	£15.38
	£12.50	£150.00
	£115.15	£1,381.84
	£33.07	£396.86
	£1.67	£20.00
	£10.58	£127.00
	£4.17	£50.00
	£1,454.17	£17,450.00
	£37.25	£447.00
	£259.29	£3,111.50
	£25.33	£303.97
	£26.75	£321.00
	£35.17	£422.00
	£5.31	£63.75
	£15,942.44	£191,309.30

Income Categories	
1	Weekly cash offering
2	Stewardship offering
3	Standing order / BACS offering
4	Bank interest
5	Foodbank rental
6	Comm choir rental
7	Shanty choir rental
8	Faversham Mission Brass
9	Other
Total Income	

Your Actual Income		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£273.20	£3,278.45
	£716.35	£8,596.20
	£191.67	£2,300.00
	£131.28	£1,575.36
	£740.37	£8,884.40
	£63.33	£760.00
	£53.33	£640.00
	£100.00	£1,200.00
	£8.33	£100.00
	£2,277.87	£27,334.41

Total Income
Total Expenses

Your Actual Data		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£2,277.87	£27,334.41
	£15,942.44	£191,309.30





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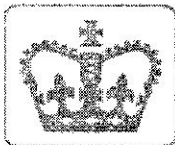
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Funds held	31 st March 2025	31 st March 2024
NatWest Bank	67318	99189
Kingdom Bank	-	89369
Reliance Bank	-	42734
Total	67318	231292

Approved by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date
	JAMES SIONEY RANSOM	28 / 11 / 25
	GEOFFREY STUART SANDIFORD	28 / 11 / 25



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

FAVERSHAM GOSPEL MISSION.

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2025.

Charity no
(if any)

1171357

Set out on pages

1-2.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~ in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Kate Martin

Date:

16th Sept 2025

Name:

MRS. K.R. MARTIN.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Retired Church Treasurer. (PBY).

Address:

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FAVERSHAM

KENT S.E.11.