

# The Gate Church

Reports & Accounts  
Financial Year Ending 31/03/2025

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## Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Gate Church

Charity Number: 1171487

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Micah Deegan

Michael Dugan

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Independent Examiner: Liubov Short, FICB PM. Dip  
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## Trustees Report

### Objects of the charity

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Birmingham and the surrounding neighbourhood; and other such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Trustees, further the work of the Church.

### Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church holds a series of weekend and midweek activities and, in addition, provides financial support to individuals and organisations involved in Christian activities.

When planning and reviewing activities, the Church has given due consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the Church in our local community.

The activities of the Church are overseen by its leadership, and are carried forward both by the Church staff, and by the extensive involvement of volunteers drawn from Church members and other regular attendees. This pattern is in all areas of the life of the Church, including leading of midweek groups, youth and children's activities, and activities within the community.

The Church welcomes members and attendees from all backgrounds with the aim of ensuring that they do not miss the opportunity to benefit from its activities. The Church is committed to growing in diversity to ensure that it better reflects the community it serves.

The Church currently rents a local community centre where regular Sunday meetings are held as well as more seasonal meetings e.g. Christmas community events.

Alongside our aim to advance the Christian faith in our locality we were also involved in working with Safe Families to reduce poverty in the area. The church contributes financially as well as providing volunteers in order to help individuals who need relational support in the community and have been referred by the local council.

As well as Sunday morning services, the church also runs midweek meetings. These range from prayer meetings, to smaller community meetings providing the opportunity for individuals to study the Bible and pray together in smaller groups. These smaller community groups also aim to serve the local community where they see opportunity to do so, for example supporting refugees in their integration into life in the UK.

The Church also runs intermittent marriage counselling courses for couples experiencing marital or relational difficulties, and also for engaged couples about to step into marriage.

As well as our weekly Sunday services the Church also offered additional services and events at Christmas and Easter to provide the local community with more opportunities to connect with the Christian faith during those seasons. The church also offered termly Family Fun Days for local families from a wide variety of backgrounds to attend with children aged 0-11 provided for.

The Church is committed to reaching, teaching, discipling and training Christians to carry out Gospel ministry in our community and further afield. As part of this activity, the Church is committed to plant Churches in the Birmingham area. The Church is therefore involved with the Birmingham Collective for Church Planting, as part of a coalition of Birmingham Churches working in partnership to facilitate the launch of new Churches in the city.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### Financial Review

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis and include a statement of assets and liabilities and this Trustee Report.

The total incoming resources for the year were £115,526.30. Resources expended in the year were £116,842.80. This resulted in an overall deficit for the year of £1,316.50.

The Church's funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation. The surplus was unplanned, and is as a result of generous end of year gifts, in addition to backdated gift aid claims.

The Church supports by grants a wide selection of individuals and organisations involved in Gospel ministry who have links with the Church. Grants are considered by the Trustees and voted on by the Church membership in accordance with relevant provisions of the Church Constitution.

Cash balances at the end of the year were £49,890.54, of which £17,956.06 is ring-fenced.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to establishing a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover three months' costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the activities of the Church. The precise level of reserves to be attained will be subject to regular review taking into account levels of activity and prevailing circumstances.

The level of General Funds at 31 March 2025 is slightly more than three months of costs, but it is anticipated this will decrease during the next financial year based on the budget, agreed by Trustees and voted on by the Church membership.

In regard to restricted funds: they are accounted for separately; only accepted for projects or activities sanctioned by the Trustees and in accordance with the objectives of the Church, and expenditure is not committed beyond the level of funds received. The Trustees do not therefore have a specific reserves policy for restricted funds.

## Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name **Michael Dugan**

Signature

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Date **13/10/2025**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Gate Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1171487

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

**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").

The charity's 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.

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.

My Examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review on 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 the management committee concerning any such matters.

The procedure undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**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:

- 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.

Signed:



Date:

14 September 2025

Name:

Liubov Short, FICB PM. Dip

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

Fellow Member of Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (ICB)

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.

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## Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	98,941	0	98,941	76,792
Gift Aid	0	0	0	9,832
Grants	2,913	0	2,913	31,076
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	2,074	0	2,074	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	217
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	115,526	0	115,526	117,917
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	11,859	0	11,859	10,406
Admin	2,472	0	2,472	0
Advertising	2,737	0	2,737	0
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Event Costs	3,796	0	3,796	20,941
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	7,510	0	7,510	0
Premises	10,670	0	10,670	0
Staff Costs	77,798	0	77,798	74,661
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	20,000
Total payments	116,843	0	116,843	126,008
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-1,317	0	-1,317	-8,091
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	-1,317	0	-1,317	-8,091
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	33,228	0	33,228	41,319
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	31,911	0	31,911	33,228
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	31,911	0	31,911	33,228



## Asset & Liability Statement

### Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	31,911	0	31,911	33,228
Cash Assets Total	31,911	0	31,911	33,228

### Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

### Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

### Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

### Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

### Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name

Signature

Date

## Notes to the Accounts

### Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

### Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

### Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	33,228	115,526	116,843	0	31,911
TOTAL	33,228	115,526	116,843	0	31,911
Unrestricted Total	33,228	115,526	116,843	0	31,911
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33,228	115,526	116,843	0	31,911