



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sept	2023		31	August	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Community Church Leeds

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1171861

Charity's principal address 12 Helmsley Drive

Leeds

Postcode

LS16 5HY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Colbrook	Chair		
2	David Wong			
3	Joshua Sheard			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with our Statement of Faith.

The main activity is the provision of a Christian Church and associated activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees of Community Church Leeds have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when overseeing all of the activities of the charity.

The Charity's activities of the advancement of the Christian faith and associated activities are available to the people of Leeds and the wider area to make a positive contribution to the local and wider community. These activities include Sunday services, other weekly group activities, pastoral care, community work, care for the poor, supporting students and international students, supporting asylum seekers and the support of other local charities working in deprived communities through the provision of volunteers and financial giving.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This is the 7th report by the trustees since the Charity was formed on 2 March 2017. The first report and accounts covered the first 18 months of operation.

Over the last year, Community Church Leeds has continued to achieve its charitable objectives of advancing the Christian faith through Sunday services, other group activities and work in the local community.

Community is at the heart of who we are as Community Church Leeds. Our vision is to be:

- A church of hope for the whole city, helping people find friendship with God and discover real hope, life and adventure.
- A church of opportunity, where everyone plays a part in the community, growing individually and together into all God has made them to be.
- A church for beyond the city boundaries, as we help start similar communities of people in Yorkshire and in other nations.

We sum up who we are as a church and what is of particular importance to us through our values:

1. We are Christ centred – He is the head of the church, our saviour and our Lord and we worship him.
2. We are family – we are part of God the Father's family so are relational. Community is at our heart. There's a place for everyone and all nations. Welcoming, inclusive, open, honest, caring, forgiving, serving, prayerful and giving.
3. We live in the Holy Spirit – the life of God comes to us through the Holy Spirit. He transforms us and we experience God's love through him. He empowers our worship, prayer, ministry and mission.
4. We are apostolic – we look beyond. The church is God's vehicle for his Kingdom expansion to change the world. We look to pioneer and plant.
5. We are missional – introducing people to hope. Joining with God in his mission with community as our vehicle.
6. We are founded on scripture – the Bible is our final authority in all matters of belief and practice. It is also the principal way through which God will speak to us.
7. We value growth and opportunity – we are each disciples of Christ, growing in our likeness of him. There is opportunity for all to participate, carry responsibility and play our part in God's family and Kingdom expansion.
8. We have a heart for the poor – our heart mirrors God's heart for the poor – he intends for all people to flourish.

During the last 12 months we have:

- Provided pastoral care, support, community and opportunities to grow in the Christian faith for a growing number of adults, young people and children.
- Provided opportunities to explore the Christian faith in a variety of settings including in-person and on zoom.
- Developed community groups in different parts of the city of Leeds which provide care, support and opportunities to work in and for the benefit of local communities. This includes running a

missional Messy Church as a first step towards beginning a second congregation in the city.

- Become a church home for a growing number of students who are studying in Leeds and provided them with leadership training and ministry opportunities.
- Supported individuals in need
- Developed opportunities for spiritual growth for an increasing number of people.
- Launched a leadership training programme with a view to releasing people in their leadership gifts.
- Worked alongside local charities in some of the poorest areas of Leeds. We are committed to provide opportunities for people to make a lasting difference in the lives of others.
- Supported the work of other churches in the UK and overseas particularly through providing on-going advice, coaching and support for community work.

Community Church Leeds is growing. We were encouraged with the growth in income through giving by church members and this underlined our decision to focus our staff to an increasing degree on the work within the city of Leeds rather than supporting churches in other parts of the UK. We received £111,721 in income over the year. Our expenditure was £97,055. On 1 September 2024 we had a surplus of £51,422 which included £1,160 owed in gift aid returns.

The Trustees would like to thank all the members of Community Church Leeds who have given so freely of their time and talents as well as their finances to make possible all the activities reported above and more that space doesn't allow us to mention. Without the contribution of each of these people, Community Church Leeds would be unable to deliver all the services and activities that it does to the people of Leeds, further afield and internationally. The Trustees are delighted that Community Church Leeds is thriving, growing and able to fulfil its charitable objectives.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Community Church Leeds has built sufficient reserves to cover 3 months of typical running costs for the charity which is in line with the intended aims of the trustees.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Richard Colbrook

David Wong

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Trustee

Date

19/03/2025

Accounts for Community Church Leeds

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Receipts and Payments

Opening Balance	Total Sep-24	Restricted Sep-24	Unrestricted Sep-24	Last Year Sep-23
	35,595	97	35,498	27,020
Account	2024	2024	2024	
Receipts				
Tithes and Offerings	81,154		81,154	61,939
Special Offerings and Missionary Support (inc gift aid)	2,735	2,735		4,025
Gift Aid Returns	17,698		17,698	13,851
Support and Payments from Other Churches (including travel)	8,000		8,000	9,522
Event Income	2,135	2,135		1,575
Total Receipts for Year	111,721	4,870	106,852	90,912
Total Receipts including opening balance	147,316	4,967	142,350	117,932
Payments				
Staff Costs (Salaries, Pensions, Employers National Insurance)	52,406		52,406	40,494
Travel in UK	1,493		1,493	2,193
Travel Overseas	4,520		4,520	900
Hall Hire	21,808		21,808	19,141
Community Work and Mission	220		220	370
Catering	1,037		1,037	1,415
Work with Students and Young Adults	5,887	2,135	3,752	5,267
Children and Youth	1,454		1,454	955
Pastoral Costs	564		564	1,041
Gifts to those in need, other churches and missionary support	3,139	1,250	1,889	3,200
Equipment and Filming of Training Videos	766		766	341
Conferences and Training	0			0
Admin Expense, Printing and Postage	318		318	1,165
Books and Resources	98		98	312
Insurance	514		514	499
Song Copyright	170		170	163
Accounting and Banking Fees (including accounting software)	376		376	354
Website and other IT costs	366		366	382
International Support and Care for the Poor	1,920	1,582	338	4,145
Total Payments	97,055	4,967	92,088	82,338
Surplus / Closing Balance	50,262	0	50,262	35,595

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At the end of the accounting period, Community Church Leeds owned the following assets:

Assets	Value
Cash Funds (Restricted)	0
Cash Funds (Unrestricted)	50,262
Gift Aid Returns Pending	1,160
Total Value of Assets	51,422

Liabilities	
Uncleared Lodgements	700
Total Value of Liabilities	700

Notes to the Accounts

During the year, one of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with Community Church Leeds. In his capacity as pastor of the church, and as permitted within the governing documents of the charity, Richard Colbrook received remuneration of £37,005 and £4,812 in expenses in respect of travel, hospitality and resources in relation to Charitable activities.
There was no other remuneration or expenses paid to the trustees.

In accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, the trustees of Community Church Leeds can confirm that:

- a) no guarantees have been given by the Community Church Leeds CIO during the accounting period and therefore there is no potential liability under any guarantee that is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities; and
- b) there are no debts outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which are owed by the CIO and which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of Community Church Leeds:



Dr Richard Colbrook
Date: 19/03/2025



Dr David Wong
Date: 19/03/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Community Church Leeds

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Community Church Leeds (the Charity) for the 12 months ending 31 August 2024. Community Church Leeds is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, entered on the Register of Charities on 2 March 2017 (registered charity number: 1171861).

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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.

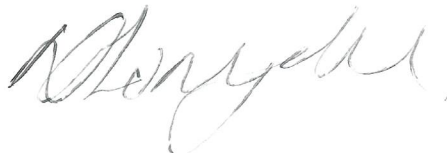
Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: Nicola Clare Elizabeth Longmore
Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians
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Date: 19 March 2025