

Registered Charity no. 1171951

**SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

1171951

Principal address

Springs Church

Zoar Chapel

Abbey Road

Dudley

DY3 2PG

Trustees

Matthew Wildsmith (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe

Phil Wade

Samuel Owen

Independent examiner

S A Reeves FCCA

SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Organisational structure

Springs Church (Gornal) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with Charity Commission on 8th March 2017, registered no 1171951.

Governance and Management

Appointment of trustees:

1. There must be at least 3 trustees. Apart from the first trustee, every trustee must be appointed (for a term of 3 years) by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the charity trust document.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.
3. The trustees must keep a record of the name and address and the dates of appointment, reappointment and retirement of each trustee.
4. The trustees must make available to each new trustee, on his or her first appointment:
 - a. a copy of this deed and any amendments to it;
 - b. a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts
5. The trustees shall hold office for the following periods respectively:
Matthew Wildsmith - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)
Jonathan Rowe - three years (reappointed 29/01/23)
Phil Wade - three years (reappointed 02/09/24)
Samuel Owen - three years (reappointed 02/09/24)

The board of trustees currently comprises four members who meet quarterly as a minimum.

Objectives and activities

The principle objectives of the charity are:

The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Gornal and the surrounding area, including assistance in the development of the Christian faith, emotional and spiritual support. In achieving its purpose, the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs: and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

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Achievements and Performance

- Springs Church Gornal exists to advance the Christian faith, relieve hardship, and promote holistic wellbeing across our community. This year has been marked by spiritual growth, deepened outreach, and tangible impact—reflecting our commitment to these charitable aims in every area of ministry and service.

Advancing the Christian Faith

- Sunday Worship: Over 120 regular attendees gather weekly at Zoar Chapel to worship, learn, and grow in faith.
- Online Ministry: Weekly recordings of services and teaching messages are shared via social media, extending the Gospel beyond our walls.
- Children's Discipleship: Our thriving Kids Church and newly launched Toddler Church (ages 1–3) nurture faith in young hearts, engaging both church families and the wider community.
- Youth Engagement: Our Youth Group supports around 30 young people weekly, with additional outreach through Grace Foundation events reaching 75 more. Participation in the Limitless Conference enabled spiritual growth and connection with other Christian youth.
- School Partnerships: We hosted faith-based assemblies and seasonal services for Ellowes Hall and Red Hall schools, including carol concerts and harvest celebrations. Plans are underway to establish a Christian Union at Ellowes Hall to further support students in exploring faith.

Relieving Hardship and Supporting Families

- Practical Support: In collaboration with local schools, we provided essential services including a Grocery Store, School Uniform Shop, and Free Debt Advice—reaching families referred by Family Liaison Officers.
- Debt Relief: Our confidential debt advice service offered both practical and spiritual guidance to those facing financial challenges.
- Christmas Appeal: Every child referred from a low-income household received a gift, ensuring no one was left out during the festive season.

Promoting Community Wellbeing

- Community Café: Welcoming around 60 people weekly, our café offered craft sessions, wellbeing activities, and seasonal events that foster connection and joy.
- Mini Springs Stay & Play: Around 30 adults and their toddlers attended weekly, building relationships and early faith foundations.
- Craft Group: Launched to combat loneliness, this group now has 16 regular attendees.
- Cooking Courses: Delivered in partnership with local agencies, these sessions promote healthy living and life skills.
- Civic Engagement: We actively participated in local events including Remembrance Day commemorations and the Gornal Christmas Lights switch-on, reflecting our role as a faith-based community anchor.

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Infrastructure and Growth

- We continue to explore long-term building solutions to secure a permanent, accessible space for worship and outreach.
- Plans are underway to renovate the church balcony to accommodate growing attendance and ensure inclusive access.

Future Developments

In alignment with our charitable objectives, Springs Church Gornal will:

- Expand our physical space to welcome more worshippers and community members.
- Deepen partnerships with other Christian charities to amplify our impact on disadvantaged groups.
- Launch a new adult Alpha course in collaboration with local churches.
- Establish a Christian Union at Ellowes Hall School to support students in faith exploration.
- Increase financial contributions to Christian charitable work locally, nationally, and internationally

Financial review

The net outgoing unrestricted resources including designated funds before transfers for the year amounted to (£5,979) (2024 net outgoing resources £7,859). The net incoming restricted resources before transfers for the year amounted to £20,128 (2024 net incoming restricted resources totalled £703). Transfers between funds are detailed in note 2 of the accounts. At 31st March 2025 unrestricted funds amounted to £34,346 (2024 £31,560), designated funds amounted to £6,496 (2024 £11,454) and restricted funds amounted to £17,182 (2024 £861)

Reserves and reserves policy

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies for a period of six months. As of 31st March 2025, we feel that the reserves available of £34,346 would meet this objective.

Risk policy and review

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

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Trustees

The trustees holding office during the whole year unless otherwise stated were as follows:

Matthew Wildsmith (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe

Phil Wade

Samuel Owen

In accordance with the trust deed, trustees hold office for three years.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Wildsmith
Trustee (Chair)

Jonathan Rowe
Trustee

SPRINGS CHURCH (GORNAL)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 9-11.

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 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 Charities 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.

Sally-Ann Reeves FCCA
Independent examiner

28th November 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS						
Gifts	5a	1,443	1,217	-	2,660	4,657
Donations	5b	94,074	8	-	94,082	91,169
Gift Aid tax recovered	5c	25,670	-	-	25,670	18,027
Receipts from charitable activities	5d	6,664	10,716	20,500	37,880	83,753
Interest and dividends	5e	246	-	-	246	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		128,097	11,941	20,500	160,538	197,606
PAYMENTS						
Direct charitable activity	6a	110,551	27,989	372	138,912	195,859
Donations and gifts	6b	7,477	-	-	7,477	8,903
Costs of generating funds	6c	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		118,028	27,989	372	146,389	204,762
NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		10,069	(16,048)	20,128	14,149	(7,156)
Transfers between funds		(7,283)	11,090	(3,807)	-	-
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/24		31,560	11,454	861	43,875	51,031
CASH FUNDS AS AT 31/03/25	4	34,346	6,496	17,182	58,024	43,875

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash funds						
Current account		34,346	6,496	17,182	58,024	36,627
Deposit accounts		-	-	-	-	-
Petty cash		-	-	-	-	92
	4	<u>34,346</u>	<u>6,496</u>	<u>17,182</u>	<u>58,024</u>	<u>36,719</u>
Other monetary assets						
Gift aid recoverable		<u>1,236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,183</u>
Assets for charitable use						
Fixed Assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Trustees' Remuneration and benefits

- 1 There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Staff Costs

- 2 The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 5)
No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

Related party transactions

- 3 There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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4 Movement in funds

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General (unrestricted)	31,560	128,097	118,028	(7,283)	34,346
Designated					
Community Fund	1,202	1,212	5,064	3,797	1,147
Youth Fund	3,868	2,135	8,753	2,632	(118)
Debt Advice	2,548	-	2,251	251	548
Grocery Store	3,658	8,094	11,368	1,548	1,932
Mercian Trust	-	500	500	-	-
Spring Tithe	-	-	-	2,987	2,987
Sewing Grant - Asda	178	-	53	(125)	-
	11,454	11,941	27,989	11,090	6,496
Restricted					
Tesco Kids Fun day	-	500	-	(500)	-
Poverty Action	760	-	-	(760)	-
Awards for All - Grocery Store	101	20,000	372	(2,547)	17,182
	861	20,500	372	(3,807)	17,182
Total funds	43,875	160,538	146,389	-	58,024

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's purposes.

The movements in unrestricted, designated and restricted funds for year ended 31st March 2024:

	Balance b/fwd 01/04/2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/fwd 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General (unrestricted)	49,707	119,935	124,204	(13,878)	31,560
Designated					
Community Fund	511	3,986	5,034	1,739	1,202
Youth Fund	813	865	4,106	6,296	3,868
Debt Advice	-	1,187	2,326	3,687	2,548
Grocery Store	-	9,006	5,378	30	3,658
Arnold Clarke	-	-	1,357	1,357	-
Sewing Grant - Asda	-	-	433	611	178
	1,324	15,044	18,634	13,720	11,454
Restricted					
Awards for All - Grocery Store	-	10,000	9,899	-	101
Household support	-	5,000	5,225	225	-
Lottery CCL	-	42,739	42,672	(67)	-
Poverty Action	-	4,888	4,128	-	760
	-	62,627	61,924	158	861
Total funds	51,031	197,606	204,762	-	43,875

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5 Further analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
a) Gifts					
One off gifts	1,443	1,217	-	2,660	4,657
	<u>1,443</u>	<u>1,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>4,657</u>
b) Donations					
Regular giving	85,974	-	-	85,974	84,584
Church offerings	8,100	8	-	8,108	6,585
	<u>94,074</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,082</u>	<u>91,169</u>
c) Gift Aid					
Gift Aid tax recovered	25,670	-	-	25,670	18,027
	<u>25,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,670</u>	<u>18,027</u>
d) Receipts from charitable activities					
Grants	-	-	20,500	20,500	68,794
Events	2,268	2,870	-	5,138	1,089
Alpha income	-	-	-	-	163
Youth tuck	-	120	-	120	-
Grocery store	-	7,406	-	7,406	8,976
Hope House donations	1,239	-	-	1,239	1,533
Mini Springs	2,187	-	-	2,187	2,291
Room hire	970	-	-	970	385
Other income	-	320	-	320	522
	<u>6,664</u>	<u>10,716</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>37,880</u>	<u>83,753</u>
e) Bank interest					
Bank interest	246	-	-	246	-
	<u>246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>128,097</u>	<u>11,941</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>160,538</u>	<u>197,606</u>

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6 Further analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Payments					
a) Direct charitable activity					
Salaries and NI	67,545	-	-	67,545	69,266
Pension costs	2,377	-	-	2,377	1,528
Staff benefits	712	-	-	712	234
Rent	11,833	-	-	11,833	13,750
Band resources and rent	2	-	-	2	1,020
Insurance	1,092	366	-	1,458	1,124
Repairs & renewals	166	-	-	166	1,590
Heat & light	- 6	-	- -	6	5,393
Advertising and promotion	565	259	-	824	543
Telephone & broadband	484	195	-	679	686
Stationery, printing & postage	371	19	-	390	229
Music & media	30	-	-	30	30
Licences & subscriptions	2,158	-	-	2,158	1,677
Website hosting	227	-	-	227	146
Hire of equipment	-	20	-	20	398
Furniture and equipment	906	313	-	1,219	3,163
Online budget (equipment)	946	-	-	946	-
Foodbank	-	6	-	6	-
Community Café food	4	730	-	734	1,767
Hospitality drinks and refreshments	1,241	-	-	1,241	701
Breakfasts	96	-	-	96	564
Pastoral care - refreshments	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,937
Finance support	1,544	-	-	1,544	2,156
Consultancy and professional services	-	-	-	-	1,551
Mini Springs	1,877	-	-	1,877	2,291
Grocery Store	2,400	11,805	372	14,577	56,729
Ashbourne House	-	-	-	-	40
Events	1,458	1,369	-	2,827	-
Processing fees	-	-	-	-	106
Bank charges	110	52	-	162	10
Training & events	690	58	-	748	2,050
Alpha	-	-	-	-	619
Building related resources	5,237	-	-	5,237	8,879
Consumables	-	30	-	30	24
Youth resources	-	5,447	-	5,447	2,723
Special Sundays & Christmas	4,714	419	-	5,133	2,991
Springs Community resources	-	579	-	579	1,027
Kids work resources	434	-	-	434	139
Community resources	-	4,365	-	4,365	8,478
Youth resources	-	1,957	-	1,957	-
Independent examination	300	-	-	300	300
	<u>110,551</u>	<u>27,989</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>138,912</u>	<u>195,859</u>
b) Donations and gifts					
Ministry gifts	1,500	-	-	1,500	853
Springs Tithe	5,977	-	-	5,977	8,050
	<u>7,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,477</u>	<u>8,903</u>
c) Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>118,028</u>	<u>27,989</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>146,389</u>	<u>204,762</u>