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THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF THE CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Trustees	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor, Chair Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo (resigned 19 November 2024) Molagbemi Asenguah Adewale Olumide Adesanya
Company registered number	CE009979
Charity registered number	1173023
Registered office	Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB
Accountants	Hedley Dunk Limited t/a Xeinadin Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane Dartford Kent DA1 1BB

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church) for the 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The advancement of the Christian Faith mainly but not exclusively by:

- Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature.
- Connecting people to Jesus, life-given relationships, and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.
- Supporting Christ followers / Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences, and publications.
- Provision of housing for vulnerable people.
- Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.

Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

During this period, The Higher Place delivered its mission through:

- Weekly Sunday gatherings (in-person and online).
- Children's ministry, student and young adults engagement, and youth development.
- Community outreach initiatives including welfare and foodbank support.
- Discipleship courses including Take A Step Course.
- Mental health counselling support.
- Volunteer development initiatives and team assemblies.
- Support to external charitable organisations and missions.

In line with our charitable aims, these activities were carried out to benefit the public in accordance with the guidance of the Charity Commission.

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit (PB1, PB2, PB3) when planning and delivering activities.

The church provides spiritual, emotional, and practical support to individuals of all backgrounds across Greenwich, wider London, and diverse mission contexts.

All activities are offered freely or at a significantly subsidised rate, ensuring accessibility for all.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Achievements and performance

Main achievements of the Charity

Charitable Activities

This has been a year of multiplication at The Higher Place Church. We started 2025 strongly with our Crossover Service which was well attended and brought together people from different backgrounds. We have not only strengthened our foundations but also seen significant growth and increased engagement across every area of ministry whilst also expanding impact within our community. During this period, our average weekly attendance increased by 19.1%. We also outgrew our venue and launched into two services, and 6 months later, we moved to a bigger space.

Sunday Gatherings

Sunday services continued to be at the heart of our church. The launch of two services in March created a better space for worship and helped us welcome more people. Around this time, we saw:

- 10.24% increase in regular church attendance
- 18.29% increase in engagement (people engaging in life groups, Alpha course, Take a Step course etc.)
- Growth in excellence and leadership
- Enhanced experience for kids
- 24.39% increase in number of members serving

Many of our members reported feeling motivated to go to church as they had options.

Prayer

Together we are growing in Prayer as evidenced by the increased number of regular attendees at our fortnightly Friday evening prayer meetings, and successful 14 days fasting and prayer in January 2025.

Baptisms

We celebrated 12 baptisms! Baptisms are joyful occasions at The Higher Place. It is always a joy to gather to support and celebrate individuals' decisions to follow Jesus more deeply. This is why we exist: to see ordinary people from every nation and generation transformed into passionate leaders for Jesus. The baptisms also reflected the spiritual growth and strong sense of community developing within the church.

MINISTRIES

Children

The Children's Ministry grew massively this year. With new volunteers joining, the team added more creative lessons and activities. This made the sessions more engaging and helped the children learn and have fun. Average weekly attendance in the kids' church increased by about 14.9%. We also launched a music school for the pre-teens to learn instruments that they are passionate about. Many of them have stepped up since then to lead various areas in the Children's ministry.

Students

We attended the annual University of Greenwich Freshers' Fair event, where we welcomed and engaged with over 100 students from diverse backgrounds. Our students group continues to support and resource students through job hunting workshops, CV reviews, and, more recently, a student wellbeing programme featuring a foodbank for students.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

Men's and Women's Ministry

We hosted a series of men's and women's hangouts throughout the year, giving people space to relax, connect, and grow together. These gatherings helped build real friendships, encouraged honest conversations about life, and strengthened the sense of community within our church.

Life Groups

Life Groups continued to be an essential part of discipleship and pastoral care at The Higher Place. Several groups ran consistently throughout the year, offering spaces for prayer, Bible study, community support, and mentorship. Our Life Group Christmas parties were particularly impactful, helping new members integrate comfortably into the church community and build meaningful relationships.

Marriage and Family Support

We hosted a Marriage Enrichment Day that brought together couples for practical tools, guided conversations, and pastoral support to strengthen their relationships. This event was part of our wider commitment to supporting families and encouraging healthy, thriving homes.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Outreach remained a central expression of our charitable purpose, with several impactful initiatives delivered throughout the year.

Christmas Outreach

We organised a Christmas outreach focused on supporting single parents, the elderly, and individuals in need. Around 40 food parcels were delivered across the Greenwich, Bexley, and Dartford areas, providing practical help during the festive season. We were also able to offer emotional and psychological support to those who needed it, making the outreach a meaningful source of care and encouragement.

Mental Health Support

Recognising the increasing need for wellbeing support, we continued to offer mental health signposting and pastoral guidance. Our in-house counsellor provided confidential support to individuals facing challenges, while referrals were made to external agencies where specialist care was required.

Family Fun Day & Community Events

Our Family Fun Day served as a major community outreach event with over 100 people in attendance. It was a safe and enjoyable environment for families to connect. Activities, such as face painting, bouncy castle, raffle draw, football, sack race, encouraged community bonding and strengthened our presence as a supportive, welcoming organisation in Greenwich.

External Support

We support a lot of other charities yearly. This year, we've donated to charities such as Open Doors, Royal Diadem Network, and partner churches around us.

Events

We hosted a range of church-wide events that strengthened community life and encouraged engagement across all ages. These included our Anniversary Celebration and our summer Picnic in the Park. We also held two team conferences and Mobilisation Sunday to train our volunteers and mobilise more members to join a team, Back-to-School Sunday to celebrate kids and students starting a new school term, and a Multicultural and Multigenerational Celebration that highlighted the diversity within our church family. In addition, we honoured our volunteers through a Workers' Appreciation Dinner. These events helped to build connection, celebrate milestones, and strengthened our sense of unity as a church.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Overall, the charity remains open to opportunities regarding a permanent building of its own. Additionally, the charity continues to discuss partnership opportunities with other charities.

Financial review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Reserves policy

The Charity had a total income of £169,433 during the period. In the same period, The Charity had expenses amounting to £119,189, leaving a surplus of £50,244.

The Higher Place maintains a policy to hold three months' worth of operating expenditure in reserves to ensure stability, continuity of ministry, and preparedness for unexpected needs. This currently amounts to £20,000.

Unrestricted reserves not in fixed assets as at 30th April 2025 was £92,923, well in excess of our minimum reserves policy; much of this has been ring-fenced by trustees for the support of mission activities within the community and for the purchase of a church building.

Principal funding

The principal sources of funds for The Higher Place typically include:

1. **Tithes and Offerings:** Regular financial contributions from church members, given as part of their faith practice.
2. **Donations:** Voluntary contributions from both members and external supporters, often given for specific projects or causes.
3. **Fundraising Campaigns:** Periodic events or campaigns aimed at raising funds for specific church activities or initiatives, such as the building fund.
4. **Grants:** Financial support from external organisations or charitable foundations that align with the church's mission and charitable activities.
5. **Special Offerings:** Dedicated offerings taken during key events, such as the Year-End Offering, which supports various initiatives like outreach or operational costs.

These sources collectively ensure that our charity can continue to support its ministries, outreach efforts, and community services.

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How the Charity spends its money

The Higher Place engages in various community outreaches, including social and youth works, and evangelistic events with the aim of connecting people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations. Some of the areas we support include:

1. **Personnel:** Payment of staff salary, freelancers, and guest singers/speakers.
2. **Facilities:** Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.
3. **Welfare:** Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel.
4. **Resources/ Equipment:** Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings, e.g. Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software
5. **Promotion:** Payment for publicity campaigns including billboarding, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Higher Place is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by the provisions contained in its Foundation Model Constitution, adopted on 12 May 2017.

Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed through a formal resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees and on recommendation from the pastors and existing trustees. Appointees are selected based on their integrity, character, commitment to the mission of the church, and relevant expertise. Induction includes orientation into governance responsibilities, the church's mission, safeguarding duties, and financial oversight requirements.

Existing trustees attend training from time to time to keep up to date with the latest requirements and best practice. In addition, informal learning continues to take place on an ongoing basis.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

Organisational structure and decision-making policies

At The Higher Place, our organisational structure is centred around a strong spiritual foundation and clear roles to ensure effective leadership and service. The structure is as follows:

1. Jesus: At the core of our organisation, Jesus Christ is the ultimate head, guiding all aspects of our ministry and decision-making.
2. Spiritual Leadership Team: led by the Lead Pastor, who provides spiritual direction and vision.
3. Trustees: The governance and activities of The Higher Place are overseen by the Board of Trustees, who carry legal and financial responsibility for the charity.
4. Strategic Lens Team: supporting long-term planning and strategic development.
5. Operations Team: managing administration, logistics, finance, and weekly service execution.
6. Ministry Team: Including worship, prayer, outreach, children, students, media, and hospitality.
7. Church Groups: Life Groups and the Church Buddy system fostering connection and discipleship.

In addition to our internal structure, we collaborate with external partners such as local charities, community organisations, and other churches to broaden our impact and serve the wider community. These partnerships help us in areas such as outreach, mental health support, and social action initiatives.

Safeguarding policies, financial controls, and risk management processes are reviewed regularly to ensure compliance and responsible stewardship.

Financial risk management

The Trustees monitor key risks including venue costs, safeguarding, staff and volunteer wellbeing, and the sustainability of ministry activities. Controls such as budgeting systems, approval procedures, safeguarding training, and contingency planning are in place to mitigate risks.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

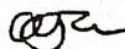
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. 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 order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

Date: 17/01/26

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Stephen Fryer

Hedley Dunk Limited t/a Xelnadin
Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
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DA1 1BB

Dated: 17 January 2026
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	168,193	168,193	120,550
Other trading activities	4	476	476	350
Investments	5	764	764	377
Total income		169,433	169,433	121,277
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	119,189	119,189	114,935
Total expenditure		119,189	119,189	114,935
Net movement in funds		50,244	50,244	6,342
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		42,679	42,679	36,337
Net movement in funds		50,244	50,244	6,342
Total funds carried forward		92,923	92,923	42,679

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: CE009979

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	1,000	609
Cash at bank and in hand		95,611	43,752
		96,611	44,361
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,688)	(1,682)
Net current assets		92,923	42,679
Total net assets		92,923	42,679
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	92,923	42,679
Total funds		92,923	42,679

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor

Date: 17/01/26



Adewale Olumide Adesanya

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1. General Information

The Higher Place is a charitable incorporated organisation which is incorporated in England. The principal place of business is Lower Deck Dreadnought Building, Greenwich Student Union, 30 Park Row, London.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Higher Place (Disciples of the Christ Bible Church) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.10 Fund accounting

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 and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tithes & offerings	130,848	130,848
Grants	5,000	5,000
Gift aid	32,345	32,345
	<u>168,193</u>	<u>168,193</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tithes & offerings	85,541	85,541
Grants	11,044	11,044
Gift aid	23,965	23,965
	<u>120,550</u>	<u>120,550</u>

4. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Hoodie sales	476	476

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Hoodie sales	350	350

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income	764	764

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	377	377

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Religious activities	119,189	119,189

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Religious activities	119,189	119,189

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Religious activities	114,935	114,935

Analysis of direct costs

	Religious activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	32,351	32,351
Welfare support & community engagement	10,310	10,310
Meeting venue	28,543	28,543
Promotion & PPS	5,411	5,411
Accounts	900	900
Computer expenses	1,004	1,004
Staff training	278	278
Contractor costs	22,122	22,122
Office costs	9,823	9,823
Retreats, travel & conferences	8,447	8,447
	<u>119,189</u>	<u>119,189</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Religious activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	16,191	16,191
Welfare support & community engagement	16,349	16,349
Events, retreats & conferences	25,792	25,792
Meeting venue	22,638	22,638
Promotion & PPS	12,069	12,069
Accounts	1,980	1,980
Computer expenses	1,483	1,483
Staff training	506	506
Contractor costs	16,077	16,077
Team costs	1,850	1,850
	<u>114,935</u>	<u>114,935</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	410	300
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<u>922</u>	<u>690</u>

9. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	31,864	15,901
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	488	290
	<u>32,352</u>	<u>16,191</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Employees	2	1

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9. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 April 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	1,000	609
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>609</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	2,020	692
Pension fund loan payable	336	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,332	990
	<u>3,688</u>	<u>1,682</u>

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	42,679	169,433	(119,189)	92,923

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	36,337	121,277	(114,935)	42,679

14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2025 £
General funds	42,679	169,433	(119,189)	92,923

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 April 2024 £
General funds	38,337	121,277	(114,935)	42,679

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	96,611	96,611
Creditors due within one year	(3,688)	(3,688)
Total	92,923	92,923

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	44,361	44,361
Creditors due within one year	(1,682)	(1,682)
Total	42,679	42,679

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £401 (2024 - £290). £336 (2024 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.