

MARKET OVERTON FREE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1174840

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN RUTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND1) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.2) NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: The purposes of the Church are:the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Rutland and the surrounding neighbourhood; andsuch other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the Charity Trustees, further the work of the Church.The main activities are:Christian worship servicesBible studies and prayer meetings

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Rutland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£41,503	£49,938	-	-
2024-12-31	£75,339	£47,840	-	-
2023-12-31	£45,590	£48,394	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,984	£45,632	-	-
2021-12-31	£50,996	£41,160	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,095	£44,690	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PETER CHARLES RUSH	Chair	2017-09-26
TIMOTHY HUGH PERKINS		2017-09-26

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Accounts

Market Overton Free Church

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Annual Report 2025

The trustees are:

Peter Rush

Tim Perkins

Peter Crompton (Acting Trustee)

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Market Overton Free Church is an independent church affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). The church is governed by its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, as he has made his will known in the Bible. Under his authority, the elders lead the church, which has a congregational form of church government. The number of members at the end of 2025 was 17. We have re-appointed Carl Meachem from a neighbouring church to assist with leadership for a 12-month period.

Church activities Sunday morning meetings were held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year, with a regular congregation of around 50 people. We post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. Sunday evening meetings were held in Edmondthorpe until July, when we relocated to Market Overton. Thursday evening meetings were held in members' homes. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. Prayer meetings were held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have linked in with The Rural Project, which supports church work in rural communities. We supported the East Midlands Churches Day event and the Midlands Men's Conference.

Community activities. Our monthly 'Communi-Tea Break' meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We took part in the Market Overton Feast Weekend event in June, showing a film. We held an advent craft and carols event in November. Our work in schools continued with our pastor's regular assembly visits to 9 local primary schools and also a visit to an RE GCSE class in a secondary school.

Finances. The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts. A legacy gift of £23,301.11 in 2023 has been vital in sustaining the work financially – we have drawn on this reserve to the tune of £8,800 this year. During the year gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £3,162. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank, and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for support of Open Doors, a Christian charity supporting persecuted Christians.

The overall income for the year was £41,503 and expenditure £49,938. The year therefore ended with an overall surplus of £-8,435. With £33080.94 brought forward from 2024 and drawing £8,800 from Reserves our balance at the end of the year is £24,645 for which we are grateful to God.

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Accounts 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Receipts	2025	2024	Payments	2025	2024
Balances brought forward from 2024:					
Treasurers Account	463.70	502	Admin	719.25	780
Reserve Account	32,617.24	5,080	Safeguarding	-	-
Gifts	1,608.91	12,150	Copyright Licence	100.00	97
Offerings	34,806.81	34,552	FIEC Donation	700.00	600
Other income	301.11	23,416	Food/Catering	-	14
Gift Aid refund	4,550.97	4,983	Insurance	332.98	286
Interest (Treasurers Account)	-	-	Literature	96.12	49
Interest (Reserve Account)	235.68	237	Missionary Support	2,462.00	2,004
			Outreach	-	1,934
			Publicity	49.18	103
			Rent	2,818.01	2,404
			Equipment	1,078.60	222
			Speakers	960.00	817
			Others	50.00	50
			Employment Costs	40,256.35	38,263
			Conferences/Training	316.00	212
			Balance to Carry Forward	24,645.93	
	74,584.42				

Summary	
Receipts in 2025	41,503.48
Payments in 2025	49,938.49
Surplus	- 8,435.01
Balance brought forward from 2024	33,080.94
Balance to Carry Forward	<u>24,645.93</u>

Current Assets	
Lloyds Charity Account	593.01
Lloyds Business Savings Account (Reserve)	24,052.92
Cash in hand	-
	<u>24,645.93</u>

Accounts examined and agreed for the year ended 31st December 2025

M. M. M. (Auditor)

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21st February 2026

Dear Roy

Market Overton Free Church CIO

I am pleased to confirm that I have examined the accounts and supporting documents relating to the church for the year ended 31 December 2025 and have found everything to be in order.

With kind regards



Paul Muldoon

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Community activities. Our monthly coffee hour meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We took part in the Market Overton Feast Weekend event in June. We held various events around Christmas, including an advent community craft event and carol singing round the village. Our ministry to schools continued with a Bible Times Exhibition in November, and our pastor's regular assembly visits to 9 local primary schools.

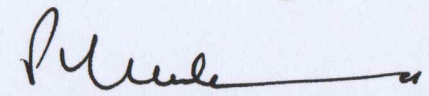
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The overall income for the year was £75338.84 and expenditure £47840.39. The year therefore ended with an overall surplus of £ 27498.45. With £ 5582.49 brought forward from 2023 our balance at the end of the year is £ 33080.94 for which we are grateful to God.

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Accounts 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Receipts	2024	2023	Payments	2024	2023
Balance brought forward from 2023:			Admin	780.28	694
Treasurers Account	502.34	1881.28	Safeguarding	0.00	50
Reserve Account	5080.15	6504.28	Copyright Licence	97.00	93
Gifts	12150.00	7810.00	FIEC Donation	600.00	500
Offerings	34552.00	32977.53	Food/Catering	14.31	126
Other income	23416.16	0.00	Insurance	286.92	266
Gift Aid refund	4983.59	4727.55	Literature	49.54	112
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00	0.00	Missionary Support	2004.00	1993
Interest (Reserve Account)	237.09	75.87	Outreach	1934.73	1665
			Publicity	103.83	133
			Rent	2404.43	2594
			Equipment	222.50	0
			Speakers	817.00	1220
			Others	50.00	50
			Employment Costs	38263.85	38838
			Conferences/Training	212.00	60
			Balance to Carry Forward	33080.94	
	80921.33			80921.33	
Summary			Current Assets		
Receipts in 2024	75338.84		Lloyds Treasurers Account	463.70	
Payments in 2024	47840.39		Lloyds Business Savings Account (Reserve)	32617.24	
Surplus	27498.45		Cash in hand	0.00	
Balance brought forward from 2023	5582.49				
Balance to Carry Forward	<u>33080.94</u>			<u>33080.94</u>	

Accounts examined and agreed for year ended 31st December 2024

 (Auditor)

8 March 2025

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8th March 2025

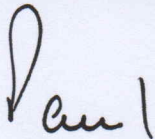
Dear Roy

Market Overton Free Church CIO

I am pleased to confirm that I have examined the accounts and supporting documents relating to the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 and have found everything to be in order.

I apologise for the delay for reasons of which you are well aware.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Paul Muldoon

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Church activities Sunday morning meetings are held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year, with a regular congregation of around 50 people. We post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. Sunday evening meetings are held in Edmondthorpe, including a monthly all-age special service. Thursday evening meetings are held in members' homes. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. Prayer meetings are held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have held united prayer meetings with evangelical churches from Newark, Grantham, and Melton Mowbray. We have linked in with The Rural Project, which supports church work in rural communities.

Community activities. Our monthly coffee hour meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We hosted a Time with Friends event with lunch in May. We held various events around Christmas, including an advent community craft event. Our ministry to schools continues with a Bible Times Exhibition in February, and our pastor's regular assembly visits to 10 local primary schools. Our pastor visited Malawi in April with the Zambesi Mission – one of our mission partners.

Finances. The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts. During the year, gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £1,993. Additional gifts to other gospel work makes a total of £2,493. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for support of church workers in Central Asia.

The overall income for the year was £45,590 and expenditure £48,394. The year therefore ended with an overall deficit of £2,803. With £8,382 brought forward from 2022 our balance at the end of the year is £5,582 for which we are grateful to God. However, we are having to draw on our reserve fund on an almost monthly basis (of between £500 and £1000) which presents a significant risk to the financial viability of the church beyond six months, if things remained unchanged.

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Receipts	2023	2022	Payments	2023
Balance brought forward from 2022:				
Treasurers Account	1881.28	2033.54	Admin	693.93
Reserve Account	6504.28	10000.75	Safeguarding	50.00
Gifts	7810.00	7940.21	Copyright Licence	93.00
Offerings	32977.53	29594.34	FIEC Donation	500.00
Other income	0.00	0.00	Food/Catering	126.00
Gift Aid refund	4727.55	4445.50	Insurance	266.47
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00	0.00	Literature	111.70
Interest (Reserve Account)	75.87	3.53	Missionary Support	1993.00
			Outreach	1664.66
			Publicity	133.23
			Rent	2593.59
			Equipment	0.00
			Speakers	1220.00
			Others	50.00
			Employment Costs	38838.44
			Conferences/Training	60.00
			Balance to Carry Forward	5582.49
	53976.51			53976.51
Summary			Current Assets	
Receipts in 2023	45590.95		Lloyds Treasurers Account	502.34
Payments in 2023	48394.02		Reserve Account	5080.15
Surplus	-2803.07		Cash in hand	0.00
Balance brought forward from 2022	8385.56			
Balance to Carry Forward	5582.49			5582.49

Checked and agreed _____
 31/1/24

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31 January 2024

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Church activities Our activities returned to 'normal' operations following the lifting of pandemic restrictions, with compliance with relevant guidance during the transition. Sunday morning meetings were held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year. We post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. Sunday evening meetings were held in Edmondthorpe. Thursday evening meetings alternated between in person and online, before becoming in person only. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. Prayer meetings were held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have held quarterly united prayer meetings with evangelical churches from Newark, Grantham, Melton Mowbray, and Bourne.

Community activities. Our monthly coffee hour meetings in Market Overton and street evangelism in Oakham have continued through the year. We hosted a Blue Grass Gospel concert in May. We held a Holiday Bible Club in Cottesmore for children in August and a Time with Friends event with lunch in October. We distributed copies of the magazine 'Life' in Market Overton and surrounding villages. We held various events around Christmas. Our ministry to schools continued with a Bible Times Exhibition in March, and our pastor's regular assembly visits to 10 local primary schools.

Finances. The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts. During the year gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £1,630. Additional gifts to other gospel work makes a total of £2,802. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for support of Ukrainian refugees being supported by a church in Poland.

The overall income for the year was £41,983.58 and expenditure £45,632.31. The year therefore ended with an overall deficit of £3,648.73. With £12,034.29 brought forward from 2021 our balance at the end of the year is £8,385.51 for which we are grateful to God.

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Accounts 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Receipts	2022	Payments	2022
Balance brought forward from 2021:			
Treasurers Account	2033.54	Admin	525.79
Reserve Account	10000.75	Safeguarding	0.00
Gifts	8390.21	Copyright Licence	87.00
Offerings	29144.34	FIEC Donation	550.00
Other income	0.00	Food/Catering	172.85
Gift Aid refund	4445.50	Insurance	257.23
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00	Literature	206.69
Interest (Reserve Account)	3.53	Missionary Support	1630.00
		Outreach	1672.65
		Publicity	94.50
		Rent	2381.80
		Equipment	634.46
		Speakers	910.00
		Others	75.00
		Employment Costs	36142.94
		Conferences/Training	291.40
		Balance to Carry Forward	8385.56
	54017.87		54017.87
Summary		Current Assets	
Receipts in 2022	41983.58	Lloyds Treasurers Account	1881.28
Payments in 2022	45632.31	Lloyds Business Savings Account	6504.28
Surplus	-3648.73	Cash in hand	0.00
Balance brought forward from 2021	12034.29		
Balance to Carry Forward	<u>8385.56</u>		<u>8385.56</u>

Checked and agreed.

M. Reed

31/12/23

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Annual Report 2021

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Jonathan Hacker

(Acting Trustee from Feb. 2021 and reappointed Nov. 2021)

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Operating during pandemic. The global pandemic has continued to have an impact, with various restrictions enforced and recommended, both local and national, which have affected our activities. We have continued to utilise the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Regular activities. Sunday morning meetings were held at Market Overton Village Hall throughout the year. We have continued to stream the service on Zoom and post recordings of the message on our YouTube channel. We recommenced Sunday evening meetings in person at Edmondthorpe in July. Thursday evening meetings have alternated between in person and online. A monthly informal ladies' gathering has continued throughout the year. We have had different mission representatives speak at Thursday meetings during the year. Prayer meetings were held on a regular basis, some in person and some online. We have held quarterly united prayer meetings with evangelical churches from Newark, Grantham, Melton Mowbray, and Bourne.

Outreach activities. Our street evangelism in Oakham was recommenced in June and our monthly coffee hour in August. We held a Holiday Bible Club in August and a Time with Friends event in October. We distributed copies of the magazine 'Life' in Market Overton and surrounding villages. We held various events around Christmas. Our pastor has maintained contact with the schools he visits, doing both digital and in person assemblies and RE lessons. We commenced a new monthly All Age Special event on a Sunday afternoon in November.

Finances.

The Lord has continued to provide for the financial needs of the church through the faithful giving of members and friends, and through grants from local Christian Trusts (one consisting of £10,000). During the year gifts have been made to UK missionary organisations working in the UK and abroad, amounting to £2936. Harvest gifts were sent to the local Oakham Food Bank and a special offering was made at our Christmas Day service for mission and relief work overseas.

The overall income for the year was £ 50,996.89 and expenditure £ 41,160.83. The year therefore ended with an overall surplus of £ 9,836.06. With £2,198.23 brought forward from 2020 our balance is £12,034.28 for which we are grateful to God.

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 Accounts 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021


Receipts	2021	2020	Payments	2021	2020
Balance brought forward from 2020:					
Treasurers Account	197.68 ✓	793.68	Admin	681.47 ✓	630.70
Reserve Account	2000.55 ✓	1000.18	Safeguarding	8.50 ✓	20.00
Gifts	14110.94 ✓	2394.06	Copyright licence	83.00 ✓	80.00
Offerings	32795.00 ✓	35002.80	FIEC Donation	500.00 ✓	726.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	Food/Catering	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid refund	4090.75 ✓	7697.80	Insurance	257.23 ✓	247.62
Interest (Treasurers Account)	0.00		Literature	389.20 ✓	543.25
Interest (Reserve Account)	0.20 ✓	0.37	Missionary Support	2936.00 ✓	4820.00
			Outreach	348.19 ✓	1313.23
			Publicity	33.39 ✓	52.50
			Rent	1464.30 ✓	1203.55
			Equipment	149.42 ✓	60.23
			Speakers	280.00 ✓	420.00
			Others	0.00	0.00
			Employment Costs	34005.13 ✓	34573.58
			Conferences/Training	25.00 ✓	0.00
			Balance to Carry Forward	12034.29 ✓	2198.23
	53195.12	46888.89		53195.12	46888.89
			Transfers from Treasurers A/c to Reserve A/c	8000.00	

Summary

Receipts in 2021	50996.89 ✓
Payments in 2021	41160.83 ✓
Surplus	9836.06 ✓
Balance brought forward from 2020	2198.23 ✓
Balance to Carry Forward	12034.29 ✓

Current Assets

Lloyds Treasurers Account	2033.54 ✓
Lloyds Reserve Account	10000.75 ✓
Cash in hand	0.00
	12034.29 ✓

Reviewed and agreed

 14 Feb 2022

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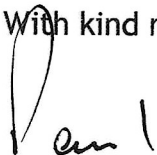
22 February 2022

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With kind regards.



Paul Muldoon