

Market Overton Free Church

CIO 1174840

Annual Report 2025

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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.

Market Overton Free Church CIO
Charity No. 1174840
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				74,584.42	
Summary				Current Assets			
Receipts in 2025		41,503.48		Lloyds Charity Account		593.01	
Payments in 2025		49,938.49		Lloyds Business Savings Account (Reserve)		24,052.92	
Surplus		- 8,435.01		Cash in hand		-	
Balance brought forward from 2024		33,080.94					
Balance to Carry Forward		24,645.93				24,645.93	

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

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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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Muldoon