

Rockministry

Registered Charity Number: 1175351

ROCKMINISTRY

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2025**

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for the period ended 31st March 2025

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the period ended 31st March 2025**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year to 31st March 2025. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts

Objectives and Aims

Our charitable objects are:

- (a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the evangelical alliance basis of faith, in Bideford, Devon and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the charity may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.
- (b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship and who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time-to-time think fit.

We do this by

- Sunday services and other Christian meetings for the community.
- Free faith and none biased Parent and Children courses in the community.
- Providing food and practical items for the poor and needy.
- Providing a place for worship and Christian teaching of the Bible.
- Providing marriage courses and advice, bereavement courses and Counselling.
- Youth drop-in centre
- Community Rockministry Hub Café and volunteer support group which is accessible to all people.
- Coaching and mentoring to all people.
- Children's Sunday School.
- Christmas food hampers to the poor and needy.
- Community building for hire.
- Providing free holidays for those on low incomes and have not had a holiday for 4 years

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities of the charity meet its charitable objectives and provide a benefit to the public.

Charitable Activities

Rock Church serves as a vital hub for community support and Christian outreach across the local area. We provide practical assistance including food provisions, men's breakfasts, group lunches, and white goods, delivered by our committed group of volunteers who freely give their time, support, and resources.

Our ministry extends beyond a single location. While we utilise storage space and partner with other Christian organisations at our Hub facility, which is also hired to various community groups for their support activities, our church gatherings and events take place across multiple venues.

In March 2025, our Sunday services were held at the Pollyfield Community Centre, whilst our church meetings, and Christmas celebrations happen in people's homes and various locations throughout the local area.

What truly excites us is the depth of connections and supportive relationships being established. Through one-on-one conversations and group gatherings, the Gospel is shared in ways that transform lives. We witness individuals growing in confidence in their Christian faith, becoming empowered to reach out and pray for the sick.

Our Sunday worship gatherings at 10:30am offer contemporary, uplifting worship alongside relevant, Bible-based teaching.

Weekly activities include Thursday evening Bible study and prayer at 7pm, a monthly Men's Breakfast on the first Saturday, and fortnightly Wednesday Ladies Bible study. Life group social activities continue building stronger bonds within our church family.

March 2025 marked an encouraging season of growth, with approximately 50 adults and 20 children attending regularly. A particular highlight was seeing 24 children participate in our children's ministry during that month.

This renewed energy in our children's work has created a need for additional support, with Brioney now coordinating this vital area alongside the core team.

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One newcomer to Rock Church beautifully captured the atmosphere: "When I walked into the room that had a number of people, it felt like I was in a living room. I felt so welcomed by everyone it has moved me to tears. The worship and word are fantastic and help me to learn more about God's word."

Core Team and Volunteers

Under the guidance of pastors Peter and Brioney Simpson, our core team operates from a foundation of faith and trust in the Lord. We walk alongside families and individuals facing terminal illnesses, long-term health conditions, and financial pressures through our Dare to Care support programme. This includes bereavement support, coaching and mentoring, provision of practical white goods, and food parcels. Additionally, we offer parent training delivered by Care for the Family registered facilitators.

Our core team receive ongoing development and training through the International Network of Churches (INC), our affiliate organisation, including visits to their Brighton headquarters. As an independently governed charity, we maintain effective core team and support structures for our team and volunteers.

We believe every person is important and unique. Through training, we help newcomers discover how they can serve on a team, typically after three months of attending. This process builds trust and faith whilst developing skills and preparing people for greater core team responsibilities within the church community.

Together, we navigate life as a family, supporting one another through parenting challenges, marriage, employment situations, and all of life's seasons. Church family lunches, activity days, camping for dads and sons, and family farm days on private farmland with a small holding facility create opportunities for relationship building. Our counselling and mentoring services empower individuals to discover positive wisdom and develop their gifts, skills, strengths, and abilities.

Rock Church actively collaborates with organisations including Care for the Family, Acts 435, North Devon Food Bank, and Family Holiday Association. We employ various training programmes, supported by social services and professionals, to assist parents and children in families experiencing trauma, those needing teenage support, or requiring help with anger management.

Financial support comes through weekly giving from church members and others committed to our vision. We continue seeking core funding to enable us to appropriately compensate our pastors for their dedicated service.

Building Lease and Renovation Update

October 2024 brought a significant opportunity when we began discussions about leasing a building at 20 Lime Grove, Bideford, EX39 3JW. This five-year lease agreement, structured with ongoing renewal options, represents an important milestone in our journey.

Church Growth Trust (CGT), a Christian charity dedicated to preserving church buildings, invited us to sign the lease in November 2024. After successful negotiations we officially began the lease on 1 March 2025. Since signing this lease, we have grown into a church community that continues offering our established ministry whilst looking forward to having a permanent home.

We are working alongside CGT to project manage essential building repairs, with plans to begin using the facility later in 2025.

Planned Building Works for 2025

Essential accessibility improvements include lift installation and toilet upgrades, particularly crucial for disabled members of our congregation. Most works require paid contractors, with completion timelines dependent on their availability. We also welcome volunteer support for various aspects of the renovation project.

Prayer Meetings and Worship Gatherings

Throughout the week, we gather for prayer, witnessing firsthand how God responds to our prayers and provides guidance. These times together strengthen our faith, deepen friendships, and reinforce our family bonds as we support one another.

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Every Sunday, our services provide space for worship, mutual growth, and core team training. We pursue daily discipleship through biblical conversations and teaching, with dedicated Sunday School provision for children. Those who join us encounter a community transformed by the Holy Spirit—people living with faith and trust in Jesus Christ as restorer, healer, liberator, and giver of eternal life.

Our Vision and Call to Action

Rock Church exists to powerfully affect our generation for God's kingdom by building a dynamic, authentic, and influential church where people are equipped to fulfil their destiny, radically transforming our world. Our mission is to connect with the community and then connect the community to God through Jesus Christ. We are a strong, loving, family-centred church that welcomes everyone—not only to our Hub activities but to our Sunday worship and social gatherings.

We are entering a new season of growth and transformation. Our church building will become a place of safety, joy, worship, and community. We welcome support in all its forms: time and practical help, financial contributions, personal gifts and skills, and prayer and encouragement.

"As things get darker, we need to shine brighter—not drawing back, but pressing on with all our heart and soul."

Where to find us: 20 Lime Grove, Bideford, EX39 3JW

Affiliated to: International Network of Churches (INC) - www.inc.org.au

Financial review

The charity is dependent on donations £25,729 (2024: £23,976).

Total income for the period was £27,749 (2024: £24,976) and expenditure £26,388 (2024: £33,338) leaving a surplus of £1,361 (2024: Deficit £8,362)

We have a Rockministry hub café facility and have Sunday services where it is well attended with families and children. We have maintained and paid all our outgoings and have invested in our equipment and resources to be able to have socials and meals together and have an equipped resource for the community to use.

We have a Rockministry Hub Café facility which we continue to lease out to the community. We are now leasing a new church in the community we will hold our Sunday Worship and Word services and other events. We have invested in our maintenance programmes and upgraded our leased buildings. We have continued to upgrade and invest in our resources and equipment.

Reserves policy

We have a policy not to borrow finance so where possible we stick to a very tight budget; we do not hold reserves currently as we do not have the finance coming in to do this. We plan to hold a reserve fund of three months for day-to-day bills coming in.

Unrestricted cash reserves at the year-end were £2,534

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for the period ended 31st March 2025**

**Structure, Governance and Management
Governing document**

Rockministry is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered on 25th October 2017.

The charity is associated with the International Network of Churches (INC) but is governed independently. New members are elected by the existing trustees to the board after nomination and interview.

Financial reports are presented to the board at each meeting. Minutes of each meeting are taken and subsequently distributed.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered name

Rockministry

Registered Charity number

1175351

Other names

Rock Café
Assembly on the Rock

Principal address

12 Grenville Street
Bideford
Devon
EX39 2EA

Trustees

Name

Jane Butler
Peter Simpson
Ruth Ward

Position

Chair

Appointments/Resignations

Appointed 25th October 2017
Appointed 25th October 2017
Appointed 9th September 2021

Independent Examiner

Michael King MAAT
Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians
The Corn mill
Snape farm
High Bickington
EX37 9BQ

Approved by the board of trustees on 23rd January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Jane Butler Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROCKMINISTRY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Rockministry

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rockministry (the Trust) for the year to 31st March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Michael King MAAT
Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians
The Corn mill
Snape farm
High Bickington
EX37 9BQ

Date: 22nd January 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the year to 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and gifts	25,329	400	25,729	23,976
Café church	0	0	0	0
Event Income	0	0	0	0
Rental income	2,020.00	0	2,020	0
Grants received	0	0	0	1,000
Total receipts	27,349	400	27,749	24,976
Payments				
Café church:				
Purchases	0	0	0	0
Volunteer expenses	178	0	178	422
Training	0	0	0	0
Rent	8,377	0	8,377	7,950
Rates	131	0	131	0
Utilities	1,300	0	1,300	2,515
Cleaning and Maintenance	1,991	0	1,991	2,126
Donations and giving	410	0	410	860
INC tithe	0	0	0	0
Resources	68	0	68	155
Events	123	0	123	0
Dare to Care (Free food and clothes)	1,838		1,838	4,325
Acts435 Dare to Care	9	400	409	0
Pastoral costs	5,950	0	5,950	9,400
Travel costs	1,927	0	1,927	2,241
Conference expenses	0	0	0	0
Office costs	17	0	17	230
Bank charges	351	0	351	393
Equipment	672		672	403
Insurance	247	0	247	236
Advertising	284	0	284	368
Subscriptions	1,034	0	1,034	1,318
Website	1,080	0	1,080	396
Total payments	25,988	400	26,388	33,338
Net receipts / (payments)	1,361	0	1,361	-8,362
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds				
Total Funds brought forward	1,173	0	1,173	9,535
Total Funds carried forward	2,534	0	2,534	1,173

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed Assets				
	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank	2,534	0	2,534	1,173
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	0	0	0	0
Total Assets less Liabilities	2,534	0	2,534	1,173

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Jane Butler, Chair

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.