

# River Church, Weycroft Hall

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

**River Church, Weycroft Hall**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Weycroft Hall Weycroft Axminster Devon. EX13 7LL
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Incorporated 6th March 2018 As amended 15th March 2022
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1177447
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	V.Turner M.Russell (resigned 31 May 2024) M. Wallis D.Rogers M.Cavaciuti S.Wiggam (appointed 5 June 2024)
NAMES OF BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**River Church, Weycroft Hall**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Objects of the charity**

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

The advancement of the Christian faith for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively, by providing and establishing a training and retreat centre in the area of Axminster for the local community.

**Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

**Church Life**

The year is not best described in a list of special events, but in the beautiful rhythm of weekly meetings. Every Sunday morning has been a special time, with beautiful corporate worship, strong teaching and a sense of God's presence. Visitors usually remark on how special the meeting has been. Similarly on our monthly Encounter nights, visitors come from a wide region to worship & pray with us due to the sense of God's presence. We don't take any of this for granted, but continue to keep our meetings simple & authentic.

In terms of teaching this year saw us work through both Hebrews and Mark, and also with a period where preachers brought what was on their heart, outside any series. Messages are posted on YouTube and have a good take-up. Monthly church lunches are popular and facilitate a sense of

In addition to Life Groups, we ran some teaching courses, specifically "Teach us to pray" & "Contagious Christianity". We also had an amazing testimony evening: "From occult to Christ".

**Spring Harvest**

Our connection with Spring Harvest has grown. We ran Prayer Ministry Training at River Church on their behalf, and took a large team, with significant roles, with the pastoral, youth, prayer ministry and speaking teams. It was a fabulous event.

**Healing Ministry and Sozo Ministry**

Both the Healing team & Sozo team have been busy this year, with many encouraging stories of physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

**Youth ministry**

It's a thrill to report that despite a national shortage of youth workers, our youth worker is so enjoying his role that he has extended his time with us and is doing a fabulous job both with the youth and also children on Sundays.

**Other things**

We continue to support Christians Against Poverty locally and Red Tribe in Kenya. The November bonfire night was the most popular to date and has become a yearly feature on the Axminster calendar! The Christmas carol service hosted its very own donkey!

## Summary

The year has not been spectacular, but very wonderful in the ordinary. There is huge commitment to the church from a wide range of people, most of whom volunteer their help to enable the church to both function and flourish. It is a privilege to be a part of such a beautiful expression of God's goodness & favour.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## Financial review

During the year income increased by £1,213 to £62,423 and expenditure increased by £3,325 to £62,475. As a result the cash (total funds) held by the charity decreased by £52 to £23,496 of which £193 is restricted. The increase in total income was largely due to increased donations. All unrestricted funds can be used for any charitable purpose.

## Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £14,471 (which equates to 3 months' of budgeted unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £23,303 and therefore the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by Vince and Clio Turner. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote, the chairman has the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

## Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 10th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*D M Rogers*

D M Rogers (Nov 21, 2025 11:53:24 GMT)

Dominic Rogers

Nov 21, 2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF

#### River Church, Weycroft Hall

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of River Church, Weycroft Hall ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 8 following.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

J. Young

J. Young (Nov 24, 2025 16:23:05 GMT)

Jaimée Young

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Date: Nov 24, 2025

River Church, Weycroft Hall

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies		51,287	-	2,513	53,800	48,077
Gift aid		6,931	-	-	6,931	13,133
Event income				1,637	1,637	-
Interest		55			55	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>58,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>62,423</u>	<u>61,210</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	51,777	-	3,605	55,382	47,676
Grants paid to charitable organisations, missionaries and other individuals	3	5,543	-	1,550	7,093	11,474
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>57,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,155</u>	<u>62,475</u>	<u>59,150</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		953	-	- 1,005	- 52	2,060
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		953	-	- 1,005	- 52	2,060
Cash funds as at last year end		22,350	-	1,198	23,548	21,488
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>		<u>23,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>23,496</u>	<u>23,548</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**River Church, Weycroft Hall**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2025	2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>						
Cash at bank with immediate access		8,248	-	193	8,441	23,548
Cash Deposit account		15,055			15,055	
		<u>23,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>23,496</u>	<u>23,548</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>						
Other debtors					-	-
Gift aid due to charity		7,755	-	-	7,755	6,000
		<u>7,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,755</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>						
<b>Falling due within one year</b>						
Fee for Independent Examination		786	-	-	786	720
Hall hire and other charges			-	-	-	450
		<u>786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>1,170</u>

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

The charity does not hold any assets of material value.

**E Guarantees and secured debts**

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*D M Rogers*

D M Rogers (Nov 21, 2025 11:53:24 GMT)

Dominic Rogers

Date: Nov 21, 2025

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**River Church, Weycroft Hall**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Staff costs including youth worker salary	36,943		2,094	39,037	35,037
Hire of premises	5,850	-	-	5,850	4,950
Youth and Children's work	83	-		83	544
Other Costs	6,907	-		6,907	7,145
Equipment	1,994			1,994	
Youth event			1,511	1,511	
	<u>51,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,605</u>	<u>55,382</u>	<u>47,676</u>

**3 Grants paid to charitable organisations, missionaries and other individuals**

Grants for:					
Overseas mission	3,600	-	-	3,600	4,150
Pastoral care	653	-	1,550	2,203	4,415
Relief of poverty	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Education and training	-	-	-	-	650
Community event	-			-	59
Ministry gifts	90			90	1,000
	<u>5,543</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,550</u>	<u>7,093</u>	<u>11,474</u>

The organisation supports individuals in the UK and organisations overseas in the relief of poverty, and education and training. Grants totalling £7,093 (2024: £11,474) have been made to 6 individuals and 2 organisations (2024: 6 individuals and 4 organisations) during the period. The grants paid to overseas mission all relate to UK based charities who work overseas.

**4 Transactions with related parties**

One of the trustees, Vince Turner own and live in Weycroft Hall, from which the organisation operates. They allow the organisation to use the premises for a charge to cover running costs, receiving £5,850 (2024: £4,950) in the period. Vince and Clio Turner are the lead pastors of the church and both received a salary of £10,568. The salary is for their roles as lead pastors, not as trustees for the church.



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Movement of funds

	Balance at 31 Mar 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2025 £
General funds	22,350	58,273	- 57,320		23,303
Restricted funds					
Axe Valley Youth	1,198	2,600	- 3,605		193
Other	-	1,550	- 1,550	-	-
	1,198	4,150	- 5,155	-	193
Total funds	23,548	62,423	- 62,475	-	23,496

Restricted funds as at 31 March 2025 total £193 and all relate to funds restricted for Axe Valley Youth.