



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/204**  
Period end date

Period start date To

**31/03/2025**

**Charity name: Access Church**

**Charity registration number: 1177661**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public :-</b> <b>(a) to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom</b> <b>or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;</b> <b>(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health</b> <b>by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the</b> <b>provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world</b> <b>as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit when planning and delivering the church's activities.</b> <b>The church's purpose is to proclaim the Christian faith and to support the spiritual, social, and emotional well-being of its congregants and the wider community. Throughout the year, this purpose has been advanced through a range of activities designed to be accessible, inclusive, and beneficial to people of all ages and backgrounds.</b> <b>Worship and Spiritual Development</b> <b>The church's primary activity continues to be its weekly Sunday services, held at the local community centre. These gatherings are free of charge and open to all members of the public. They</b>

		<p>provide opportunities for worship, teaching, prayer, pastoral support, and community connection. Children are able to participate in age-appropriate activities during the services under the supervision of their parents, ensuring that families can engage fully in the life of the church.</p> <p>In addition to Sunday services, the church offers several weekly and monthly activities that contribute to the spiritual and social development of participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Weekly music group – Meeting every Friday, this group provides a space for individuals to develop musical skills, participate in worship preparation, and build supportive relationships through shared creative expression.</b></li> <li>• <b>Men’s and women’s groups – These groups meet on a weekly basis to offer mutual support, encourage personal growth, and strengthen networks within the community. Members also attend conferences and events that help deepen their faith and broaden their connections with others.</b></li> </ul> <p>The church places strong emphasis on building community cohesion and providing opportunities for people to connect beyond formal worship settings. During the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Members of the community participated in trips to Wales and Bournemouth, both of which were open to all and designed to foster friendship, relaxation, and shared experiences.</b></li> <li>• <b>The church collaborated closely with other local organisations to support young people and vulnerable groups within the community. These partnerships help extend the church’s reach and ensure that its work contributes positively to the wider social environment.</b></li> </ul> <p>Young people remain an important focus of the church’s mission. During the year, a group of young people attended a residential camp that enabled them to explore their faith more deeply, build confidence, and form meaningful relationships with peers from Sheffield, Coventry, Swindon, and other areas. This experience provided significant developmental benefits, including leadership opportunities, teamwork, and exposure to diverse perspectives.</p>
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		<b>The trustees continue to review the church's activities to ensure that they remain accessible, effective, and aligned with the church's aims. They are committed to ensuring that the church's resources are used responsibly to deliver clear and demonstrable public benefit.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>I can confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>No current policy at the moment but it is anticipated that a policy will be developed in due course.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		CIO – Foundation registered 22 March 2018
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation registered 22 March 2018
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	All trustees are members of the charity and are appointed in accordance with Charity's governing document.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation registered 22 March 2018

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Access Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177661
Charity's principal address	134 Kestrel Crescent

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gitau Gakuo			
2	Rachel Wainaina-Walton			
3	Janet Law			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

Gitau Gakuo

**Full name(s)**

Gitau Gakuo

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Church Pastor

**Date**

31 Jan. 26