

The Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal
St Clare Convent, Leeds

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1178987

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Charity Information

Trustees

Josephine Callaghan	(Sister Faustina Joseph CFR)
Katharine Sage Spinharney	(Sister John Paul Marie CFR)
Ana Jesse	(Sister Cecilia CFR)
Jennifer Larene Fedele	(Sister Chiara CFR)

Registered Office

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Governing Deed

Trust Deed dated 22 August 2017

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of The Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, St Clare's Convent, Leeds, registered charity number 1178987 ('the Community') present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, on the Receipts and Payments Accounts basis.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Aims

The principal aims of the Community are:

- the relief of poverty in particular among the destitute and
- the advancement of the Christian Religion.

The Community lives the Gospel in simplicity according to the ideals of Saint Francis, as handed on by the Capuchin tradition. The Community serves the poor and wider public through prayer and spiritual instruction and encouragement, including monthly prayer groups and retreats.

Public Benefit

The Community seeks to relieve poverty by providing practical help to the poor and destitute in the form of food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance for utilities as well as providing support through home and nursing home visits.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal is a public association of the faithful established in 1988 as a parallel Community to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Legal Framework

The Charity is regulated by a trust deed dated 22 August 2017. The Trustees hold the authority to appoint new Trustees.

Trustees

The Trustees are selected from those actively involved in the day-to-day running of the Community. During the year ended 31 August 2025 the following members of the Community served Trustees:

Josephine Callaghan	(Sister Faustina Joseph CFR)	
Katharine Sage Spinharney	(Sister John Paul Marie CFR)	
Ana Jesse	(Sister Cecilia CFR)	(Chair)
Jennifer Larene Fedele	(Sister Chiara CFR)	(appointed 29 April 2025)

Report of the Trustees (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The values uniting the sisters include a strong prayer life which is liturgical, contemplative, Eucharistic, and Marian. The emphasis on a common life marked by a warm family spirit, joyful imitation of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, faithfulness to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and loyalty to the Holy Father. The apostolate is the fruit of this love poured out for others.

Financial Review

The Community's financial position is set out in the receipts and payments accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities.

As disclosed in the Receipts and Payments Accounts on page 6 the total income for the year ending August 2025 was £31,726 (2024: £38,519), total operating expenditure was £30,929 (2024: £27,832), resulting in a surplus for the year of £797 (2024: £10,687). The Community does not hold any investments.

Total Community Funds at 31 August 2025 were £42,194 (2024: £41,396).

It is the policy of the Community that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be retained to cover the future cost of enabling the Trustees to continue to meet the objects of the Community including the maintenance of the convent. The Trustees' reserves policy is to hold at least three months' operating expenses.

The Trustees are confident that the Community is able to continue for at least the next twelve months.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 4 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Sister Cecilia

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Charity's Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees, 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 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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4 May 2026

The Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal
St. Clare Convent, Leeds
Year Ended 31 August 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	2025			2024
	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts				
Donations	24,845	-	24,845	26,671
Gift Aid	212	-	212	4,297
Charitable Services	5,441	1,228	6,669	7,551
Total Receipts	30,498	1,228	31,726	38,519
Payments				
Apostolate	3,088	-	3,088	583
Bank Interest and Charges	184	-	184	186
Grants and Donations Paid	-	-	-	468
Household	1,910	-	1,910	2,173
Insurance	358	-	358	2,908
Light and Heating	3,997	-	3,997	3,924
Property Costs	2,527	-	2,527	1,909
Printing, Stationery and Computer Supplies	1,615	-	1,615	2,962
Telephone, Internet and Postage	3,533	-	3,533	1,880
Travel	7,002	-	7,002	8,228
Other	6,715	-	6,715	2,609
Total Payments	30,929	-	30,929	27,830
Net (Payments)/Receipts	(431)	1,228	797	10,689
Transfers				
Cash Funds Last Year End	33,478	7,918	41,396	30,707
Total Funds this Year End	33,047	9,146	42,193	41,396

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash Funds	33,047	9,146	42,193	41,396
Total Cash Funds	33,047	9,146	42,193	41,396
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
Investments Assets	-	-	-	-
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Charity Funds	33,047	9,146	42,193	41,396

Approved by the Trustees on 4 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Sister Cecilia Jesse, CFR

Sister Cecilia

Trustee