

**True Life Church MK**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th February 2025**

Charity Registration No. 1181845

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## **Statutory Information**

True Life Church MK is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales as a charitable incorporated organisation.

The incorporation was registered on February 1st 2019

### **Registered Address**

WORLD VISION UK  
WORLD VISION HOUSE  
OPAL DRIVE  
FOX MILNE  
MILTON KEYNES  
MK15 0ZR

### **Trustees**

Mr Dylan Russell  
Mr Timothy Morris  
Mr Rob McFarlane  
Mr Stephen Thompson

### **Independent Examiner**

Mr Mervyn Thomas

### **Appointed By:**

Members  
Members  
Members  
Members

128 Putnoe Lane,  
Bedford, MK41 8LS

### **Bankers**

HSBC Bank (403333 82737515)

## **Trustees Annual Report for 2024 - 2025**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for the Year ended 28 February 2024

### **Charitable Objects**

The objectives of the charity are

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith annexed in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-making processes**

The charity is led by the eldership team. They are supported by the team of trustees and a wider leadership team.

True Life Church MK is linked relationally to a number of churches and leaders who provide input, wisdom and accountability to the church. We have benefitted as a church from the input of Rob McFarlane from the River Church in St Neots, Stephen Thompson from Bromham Baptist Church, Jason Shiels from Liberty Church and a number of other leaders we relate to. They have provided valuable insight and guidance to the trustees and leadership team. Rob and Stephen are official trustees as well which helps the church greatly in accountability and guidance.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Church provides opportunities for Christian worship on a weekly basis to which all members of the public are welcome. In addition, a number of activities for people of all ages are offered that are again open to the public and provide opportunities for the building of relationships and instruction in the essentials of the Christian faith. These include but are not limited to:

- Sunday service of worship
- Mid-week life group
- Other occasional church related activities such as prayer meetings, men's and women's connect times

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is meeting its Purpose and is providing a benefit to the public.

### **Achievements in the year**

The church has continued to make a number of advances during the last twelve months as reported here by our Pastor Dylan Russell:

The church has had a year of growth and expansion. We have grown into the space at the World Vision building. We have grown in community and seen a number of new believers added. We have seen the favour of God in more people coming to faith in Christ and being baptised which has encouraged us greatly. There has also been an increase in seeing the youth growing and coming to faith and young adults increasing.

The church continues to practise the Christian faith by teaching the Bible, meeting relationally with new believers over meals, providing mid-week small groups for friendship and encouragement, training and prayer, and our worship to God is enhanced by a gifted worship team led by Tim, Asher and they have developed Josh and Hope to help steward this. We have two couples on an apprenticing eldership journey with us which is exciting to see the potential ahead for the church.

True Life Church MK is made up from different age groups, and from different ethnic and social backgrounds. The church reflects the heart of God to connect and unite His people as one body. This is an encouragement to us all as building family is such a key part of our vision and heart.

Our heart is to grow this next year and serve the church worldwide as well as our local context. We are believing God for more life and people to be added to his church.

### **Volunteers**

All of the above activities are largely led and staffed by volunteers, and the church would be unable to function without their commitment and often sacrificial giving of time. This is the case on Sunday meetings which other than the teaching from the leaders and others, are organised, led and run by volunteers from within the congregation. Emily and Kenzie are on staff helping in administration and doing a great job in this.

### **Financial Review**

Income was £141,578 (Previous year £96,88)

Expenditures were £118,775 (Previous year £76,572)

Donations have increased over the year as seen above. Expenses have increased slightly due to venue costs, sowing into the apostolic and extra staffing needs which have been necessary for the growth of the church.

The general free reserves is at £ 43,038 which is adequate to meet our reserves policy of holding at least 3 months value of necessary expenditures and not more than 6 months. £10,000 extra has been designated to our future building fund.

**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.**

*Dylan Russell*

Dylan Russell 1 October 2025

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

To the trustees and members of True Life Church MK (Charity no: 1181845) relating to the Accounts for the period ended 28th February 2024 as set out on pages 7 to 12 which follow.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by action 130 of the act.
- accounts do not accord with those records, or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of account as 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 my examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mervyn Thomas  
Bedford MK41 8LS

Dated: 1 October 2025

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year Ending 28th. February 2025

	Note	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		122,214	251	122,465	87,809
Other trading activities		19,113	-	19,113	8,679
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>141,327</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>141,578</b>	<b>96,488</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Generating funds		-	-		674
Charitable activities		118,035	740	118,775	75,898
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118,035</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>118,775</b>	<b>76,572</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>23,292</b>	<b>(489)</b>	<b>22,803</b>	<b>19,916</b>
Transfers between funds	7	(10,000)	10,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		<b>13,292</b>	<b>9,511</b>	<b>22,803</b>	<b>19,916</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		29,746	93,105	122,851	102,935
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>43,038</b>	<b>102,616</b>	<b>145,654</b>	<b>122,851</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending 28th. February 2025

	Note	Unrestricted income funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	5	17,965	-	17,965	12,177
Cash at bank and in hand		25,673	102,616	128,289	111,274
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>43,638</b>	<b>102,616</b>	<b>146,254</b>	<b>123,451</b>
Creditors	6	(600)	-	(600)	(600)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>43,038</b>	<b>102,616</b>	<b>145,654</b>	<b>122,851</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	7	43,038		43,038	29,746
Restricted income funds	7		102,616	102,616	93,105
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>43,038</b>	<b>102,616</b>	<b>145,654</b>	<b>122,851</b>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

*Dylan Russell*

October 1st 2025



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair view' and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### 1.2 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

#### 2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. Transfers are made from unrestricted to restricted funds as necessary to prevent restricted funds from going into deficit.

#### 2.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income, it is more likely than not that it will receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the SoFA when receivable. Grants are included in the

SoFA when the general income recognition criteria above are met and in the case of performance-related grants income is recognized to the extent that the specified goods or services have been provided. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be measured reliably. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts. Investment income is included when received.

#### **2.4 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognized on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT that cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the charity's legal constitution.

#### **2.5 Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at cash or other consideration expected to be received.

#### **2.6 Creditors**

Creditors and accruals are recognized when liability for payment is recognized but not paid.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 3.1 ANALYSIS OF INCOME for the year ending February 28th. 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	funds	funds	funds	funds
Donations and legacies	£	£	£	£
Donations	104,264	201	104,465	75,469
Gift Aid	17,950	50	18,000	12,340
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>	<b>122,214</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>122,465</b>	<b>87,809</b>
Event Income	19,113	-	19,113	8,679
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>141,327</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>141,578</b>	<b>96,488</b>

### 3.2 Comparative ANALYSIS OF INCOME for the year ending February 28th. 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	funds	funds	funds	funds
Donations and legacies	£	£	£	£
Donations	74,033	1,436	75,469	74,087
Gift Aid	12,317	23	12,340	15,765
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>	<b>86,350</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>87,809</b>	<b>89,852</b>
Event Income	8,679	-	8,679	239
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,029</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>96,488</b>	<b>90,091</b>

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#### 4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE for the year ending February 28th. 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 funds	2024 funds
Expenditure on	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI and Pensions	20,040	-	20,040	20,040
Administration	35,353	-	35,353	9,417
Premises	27,232	-	27,232	22,697
Leadership Expenses	20,067	-	20,067	5,240
Meeting Expenses	2,901	-	2,901	2,742
Hardship and Support	-	740	740	-
Church Ministry	-	-	-	518
Conferences and Event Costs	12,442	-	12,442	14,210
Global mission	-	-	-	1,708
Grand Total Expenditures	<b>118,035</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>118,775</b>	<b>76,572</b>

#### 5 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid receivable	17,965	12,177
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b>17,965</b>	<b>17,965</b>

#### 6 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrual for Independent Examiner	175	150
Other Accruals	425	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>

## 7. CHARITY FUNDS

### 7.1 Details of All Funds with movements during the CURRENT reporting period 2025

FUNDS	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
General Church	29,746	141,326	(118,035)	(10,000)	43,038
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>29,746</b>	<b>141,326</b>	<b>(118,035)</b>	-	53,038
Special Collection	621	1	-	-	622
Kenya	6,778	-	-	-	6,778
Building Fund	85,000	-	-	10,000	95,000
Hardship	686	250	(740)	-	196
Youth	20	-	-	-	20
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>93,105</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>(740)</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>102,616</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>122,851</b>	<b>141,577</b>	<b>(118,775)</b>	-	<b>145,654</b>

### 7.2 Movement in funds 2025

The trustees have designated a further £10,000 to the Building Fund