

Charity No: CIO 1184099

**Connection Church Centre
(KEC Church Centre)**

Financial Statements

for the year ending 31 March 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER: CIO 1184099

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Organizational Structure

The governing document of the charity is a Trust Deed. There are Three trustees who meet at least 3 times per year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and the day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the 'Oversight', which consists of the Pastor, Elders and Leadership Team who meet monthly and are responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met.

Trustees are appointed after receiving unanimous approval by other trustees.

Staff

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank the Pastor, Elders and Ministry Leaders for their hard work during the past year. Their continuing efforts and commitment to the church are very much appreciated. The only salaried member of the 'Oversight' team is the Pastor. The Pastor's salary is agreed by the Elders, and during the financial year, an increase was sanctioned in line with inflation.

Sherry Egginton continues as the Community Pastor and has settled in extremely well building up relationships within the community including local councilors. Allowing the fellowship opportunities to share the love of God in many practical ways.

3 further part-time staff are employed, one as a cleaner, one working in the café and one as the cook for the lunch club.

Volunteers

During 2024/25 the church continued with its ministries, senior lunch club, mother and toddlers (now called Little Gems), ladies craft group, Saturday morning Café. Those on Sunday welcome and set up the refreshments for after the service. The ministries would not be able to function effectively without the assistance of up to 50 volunteers who serve in many capacities and whose time involvement ranges from a few hours per month to 2 -3 days a week.

The Trustees and Elders would like to take this opportunity to express their grateful appreciation for all they do.

Objectives and Activities

The charities' objectives and principal activities are:

- Advance the Christian religion
- Support Christian missionaries
- Support Relief of Poverty
- Support Orphanages and Christian institutions worldwide
- Provide a Community Care Centre for support of the local people covering all ages from Parents and Toddlers to the Elderly

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

- 52 Sunday Services
- 40 Children's Church
- 114 Mid-week services
- 76 Parent and Toddlers (Little Gems) Sessions
- 41 Sessions of Lunch Clubs for the Elderly.
- A café now operates on Saturday morning open to the community to meet and chat
- 45 Group meetings for Youth activities
- Apart from a few regular companies who hired the building several others have joined us this past year, along with some of community using the care center for birthday parties. This allows the church building to be open for several activities for the community, including two dance groups, special needs group for children and adults, and a crochet group for ladies. The church building is also used for voting during elections.

Risk Management

The charity is committed to ongoing assessment of the major risks to which the church is exposed and are confident that the system of reporting which currently exists will advise them on a regular basis of potential difficulties and enable them to take steps to learn about these risks.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity continues to look to enhance the standard of living for the people in the local community, by showing the love of God, in Word and action. Future plans are to employ a Family Pastor for both the church fellowship and the community.

Public Benefit Statement

Worship and Prayer

CCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

One service is held on a Sunday morning is more aimed at Family worship and includes a specific section for children. Special services during the year include Mother's Day; Carols by Candlelight; Christmas day; Easter Sunday.

Our services are available and open to all.

During the week, discipleship/growth courses (known as Connect Groups) are held for people wishing to deepen their Christian beliefs, and regular times of prayer are also held.

During the year:

- 52 Sunday Services
- 40 Children's Church
- 114 Mid-week services

The Community Care Centre

CCC also offers a range of services that benefit and involve members of the community. During 2024/25 the Care Centre has conducted:

- 76 Parent and Toddlers (Little Gems) Sessions
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Food Fund

With the cost-of-living crisis we have sought to help those in the community who are struggling. We don't have room in the building for a Food Bank, so we purchase items of food that a person needs, and the church pays for the items, with the money being provided through grants from SMBC.

Pastoral Care

The Pastor and the leadership team offer pastoral care to both the members of the church and members of the community who attend the activities of the Care Centre.

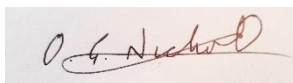
This has often involved visiting those who are unable to attend due to sickness and has included a number of hospital visitations. In addition, the Pastor and the leadership team are available to pray or offer spiritual guidance to individuals or small groups when requested.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s):



Date: 29/01/2026

Full Name: Owen G Nicholds

Position: Secretary

FINANCIAL REVIEW 2024/2025

The overall position for the year ended 31 March 2025 showed total income of £209,020, and a surplus of £10,598.

Principal Funding Sources

The main source of funding are donations, gifts and funds generated by charitable activities.

Investment Policy

The charity has only a small amount of reserves and these are likely to be called upon in the short to medium term, and consequently, investment has been restricted to easily accessible accounts. The church does not have any specific investment powers.

Checks are made to see that the return is comparable within the banking sector.

There have not been any party-related transactions during the year.

Reserves Policy

It remains the goal of the Trustees to maintain freely available reserves at a minimum level which would enable the General Fund/Building Fund of the church to operate for approximately 3 months at £12,000. Freely available reserves are funds which are unrestricted/restricted and not invested in fixed assets. The church has sufficient reserves in its General Fund and Building Fund to meet this requirement, but the situation will continue to be monitored with a view to increasing the amount of reserves.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Connection Church Centre

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on Pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- . follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- . state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 you as 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 29 January 2026

Connection Church Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Incoming Resources			£	£	
Donations and Gift Aids	<i>Note 7</i>		204,710	204,710	100,943
Grants			2,760	2,760	17,390
Hire of Premises			1,550	1,550	25,832
Total incoming resources			209,020	209,020	144,165
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Cost of funding	<i>Note 8</i>	18,486	0	18,486	19,191
		18,486	0	18,486	19,191
Charitable activities	<i>Note 6</i>		198,422	198,422	160,773
Total resources expended			198,422	198,422	160,773
Net incoming resources/(resources expended)			10,598	10,598	(16,608)
Fund balances brought forward			577,419	577,419	594,027
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			10,598	10,598	(16,608)
Prior year adjustment			0	0	0
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of assets					
Fund balances carried forward			588,017	588,017	577,419

**Connection Church Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	<i>Note 2</i>		779,033		790,636
Current assets					
Bank		44,635		31,452	
Debtors	<i>Note 3</i>	<u>3,056</u>		<u>2,867</u>	
		<u>47,691</u>		<u>34,319</u>	
Current liabilities					
Accruals	<i>Note 4</i>	<u>1,500</u>		<u>600</u>	
		<u>1,500</u>		<u>600</u>	
Net current assets			<u>46,191</u>		<u>33,719</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			825,224		824,355
Long-term liabilities					
Loans on properties	<i>Note 5</i>		<u>237,903</u>		<u>247,633</u>
Total assets less total liabilities			<u><u>587,321</u></u>		<u><u>576,722</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted			<u>587,321</u>		<u>576,722</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements - Year ended March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the requirements of the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FR102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS102 and the financial accounting reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are shown at cost. Depreciation is provided at the rate calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment and fittings	20%	per annum
Freehold property	2%	per annum
Land is not depreciated.		

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of general objectives of the Church. These are funds that have not been designated for any other purposes.

General funds are those funds which are not designated or restricted for any purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the Church for particular purposes.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

Costs of Charitable Activities comprise all expenditure identified as incurred in the pursuit of the charitable objects of the charity.

Apportionment of Costs

Costs which cannot be directly attributed to activities represented by restricted funds are charged against unrestricted income.

Support costs are apportioned between the charity's activities based on salary costs.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment & Fittings £	Freehold Premises £	Total £
Cost			
1 April 2024 Balance b/d	5,619	1,009,387	1,015,006
Additions	12,136	0	12,136
Disposals	0	0	0
31 March 2025 Balance c/d	17,755	1,009,387	1,027,142
Depreciation			
1 April 2024 Balance b/d	2,790	221,580	224,370
Charge for the year	3,551	20,188	23,739
Disposal	0	0	0
31 March 2025 Balance c/d	6,341	241,768	248,109
Net Book Value 31 March 2025	11,414	767,619	779,033
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	2,829	787,807	790,636

3. Debtors and Prepayments

	£
HMRC gift aid refunds	3,056

4. Accruals

	£
Professional Charges	1,500

5. Loans on properties

	£
Church and Manse	237,903

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Grant	11,500	0
Salaries, Pension & Employer's NIC	58,533	50,041
Hire of equipment	902	41
Rent, rates and insurance	3,869	3,801
Lighting and heating	4,726	5,749
Stationery, postage & advertising	1,883	2,577
Repairs and maintenance	23,418	13,931
Telephone	1,880	1,646
Travelling expenses	3,022	1,761
General expenses inc. food	29,325	39,265
Depreciation	23,739	21,473
Professional charges	1,500	1,476
Loan interest and bank charges	18,486	19,191
Gift support	15,004	0
Children Ministry	635	0
	<u>198,422</u>	<u>160,952</u>

7. Analysis of Incoming resources

	£
Individuals Giving	47,289
Cash	31,400
Take A Break	14,884
Solihull MBC	11,250
Heart Of England Churches	28,977
EVO Payments	8,773
Sundry Cheques	8,500
Heart of England CSOL Winter Support	3,080
HMRC tax relief on donations	14,676
Christian Gospel Chong Kong	4,000
Other Income	15,874
Sum-up	8,662
Sandant Care	7,345
Room Hire	1,550
Grants	2,760
Total	209,020

8. Cost of funding in General expenses

	£
Bank charges	308

Loan interest	18,178
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