

CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD  
Trustees' Annual Report

Charity name: Christ Central Telford (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Charity details:

Other names charity was known by: Telford Christian Fellowship Trust

Registered Charity number: 1121106

Charity's principal address:

Mr. Oliver Higgins

8 Church Lane

Telford

Shropshire

TF1 4DA

Telephone:

Period of Report:

Financial year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Name of the charity's trustees:

| Name                  | (Other if any) | Date Added           |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Mr. Oliver Higgins    | Chairman       | All Year             |
| Mrs. Alison Park-Gold | Secretary      | All Year             |
| Mr. James Park-Gold   | Treasurer      | All Year             |
| Mrs. Anne Vird        |                | All Year             |
| Mr. Richard Hill      |                | Appointed 22.10.2024 |
| Mrs. Angela Bryant    |                | Appointed 22.10.2024 |

Description of the charity's work:

Governing document: Constitution dated 28 July 2019

Object of the charity:

- To advance the Christian faith
- To receive persons in conditions of need or hardship or who are sick, aged or homeless
- To promote and fulfil other charitable purposes

James Holyoak & Parker Limited  
Chartered Accountants

Address:

Name:

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**Charity details:**

**Other names charity was known by:** Telford Christian Fellowship Trust

**Registered Charity number:** 1184306

**Charity's principal address:**

Mr. Giles Higgins  
8 Gregson Walk  
Dawley  
Telford  
TF4 2GA  
Shropshire

**Period of Report**

Financial year from: **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Names of the charity Trustees**

| Name                 | Office (if any) | Dates Acted          |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Mr Giles Higgins     | Chairman        | All Year             |
| Mrs Alison Kerr-Gold | Secretary       | All Year             |
| Mr Hannes Kerr-Gold  | Finance         | All Year             |
| Ms Anne Ward         |                 | All Year             |
| Mr Edward Hill       |                 | Appointed 22/10/2024 |
| Mrs Angela Poynter   |                 | Appointed 22/10/2024 |

**Description of the charity's trusts:**

Governing document: Constitution dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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**Advisors:**

None

## **CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD**

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#### **Activities and Achievements:**

**Christ Central Telford** was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and replaced our previous identity as Telford Christian Fellowship. This was the culmination of a 16-month process. The new name much more reflects our vision and values and had unanimous support from the church members. All necessary changes were made to our online presence (new website and 4 key Social Media platforms), to the Charities Commission and to our bank.

#### **Leadership, management and structure –**

1. CCT continues to employ Giles Higgins on the basis of a 0.6 contract (21 hours per week) to lead the church and oversee its various ministries and activities. Giles leads the team of elders and always works in liaison with the Trustees. Giles is also a Trustee and Chair of Trustees.
2. The 2 elders, Giles Higgins and Hannes Kerr-Gold (both are also trustees) met on average once every 2 weeks for the purpose of effective spiritual leadership, oversight of ministries, pastoral care and outreach. This team functioned well, strengthened by working closely together with their wives, Sarah and Alison respectively.
3. The Trustees functioned well together in overseeing all matters of finance, legal compliance and governance. They met 6 times in this period and used WhatsApp extensively for discussion and decisions regarding several important matters. The team was strengthened from October with the appointment of Ed Hill and Angela Poynter.
4. 2 new employees were appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024, both for 8 hours per week. Helen Hill as the Church Administrator and Emma Kerr as the Church's Social Media Specialist.
5. CCT is a ChristCentral church and is one of 8 churches in Shropshire, Staffordshire & Derbyshire belonging to that group (see <https://christcentralchurches.org/>). Giles and the leaders of the other 7 churches met and supported one another every other month on average for partnership, support and oversight. Giles and Sarah also helped to develop active relationships with the other 7 church leaders and especially with the other 3 Shropshire church leaders. This has enhanced meaningful external support and identity within ChristCentral churches.

#### **CCT congregation overall and regular Sunday morning worship meetings –**

- CCT continued to meet each Sunday morning at Dawley House for worship, teaching of the Bible, news sharing and the building of the Christian Community.
- The overall size of the congregation grew in this period, as did the committed membership.

#### **Meetings and groups in addition to Sunday mornings –**

1. Prayer meetings throughout the year, every Sunday evening. Prayer meetings are considered a major part of the backbone of the church due to the positive effects experienced by many. The attendance has been consistently higher than in the previous year. In August 2024, a weekly Zoom prayer meeting was launched, taking place on Tuesdays at 6.30am. Also launched this year was a "Prayer Updates" WhatsApp group which added to the prayer base of the church.
2. Four Home groups functioned effectively all year. These provide essential fellowship, support and encouragement for committed members and other attenders. Much friendship building and pastoral care takes place within all groups.
3. One Bible study group, meeting weekly on Tuesday mornings – functioning much like the 4 Home Groups described above.
4. A weekly worship evening was launched in Autumn 2024 to further enhance the spiritual life of the church.

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General –

1. In-depth pastoring of people in difficult life circumstances – some regularly attending the church, some not. This included home and hospital visits, provision of a substantial number of meals as well as helping people in the context of church meetings. For some the pastoral care meetings were regular, for others they were one-off meetings. The level of pastoral care given remains high as we endeavour to look after those in need.
2. In-depth encouragement and help given to many in their personal development as Christians who are making a difference through their lives. This is not giving remedial help but helping people who are secure becoming even stronger and more fruitful for the benefit of those in the church and to the local community.
3. The Junior CCT team have been serving the children every Sunday through the year. The number of children regularly attending the church increased in this period. From September 2024 the one group multiplied to 2 groups requiring more volunteers from the church body. This development was successful.
4. Youth meetings took place monthly, and a small number were taken to the Newday festival in Summer 2024.

Other activities and achievements as part of outreach, serving people and the church being internally strengthened –

1. Supporting BREADTrust, through substantial financial giving. BREADTrust's sphere of operation includes farming projects in Zambia and humanitarian aid in Ukraine. The special focus on Ukraine continued throughout this period.
2. Support of a Christian couple and their team in the Middle East – seeking to bring the Christian gospel to people in the heart of the Middle East. We support them financially and by prayer and we distribute the newsletters to interested parties in the church.
3. Financial support of other organisations seeking to advance the Christian Gospel and serve the poor, e.g. STAY Telford, C.A.P. Telford and ChristCentral Churches. We are pleased to report that the church's giving is more than the target of 10% of overall income.
4. We significantly supported an Iranian couple who were seeking Leave to Remain in the UK. This included supporting them in the time of the birth of their first child.
5. We help lead Dawley Restroom Fellowship – a group for mainly elderly, local people for worship, teaching and fellowship. This included organising and leading a civic Remembrance Service in November 2024, attended by many local civic dignitaries.
6. Carol Services for CCT and Dawley Restroom and Carol singing for the Dawley Community Christmas light switch on event. The attendance of both Carol Services was significantly higher than in 2023.
7. Deliberate steps taken to develop people in taking responsibility. A wider leaders forum was formed, meeting approximately once per term. This includes Elders, their wives, Trustees and those who have a sphere of responsibility in the church.
8. Leadership attending training events held on Zoom and in-person hosted by ChristCentral Churches. These were for Leadership training, Theological instruction, prayer and encouragement generally – totalling 13 in the year.
9. Foundations course for teaching, discipling and mentoring of members.
10. Worship team gathering together approximately once per 2 months to strengthen the worship aspect of the church and to develop aspiring musicians.
11. Various Church social events from April to September 2024 to help build the church community.
12. Men's breakfasts on Saturday mornings – averaging once every 6 weeks.
13. Launch of regular Ladies' events for social engagement and outreach – 3 or 4 times per year.

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14. Safeguarding Policy reviewed in the period leading up to May 2025. Regular DBS checks on all workers carried out in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.
15. Retaining good links with the Telford Christians Together group that serves the wider Christian body in Telford.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees are also responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 (the 2025 Accounts).

It is a key responsibility to:

- to ensure the accounts under section 147 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 147(2)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to ensure that the accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the 2011 Act.

## **Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 prepared with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or transactions in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently the 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 material has come to my attention:

1. which gives the responsible cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s147 of the Charities Act 2011 and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. in which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Robert Humphreys FCA  
Chartered Accountant

James, Deborah & Robert Ltd  
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Barnesley, South Yorkshire  
S21 2AA

Dated 19th June 2025

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

It is my responsibility to:-

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

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 our 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 s.130 of the Charities Act 2011 and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**James, Holyoak & Parker Ltd**  
**1 Knights Court, Archers Way,**  
**Battlefield Enterprise Park,**  
**SHREWSBURY, SY1 3GA**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**



**Robert Humphreys FCA**  
**Chartered Accountant**

**CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year ended 31 March 2025**  
**Receipts & Payments Account**

|  | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>General<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2025<br/>Total for<br/>Year<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>Total for<br/>year<br/>£</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Receipts</b>  |                                   |                                |  |  |
| <b>Donations, Legacies and Other similar receipts:</b>     |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Collections & Tithes                                       | 1,211                             | 52,234                         | 53,445                                   | 41,314                                   |
| Other Donations  | -                                 | 30,000                         | 30,000                                   | -  |
| Tax Refunds & Gift Aid                                     | -                                 | 6,567                          | 6,567                                    | 9,048                                    |
| <b>Operating Activities to further charitable objects:</b> |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Conference Fees & Events                                   | -                                 | 4,366                          | 4,366                                    | -  |
|  | <u>1,211</u>                      | <u>93,167</u>                  | <u>94,378</u>                            | <u>50,362</u>                            |
| <b>Payments</b>  |                                   |                                |  |  |
| <b>Payments for generating funds:</b>                      |                                   |                                |  |  |
| <b>Charitable Payments:</b>                                |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Gifts/Tithes   | 150                               | 9,400                          | 9,550                                    | 4,278                                    |
| <b>Charitable activities:</b>                              |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Staff Salaries   | -                                 | 29,634                         | 29,634                                   | 18,699                                   |
| Speakers   | -                                 | 150                            | 150                                      | -  |
| Hall Hire  | -                                 | 2,246                          | 2,246                                    | 1,269                                    |
| P.A/Repairs/Equipment                                      | -                                 | 2,474                          | 2,474                                    | 3,170                                    |
| Travel   | -                                 | 884                            | 884                                      | 842                                      |
| Training   | -                                 | 120                            | 120                                      | 869                                      |
| Devoted Events   | -                                 | 8,830                          | 8,830                                    | 880                                      |
| Refreshments   | -                                 | 515                            | 515                                      | -  |
| Launch costs   | -                                 | -                              | -  | 1,532                                    |
| <b>Support Costs:</b>                                      |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Stationery/Books/Postage/Printing                          | -                                 | 512                            | 512                                      | 1,157                                    |
| Insurance  | -                                 | 509                            | 509                                      | 460                                      |
| Website Design and computer                                | -                                 | 1,408                          | 1,408                                    | 6,990                                    |
| Copyright Licence  | -                                 | 490                            | 490                                      | 261                                      |
| Miscellaneous  | -                                 | 151                            | 151                                      | 55                                       |
| Telephone  | -                                 | 631                            | 631                                      | 519                                      |
| Other professional fees                                    | -                                 | 464                            | 464                                      | 267                                      |
| <b>Management &amp; Administration</b>                     |                                   |                                |  |  |
| Examination of Accounts                                    | -                                 | 540                            | 540                                      | 504                                      |
|  | <u>150</u>                        | <u>58,958</u>                  | <u>59,108</u>                            | <u>41,752</u>                            |
| <b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>                               | 1,061                             | 34,209                         | 35,270                                   | 8,863                                    |
| <b>Transfers</b>   | 36,748                            | (36,748)                       | -  | -  |
| Balance brought forward from previous year                 | 3,252                             | 58,330                         | 61,582                                   | 52,972                                   |
| Balance carried forward at end of year                     | <u>41,061</u>                     | <u>55,791</u>                  | <u>96,852</u>                            | <u>61,582</u>                            |

**CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**  
**For the Year ended 31 March 2025**

|   | 2025          | 2024          |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £             |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |               |               |
| <b>Cash Funds</b>                                     |               |               |
| Cash in Hand  | 624           | -             |
| <b>Other Monetary Assets</b>                          |               |               |
| NatWest Current Account                               | 96,228        | 61,582        |
| Loan  | -             | -             |
|   | <u>96,852</u> | <u>61,582</u> |
|   | <u>96,852</u> | <u>61,582</u> |
| <b>Representing Assets on the following Accounts:</b> |               |               |
| General Fund  | 55,791        | 58,330        |
| Restricted Funds                                      | 41,061        | 3,252         |
| Accumulated Funds                                     | <u>96,852</u> | <u>61,582</u> |

**Non-Monetary Assets**

Furniture and Equipment at insurance value: £5,530

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Signed on their behalf by: 

**GILES HIGGINS**

Position: Chair of trustees and Church Leader

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**CHRIST CENTRAL TELFORD**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year ended 31 March 2025**

**Notes on Accounts**

**1) Accounting Policies**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

**2) Trading**

The Church has not had a trading activity in pursuit of its charitable objects.

**3) Donations Made**

|                               | <b>2025</b>  | <b>2024</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Christ Central                | 1,320        | 1,770        |
| Church Central                | 2,240        | 540          |
| Mercian Community             | 480          | 480          |
| Christian Together in Telford | 360          | 360          |
| BreadTrust                    | 1,300        | -            |
| CAP                           | 1,200        | -            |
| BoT Plant                     | 1,200        | -            |
| Admaston Hope                 | 1,200        | -            |
| Other Giving                  | 250          | 1,128        |
|                               | <u>9,550</u> | <u>4,278</u> |
| Charged to General Fund       | 9,400        | 4,278        |
| Charged to Restricted Funds   | 150          | -            |
|                               | <u>9,550</u> | <u>4,278</u> |

**4) Restricted Funds**

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

|               | <b>Opening<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Incoming</b> | <b>Outgoing</b> | <b>Transfer</b> | <b>Closing<br/>Balance</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Donation      | -                          | 150             | 150             | -               | -                          |
| Devoted       | -                          | -               | -               | -               | -                          |
| Building Fund | 3,252                      | 1,061           | -               | 36,748          | 41,061                     |
|               | <u>3,252</u>               | <u>1,211</u>    | <u>-</u>        | <u>36,748</u>   | <u>41,061</u>              |

**5) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses**

Remuneration of £21,681 (2024: £17,496) was paid to one employee during the year for the purpose of pastoral/church leadership and overseeing all the ministries of the church.