

**ABBAY CHURCH CIO
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Registered Charity Number: 1184604

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
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Status

Abbey Church CIO is a Registered Charity, No 1184604 having been registered on 25 July 2019 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation; it is governed by its Constitution dated 19 June 2019. Previous to 25 July 2019 Abbey Church was part of a Charitable Company, Hillview Evangelical Church [Charity Number 1115938; Company Registration Number 5899178] having been a church plant by Hillview Church in September 1999. Initially it was part of the then Hillview Evangelical Church Trust before Incorporation on 29 August 2006.

The Trustees are pleased to present this report and annual accounts for the reporting period of the Charity from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The report includes the information required by the Charity SORP FRS102 as a Charity registered in England and Wales.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Patricia Murphy	<i>Chair of Trustees</i>
Mark Bashford	<i>also Elder of Abbey Church</i>
Andrew Conlan	<i>Resigned as trustee 8th July 2025</i>
David Wallace	
Kenneth Hawkins	<i>also Elder of Abbey Church</i>
Graham Dancy	<i>also Elder of Abbey Church [PT Church Leader]</i>
Alan Rogers	

Charity's principal address

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Agents and Advisors

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<i>Solicitors:</i>	Ellis-Fermor & Negus Limited, 2 Devonshire Ave, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1BS

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Organisational Structure

The year commenced with the Board of Trustees being seven personnel in total. Towards the end of the year this was reduced by one with the resignation of Andrew Conlan on 8th July 2025, who moved away from the area.

The appointment of further Trustees continues to be under review with due consideration being given to the Trustee Skills Audit.

The day-to-day management and leadership of Abbey Church is delegated to a team of four elders who are responsible for providing the leadership to the Church in seeking to achieve the aims of the Charity. Three of these Elders are also trustees.

During the year the Trustees met three times [3 – Ordinary General Meetings] to oversee key aspects of the Charity's operation; there was also the AGM. Minutes are kept of all meetings of Trustees and were submitted to Burton Sweet for scrutiny, as required.

The Church is structured to operate within Ministry Teams to develop, plan and fulfil its programme of activities and events in seeking to achieve the aims and objects of the Charity. These are the Sunday Team, Neighbourhood Team, World Vision Team, Pastoral Care Team and Community Groups Team. In addition, the Charity also employs a part-time Church Administrator.

The Church is led by a team of four Elders who oversee the work of the Church, two of these Elders are employed part time, allowing the Teaching, Discipleship and Pastoral work of the church to be resourced appropriately. One of these elders is also employed as the church administrator.

Finally, there is also a Finance Team responsible for the financial controls of the activities of the Church. It produces regular management accounts for the Charity and reports to the Trustees at their meetings concerning all financial aspects of the operation of the Charity. The Finance Team also proposes the annual budget following consultation with the leadership of the Church, and it is then approved by Trustees. The team maintains close supervision of the income and expenditure account, as well as capital expenditure items.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are normally recruited from persons known to the Trustees. Prior to appointment, potential Trustees are given opportunity to attend a Trustees' meeting to observe the working of the charity, along with opportunities to discuss their potential involvement more fully. The charity provides every Trustee with an induction pack, which details their legal responsibilities and provides key policies.

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Networks and other relationships

Abbey Church has links with national organisations such as Christian Concern, CAP [Christians Against Poverty], Counties UK [Neighbourhood Chaplains], as well as with international relief agencies, such as Tearfund, Samaritan's Purse, and Open Doors. Abbey Church also works locally with other churches, schools and groups in the community.

Risk Management

Trustees aim to maintain a clear understanding of risks, with regular review of policies to ensure these are in line with appropriate standards and legislation. Procedures and policies are put in place to mitigate risks, these include policies for Conflicts of Interest, Safeguarding, Anti Bribery and Corruption, Ethos Statement, Data Protection, Diversity and Equality, Complaints Policy, Health and Safety, Finance and Reserves.

Staff and volunteers are given clear guidance and training for Safeguarding, this includes level 2 training for Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, delivered and monitored using an online training and assessment tool. Recruitment of both volunteers and staff are subject to DBS checks where appropriate and all those in roles where safeguarding is a concern have confirmed that they have read and understood our Safeguarding Policies. Our Safeguarding lead has also maintained level 3 training and the charity is supported by ThirtyOne: Eight for Safeguarding guidance and DBS checking.

Trustees have also sought to ensure that their Data Protection duties under GDPR are being properly discharged.

They also confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objects and in planning future activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of Abbey Church CIO is to advance the Christian faith, according to the statement of beliefs and practices of Abbey Church for the public benefit in Gloucester and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the charity Trustees think fit.

Abbey Church CIO is a registered charity that oversees the work of Abbey Church, first established in 1999. Between then and the formation of Abbey Church CIO, the charity came under the governance of the Charity Company "Hillview Evangelical Church" (HECCo).

The activities of the Charity have the broad aims of seeking to contribute, as appropriate, to the spiritual, physical, social and educational needs of the Abbey Church community, focused on the communities of Abbeymead and Abbeydale in the city of Gloucester. These aim to cater for all age groups from Parent and Toddlers to Senior Citizens. Through its mission support programmes it also seeks to further its objects beyond the immediate communities where Abbey Church operates to other parts of the UK and overseas.

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Examples of the current work can be seen on the website www.abbeychurch.net and on our Facebook page. Each of the ministries of the Church are reviewed regularly to ensure the services and activities are effective in connecting with our community. We continue to grow both in new people attending, particularly at the Sunday morning service, as well as in the development of Church members; training up and developing church members to serve in a greater way.

Typically, there are in the region of 80 to 100 adults, children and young people at Abbey Church in a Sunday service. As with any church of the type of Abbey, the viability and sustainability of their programmes is almost entirely dependent upon members who give voluntarily and consistently of their time. The wide range of gifts and abilities available combine to produce a volunteer workforce that is effective in contributing to the life of the church, enabling it to achieve the Objects of the Charity. We are extremely grateful to all those who are involved in the church in that way. It is estimated that the value of their contribution in 2024-25, if employed, would have been in the order of £70,000 based on the national minimum wage.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The use of local halls, including Heron School a primary school within Abbeydale and Abbeydale Community Centre, allows the Church both to meet on Sunday and host other events for Children, families and youth and adults.

Every week during term time Abbey Church runs Abbey Tots (for mothers, fathers, grandparents and other carers with toddlers) and Abbey Baby Club (providing support for new mums). There were about 32 children attending each week with 67 on the register. The sessions include tea and coffee, space for children to play, a craft and opportunities for parents and guardians to share and form friendships. During the year additional sessions were held to support family and parenting skills called 'Mum's Space'. Feedback from the mum's has been very encouraging.

On Friday evenings Abbey Church runs 6:15 club for Infant and Junior school aged children. The activities include games, sport, crafts etc. and allows us the opportunity to teach children from the neighbourhood Christian values and biblical principles. During the year 6:15 Club had an average attendance of 13 children.

Also, on Friday evenings Abbey Church runs 'Drop In Youth', known as DIY. This is a new venture, started in January 2025, providing a welcoming space for youth in the area to play both console and physical table top games such as table tennis and table football, as well as engaging in discussion on a relevant topic from a biblical perspective. The group had an average attendance of 11 young people.

During the year the church partnered with South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) to work with a trainee Youth Worker. Accommodation was provided by members of the church. One of the part - time (staff) elders provided management leadership for our trainee, whilst another member acted as his mentor for the year. The trainee worked with the Newts and Crocs groups on Sundays, attended the weekly Church prayer meeting, assisted with Abbey Tots, 6:15 and DIY. They also attended training sessions provided by SWYM and time with the local manager and mentor each week.

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At the end of April 2025, the Church enjoyed a weekend away. The venue was Hill House near Bridgwater in Somerset from the Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. The church was able to strengthen bonds with each other during a time away from normal activities, partaking in biblical teaching, worship, social times together and shared meal times. 78 people of all ages from babies to those who are retired came to the weekend.

Community engagement pastorally is important to Abbey Church and the work of the Neighbourhood Chaplains team continues. During the year covered by this report the larger events were cut back due to both volunteer availability and the way dates fell at Christmas and Easter. None-the-less a two-day summer event, 'Activate Summer' was held on Glevum Field. Games and craft were enjoyed followed by a gathered session where a bible parable was told, with its application to today's world. These provided the children, and adults, with opportunities to engage, learn and spend time with others from the local community. A picnic lunch was provided allowing for social interaction between all who attended.

The church has also continued to periodically run Christianity Explored courses.

The church is engaged with the work of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and from September 2025 will begin to be financially engaged also. The Gloucester manager of CAP attends occasional events to increase the local community awareness of the services available to them.

Other outreach events to the community included the Ladies Craft evening which was attended by about 35 ladies. Friday evening football has continued for the men.

Alongside Sunday morning services all members of Abbey Church are encouraged to join with the community Groups which meet mid-week. Ladies and men's bible study groups also meet regularly. A monthly Sunday evening 'Going Deeper' session allows for a deeper look into aspects of the bible. Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and a dedicated evening service is also held monthly.

All age Christmas, Easter and Harvest services were well attended with visitors from the community, particularly to the Carols by Candlelight.

There are many opportunities within the church for growing in faith and engaging in service (as our website makes clear). All ages are catered for with Bible teaching in church from primary school age up to 18. All having their own age-appropriate teaching at Sunday services. A creche caters for babies and toddlers so that parents can engage with the service fully on a Sunday. The church aims to run a variety of specialist 'short courses' each year such as Christianity Explored, which enable the Christian faith to be explained in depth via small group sessions. This year one baptism service was held after running our Baptism course. Abbey Church continued its collaboration with Hillview Church to run a series of meetings via Zoom under the title of 'Life Matters', which explore a wide range of issues relating to the impact of Christianity on society.

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Pastoral support is provided by the church particularly at key moments for those suffering health concerns and bereavement. Also, for those going through key life changes such as marriage and the birth of children. The church aims to meet people at their point of need, whether spiritual, physical or emotional. The nature of care includes practical help, spiritual and emotional support, and visiting the sick and elderly at home or in care/hospital, including sharing communion with them if requested.

Training relevant to the ministry in which people serve (e.g. Children, Youth, Pastoral care, Leadership etc.) is provided either through in-house courses tailored to specific needs, or by people attending training arranged by specialist organisations. The church has procedures in place to ensure that any member serving in a role that requires vetting has a valid DBS certificate. The trustees review the safeguarding policy annually and ensure training in relevant procedures takes place.

Our commitment to mission locally and globally is facilitated by our World Vision Team that keeps us in touch with several different missionaries around the world and different Christian organisations. Approximately 10% of the budget is allocated to support Christian mission around the world, and last year £10,000 was given towards this.

Abbey Church is committed to partnering with other like-minded churches and organisations and currently supports Gloucester City Mission, Gloucester Food Bank (through harvest donations) and works closely with churches in the area. As part of the Counties network, Abbey Church has partnered in Gloucestershire wide events for fellowship and teaching with other churches. We have also jointly hosted the mission Open Doors to support their work with the persecuted Church. Church leaders regularly meet with other local church leaders for fellowship and encouragement.

The work of the church requires resources, including staff team and volunteers and accommodation for our regular activities. Whilst existing public spaces are well used by the Church, the accommodation needs of the Church are in constant review, with all potential opportunities for a space belonging to the Church being considered. During the year a small retail space in the area was considered and a disused church that is outside of the Abbeymead/Abbeydale area.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered a Reserves Policy for Abbey Church CIO and established that the Charity should hold free reserves of at least £25,000, or the equivalent of at least 3 months of the essential operating costs of the Charity.

Free reserves are defined as unrestricted or general funds held by the Charity but not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets. This level of free reserves gives the Trustees and Leaders the opportunity and time to make appropriate decisions to rectify the situation should unexpected costs arise or a material drop in income occur.

The free reserves held at the period-end are £286,319. The level of reserves compared to operating expenditure is due to the intention of the Charity to undertake building work, the cost of which is likely to exceed significantly the level of reserves held.

Financial Review

The financial statements show that the total income of the Charity was £175,275 (2024: £101,678). As will be seen from Note 2, the majority of this was from General Offerings amounting to £100,014 with associated income from tax refunds (Gift Aid) of £10,369; this would indicate that more than 80% of the general offerings were donated in a tax-efficient manner. Charitable activities Income [£8,885], Grants [£2,004] and Interest [£5,095]. It is noted that the reserves attracted a higher level of interest which is due to the current economic circumstances.

Total expenditure was £120,420 resulting in a surplus for the financial year of £54,855. This Compared to a Net deficit of £2,011 in the previous year.

Regarding Expenditure, the total amount for 2024 was £103,689, compared with £120,420 for 2025 – an increase of £16,731. As shown by the statement of financial activities [page 10] and Note 4 this was mainly due to a significant increase in church workers costs.

In considering the expenditure on Charitable Activities it can be seen from Note 4, that overall, about 93% was actually activity-related with about 7% related to support costs. In addition, it can also be seen that Grants of £10,000 were made for Christian work; this can be seen in greater detail in Note 5 where there is an analysis of these grants. It is the aim of the Charity to make grants equating to about 10% of the combined total of general offerings [unrestricted] and associated income from tax refunds (Gift Aid); from Note 2 this can be seen to be £110,383 – the actual total of grants therefore exceeded this aim.

In summary, the free reserves of the Charity as at 31 August 2025 to be £286,319 [2024: 231,464] – these are all stated as Unrestricted Funds. The Trustees continue therefore to be both, pleased, grateful and encouraged that Income has almost enabled all costs to be met.

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Restricted Fund [See also Note 12]

In the arrangements for the divisions of assets agreed between Hillview Evangelical Church (Charitable Company) and Abbey Church CIO there was a balance remaining from the Restricted Fund intended for a building project that will not now proceed. This amounted to £29,320 and was being retained by Hillview until such time as the fund can become Unrestricted. The trustees are pleased to report that after consultation with the Charity Commission these funds have now been reclassified as unrestricted and have been passed from Hillview Evangelical Church (Charitable Company) to Abbey Church CIO on 15 August 2025.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on Jun 05 2026
behalf by:

Patricia Murphy
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Patricia Murphy (Chair of Trustees)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Abbey Church CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Abbey Church CIO (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:
- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do 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.

Joshua Kingston

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Date: Jun 08 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 £	Year ended 31 Aug 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	161,295	91,597
Charitable activities	3	8,885	4,761
Investments		5,095	5,320
Total income		<u>175,275</u>	<u>101,678</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	120,420	103,689
Total expenditure		<u>120,420</u>	<u>103,689</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	6	54,855	(2,011)
Total funds at the start of the period		231,464	233,475
Total funds at the end of the period		<u>286,319</u>	<u>231,464</u>

The charity has no recognised gains and losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

All movements are in unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 £	Year ended 31 Aug 2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	7,502	20,401
Cash at bank and in hand		284,987	216,699
		<u>292,489</u>	<u>237,100</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	10	(6,170)	(5,636)
Net current assets		<u>286,319</u>	<u>231,464</u>
Net assets		<u><u>286,319</u></u>	<u><u>231,464</u></u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		286,319	231,464
		<u><u>286,319</u></u>	<u><u>231,464</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on Jun 05 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Patricia Murphy

 Patricia Murphy (Chair of Trustees)

Mark Bashford

 Mark Bashford (Trustee, Finance Team)

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 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 Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, despite the significant uncertainty being caused by the economy with many rising costs, the Trustees expect little to no impact with our current operations having very little cost liabilities, with any additional costs to these operations to be minor. It is also recognised that the charity has sufficient reserves to be able to meet most challenges

- b) Income from donations are included when these are receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

Legacies are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the legacy and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Entitlement is regarded as the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support costs have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs are included within support costs.

- d) Rentals applicable to operating lease agreements where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.
- e) Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.
- f) Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.
- g) Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.
- h) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.
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2 Donations and legacies

	Year ended 31 Aug 2025	Year ended 31 Aug 2024
	£	£
General offerings	100,014	75,724
Grants	2,004	2,004
Income tax refunds	10,369	13,869
Legacies	48,908	-
	<u>161,295</u>	<u>91,597</u>

3 Income from: charitable activities

	Year ended 31 Aug 2025	Year ended 31 Aug 2024
	£	£
Event income	8,885	4,761
	<u>8,885</u>	<u>4,761</u>

4 Expenditure on: charitable activities

	Year ended 31 Aug 2025	Year ended 31 Aug 2024
	£	£
Grants for Christian work (see note 5)	10,000	10,000
Church workers	65,797	54,597
Ministry costs	4,367	2,259
Training	4,904	270
Event expenses	27,159	27,826
<u>Support costs</u>		
Safeguarding costs	269	145
Insurance	568	529
Printing, postage and stationery	411	109
Accountancy fees	378	366
Fees and Subscriptions	1,024	942
Equipment	3,257	4,576
Governance costs (see note 6)	2,286	2,070
	<u>120,420</u>	<u>103,689</u>

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5 Analysis of Grants

	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 £	Year ended 31 Aug 2024 £
<i>To Institutions</i>		
Gloucester City Mission	1,320	1,320
Armonia Trust UK	858	858
Ambassadors Football	1,518	1,518
Ifes Trust	1,320	1,320
Friends of Turkey	1,320	1,460
Open doors	990	990
Echoes International [Giovanni and Hannah Donato]	1,320	1,520
Young Soo	352	-
<i>To Individuals</i>	1,002	1,014
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

6 Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 £	Year ended 31 Aug 2024 £
Independent Examiner's fee:		
- for Independent Examination	1,020	924
- for Accounts Preparation	1,266	1,146
- for Other Services	378	245
	<u>378</u>	<u>245</u>

7 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 £	Year ended 31 Aug 2024 £
Wages and salaries	47,538	50,370
Pension costs	4,275	4,561
	<u>51,813</u>	<u>54,931</u>

No staff received employment benefits of more than £60,000.

The average number of staff (headcount) during the year was 3 (2024: 3).

The total aggregate employment benefits received by key management personnel were £46,975 (2024: £45,891).

The key management personnel are the Trustees and members of senior management who report to the Trustees.

Aggregate donations from Trustees, key management personnel and other related parties were £12,316 (2024: £16,480).

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or prior year.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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9 Debtors

	31 Aug 2025	31 Aug 2024
	£	£
Other debtors	7,502	20,401
	<u>7,502</u>	<u>20,401</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Aug 2025	31 Aug 2024
	£	£
Accruals	2,286	2,070
Other creditors	3,884	3,566
	<u>6,170</u>	<u>5,636</u>

11 Related party transactions

Mark Bashford, Andrew Conlan, Kenneth Hawkins, Roger and Hazel Chilvers, trustees and related parties received payments of £300 [2024: £500]; £200 [2024: £500]; £400 [2024: £600]; £400[2024:£400] respectively for speaking services at Abbey Church.

During the year Graham Dancy, a Trustee, received remuneration of £23,353 [2024: £21,774] and pension contributions of £2,093 [2024: 1,960] for the Church Leader role.

These payments are permitted under the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

There are no other related party transactions apart from those already disclosed.

12 Donation of assets and liabilities

On 1 September 2019, the Trustees of Hillview Evangelical Church, charitable company (registration number: 05899178) moved the trade and assets of the Abbey Church into the newly constituted CIO. The impact of this event has been that Abbey Church CIO was gifted an agreed sum of £201,717 of the Abbey Church assets at that date.

The carrying values of the assets and funds transferred were:

Net Assets:	£
Cash in hand and on deposit	<u>201,717</u>
Funds:	
Unrestricted general funds	<u>201,717</u>

The total asset transfer amounts to £231,037, the difference of £29,320 relates to a restricted fund. The fund was derestricted by the Charity Commission. The funds were received from Hillview Evangelical Church (Charitable Company) on 15 August 2025.
