

*PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2024
TO 31ST MARCH 2025
CHARITY NO: 1184975*



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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CHARITY INFORMATION

STATUS	A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (Charity Registration No: 1184975)
TRUSTEES	Liam Maxwell (Chair) Steven Thomas Jennifer Richardson [resigned 31 October 2024] Clara Mukuria Timothy May [appointed 31 October 2024]
ELDERS & PASTORS	Richard Owen (Lead Elder) Christopher Chart Daniel Maton Blessan Babu Benjamin Gibbins Grant Riley
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CHARITY HISTORY

The CIO was formed in 20th August 2019 and was later merged with City Church Sheffield Trust in June 2020. The Trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated 18 July 1996 and there was a formal change of name from Walkley Baptist Church by Supplemental Deed dated 3 January 1999. The Board of Trustees administers the charity and the Elders are the governing body of the church.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

- a) To advance the Christian Faith
- b) To promote the relief of aged persons and persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OBJECTS

The primary aims of the CIO are to fulfil the role of a Christian Church in the Sheffield area and to provide help to others in promoting the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and overseas.

THE CHURCH: ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A church is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they lived. City Church Sheffield - its trustees, elders and members - are committed to living out these New Testament principles. By doing this, our expectation and experience is that Sheffield is a better place as a result of our activities. In other words, significant public benefit is produced through City Church loving the people of Sheffield and living out what the Bible says. It is not alone in this, as many churches in the area, country and throughout the world are living out their joyful knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to see many people of Sheffield come into this experience of knowing Jesus as their Lord, Saviour and friend.

City Church Sheffield is a member of the *Evangelical Alliance*, and has a long-standing supportive relationship with *ChristCentral Churches* and *Newfrontiers*: Christian organisations which pursue similar objectives in the UK and overseas.

Directions relating to the CIO are made by the Trustees, in consultation with the Elders who are responsible for governing the life and teaching of the church. Day to day decisions on expenditure and activities are decided by the staff and volunteers in charge of different areas of the church, with budgets set and monitored by the Trustees. New Trustees are selected from the members of the church so that the Trustee body is wholeheartedly involved in seeing the mission of the church worked out in practice.

On appointment, new Trustees spend time with the existing Trustees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and the legal and financial framework within which the church operates as well as completing relevant training courses, and reading and understanding the induction material that has been prepared for them.

At the end of the financial year, the charity employed 7 members of staff (though it was 8 from September to mid-March) However, the expectation is that every member of the church, whether employed or not, helps make the difference in the church achieving its 'great commission'. This is done by 'being salt and light' amongst the people they interact with every day; by praying, by visiting the sick and supporting others in need, by involvement in training and encouraging others, in public teaching and worship, and also in administration. The financial resources of the church, to a very large extent, are given by the members and their private assets and equipment are regularly used in the work of the church. Much of this work is done privately, without recognition, and the hours and value of that time cannot be quantified.

THE YEAR: ITS OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the year ended 31 March 2025 the main ways the church sought to achieve the calling of Christ upon it and its charitable purposes for the public benefit were:

- *Fulfilling the objects in teaching, preaching and showing practical care in the community.* This took place both in the normal teaching in Sunday meetings, which are open to all; in midweek meetings for church members; and also by running specific courses to address particular aspects of Christian living, some of which were also open to the wider community; all are provided without charge.

The teaching, preaching and discipleship programmes are primarily aimed to help people develop a lifestyle following the teaching of Christ: to love God and your neighbour as yourself. Our Sunday meetings were in person but we continue to show recordings on YouTube in the days shortly after. We continued to meet monthly in 3 separate sites. These site meetings happen on the first Sunday of the month in Shirecliffe, Hunters Bar and Bradway.

Sunday meetings attract anywhere between 250 and 400 people in person, and online views of the meetings usually have 20-30 views on YouTube, and sermon only videos getting around twice that amount. Those involved in regular midweek meetings through the year amounted to around 250 adults.

- *Bringing the love of Christ to the community. This was done by ad hoc "321" courses done in church member's homes, and regular street evangelism across the city.* The street evangelism was done gently by giving out free refreshments alongside a question board enticing conversation about faith.

- *Impacting the next generation.* Volunteer members of the church have taught and discipled church children and their non-church friends. MiniKidz for under 5s and their parents; Kidz Life for primary school aged children; Dads and Kids – for, dads and their kids! And Bears Camp (for dads and their primary aged children).
- FUEL, our work with 11 to 18 year olds, has helped our youth to engage with God and to reach out to their friends. Students have been taught and encouraged to reach out to their peers at university, and to live out a radical life for Jesus.
- Our 18-25s work thrived this year, gathering up to 50 people to create community, encourage one another, and impact their friends and family with the good news of Jesus.
- *Practical help to the community.* This has happened in many different ways:
 - Food and Stories – Events at the Jubilee Centre attracted around 25 men each time. In all these events the men continue to find common ground in faith and seek truth from stories in the Bible.
 - Welcome Boxes – 8 boxes were given out in the last 12 months helping to welcome refugees and asylum seekers placed in Sheffield.
 - Welcome Support Group – This has grown and strengthened as it has looked to support women who are asylum seekers or refugees. It has build friendships and supported attendees through the asylum process and building a life in the UK. Up to 12 ladies have attended each week..
 - Support Fund - During the financial year there was an income of £5684 given into the existing fund of £7919. There have been 15 successful applications within the year meaning £10,000 was given out.
 - Open House (formerly Warm Space) - This year we had up to 12 people attending who were able to have lunch, engage with games, and chat to one another - as well as keeping warm.
 - City Church FC - Following the birth of the team in the previous year, we built momentum with our church football team. The team has become affiliated with the FA and had it's first season in an official FA ran league, finishing 2nd in the table. The main goal is for the team to play in a way that honours Jesus and everyone involved, bringing men together.
- *Training and equipping members and Christians from further afield:* as a base for ChristCentral's School of Leadership, we have had the privilege of seeing approximately 85 people trained and equipped in Biblical Theology, some in person but many over Zoom.
- *Planting new congregations.* The objective for a number of years has been to reach the whole of Sheffield with the good news of Jesus. At the end of the financial year, we sought external support in sharpening our vision to plant new congregations. This will continue into the new financial year.
- *Bringing support to churches working in other nations.* Through former members relocating, we have connections with churches in Fredericton in Canada, as well as three former members living in the Middle East.

- Much of the church's activity and the resultant public benefit takes place in the everyday lives of its members. They have been able to reach out, provide comfort and support to one another, and do the same for their neighbours and work colleagues. This is mostly where the principles of New Testament church life are put into effect, as members apply and share their faith in the places they live and work. This is a major part of the purpose of the church, and the impact that it has. Much of it is done without publicity, and the amount of time spent in this way cannot be easily quantified.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Acts to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. Our assessment is that the above makes a positive impact on the people of Sheffield and beyond. Between them, the activities listed improve community relationships; help families be more cohesive; increase the level of key skills for church members and clients of our services; alleviate poverty and hunger; as well as train and inspire the next generation to live lives that make a positive impact on society.

PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We continue to plan and pray about increasing the impact of our Sites across the city, including starting church plants in the north and south of the city. We are restructuring our leadership teams in order to help the church be better prepared and able to deal with any future growth. We are also looking at our building, the Jubilee Centre, to consider how it can be better used for the community and for the church.

FINANCIAL & RISK REVIEW

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall income for this period was £423,577, comparable with the whole previous financial year (2023-24: £413,827). Expenditure in this period was £494,401, more than £449,113 across the whole previous financial year. As a result, the deficit for the year increased to £70,824 (2023-24: £35,286) and the charity's net assets decreased by the same amount, to £609,557, of which £598,558 are unrestricted. Net current assets decreased by £58,997 to £62,330, of which £51,154 are unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

RESERVES

The Trustees have set a policy of retaining reserves sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the Church. Where there is specific capital expenditure foreseen, amounts are set aside into designated funds so the free reserves (General Fund reserves excluding amounts invested in assets for the church's use) are available to meet the costs of normal running and expansion of the Church and to ensure the Church can meet the commitments that have been entered into. The level of minimum reserves was kept at £45,000 throughout the majority of the financial year however they were depleted beyond the target amount by the end of the financial year. At the year end the unrestricted cash was below the policy level at £33,983. This had been closely monitored and was expected. We did pause some

non-essential activities but our main mitigation was to undertake a strategic review to re-affirm vision and strategy, and then work out a new staffing structure to deliver that vision. This process was started in March, and will run into the next financial year.

April 2025 onwards:

Since year end, the reserves policy has continued to be implemented through regular finance and governance meetings that were held between the treasurer, operations manager and an elder to identify items that could be removed, reduced or delayed in the budgetary spending. The combined savings for those identified items in May to July were around £8.7k.

The strategic review, initiated by the operational team and supported by the trustees and is still ongoing. Consultancy feedback has been procured and completed and feedback from all members collected and processed. The consultant's report recommended a re-organisation of staff and leadership, and what became clear by July due to the financial challenges was the need to reduce the staff team. Voluntary redundancy was offered to the four staff elders, and this opportunity was taken by Chris Chart, and enacted at the end of August.

In using the Reserves Policy to help us handle the financial challenges CCS faced, it became clear that some adjustments were necessary in order to make the document more helpful in future. This included an increased lower threshold, and the introduction of a monitoring threshold in order that consideration and action happen sooner. The new policy came into effect on 4th December 2025.

Alongside cost reduction, we recognised the need for increased income generation, and this took the form of a Gift Day in October 2025. This resulted in £73,284.07 (including gift aid) being given. Furthermore, month on month giving increased by 8.5% following that against a forecast of 5%. The charity's financial position is now more robust and healthier as it works towards increasing the reserves and continuing its work to advance the Christian faith and provide relief to those in need.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

Gifts to external organisations and individuals are considered by the Trustees on the basis of need and fulfilment of the charitable objectives. There are no upper or lower limits of support. Much of this is done through the Support Fund and its established process and checks (see above for more information).

RISK MANAGEMENT

All major insurable risks are subject to normal Churches and employers' insurance. Contractual risks are reviewed before being entered into, to assess that they could not significantly impact upon the Churches ability to fulfil its objectives. Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Trustees in conjunction with staff and volunteers responsible for the area of activity. When a new project starts, a specific risk assessment is completed and fed into the wider risk management process, as well as annual review of key projects' risk registers. We have specific processes and teams in place for key risk areas such as Safeguarding, and Health and Safety. We have external input and support from ThirtyOne:Eight on Safeguarding, and broader support from Stewardship on many issues including Risk Management.

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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to: -

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf

on: Jan 10, 2026

by: Liam Maxwell
Liam Maxwell (Jan 10, 2026 07:38:31 GMT)

LIAM MAXWELL (CHAIR OF TRUSTEES)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 10 to 22 following, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 12 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 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

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.


Archie McDowall (Jan 12, 2026 12:12:00 GMT)

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Date: Jan 12, 2026

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	384,509	11,682	396,191	388,195
Charitable activities	4	14,488	10,772	25,260	20,653
Investments	5	2,126	-	2,126	4,979
Total income and endowments		401,123	22,454	423,577	413,827
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	469,785	24,616	494,401	449,113
Total expenditure		469,785	24,616	494,401	449,113
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(68,662)	(2,162)	(70,824)	(35,286)
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(68,662)	(2,162)	(70,824)	(35,286)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		667,219	13,338	680,557	715,843
Total funds carried forward	15	598,558	11,176	609,733	680,557

Rounding Differences of £1 may appear in these accounts

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 12-21 form part of these accounts.

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	551,895	-	551,895	572,947
		<u>551,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>551,895</u>	<u>572,947</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	10	30	-	30	45
Debtors	11	17,142	4,403	21,544	19,335
Cash at bank and in hand	12	33,983	6,772	40,755	101,948
		<u>51,154</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>62,330</u>	<u>121,327</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,491)	-	(4,491)	(13,717)
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>46,663</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>57,838</u>	<u>107,610</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>598,558</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>609,733</u>	<u>680,557</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted Funds	15				
General funds		585,129	-	585,129	634,786
Designated funds		13,430	-	13,430	32,434
		<u>598,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,558</u>	<u>667,219</u>
Restricted Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>13,338</u>
		<u>598,558</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>609,733</u>	<u>680,557</u>

Rounding Differences of £1 may appear in these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Liam Maxwell[Liam Maxwell \(Jan 10, 2026 07:38:31 GMT\)](#)

LIAM MAXWELL (CHAIR OF TRUSTEES)

Jan 10, 2026

Date: _____

Charity number: 1184975

The notes on page 12-21 form part of these accounts.

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation] registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations and legacies includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.
- ii) Donated facilities, services and goods. Goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries are recognised as income when receivable at fair value (being an estimate of the amount it would cost to purchase those items). Facilities, services and goods donated for the charity's own use are recognised as income when receivable at their value to the charity.

The charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

When donated goods, services and facilities are distributed or consumed, an expense in respect of those items is included in the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end any goods that have not been distributed or consumed are recognised as stock; donated fixed assets are capitalised.

- iii) Legacies. Income from legacies is recognised when a distribution is received from the estate or, if earlier, when the charity has been notified that a distribution will be made and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from church retreats and other events and courses.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

The cost of raising funds is not significant and has not been separately disclosed.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Items purchased or donated for the charity's own use are capitalised when the cost of purchased items, or the fair value of donated items, is more than £1,000 and the item is expected to benefit the charity over more than one accounting period. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis so as to write down the value of each asset to its estimated residual value (if any) over its expected useful economic life. To achieve this objective the following rates of depreciation are charged:

Freehold land and buildings	Over 50 years after taking account of the building's residual value
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	Over 5 years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

f) Stocks

Stocks of donated items held for distribution to beneficiaries are measured at fair value.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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2 Accounting Policies (continued)

i) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

j) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.
- ii) The valuation of donations in kind relies upon the estimates made of the fair value of items given for onward distribution.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	330,540	324,233
Donations in kind (note 3a)	60	15
Other grants receivable	3,255	-
Income tax recoverable	62,336	63,947
	<u>396,191</u>	<u>388,195</u>

a Donations in kind comprise:

	2025	2023
	£	£
Goods donated for:		
Distribution to beneficiaries	60	15
	<u>60</u>	<u>15</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	2025	2023
	£	£
Church retreats and events	13,387	9,507
Reimbursement for services provided to Christ Central Churches	8,388	8,430
Income for rental of premises	2,743	2,717
Other income	742	-
	<u>25,260</u>	<u>20,653</u>

5 Investment income

	2025	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	2,126	4,979
	<u>2,126</u>	<u>4,979</u>

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Charitable expenditure

	2025	2023
	£	£
a Costs incurred directly on specific activities		
Salaries	315,847	280,341
Staff expenses	4,090	6,020
Ministry support	1,862	821
Conferences & subscriptions	24,034	25,130
Church events	4,193	969
Pastoral fund	8,975	7,740
Distribution of donated goods	75	45
	<u>359,076</u>	<u>321,066</u>
Grants payable (note 8c)	32,448	45,787
	<u>391,524</u>	<u>366,853</u>
b Costs incurred on support & administration		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	2,760	3,420
Other	210	448
	<u>2,970</u>	<u>3,868</u>
Water & insurance	6,986	6,050
Cleaning & janitorial	4,991	4,272
Heat, light & phone	16,385	14,721
Postage & stationery	850	1,523
Repairs	30,970	12,882
Sundries	7,262	3,690
Depreciation	21,052	21,397
Catering & refreshments	7,516	8,470
Literature, music & promotional	586	655
Equipment	3,309	4,733
	<u>102,878</u>	<u>82,260</u>
Total expenditure	<u>494,401</u>	<u>449,113</u>

The fee payable to the independent examiner for preparing and examining the accounts was £2,760 (2024: £3,420); in addition the charity paid £210 (2024: £200) to Stewardship for consultancy services.

CITY CHURCH SHEFFIELD
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6 Charitable expenditure (continued)

c Grants payable

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2025 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	32,448	-	32,448
	<u>32,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,448</u>

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions £	Individuals £	2023 £
Grants for UK and overseas mission	40,787	5,000	45,787
	<u>40,787</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>45,787</u>

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2025 £	2023 £
Christ Central Churches	26,273	32,387
Stepping Stones	6,025	6,025
New Day	-	1,500
Grants to institutions for less than £1,000 each	150	875
	<u>32,448</u>	<u>40,787</u>

7 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 8 (2024: 7). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The charity's key management comprise the trustees, the Elders, the Church Administrator and the Treasurer and the key staff named on the Charity Information page.

During the year key management received employment benefits totalling £238,644 (2024: £234,020).

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

8 Acting as agent

On occasion the charity receives money on behalf of other charities and individuals, which it banks and then pays. This income is received as agent for these other charities and the income, and the related payments, are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities; any money that has not been distributed by the year end is recognised as a creditor.

During the year the charity acted as agent for individuals in need within the church and, in that capacity:

- a) received £10,800 (2024: £8,820) and paid £19,220 (2024: £400)
- b) at the year end the charity owed £nil (2024: £8,420) in agency balances.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Equipment £	Total 2025 £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	950,776	146,661	26,305	1,123,742
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>950,776</u>	<u>146,661</u>	<u>26,305</u>	<u>1,123,742</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	382,779	146,661	21,354	550,795
Charge for the year	19,016	-	2,036	21,052
At 31 March 2024	<u>401,795</u>	<u>146,661</u>	<u>23,390</u>	<u>571,846</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>548,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,914</u>	<u>551,895</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>567,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,950</u>	<u>572,947</u>

10 Stock

	2025 £	2023 £
Donated goods		
For distribution to beneficiaries	30	45
	<u>30</u>	<u>45</u>

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2023 £
Tax recoverable	16,373	15,558
Other debtors	3,568	1,908
Prepayments and accrued income	1,603	1,869
	<u>21,544</u>	<u>19,335</u>

12 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	18,210	60,561
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	22,514	41,335
Petty cash	31	51
	<u>40,755</u>	<u>101,948</u>

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13 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year

	2025	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,731	10,297
Accruals	2,760	3,420
	<u>4,491</u>	<u>13,717</u>

14 Pension commitments

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £26,422 (2024: £23,765) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2024: £nil).

15 Funds

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2025 £	Incoming resources 2025 £	Outgoing resources 2025 £	Transfers in the year 2025 £	Gains and losses 2025 £	Closing balance 2025 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Major Improvements	28,271	-	(19,544)	-	-	8,726
Site Fund	4,163	-	-	-	-	4,163
Stepping Stones	-	-	(6,025)	6,025	-	-
City Church FC	-	3,688	(3,148)	-	-	540
	<u>32,434</u>	<u>3,688</u>	<u>(28,718)</u>	<u>6,025</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,430</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	634,786	397,435	(441,067)	(6,025)		585,128
	<u>667,219</u>	<u>401,123</u>	<u>(469,785)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,558</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Christ Central Churches	-	1,773	(1,773)	-	-	-
Newday main event	-	5,585	(3,912)	-	-	1,673
Support Fund	12,476	5,409	(8,975)	-	-	8,910
Community assistance	282	-	(20)	-	-	262
Zambia Fund	225	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	225
Bears Camp	355	5,187	(5,437)	-	-	105
	<u>13,338</u>	<u>22,454</u>	<u>(24,616)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,175</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>680,557</u>	<u>423,577</u>	<u>(494,401)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>609,733</u>

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15 Funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets by fund

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	2025
	General funds	Designated funds		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	551,895	-	-	551,895
Stock	30	-	-	30
Debtors	17,142	-	4,403	21,544
Cash at bank and in hand	20,553	13,430	6,772	40,755
Creditors falling due within one year	(4,491)	-	-	(4,491)
	<u>585,129</u>	<u>13,430</u>	<u>11,175</u>	<u>609,733</u>

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Major Improvements	27,328	-	(5,557)	6,500	-	28,271
Site Fund	6,423	-	(2,260)	-	-	4,163
Stepping Stones	-	-	(6,025)	6,025	-	-
	<u>33,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,842)</u>	<u>12,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,434</u>
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	<u>667,956</u>	<u>388,975</u>	<u>(408,874)</u>	<u>(13,271)</u>		<u>634,786</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>701,707</u>	<u>388,975</u>	<u>(422,716)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>667,219</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Christ Central Churches	-	5,687	(5,687)	-	-	-
Newday main event	(604)	3,420	(3,563)	746	-	-
Support Fund	14,794	5,423	(7,740)	-	-	12,476.10
Community assistance	327	-	(45)	-	-	282
Zambia Fund	225	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	225
Bears Camp	(605)	5,822	(4,862)	-	-	355.02
	<u>14,137</u>	<u>24,852</u>	<u>(26,397)</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,338</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>715,843</u>	<u>413,827</u>	<u>(449,113)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,557</u>

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15 Funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets by fund

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Tangible fixed assets	572,947	-	-	572,947
Stock	45	-	-	45
Debtors	15,916	-	3,419	19,335
Cash at bank and in hand	59,595	32,434	9,918	101,948
Creditors falling due within one year	(13,717)	-	-	(13,717)
	<u>634,786</u>	<u>32,434</u>	<u>13,338</u>	<u>680,557</u>

Designated Funds

The Major Improvements Fund

Acts as a regular internal savings account for major building works.

The Site Fund

Acts as a regular internal savings account for general site maintenance and equipment replacement.

Stepping Stones

Supporting the Asha project, which runs HIV/AIDS clinics/support in Mumbai, India. Asha is part of Stepping Stones Charitable Society. This was previously a restricted fund, but no longer receives any specific income.

City Church FC

A church football team which brings people in Sheffield together. Participant income is used to cover the costs for pitch hire, referee payment, and new equipment.

Restricted Funds

Event Funds

Separate restricted funds are used to record income/expenditure relating to specific events (ie Bears' Camp, Church Weekend Away, Student Weekend Away, Newday Main Event and Newday Leaders' Weekend). These are events are primarily run on a cost-recovery basis. Any shortfall in event costs are reimbursed by way of a transfer from the General Fund unless it is not material and anticipated to be cleared from receipts during the forthcoming financial year.

Christ Central Churches

A special collection to support the work of Christ Central Churches

Support Fund

Money raised so those in financial need can apply for small grants and loans. This originally started from the impact of Covid 19 but is still in use.

Community Assistance Fund

Helping members of the local community with small grants to assist with travel to and from charity activities.

Zambia

Supporting outreach work in Zambia. The money raised is given to Christ Central Churches who orchestrate the work.

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16 Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity:

- a) received donations totalling £48,570 (2024: £40,176) from related parties (which includes trustees, any other members of key management and anyone closely connected to them).
- b) no expenses (2024: £nil) were paid to, or for, the trustees in relation to their duties as a trustee; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

Except as disclosed in note 7 'Analysis of staff costs', there have been no other transactions with related parties during the year.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES WITH COMPARATIVES
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	Note	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>				<u>Unrestricted funds</u>			
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	General	Designated	Restricted	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2023	2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:									
Donations and legacies	3	384,509	-	11,682	396,191	363,343	-	24,852	388,195
Charitable activities	4	10,800	3,688	10,772	25,260	20,653	-	-	20,653
Investments	5	2,126	-	-	2,126	4,979	-	-	4,979
Total income and endowments		397,435	3,688	22,454	423,577	388,975	-	24,852	413,827
EXPENDITURE ON:									
Charitable activities:	6	441,067	28,718	24,616	494,401	408,874	13,842	26,397	449,113
Total Expenditure		441,067	28,718	24,616	494,401	408,874	13,842	26,397	449,113
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-			-	-			-
Net income/(expenditure)		(43,632)	(25,029)	(2,162)	(70,824)	(19,899)	(13,842)	(1,545)	(35,286)
Transfers between funds	15	(6,025)	6,025	-	-	(13,271)	12,525	746	-
Net movement in funds		(49,657)	(19,004)	(2,162)	(70,824)	(33,170)	(1,317)	(799)	(35,286)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		634,786	32,434	13,338	680,557	667,956	33,751	14,137	715,843
Total funds carried forward	15	585,128	13,430	11,176	609,733	634,786	32,434	13,338	680,557