



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Period start date**  
**To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 Period end date**

**Charity name: Lapford Community Church**

**Charity registration number:1186459**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of purposes: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL BASIS OF FAITH SET OUT IN THE ANNEX TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF LAPFORD, DEVON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Main activities: We are a Church group who meet together to promote Christian Faith in the village and local area. In addition to meeting together for fellowship, the Church have purchased a local building which is used as a drop in café, foodbank and by the community for other activities.

Statement re Charity Commission guidance: The trustees have regarded the Charity Commission guides whenever there have been decisions to make on the actions of the charity and continue to administer the governance of the fellowship under the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

## **Achievements and Performance**

Summary of main achievements: Over recent years The Ark has been really busy with its work of the foodbank but also in its role as a hub within Lapford and the wider community. As times become more financially challenging the food bank will be even busier. As well as this the other facilities of The Ark are even more important giving support to those in and around the village. The compassionate fund is continuing to be administered by the management of The Ark and with the other areas of The Ark these are an important means of our Christian outreach. The space which has been opened upstairs is really beneficial to the community as a library and reading area.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity trusts:

The Charity is made up of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association Model) and is controlled by its trust deed.

Trustee selection methods:

Within the Trustees we have a rolling period of service after which a Trustee will stand down. There then follows a voting process regarding election.

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

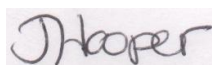
Any other name: Recently the Church has changed its name from Yeo Valley Christian Fellowship to Lapford Community Church to reflect more accurately our purposes.

Registered Company Number: 1186459

Charity's principal address: Village Stores, Lapford, Crediton, EX17 6PZ

Trustees:

- Sally Rowden (Chair)
- Jeremy Turner (Secretary)
- Jacqueline Hooper (Treasurer)
- Steve Bragg
- Lorraine Kigongo
- Phillip Burrow



Mrs Jacqueline Hooper (esignature)

## **Summary and report of Financial Statement 2024-2025**

### **Lapford Community Church (YVCF) & The ARK (Foodbank)**

#### **Total Income - £54,797.19**

Comprising:

Combined offerings & donations LCC	£36,441.98
Reclaimed Gift Aid (re 2023-24)	£ 3,001.27
The ARK café & Foodbank donations	£15,353.94

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for the Church, The ARK, and the Foodbank. Because of your generosity, we're able to keep helping local people through the many events and activities that each part of our Church offers.

We are very grateful for the money raised from the Christmas Fayres at The ARK of just under £800 and would like to thank everyone who helped in these events.

#### **Total Expenses - £52,882.67**

Made up of:

Payments made from LCC	£40,501.73
The ARK & Foodbank	£12,380.94

Lola, our sponsored child in Uganda, enjoys receiving letters and cards and sends back regular news. She is very grateful for the continued support we offer to her, which enables her to attend regular schooling. We continue to support The Foodbank, ARK café and Compassionate funds which are all being used constantly. These groups are all a big asset to our community.


We had two bigger expenses during this financial year. We installed the new Audio vision system which cost just over £9,000 and as well as that were able to give a substantial donation to the Church of England toward their building works.

The charities we have been able to support through the financial year include:

<b>SWYM (South West Youth Ministries)</b>	£ 500
<b>FEBA Radio</b>	£ 500
<b>FCN (Farming Community Network)</b>	£ 500
<b>St Petrocs</b>	£ 500
<b>Street Pastors (Exeter &amp; Tiverton)</b>	£1000
<b>Counties Evangelists</b>	£1000
<b>Connect</b>	£ 500
<b>DCYC (Devon Christian Youth Camps)</b>	£1400
<b>CR2EE (Christian Response 2 Eastern Europe)</b>	£1000
<b>Lapford Voluntary Car Aid</b>	£ 500
<b>Devon &amp; Cornwall Refugee Support</b>	£ 500

All the above charities have expressed their gratitude for the gifts received.

The Church and The ARK accounts have been audited by our Accountant and are now available to view on the Lapford Community Church website.

SIGNED - 

DATE – 31/10/2025

Jackie Hooper on behalf of Lapford Community Church

LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHARITY NUMBER 1186459

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF LAPFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

We report on the accounts Of the Trust for the period ended 31 March 2025.  
which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

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') and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to;

- a. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- b. to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section of the Charities Act. and
- C. to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

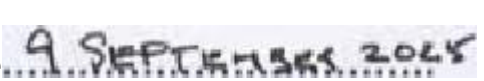
#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect.

- a. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- b. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- c. the accounts did 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.

We 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

Signed 

Date 

H W MARTIN & CO LLP

Lloyds Bank Chambers, Crediton, Devon.

# Lapford Community Church

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25		2024/25	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
YVCF Offerings:			-	
Monthly Direct Debit Offerings	3,360		3,200	
Monthly Direct Debit Offerings - Gift Aided	7,425		7,700	
Weekly Cash offerings	2,365		2,220	
Weekly Cash offerings - gift aided	-		-	
YCVF miscellaneous donations	22,973		1,494	
Foodbank donation	2,420		-	
YVCF Use of Room - Village Store (Ark)	-		-	
Gift aid	3,001		2,852	
Grant	-		-	
YCVF Gross interest	319		-	
YVCF Reclaimed Tax	-		-	
ARK Takings - Donations for food	11,395		11,278	
ARK Donations	745		5,248	
ARK Miscellaneous donations	795		1,091	
ARK Use of premises Income	-	54,798	439	35,522
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>YVCF</b>				
Hall hire			-	
Rent and rates	1,452		1,403	
Subscriptions	855		815	
External speakers and expenses	1,300		700	
Insurance	1,599		1,492	
Office expenses	308		61	
Donations and gifts	18,334		9,287	
Equipment, repairs, renewals and hire	9,588		-	
Computer and website expenses	-		58	
Music and copyright	-		-	
Social and special events	462		-	
Bank charges	60		60	
Transport	1,061		1,998	
Professional fees	300		1,998	
Sundries	655	35,974	513	18,383
		18,824		
<b>The ARK</b>				
Purchases	9,923		12,508	
Donations	703		1,110	
Equipment and expenses	52		296	
Light and heat - Ark	2,930		2,781	
Water - Ark	359		96	
Telephone and Broadband- Ark	1,240		1,538	
Postages	-		-	
Advertising and promotion	-		653	
Repairs and maintenance	913		147	
Security and protection	328		638	
Cleaning	125		-	
Sundry expenses	337	16,910	217	19,984
Excess of receipts over payments for the year		1,914		(2,845)