

**Primrose Hill Community Church**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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## **CHARITY INFORMATION**

### **Trustees:**

J Williams  
R Williams  
R Drew  
S Drew  
S Ball – Chair of Trustees  
C Bennett

### **Registered Office:**

Chapel Street  
Netherton  
Dudley  
DY2 9PN

### **Registered Charity Number:**

1190064

### **Independent Examiner:**

Benjamin Edwards  
22 Haslingden Crescent  
Dudley  
DY3 2FE

### **Bankers:**

Lloyds Bank plc  
63 High Street  
Dudley  
DY1 1PY

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

### **Organisational Structure**

Primrose Hill Community Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation operating under a Trust Deed, incorporated on 23 June 2020, charity registration number 1190064. The charity was previously an excepted charity registered under the FIEC.

### **Objectives & Activities**

Primrose Hill Community Church is a group of Christians in Netherton, seeking to experience, communicate and demonstrate the love of God in our community. We run events, clubs, and services to promote Christian worship and to meet the wider needs of our local community.

The principal objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian faith within Netherton, Dudley and the surrounding neighbourhood for the benefit of the public, mainly but not exclusively, through the holding of prayer meetings, celebration of religious festivals, religious education, enlightening others about the Christian faith and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the community.

The main activities have been Church meetings ranging from Sunday morning worship, work amongst children and youth in the local area with an emphasis on outreach and the buildings have been utilised by several groups throughout the weeks.

### **Achievements & Performance**

In July we secured funding from the theatres trust for the initial phase of a project to revive the Netherton Arts Centre as a community arts venue. Unfortunately, this funding was never drawn due to Local Council changing the terms. We also reworked the wildlife area and started to work towards an Eco Church award.

August saw us run our Refresh residential conference. This was well attended, seeing a large proportion of our church community attend and benefit, from time together to grow, learn and relax as a community.

September saw the launch of Vertical, our formalised intern programme, designed to ground young adults in their faith, to understand the theology and practical facilitation of the church setting. While an overtly Christian course, vertical also is invaluable in providing work skills and experience to those who enrol.

October, we updated our rules document which sits alongside our constitution. This was to clarify and simplify our operating parameters and adapt to current practice.

November saw a ramping up of our annual prep for the Christmas period, planning for maximum community engagement and a sense of celebration in the Church.

December brought our kids nativity, Christmas themed activities in our various ministry groups and our Carol Service, which was as always very well attended. The Christmas Market was moved indoors at the last minute due to storm warnings, but the team pulled this off brilliantly and deserve much appreciation!

January brought our ReBoot vision setting events and as volunteer numbers increased, we moved to rota's through iKnow our church management software. During this period Foodbank need increased and we regularly fed more than 100 people per week.

February saw a significant investment as we needed to replace our video wall, it had been kept on life support due to the ingenuity of our tech team for the last few years, but parts were becoming impossible to find, and failures on Sundays were becoming a problem. A replacement, new to us, video wall was sourced and purchased, transported and assembled by the team, giving us a more reliable tool for displaying videos, graphics and song words in the Chapel. We also began a marketing campaign for Fun Club our 5-11's Friday evening club, as numbers were dwindling.

March saw community art school Cygnets become a regular hirer of our Gallery space to conduct art classes. This was much needed boost to finances.

April was a month of celebration as we celebrated John's 10 year anniversary as Pastor. This special service included the formal commissioning of Ruth as Associate Pastor. Celebrating the crucial role she plays in the church at PHCC despite her demanding Headteacher role. During this period the Youth group was a source of growth, both spiritually and numbers wise.

May saw a group of our church community doing the 'Wolf Run' to raise money for ongoing building issues, the main issues being the state of the roof and collapsing drains and sewer pipes. June saw us running a baptism course for those preparing for baptism at PHCC.

As ever the year at PHCC was one of highs and lows, we continue to operate on a tight financial basis with ever increasing utility and maintenance costs being of particular concern.

The spiritual life of the church is in good health, with a desire amongst the core of our fellowship to go after the things of the kingdom with passion and enthusiasm. We continue to trust God for our future. At this time it's good to reflect on our past also. In His autobiography, *Blindness Came to Me*, Whatley White, former Pastor of PHCC penned the following;

*"Why do I speak of them as 'the golden people'? It is a term of their own coining. Whenever they wished to speak of anyone whose life was outstanding because of its neighbourliness, they would say, 'She is a golden woman.' There was so much of this spirit among the people of the Black Country that I shall always think of them as 'the golden people'. They lived hard, worked hard, and their worship was enthusiastic. Many of the services I conducted were memorable. Like the Welsh, they had the gift of song; the district abounded with Male Voice Choirs. The church would be full for evening service, the singing uplifting, the sincere devotion of a worshipping people inspiring. At the close of many a service, some member of the congregation would break out into singing what I came to call the Primrose Hill theme song:*

*How good is the God we adore, Our faithful, unchangeable friend;  
Whose love is as great as His power. And neither knows measure nor end.  
'Tis Jesus, the first and the last, Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
We'll praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come.*

*He or she would stand up and sing the opening line, then the whole congregation would rise and join in. I ask myself what had made these people what they were. I find part of my answer in the stories told by older men and women of the district, stories told to them by their fathers about days of long ago, of days before the Factory Act, days of sweated labour, slum conditions, strikes and lockouts, and the hard struggle to gain a living wage. Kindness and understanding had come to them in the fires of adversity."*

Might we strive to be a 'Golden People' being refined in the fires of adversity, so we can be defined by the kind of faith that says, 'We'll praise Him for all that is past, And trust Him for all that's to come.

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have considered this matter in conjunction with the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have concluded that the aims continue to be charitable, that the aims and activities give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector, that the benefits are for the public and not unreasonably restricted in any way, and that there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims and activities.

## **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £104,562 of which, £62,786 were unrestricted regular individual donations. Total unrestricted funds at the year-end were £8,668.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Williams (appointed 23 June 2020)  
R Williams (appointed 23 June 2020)  
R Drew (appointed 23 June 2020)  
S Drew (appointed 23 June 2020)  
S Ball (appointed 23 June 2020)  
C Bennett (appointed 23 June 2020)

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees for a term of 3 years. A selection and recruitment process takes place when potential Trustees are selected after making careful enquiry as to their suitability and their support of the objectives of the Charity.

## **Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (UK GAAP).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed requires the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year. 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 Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any 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 proper accounting records which 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, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. 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 on behalf of the Trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and signed on its behalf by



**J Williams**  
Trustee



**Sue Drew**  
Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PRIMROSE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's Trustees, 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 Trust'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 examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.



**Benjamin Edwards**

**Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales**

**22 Haslingden Crescent, Dudley, DY3 2FE**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and Legacies	88,403	88,403	67,180	67,180
Other Trading Activities	16,159	16,159	20,138	20,138
Investments	-	-	3	3
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>104,562</b>	<b>104,562</b>	<b>87,321</b>	<b>87,321</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry	26,735	26,735	21,136	21,136
Administration	42,153	42,153	25,537	25,537
Services	25,177	25,177	22,770	22,770
Equipment	4,558	4,558	8,826	8,826
Building and Maintenance	5,153	5,153	3,930	3,930
	<b>103,776</b>	<b>103,776</b>	<b>82,199</b>	<b>82,199</b>
<b>Asset and Investment Purchases</b>				
Leases Repaid	463	463	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>104,239</b>	<b>104,239</b>	<b>82,199</b>	<b>82,199</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>5,122</b>	<b>5,122</b>
<b>Cash Funds at Year End</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>8,384</b>	<b>8,384</b>

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank Current Account	6,553	6,553	3,356	3,356
Deposit Account	2,096	2,096	39	39
Conference Account	20	20	4,989	4,989
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>8,384</b>	<b>8,384</b>
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Gift Aid Owed	-	-	11,284	11,284
<b>Assets Retained for Church Use</b>				
Property Improvements	40,122	40,122	40,122	40,122
Computer & Audio Equipment	8,491	8,491	8,491	8,491
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>48,613</b>	<b>48,613</b>	<b>48,613</b>	<b>48,613</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Leases	2,772	2,772	3,780	3,780

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

J Williams  
Trustee



Sue Drew  
Trustee



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 1. Trustee Remuneration and Benefits

J Williams is employed in the role of Senior Pastor in accordance with the Trust Deed allowing employment of Trustees as long as the number receiving remuneration are not the majority.

Trustee Remuneration Summary:

<b>J Williams</b>	<b>£</b>
Salary	22,704
National Insurance	-
Pension Contributions	681
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	<b>23,385</b>

### 2. Donated Goods and Services

Included in assets retained for church use is £8,491 of donated goods and services received from the excepted charity prior to the formation of Primrose Hill Community Church CIO.