

Revelation Church Manchester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2025

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REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	32 Morrell Road Manchester M22 4WH
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO Constitution dated October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191914
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Matthew Berry (appointed May 2025) Robin Cox Alexander Parr (appointed November 2024) Leigh Tarver (resigned December 2025)
BANKERS	Co-operative bank
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Trustees' Annual Report, 1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

Year in Review

Following the refocusing of our mission towards Moss Side during 2023/24, this year we have taken significant steps to strengthen our outreach within the local community. We hosted a free Family Funday, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed by local residents. Alongside our Christmas outreach activities, these initiatives have helped us establish a growing reputation as a church committed to serving and loving the community.

These early steps have been encouraging, and we are already planning how we can improve and build on them in future years as we continue to seek the transformational power of God's Kingdom in Moss Side.

Our weekly Sunday gatherings remain at the heart of church life and these continued to grow and flourish throughout 2024/25. We are made up of people from many nations, backgrounds and stages of life, yet continue to enjoy a strong sense of community together.

During the year, average attendance increased to approximately **150** adults and **25** children and young people under the age of 18. As the church has grown, we have sought to create space for further growth and to welcome new people more effectively. Therefore, from September 2025, we will move from one Sunday morning service to two services. We believe this will help newcomers connect more easily and find community within the church family.

Family Funday & Christmas Outreach

Last year we launched a renewed vision for the church: to be *in* the city and *for* the city. During 2024/25, we took the first practical steps towards serving and loving Moss Side, the area in which the church is based.

In June, we hosted a large Family Funday in the park adjacent to our church venue. The event was completely free and included Caribbean food provided by local caterers, a coffee van, sweets, candyfloss, a bouncy castle, crafts, sports activities, games, music and dance.

We estimate that we:

- Welcomed approximately **100** people from the local community.
- Served around **150** meals, hot drinks and bags of sweets.
- Generated follow-up conversations with over **30** people who expressed interest in the church.

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- Involved **80** volunteers from Revelation Church. Including promotion before the event, this represented over **130** volunteer hours.

Such was the success of the Funday that many locals were asking when the event would be held again. Plans are already underway to make it an annual event.

Recognising the large number of families within Moss Side, we also adapted our primary Christmas outreach activity to a Family Carols service. We partnered once again with the Moss Side Millennium Powerhouse at their annual Winter Fayre and invited attendees to the service. More than **200** people attended the Christmas event, including an estimated **30-40** residents from the local Moss Side community.

In addition, we continued organising litter picks, prayer walks and other outreach initiatives throughout the year, helping to encourage and equip the church in its mission to reach the local area.

Cyprus Missions Trip

In June, we sent a short-term mission team to support Grace Church Larnaca in Cyprus. Grace Church is part of the wider Grace Connection family of churches, and the trip was organised in partnership with other Grace Connection churches across the UK.

Two members of Revelation Church participated in the 11-day trip, engaging in outreach activities in Larnaca and providing practical support and encouragement to the local church.

Equipping and Training

To support our mission in Moss Side, we placed a greater emphasis on training and equipping the church during 2024/25.

In November, we hosted a "How to Talk About Jesus" training day to help church members grow in confidence when sharing the Christian faith in everyday life. We also ran a series of theology sessions led by an external speaker, helping deepen our understanding of God and encouraging us to live faithfully as followers of Jesus.

Mobilising Our Community to Serve

We encourage members of our church family to serve regularly. During 2024/25, we estimate that approximately **3,300** volunteer hours were contributed on Sundays alone by around **110** volunteers in support of our ongoing mission and ministry. In addition, we estimate that a further **3,900** volunteer hours were contributed outside Sunday activities, together with

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approximately **560** hours dedicated specifically to outreach initiatives, including the Family Funday.

Strengthening Teams

Our staff team has continued to grow as we seek to serve both our church family and the local community more effectively.

By the end of 2024/25, our paid staff team had increased by two positions, comprising one part-time and one full-time role. These appointments have strengthened our capacity in communications, worship, events planning, safeguarding and children's ministry.

At the beginning of the year, two volunteer staff members each served one day per week, with one subsequently moving into a full-time paid position. In addition, one volunteer participated in our One Thing discipleship year, contributing two days per week of service to the church.

The appointment of two new members to our leadership team during the year brought additional wisdom and diversity of experience. The trustee board was also strengthened through the appointment of two new trustees, including one with significant safeguarding expertise.

Financial Review

The church's financial position as of 31st August 2025 remained strong.

Income received into the General Fund increased to **£212,812** during 2024/25 (2023/24: £147,415), representing an increase of over **£65,000**. The majority of income continued to be generated through member giving and associated Gift Aid claims.

During the year, some of the restricted funds raised through the previous year's offering were utilised. However, sufficient funds remain available to support the 2025/26 Family Funday and other planned outreach activities.

During the year 2024/25, the trustees determined that the charity should maintain unrestricted cash reserves of no less than £33,200, equivalent to approximately three months of budgeted expenditure. This reserve level was intended to ensure the charity could continue operating effectively should income decrease or expenditure increase unexpectedly. The reserves policy was increased to £53,000 after the year end due to an increase in budgeted expenditure.

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At the year end, unrestricted cash reserves totalled **£104,762**, significantly exceeding the minimum reserve requirement. These surplus funds are being retained to enable future investment opportunities that align with the charity's charitable purposes.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Robin Cox

Robin Cox (Jun 24, 2026 22:21:45 GMT+1)

Robin Cox

Date: **Jun 24, 2026**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Revelation Church Manchester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 on pages 7 to 10 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J. Young

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Date: Jun 29, 2026

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		172,511	-	245	172,756	139,674
Gift aid receipts		39,296	-	3,523	42,819	19,438
Charitable events and activities		805	-	-	805	1,290
Other		200	-	-	200	640
Total receipts		<u>212,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,768</u>	<u>216,580</u>	<u>161,042</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	159,330	-	3,075	162,405	129,212
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	11,967	-	3,525	15,492	10,560
Total payments		<u>171,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>177,897</u>	<u>139,772</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		41,515	-	(2,832)	38,683	21,269
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>41,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,832)</u>	<u>38,683</u>	<u>21,269</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		63,247	-	8,439	71,686	50,416
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>104,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,607</u>	<u>110,369</u>	<u>71,686</u>

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

REVELATION CHURCH MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
		General funds £	Designated funds £			
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		104,762	-	5,607	110,369	71,686
		<u>104,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,607</u>	<u>110,369</u>	<u>71,686</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		17,869	-	15	17,884	21,168
		<u>17,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17,884</u>	<u>21,168</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Agency funds balance		-	-	-	-	20
Pension		709	-	-	709	490
Accrued expenses		747	-	-	747	-
Fee for Independent Examination		1,680	-	-	1,680	1,140
		<u>3,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,136</u>	<u>1,650</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2025 £	Value 2024 £
Contents and equipment	General	38,900	30,945
		<u>38,900</u>	<u>30,945</u>

Current values have been estimated by the trustees, based on purchase price of equipment.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Robin Cox
Robin Cox (Jun 24, 2026 22:21:45 GMT+1)

Robin Cox

Date: Jun 24, 2026

The notes on pages 9 - 10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Employment costs	Note 4	106,290	-	-	106,290	82,821
Staff training and expenses		2,680	-	-	2,680	2,598
Venue hire		17,201	-	-	17,201	14,421
Repairs, maintenance and equipment		3,798	-	-	3,798	3,776
Ministry expenses		11,164	-	3,075	14,239	15,150
Insurance		818	-	-	818	725
Legal and professional fees		9,551	-	-	9,551	1,422
Administration and support		7,184	-	-	7,184	7,955
Other costs		643	-	-	643	344
		<u>159,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,075</u>	<u>162,405</u>	<u>129,212</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:						
Grace Church Nottingham [Grace Connection]		5,000	-	-	5,000	4,800
Kings Church Birmingham [Grace Connection]		5,000	-	-	5,000	-
The Boaz Trust		-	-	-	-	2,400
Barnabus (Manchester)		960	-	-	960	3,360
Bridging the gap (Manchester)		-	-	2,400	2,400	-
Gifts under £1k to organisations		-	-	1,125	1,125	-
Grants to individuals		1,007	-	-	1,007	-
		<u>11,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,525</u>	<u>15,492</u>	<u>10,560</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

5 Acting as agent

During the year, the charity received £1,500 [2024: £1,360] for appeals which were solely supported by church members to help other members in need. This income was received as agent; the receipts and subsequent payments, are excluded from the Receipts and Payments account.

6 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	63,247	212,812	(171,297)	-	104,762
Restricted funds					
Vision 2024	8,439	3,768	(6,600)	-	5,607
	<u>8,439</u>	<u>3,768</u>	<u>(6,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,607</u>
Total funds	<u>71,686</u>	<u>216,580</u>	<u>(177,897)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,369</u>

The Vision 2024 Fund was set up to provide resources for our outreach mission including grants to other ministries across Manchester.