



KOINONIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

Registered Charity No. 1193095

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**KOINONIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Don Olden (Resigned 31/12/2024) Stephen James Wicks Gramani Basil Jacobs Hilary Ann Rushworth Timothy Matthew Coles (Appointed 10/04/2024)
Senior Pastor:	Stephen James Wicks
Treasurer:	Hilary Rushworth
Charitable Position:	Registered Charity No. 113095
Governing Document:	CIO April 2021
Meeting Address:	Endeavour Primary School, Kirk Campus, Dairy Road, Andover, SP11 6YD
Independent Examiner:	Craig Willcox ACCA 12 Beckett Road, Andover, SP10 3HT
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2025

AIM AND PURPOSES

The purposes of the Church are as stated in the governing documents which include the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith. Other charitable purposes include the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for the recreation and other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Church are to glorify God through worship; the building up of members in spiritual understanding and maturity through Biblical teaching; the spreading of the Gospel; and acts of service to others. This is achieved mainly through our Sunday services and midweek meetings.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Church has maintained an online presence via YouTube, which continues to prove beneficial. This allows older and infirm members of the Church to engage in the service. It also provides a platform for reaching out into the local, and frequently wider, communities.

There has continued to be steady growth numerically with morning services regularly exceeding 100 and evening services often exceeding 60 attendees, including a noticeable greater ethnic diversity. Our kids and youth work has remained strong with a great team who serve people of all different levels of understanding. There were also several baptisms and child dedications during the year.

The meetings for teenagers and those in their twenties, which include Bible teaching and social activities, have also seen a rise in numbers. We are currently running a "321 Course" aimed at explaining the basics of the Christian faith for those seeking to know more, which has been regarded as helpful by those who regularly attend.

The Church has also introduced a new "Koinonia Explored" course helping to answers questions about the beliefs and practices of the Church and helping to integrate those who

attend into membership of the Church. This course has already proved helpful and resulted in new members.

Practical support to members of the Church as well as the local community has continued where possible.

CHURCH MANSE

The Church manse was rented during the year by a family that was supporting a member of the Church.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is met through various channels including pastoral visits and midweek fellowship meetings.

We have also had social events and Church meals in order that those attending the church get to know one another better, helping to facilitate pastoral care. This has proved very beneficial, especially to those who are new to the church.

The Church is also in the process of forming a new Pastoral Care Team, to help coordinate and provide care to for the growing number of people connected to the Church.

LOCAL COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH INITIATIVES

This year we held another Children's Holiday Club in August which proved very popular. We had children from the local community attend as well as some who are already part of the Church. Attendance was limited to 50 children per day which was fully met. The following Sunday we held a family service to encourage the parents to come along. At Christmas we joined the residents at a local retirement housing complex to sing Christmas carols which was warmly received. We also distributed over 1000 Christmas cards to our local housing estate, inviting people to our Christmas services and Christianity Explored course.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Our regular Sunday services remain the week-by-week place where anyone can come to learn more about the Christian faith and experience the difference it makes. We continue to hold special services throughout the year aimed at promoting the Christian Gospel including Easter and Christmas. In addition, the Church aims to equip the members of the Church to be able to share their faith clearly and relevantly with others. We held a day long Creation Conference in conjunction with the organisation Answers in Genesis. This was aimed at

promoting the scientific evidence for the Bible and included talks from eminent Christian scientists.

We continue to support overseas mission work including in Malawi, Ghana, Australia and Indonesia.

LEADERSHIP

As planned the Senior Pastor retired at the end of the year, and the former Associate Pastor succeeded him as the new Senior Pastor. Whilst a process was conducted for a potential new Assistant/Associate Pastor to work alongside them was made, it did not result in a someone being employed to the role at the end of it. The Church however was able to add a new Lay Elder during the year. It is the intention of the Elders to actively look for additional staff members during the upcoming year.

RESERVES POLICY

Koinonia Evangelical Church operates a reserve fund, setting aside a minimum 12 months expenditure for use as reserves.

This report is signed on behalf of the Trustees on **3/8/25** by Steve Wicks as Senior Pastor and Chair of Trustees

Signed:





Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Koinonia Evangelical Church

I report on the accounts of Koinonia Evangelical Church for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts ;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act and;
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission (Directions and guidance for examiners CC32). 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - o To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - o To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met;

or

2. To which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Craig Willcox
Qualification: ACCA
Address: 12 Beckett Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3HT
Date: 03/08/2025

Signed.....

KOINONIA EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31st March 25 £	Year to 31st March 24 £
Income				
Donations	92158	0	92158	99168
Gift Aid	19995	0	19995	18833
Rental Income	12906	0	12906	14237
Bank Interest	1086	0	1086	468
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	126145	0	126145	132707
Expenditure				
Elders Wage, NI & Pension	68118	0	68118	43495
Mission Gifts	10908	0	10908	15176
Rent	6979	0	6979	6022
General Expenditure	11778	0	11778	13844
Total Resources Expended	97783	0	97783	78537
Net Incoming Resources	28362	0	28362	54170
Net Movement in Funds	28362	0	28362	54170
Funds B/F	424783	0	424783	370612
Total Funds Carried Forward	453145	0	453145	424782

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31st March 25 £	Year to 31st March 24 £
Fixed Assets				
Church Manse	344623	0	344623	344623
	<u>344623</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>344623</u>	<u>344623</u>
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	93570	0	93570	64090
Prepayments	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid Due	19995	0	19995	19477
	<u>113565</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>113565</u>	<u>83567</u>
Current Liabilities				
Sundry Creditors	5043	0	5043	3408
	<u>5043</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5043</u>	<u>3408</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>108522</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>108522</u>	<u>80159</u>
Net Assets	<u>453145</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>453145</u>	<u>424782</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Net Incoming Resources for the year	28362	0	28362	54170
Funds B/F	424783	0	424783	370612
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>453145</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>453145</u>	<u>424782</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Hilary Rushworth – Treasurer

Signature:

Hilary Rushworth

Date:

2nd August 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

i. Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments in accordance with section 131 of the Charities Act 2011

ii. Income Resources

All income resources are included in the Statement of Receipts and Payments when the church is entitled to the income, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

iii. Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to expenditure.

iv. Going Concern

Trustees are confident that the Charity has sufficient reserves to continue operations and continue to use the going concern basis as appropriate in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Trustee Remunerations and Expenses

Stephen Wicks is employed by the Charity as Senior Pastor and during the financial year received remuneration of £36,295.98, including a 10% wage increase commensurate with his promotion to Senior Pastor. Don Olden retired on 31st December 2024, which is why the total expenditure on staff is lower than last year.

3. Reserves Policy

The Trustees wish to operate a reserve fund, setting aside a minimum 12 month's expenditure. The Trustees consider reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

4. Investment Policy

Finances of the Charity are deposited with a recognised financial institution, National Westminster Bank. Koinonia seeks to obtain the highest possible return consistent with a cautious attitude to risks and short-term availability of monies.

5. Depreciation

Depreciation has not been provided on the Manse, in the opinion of the Trustees, the residual value of the asset is not less than the original cost price or insurance value.

6. Staff

The number of employees during the period was 2 but reduced to 1 in Q4. Senior Pastor Don Olden retired on 31st December 2024 and was replaced in this role by Stephen Wicks.