

Providence Chapel, Chichester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

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PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHICHESTER
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Chapel Street Chichester West Sussex PO19 1BU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 24 May 2021
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1194577
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jason Pallister Howard Sayers Rev John Saunders Timothy Risbridger Mark Riedel (appointed February 2025) David Smith (appointed May 2025)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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Providence Chapel, Chichester

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

INTRODUCTION

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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Regular weekly worship services are held on Sunday mornings and evenings and also on Wednesday evenings. The church also meets for prayer online on Monday evenings.

Our Sunday School reverted to the afternoon at the end of this accounts period.

During the year a feature length Bible documentary was produced and released in January 2025. The documentary is entitled The Devine Book and is available from the churches YouTube Channel. The documentary premier was well attended, and the full documentary has over 13,000 views online.

Public benefit

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity is most grateful to the Lord new visitors coming to the Sunday services and for the blessing of the ministry of Pastor Jason Pallister.

The Sunday school reverted to an afternoon service at the end of this accounting period. Much prayer and efforts are being made to recruit further children from the local area to attend the Sunday School.

The church has been much encouraged in the past year with 4 additional members becoming members of the church.

The church has been further encouraged by a significant increase in visitors and newcomers to the Sunday services.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income has increased significantly during the period and we are particularly encouraged by the increase in regular monthly giving.

Significant one-off painting and maintenance works were carried out in the year resulting in a deficit for the year. Setting aside the one-off significant painting expenditure expenses are being covered by the income arising in the year.

The Trustees are satisfied the funds are being maintained and are in line with the reserves policy. The principal sources of funding are from gifts from attendees at services and legacy donations.

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Reserves policy

The policy on reserves is to reinvest any surplus into the infrastructure of the charity, as well as supporting initiatives to encourage the advancement of the charity's objectives.

The trustees confirm that reserves are to be maintained to a sum equivalent to not less than two years running costs.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of new trustees is governed by and set out in the governing document. The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the current trustees. Mark Riedel was appointed as a trustee on 20 February 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1194577

Principal address

Chapel Street
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 1BU

This report has been agreed by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Tim Risbridger (Oct 23, 2025 20:35:48 GMT+1)
Tim Risbridger

Oct 23, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHICHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Providence Chapel, Chichester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 7 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.

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (Oct 27, 2025 08:43:16 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA
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LONDON
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Date: Oct 27, 2025

PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHICHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		33,449	-	-	33,449	26,528
Gift aid receipts		5,371	-	-	5,371	7,383
Interest income		2,422	-	-	2,422	2,414
Total receipts		41,242	-	-	41,242	36,325
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	48,845	-	-	48,845	40,847
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others		2,750	-	-	2,750	2,940
		51,595	-	-	51,595	43,787
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	598
		-	-	-	-	598
Total payments		51,595	-	-	51,595	44,385
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(10,353)	-	-	(10,353)	(8,061)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,353)	-	-	(10,353)	(8,061)
Cash funds as at last year end		121,959	-	-	121,959	130,020
Cash funds at this year end	A	111,606	-	-	111,606	121,959

The notes on pages 7 form part of these accounts.

PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHICHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2025	2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		111,606	-	-	111,606	121,959
		<u>111,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,606</u>	<u>121,959</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		7,826	-	-	7,826	5,371
Other debtors		-	-	-	-	419
		<u>7,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,826</u>	<u>5,790</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		990	-	-	990	1,050
		<u>990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>1,050</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Cost
	£
Freehold Property:	
Manse	437,719
Chapel	836,000
Fixtures & fittings	569
	<u>1,274,288</u>

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:

Tim Risbridger

Tim Risbridger (Oct 23, 2025 20:35:48 GMT+1)

Tim Risbridger

Date: Oct 23, 2025

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PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, CHICHESTER
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 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>				
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment costs (see note 4)	22,473	-	-	22,473	22,724
Ministry & outreach expenses	3,302	-	-	3,302	2,150
Rent	500	-	-	500	600
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	12,440	-	-	12,440	3,828
Utilities	5,100	-	-	5,100	3,638
Insurance	1,787	-	-	1,787	1,769
Office costs	1,265	-	-	1,265	2,558
Legal & Professional fees	869	-	-	869	2,501
Independent examination	1,110	-	-	1,110	1,080
	<u>48,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,845</u>	<u>40,847</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:					
Mission	2,750	-	-	2,750	-
	<u>2,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>-</u>

4 Transactions with related parties

Jason Pallister served as church leader and was paid £22,473 (2024: £22,724) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £5,240 in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to Jason Pallister, who is a trustee so that they could better perform their duties.