

Gateway Christian Church (Eastbourne)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

Charity Registration No. 1194656



LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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| Trustees | Nicolas Prentice Tina Goswell Clive Harrison Ian Sadler | Chair of Trustees |
| Charity Number | 1194656 | |
| Principal Address | 66-70 Lottbridge Drove Eastbourne East Sussex BN22 9PB | |
| Independent Examiner | Alan Stevens 17 Coopers Way Hailsham East Sussex East Sussex BN27 3XA | |

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

| | | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|--------------|------------|---------|---------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | | |
| | | Funds | Funds | Total | |
| Notes | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Income</u> | | | | | |
| General Donations and Activities | 1 | 184,307 | 75,601 | 259,908 | 171,580 |
| Investment Income | | 1,395 | - | 1,395 | 1,088 |
| | | <hr/> | | | |
| Total income | | 185,702 | 75,601 | 261,303 | 172,668 |
| | | <hr/> | | | |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | | |
| Grants & Project Delivery | 2 | 37,205 | 57,454 | 94,659 | 108,225 |
| Support & Other Expenditure | 3 | 69,792 | - | 69,792 | 63,846 |
| | | <hr/> | | | |
| Total Expenses | | 106,997 | 57,454 | 164,451 | 172,071 |
| | | <hr/> | | | |
| Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | 78,705 | 18,147 | 96,852 | 597 |
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31st March 2025

| | | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Land & Buildings - Restricted Fund | 1,988,462 | | 1,988,462 |
| Fixtures & Fittings - Unrestricted Fund | 35,500 | | 35,500 |
| | | 2,023,962 | 2,023,962 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand - Restricted Fund | 36,904 | | 32,990 |
| Cash at bank and in hand - Unrestricted Fund | 122,747 | | 43,952 |
| | | 159,651 | 76,942 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: Bank Mortgage - Restricted Fund | 347,127 | | 353,860 |
| Creditors: Loan - Restricted Fund | 0 | 347,127 | 7,500 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>1,836,486</u> | <u>1,739,544</u> |
| FUNDS | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | 1,678,239 | 1,660,092.00 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | 158,247 | 79,452.00 |
| | | <u>1,836,486</u> | <u>1,739,544.00</u> |

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Chair of Trustees

Gateway Christian Church (Eastbourne)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | |
| | £ | | | £ |
| Donations & Gifts | 71,631 | 68,944 | 140,575 | 143,923 |
| Git Aid | 18,885 | 6,657 | 25,542 | 26,811 |
| Other Income | 1,235 | 0 | 1,235 | 846 |
| Legacies - Pastoral Designated Fund | 92,556 | | 92,556 | 0 |
| | <u>184,307</u> | <u>75,601</u> | <u>259,908</u> | <u>171,580</u> |

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Administration | 3,199 | | 3,199 | 3,872 |
| Children | 286 | | 286 | 504 |
| Facilities | 28,979 | | 28,979 | 25,588 |
| Finance | 140 | | 140 | 0 |
| Hospitality | 1,582 | | 1,582 | 3,178 |
| Life Groups | 94 | | 94 | 25 |
| Multimedia | 1,605 | | 1,605 | 2,913 |
| Pastoral | 251 | | 251 | 795 |
| Preaching Team | 0 | | 0 | 85 |
| Worship | 1,069 | | 1,069 | 89 |
| Community Gifts | | 6,504 | 6,504 | 3,389 |
| Local & National Gifts | | 5,826 | 5,826 | 10,850 |
| Overseas Gifts | | 16,000 | 16,000 | 13,450 |
| Emergency Aid Gifts | | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,250 |
| Project Delivery Costs | | 1,177 | 1,177 | 1,303 |
| Mortgage Costs | | 25,947 | 25,947 | 30,934 |
| Lending Costs | | 0 | 0 | 10,000 |
| | <u>37,205</u> | <u>57,454</u> | <u>94,659</u> | <u>108,225</u> |

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bank Charges | 505 | 0 | 505 | 490 |
| Employment Costs | 65,440 | 0 | 65,440 | 55,351 |
| Leadership Costs | 3,847 | 0 | 3,847 | 7,885 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 |
| | <u>69,792</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>69,792</u> | <u>63,846</u> |

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year

5 Mortgage

The Charity has a mortgage with Kingdom Bank, secured by a charge over the property at 66-70 Lottbridge Drive, Eastbourne, BN22 9PB. The amount outstanding as at 31st March 2025 is £347,127.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- (iii) 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 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 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 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (i) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (ii) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records
- (iii) 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.



Alan Stevens
17 Coopers Way
Hailsham
East Sussex
B27 3XA

Date: 8th October 2025

Gateway Christian Church (Eastbourne)
Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees, who are also members of Gateway Christian Church (Eastbourne), and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document - Gateway Christian Church (Eastbourne) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) from 1st April 2023 and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of trustees - Trustees are appointed by the members of the CIO in conjunction with the Oversight.

Trustee induction and training - New trustees are given a copy of the Constitution Regulations and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Organisation - The trustees have overall responsibility for the charity, dealing mainly with legal and compliance issues. The oversight is responsible for the vision, direction and development of the charity, also taking all key decisions relating to teaching, policies and practices. Day to day operational decisions relating to the running of the church are delegated to the Minister, together with a number of Ministry Team Leaders (Management) responsible for key areas of church life.

Monthly income and expenditure reports are prepared and distributed to the oversight, management team and trustees with relevant information also provided to the Ministry Team leaders.

Objectives and activities

Objects - The object for which the charity is established is to advance the Christian faith in Hampden Park, Eastbourne and beyond, and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable and connected with this objective.

Vision - Led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the charity is committed to a journey towards:

HAVING transforming relationships with God and one another
BEING a safe place where encountering God brings healing, wholeness and hope
DEMONSTRATING God's love to all people
WORSHIPPING as a complete and consistent lifestyle
SHARING our hope in Jesus Christ with our generation
GIVING extravagantly
EQUIPPING people for successful living

Public benefit - In setting the charity's objectives and planning its activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Our work in the community is of benefit to the public and makes a difference to local people in many ways. Whether it's parents with their toddlers at our 'Giggles' sessions, older folk coming to the Cafe or light lunch, school age children having fun, adults needing help from Food Bank, all benefit from the opportunity of meeting friends and sharing with one another.

Activities - Gateway Church is committed to support the whole community of Hampden Park. We open up our Centre for people from any background, religious or otherwise, from parents and babies, children and youth to the elderly, providing relevant activities for each age group and need.

Children & Youth Groups – There are several different activities that are tailor made for toddlers to college students, all with the one aim of equipping these young minds to live life successfully.

Cafe & Light Lunches – where people in the area have an opportunity of meeting friends and sharing with one another, invaluable for people who live alone and feel isolated without friends or relatives.

Alpha Courses are offered on a regular basis. The Alpha course is an evangelistic course which seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is described by its organisers as "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life".

The Centre is also made available to other Partner Organisations, including Foodbank, Family Contact Centre and Spurgeons, who offer counselling services to children and support to parents.

The Charity is dependent upon the services of unpaid volunteers to achieve its objectives. In the current year this has been estimated at approximately 200 volunteer hours per month.

Achievements and performance

The charity has had the use of its new building from February 2016, and this has really helped it to successfully run its activities (outlined earlier in this report). A new leadership structure has been introduced to more evenly distribute the burden of responsibility in running the charity. The trustees, who have met quarterly, have introduced several policies covering areas of Health & Safety, Conflict of Interest, Complaints handling, Equal Opportunities, Financial Control, Safeguarding and E-Safety. These have all been agreed by the leadership and adopted accordingly. The charity has also adopted the Good Governance Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, and the trustees carry out a review on an annual basis.

Financial review

The accounts that follow demonstrate the continued generosity of our church members, who:-

- i) donate regularly to cover the general running costs of the charity (approx.. £9K per month).
- ii) make additional financial 'promises' each year to enable us to support a number of local and overseas charities in line with our Vision and 'objects' for the public benefit (over £38,000 this year), and
- iii) make monthly contributions, sufficient to enable the charity to originally take on a bank loan of £475K over 30 years, (now £347K) as part of the finance required to complete the building of the new Gateway Centre for both the community's and charity's current and future needs.

Reserves

The trustees and leadership team do not have a policy of holding surplus assets in the form of long-term investments, nor do they have any policies relating to a specific level of income reserves to be held (other than three months contingency cover), preferring instead to be in a position where they can respond in a responsible manner to any need as it arises.

Plans for future periods

The charity's future plans are to continue showing Christian love and support by serving the community around us and helping disadvantaged people, single parent families and young people.

Our aim is for the Centre to be a place where local people will enjoy improved facilities and a more comprehensive range of activities, which will meet their social and welfare needs. We hope that local people in need either through a lack of income, limited social activities, relationship issues, addiction issues, mental health, disability or low self-esteem, will improve their personal situation and have a chance to play a more enhanced role in their community.

Approved by the trustees on 25th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

N. Prentice

Nicolas Prentice (Chair)