



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	Jan	2025		31	Dec	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

OLD CITY HALL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1194769

Charity's principal address

13 The Lane

West Mersea

Colchester Essex

Postcode

CO5 8 NT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	ANDREW FRENCH	CHAIR		
2	ROSEMARY LEACH	SECRETARY		
3	DAVID STEVENSON	SAFEGUARDING		
4	COLIN SMITH	RESIGNED	1 JAN 25 to 19 AUG 25	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NONE	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Hon Treasurer	John Fensom	40 Empress Avenue West Mersea Essex CO5 8EX

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO FOUNDATION CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO With three trustees A 4 th Trustee to be appointed at next meeting 3 February 2026.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Volunteers

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

CHURCH GROWTH TRUST

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public of Mersea Island Essex, and neighbouring districts, through:

(a) the provision of a building to hold worship services and events open to the public (b) contributing to a better society by promoting social cohesion and social capital (c) providing pastoral care, Christian education and social support

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Regular Sunday Services

Monthly Coffee mornings

Monthly Men's breakfasts

Monthly Prayer meetings

It is certified that:-

All information provided has been checked by the Trustees and is correct and complete to the best of our knowledge.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Several grants to other charities and organisations have been made in this reporting year.

West Mersea

Beach Club £100.00

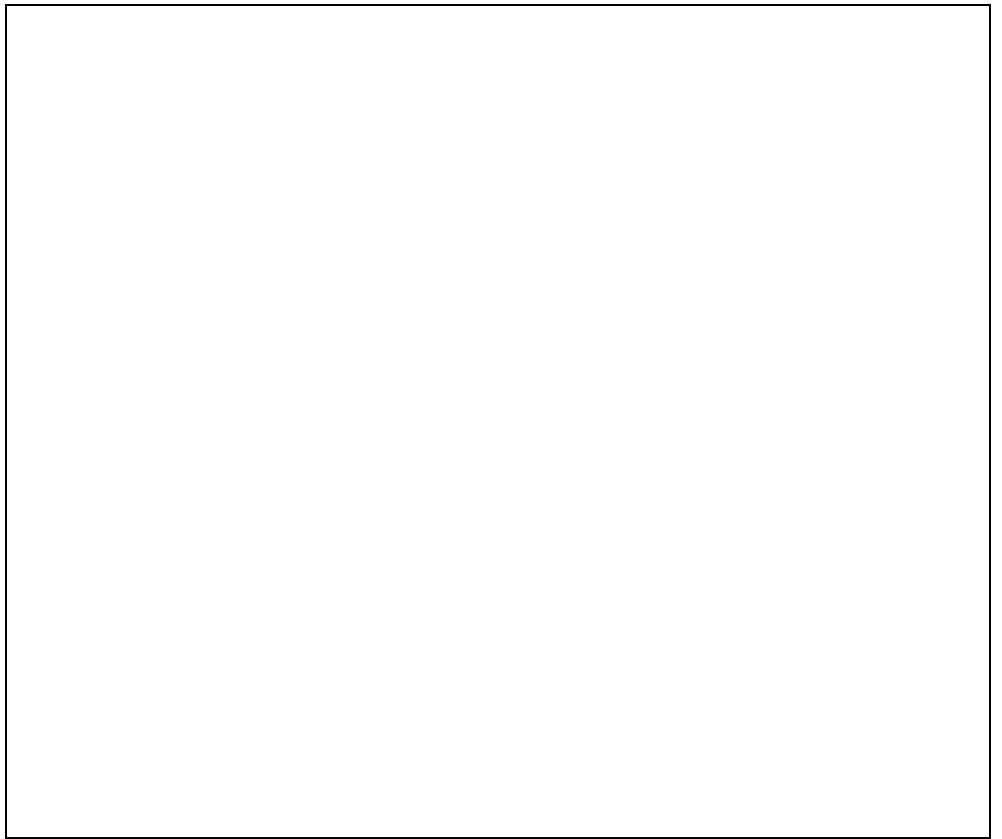
Next Chapter £200.00

Good News (Gideons) £50.00

Asia Link £100.00

N/A

N/A



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Monthly Prayer meetings

Continuation of Sunday Services

Men's Breakfasts and Ladies' Coffee mornings each once a month

2025 has seen a steady progress towards the building fund target. The current shortfall is £34,259.

We are preparing 22 applications to external grant funders in the hope of hitting the target in the second quarter of 2026. "Spades in the ground" in the 3rd quarter.

The Church has purchased monthly, 200 copies of "*GOOD NEWS NEWSPAPER*" for free distribution to residences in the immediate vicinity of the building. There has been a successful response and circulation will be increased to 250 copies in March 2026.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are carried forward to subsequent years for the benefit of the church

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Congregation donations towards God's work (including other charities and organisations. Fundraising for the building project.

Grants to other charities totalling £450.00

N/A

Section F Other optional information

N/A

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Original signed	Original Signed
Full name(s)	ANDREW JAMES FRENCH	DAVID RALSTON STEVENSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SAFEGUARDING
Date	3 February 2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
OLD CITY HALL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	1194769

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1-Jan-25	To	Period end date 31-Dec-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND	2,595	-	-	2,595	2,787
BUILDING FUND	-	10,482	-	10,482	27,391
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,595	10,482	-	13,077	30,178
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,595	10,482	-	13,077	30,178
A3 Payments					
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND	601	-	-	601	234
INSURANCE RENT	1,527	-	-	1,527	288
ELECTRICITY	409	-	-	409	253
WATER	209	-	-	209	203
MINISTR	638	-	-	638	431
GRANTS	450	-	-	450	250
BUILDING FUND	-	912	-	912	4,365
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,834	912	-	4,746	6,024
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,834	912	-	4,746	6,024
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,239	9,570	-	8,331	24,154
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,145	26,753	-	28,898	4,744
Cash funds this year end	906	36,323	-	37,229	28,898

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	MONEY AT BANK	514	36,324	-
	CASH AT HAND	394	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	908	36,324	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ANDREW FRENCH	3-Feb-26	
		DAVID STEVENSON	3-Feb-26	