



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

The Rock Church Stratford-upon-Avon

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1195784

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12/1/26

Name:

Mark Skellum

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



# THE ROCK CHURCH STRATFORD UPON AVON

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1195784

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025.

## 1. Worship and Bible Studies:

**Rock Solid Bible Studies:** Held bi-weekly on Tuesdays, excluding August and December. Attendance has been stable with over 40% of the congregation joining on Zoom.

**Home Group Meetings:** Taking place every other Wednesday, we have currently have 4 home groups and a virtual home group commencing September 2025 supporting the community practically and spiritually.

**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** These are held on the third Thursday of each month where the church gathers for collective prayer, fostering unity and intercession for the community's needs.

## 2. Outreach and Community Involvement:

**Food Bank Contributions:** Our support for the Fred Winter Centre's foodbank continues with 3520 items delivered during April 2024 - March 2025 up from 2703 during the same period last year.

**Community Partnerships:** Rock Church joined Stratford Churches Together in March 2024, allowing for collaborative efforts and shared outreach initiatives.

**God loves You Tour:** We supported the BGEA (Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) in June 2024 at NEC assisting with counselling, stewarding & prayer.

**Prayer Walk and Leafleting:** Outreach was conducted at Ettington Community Centre, where volunteers prayed for the community and distributed information leaflets to explain how we wanted to serve and help the community. We have advertised our Toy offering collection and Christmas Carol service.

## 3. Ministry Expansion and Special Events:

**Men's and Women's Ministries:** Both ministries continue to grow, the men have enjoyed 2 events during this period being a pizza night & film night. There is also a bowling night to be held in May 2025.

The women have enjoyed afternoon tea at Wroxall, a breakfast at Ettington Community Centre and a lunch at Ettington planned for October 2025.

**New Groups and Special Ministries:** The Companions Group, Haven Group and the Rock Blossom Group (for widows and widowers) are continuing well holding regular meetings with attendance increasing.

**Youth Leadership Transition:** We have 1 Youth Leader. Children can meet for Rock kids, age 3-8. Rock Squad for ages 9 – 13 years. There is also Youth for 14 +

**Young adults:** This is a new ministry and the young adults 18-40 have enjoyed 2 socials, bowling in the summer and ice skating at Christmas.

## 4. Bring and Share

We have enjoyed 2 Bring and Share lunches during this period in June & September 2024.

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## **5. Significant Church Services and Celebrations:**

**Good Friday and Easter Services:** Held on Zoom and in person at Henley Baptist Church, with a special baptismal service attended by over 100 people, 7 people were baptised.

**Annual Carol Service, Remembrance Service, and Toy Offerings:** These anticipated events provide both solemn remembrance and celebration. The Toy Offering in November 2024 went exceptionally well with hundreds of new toys brought by the Church and members of the congregation and presented to Children's Services to distribute to children in care and needy families. The Toy offering for 2025 is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Carol Service for 2025 is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>.



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##### **6. Facility and Location Updates:**

**New Worship Venues:** After nearly three years at Stratford Manor Hotel, we held our final service there in July 2024. We have also met at The Playhouse, Stratford-Upon-Avon. We mainly hold services at Ettington Community Centre and use Charlecote Pheasant Hotel and Walton Hall Hotel when Ettington Community Centre isn't available.

##### **7. Financial Overview and Contributions:**

**Building Fund and Financial Support:** Monthly contributions to our Building Fund have increased, reflecting the congregation's commitment to establishing a lasting church presence.

**Charitable Contributions:** Rock Church supports Samaritan's Purse through the Shoe Box Appeal, with congregants donating toys and essential items for children globally. In November 2024 the congregation filled 79 boxes.

##### **8. Leadership:**

**Trustee Changes:** CB, after three years of dedicated service as a trustee, CB has moved home to another area and has stepped down as a Trustee. A love gift was given from the church as a thank you for her selfless hard work and commitment to the church.

##### **Future Plans include (but are not limited to):**

- We will continue to expand our networking activities, build relationships and partnerships so that we can work with the community to offer a wider range of services and resources.
- We will continue to extend support to overseas missions, national and local charities.
- We will continually enhance our communications strategy and social media church profile so that we can extend our reach to those we seek to serve.
- We will further enhance our support to the many complex issues people experience.
- We will explore the potential to grow a network of further volunteers and 'friends' who are committed to supporting in the local communities.
- We will continue to extend our bring and share (food) events where we can connect with the community showing them love and compassion.
- We will continue to extend our local help to Stratford's Childrens Service each Christmas buying age-appropriate toys for families in need.
- We will pray on the streets of Stratford Upon Avon for those in need and for the leaders and community members of the town.
- We will ensure we give 10% of our income through tithes to international, national and local charities.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees consider that general unrestricted funds should be targeted at a level equal to six month's expected expenditure to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to meet costs as they fall due. Such reserves as of 31st March 2024 meet this requirement. The Trustees will continue to monitor the level of reserves and ensure it is managed being mindful of the FSCS requirements.

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## **Additional information**

The charity's principal source of funding is through donations from its congregation and visitors.

## **Structure, Governance, Management**

The charity is governed by its Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## **Induction and training of new Trustees**

New Trustees are provided with information as to their duties and responsibilities, the terms of their engagement as a Trustee and details of the charity's key principles and aims for its work. Each Trustee is also provided with a copy of the constitution.

## **Organisational structure**

The Trustees are responsible for managing the charity. Responsibilities for some functions are delegated to individuals as they see fit.

## **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each budget year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Anne Lowe**

**Mrs A Lowe.**

Chair of the Board of Trustees

27.8.25.





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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rock Church Stratford-upon-Avon

No (if any)  
1195784

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

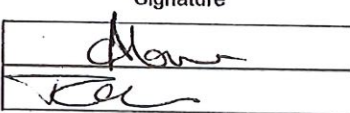

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations-Other	144,658	33,463	-	178,121	147,815
Bank Interest	2,312	-	-	2,312	1,747
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>146,970</b>	<b>33,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,433</b>	<b>149,562</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>146,970</b>	<b>33,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>180,433</b>	<b>149,562</b>

<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gift payments	1,672	30	-	1,702	2,170
DBS checks	316	-	-	316	137
Ministry costs	531	-	-	531	600
Donations	10,822	-	-	10,822	16,492
Event costs	1,879	-	-	1,879	981
Insurance	1,130	-	-	1,130	528
Legal fees	1,120	-	-	1,120	2,020
Room Hire	18,378	-	-	18,378	20,553
Subscriptions & registration fees	2,458	-	-	2,458	3,043
Telephone	120	-	-	120	120
Speaker fees	1,350	-	-	1,350	1,575
Christmas lunch	-	-	-	-	1,560
Sundry costs	2,030	-	-	2,030	864
Wages	29,900	-	-	29,900	22,178
Office supplies	1,001	-	-	1,001	2,173
Mileage expenses recharged	307	-	-	307	828
Expenses claims recharged	5,741	-	-	5,741	4,021
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Independent examination fees	-	-	-	-	-
Computer/IT	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>78,755</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,785</b>	<b>79,833</b>

<b>A4 Asset and Investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Portable sound desk and fixtures	-	-	-	-	1,793
Portable speaker	-	-	-	-	530
Headphone amplifiers	314	-	-	314	-
Keyboard	1,427	-	-	1,427	-
Assisted hearing equipment	570	-	-	570	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,323</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>81,066</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,096</b>	<b>82,156</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>65,904</b>	<b>33,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,337</b>	<b>67,406</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>166,744</b>	<b>43,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,968</b>	<b>142,562</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>232,808</b>	<b>76,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309,305</b>	<b>209,968</b>

## 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	Bank- 49973568	11,106	2,105	-
	Bank-54090968	126,540	-	-
	Bank-54470360	2,310	-	-
	Bank-55348768	7,852	74,392	-
	Bank-4001-00403-2	85,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>232,808</b>	<b>76,497</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Fixtures and equipment	2,548	-	-
	Computer equipment	12,087	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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
			ANNE LOWE	11/1/2026
			RACHEL FRANKLIN	11/1/2026