

**ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1195965**

**ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**  
**1 SALAMANCA WAY**  
**COLCHESTER**  
**CO2 9GB**

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## **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for the charity, Royal Priesthood Church with charity number 1195965.

The Trustees of the charity are: Akinwale Babatunde Laosun  
Folasade Olubukola Ayankogbe  
Bolanle Olufunke Macarthy

The principal address of the charity is : 1 Salamanca Way  
Colchester  
CO2 9GB

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Charity governing document is a CIO – Foundation Constitution registered 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The Charity is governed by a board on which the trustees are represented. It meets regularly to review, plan activities and monitor the financial position.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Objects of the organisation are first to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs for the benefit in the United Kingdom and in such other parts of the world as the trustees may think fit from time to time. The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Organisation continues to hold successful meetings through the year in which individuals were equipped and educated on the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith. They held several religious events for the community to attend as well as youth programs that helped to promote it Christian message among the young people. These programs proved to be very successful as new attendants were added to the church.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The income of the charity is above £37,000. This is a good amount for this year of the charity the costs have been well managed over this period. The organisation is still in a good position to manage its costs. The main cost of the organisation was paying for the rent of its building that it uses for worship services and the cost of hosting its programs.

## **RESERVE POLICY**

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the reserves of the charity at about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover any emergency expenditures that may arise from time to time. The charity will seek to maintain this level throughout the year.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The charity have assessed all the major risks to which the charity is exposed to, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

## **TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the church. They are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed.
4. Prepare financial statements on an ongoing basis.

They are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the finances of the church at any time and to ensure that such accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees  
**ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2025 set out on the following pages which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies shown in the corresponding pages.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees of the church are responsible for the preparation of accounts: they consider that the audit requirement under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act), does not apply. It is my responsibility to :

- Examine the accounts under section 43(3) of the 1993 Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners made under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act.
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept( in accordance with section 41 of the Act)
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act: or
- (2) to which , in my opinion , attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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## **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

### **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

#### **1 Receipts & Payments Account (General Purpose Fund)**

<b>Income Receipts</b>	<b>£/ 2025</b>	<b>£/2024</b>
Tithes and Offerings	28869	30268
Interest	164	
Gift Aid	8648	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>37681</b>	<b>30268</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Books & Publications	150	
Telephone	211	
Music Services	1600	0
Hire of Hall	3975	3334
Transport	1329	2140
Welfare	1119	1460
Conference costs	1278	2342
Professional fees	2880	460
Supplies	3535	67
Ministers expenses	6950	2400
Benevolence giving	1350	1000
Refreshments	1301	770
Advertising costs	147	0
Subscriptions	0	337
Insurance	253	
	<b>26078</b>	<b>14310</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>		
Equipment	2585	0
Instruments	0	815
	<b>2585</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>28663</b>	<b>15125</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year</b>	<b>9018</b>	<b>15143</b>
<b>Cash Funds brought forward</b>	<b>18478</b>	<b>3335</b>
<b>Cash Funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>27496</b>	<b>18478</b>

## **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

### **2 Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2025**

#### **Monetary Assets**

##### **Cash Funds**

##### **Unrestricted Funds**

**£/2025**

**£/2024**

**£**

**£**

Cash at hand and in bank

27496

18478

##### **Total Cash Funds**

27496

18478

#### **Assets Retained for the**

#### **Charity's Own use**

##### **Non-monetary Assets and Liabilities**

Musical Instruments

690

862

Equipments

2323

319

Fixtures & Fittings

3013

1181

##### **Liabilities**

Bookkeeping

380

360

##### **NET ASSETS**

30129

19299

These accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Folasade Ayankogbe

## **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis. Non-monetary assets are shown at estimates of the value at the end of the year.

##### **Funds**

The CIO has a general unrestricted fund that receives voluntary donations from attendants at the services.

The CIO has no outstanding guarantees to third parties no any debts secured on the asstes of the CIO

##### **Public Benefit**

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or aims that are for public benefit.Details of how this is achieved are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

##### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated at 20% reducing balance method.