

# RYLANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1196337

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-11-01

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN NOTTINGHAM AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 3.1.2 SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

**Activities:** The church advances the Christian faith through gathering together for Christian worship every Sunday, through groups for children and young people, through midweek groups for bible study and prayer, through seasonal events and services and through meeting needs within the community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£124,554	£127,156	-	-
2024-03-31	£107,401	£110,666	-	-
2023-03-31	£118,555	£94,310	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Matthew Mark Robson</b>	Chair	2021-10-29
Andrew Fairbrother		2023-09-01
David James Gilkerson		2025-02-05
Stephen Edward Baraniak		2021-10-29
Thomas Turner		2024-06-26

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1196337

**Rylands Community Church**  
**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2025**



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# **Rylands Community Church**

**Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Legal and Administrative Information

### Reference

The Charity is called "Rylands Community Church". The Church is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 1st November 2021.

**Registered Charity Number** 1196337

**Registered Office** C/O Beeston Free Church  
Salthouse Lane  
Beeston  
Nottingham  
NG9 2FY

**Website** [www.rylands.org](http://www.rylands.org)

### Trustees during the year ending 31st March 2025

Matthew Robson	<i>Chair</i>
Benjamin Bradley	
Stephen Baraniak	
Andrew Fairbrother	<i>Appointed July 2023</i>
Thomas Turner	<i>Appointed June 2024</i>
Neil Johnson	<i>Resigned Oct 2024</i>
Dave Gilkerson	<i>Appointed February 2025</i>

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# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Trustees annual Report

### Overview

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. It contains the following items:

- The annual report of the charity explaining the activities undertaken in the year, how the charity met its public benefit objectives and the way the church is managed.
- The annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the required statements, and notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts section of the report.

### Background

Rylands Community Church (RCC) is situated in Beeston Rylands, South–West Nottingham. The church is a medium-sized community-based church which seeks to serve people of all ages and backgrounds. The church began life as a 'plant' and 'congregation of Beeston Free Church' in 2013 and has since grown significantly in size. RCC is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and has adopted the FIEC's Basis of Faith as the theological basis of its work.

The activities of the church involve the promotion of its beliefs and reaching out to the local community and beyond, providing care and sharing the Christian faith. The trustees of RCC confirm that they have had regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe they have met the legal requirement of S17 of the Charities Act 2011

### Objectives

The charitable objectives are: -

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily, but not exclusively, within Beeston, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

### Aims

**Our vision:** To be a church community in the Rylands that loves Jesus; growing to be like Him, helping others to know and love Him.

**Our mission:** To use all that God gives generously and sacrificially, to help more people in our locality, in our nation and across the world to know and love Jesus.

**Our values:** While we can't express everything the Bible calls a church to be; we are a church wanting to grow in being:

1. *Joyfully captivated:* by God our Father as He speaks to us in His Word, the Bible, depending on Him and delighting in Him.
2. *Passionate about proclaiming the good news:* that Jesus Christ is Lord; a message that shapes everything about who we are, what we say, and what we do.
3. *Other person orientated:* empowered by the Holy Spirit we serve others; using the gifts God has given each of us to build-up one another and bless the communities in which we live.
4. *Generous in mission:* Using the resources God gives to partner with others in taking the gospel to the places where Jesus is not yet known, wherever that may be.

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### Activities that Further the Charity's Objectives

#### Sunday Morning

The 10am Sunday morning gathering at Trent Vale Infant and Nursery school is the main weekly activity for RCC, a worship service that includes music, singing, praying, preaching and (approximately monthly) communion. The regular congregation at this meeting has continued to grow with approximately 110 people attending weekly.

This includes a high proportion of children, for whom volunteer-led and age-specific activities take place alongside the service. Once a month, the children will remain with the main congregation throughout the service for a service which is intended to be more suitable for all ages throughout.

Whilst services are not usually live-streamed unless there is a particular need or event, the bible reading and talk section is usually recorded and made available via video and/or audio (YouTube & Podcast) during the following week.

#### Sunday Evening

Less frequently, the church has additional evening meetings taking place on a Sunday which include prayer, discussion, further reflection and training; these meetings take place in the homes of congregation members, in the school, or another public venue if available

#### During the week

The church provides regular activities through the week for various groups of people within the community:

- Activities for secondary school age children; one group for 11–18 year-olds on alternate Tuesday, and a group for those in school years 5-6 on Sunday afternoons once a half term.
- A community group for children under 5 and their carers, which meets in a local Scout premises.
- Weekly bible study groups (meeting in local homes or occasionally at the school hall), social groups and training involving the volunteers who lead and support these groups.

#### Additional Events

In addition to the above regular activities, Rylands Community Church facilitates a number of additional events and activities each year. These are intended to **further the charitable aim** of being a church community in the Rylands that loves Jesus; growing to be like Him, helping others to know and love Him.

At the centre of all RCC does as a church is the teaching of the Bible and encouragement of faith in Jesus. **Communicating our faith** is a key part of church activities.. Many of our activities seek to provide opportunities for those in the local community and beyond to hear the gospel and build the faith of those who believe.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, our additional events have included the following:

- Summer Fun; a series of family-orientated activity afternoons in the local park, intended to engage those outside the church in discussion about the Christian faith, whilst also offering free activities for children including craft, games and football coaching.
- Social Events including a bonfire party, dawn chorus walk and games evening, intended to provide community and connection for those within the church community and beyond
- Christmas Events including a traditional Carol Service, 'Craft and Carols' including family craft activities as part of an interactive Sunday-morning service, Community Carols (hosted at the local pub) & a wreath-making workshop.

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- A 'Hope Explored' Course, meeting as a small group with individuals who are interested to find out more about the Christian faith.

### Encouraging Mission and Outreach

Rylands Community Church remains committed to being outwardly focused, sharing the Christian faith within the local community, more broadly in the UK and through supporting international mission.

The church continues to support a number of mission associates working in the UK and internationally, and hopes to continue to establish this work further in the coming years through new partnerships.

### Grant making

One of the ways in which the church fulfils its charitable purposes is through the making of grants to projects which seek to advance the Christian faith within local communities and across the world. The trustees are committed to carrying out due diligence to ensure that funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes and funds are not knowingly used for money laundering, terrorist financing or bribery.

### Volunteers

The large number of volunteers within the church help in every aspect of the church's work. Many church members and members of the wider congregation partner together in ministries through practical service. The members and congregation of the church give in excess of 150 volunteer hours most weeks and the trustees recognise that without this many of the church's activities could not take place.

## Achievements and Performance

### Local Mission

RCC continues its programme of regular services and Bible teaching on a Sunday along with several support activities during the week.

RCC supports several local, national and international initiatives to care for those in need and to advance the Christian faith.

RCC continues to employ a full time Minister and a part time Ministry worker (who has a specific focus on pastoral care for those with acute struggles and helping Christians develop in the care of one another and people in the community) and a part time Church Administrator.

### National mission

RCC continues to be part of the FIEC (which is a charity networking churches with similar aims and objectives), supporting conferences and training days, as well as playing an active role in partnerships with other FIEC churches in Nottingham.

RCC also works closely with the Midlands Gospel Partnership, with staff involved in helping to teach and train up other men and women in the Midlands Ministry Training Course.

### Global mission

Support, both financial and pastoral continues for existing mission associates

RCC is actively looking for new opportunities to partner with others in global mission.

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### Highlights of the Year 2024/2025

#### 10 Year Anniversary Celebration (June 2024)

Rylands Community Church started life in 2013 as a small congregation of Beeston Free Church before registering as independent CIO in 2022. Whilst the official '10 Year' mark had already passed, the church held a Sunday celebration in June 2024 to celebrate God's faithfulness over its first 10 years and to express the desire of its membership to continue working towards its charitable objectives into the future. This was attended by over 120 people including some guests from Beeston Free Church who had initially supported the launch of Rylands Community Church.

#### Wreath Making Event (November 2024)

Volunteers from the church membership organised and conducted a community-facing Christmas wreath making workshop which was attended by 30 guests, of whom 50% do not belong to the regular church congregation. This event, which included a talk on the Christmas message, is a good example of the many completely volunteer-led activities taking place within the life of Rylands Community Church with the aim of pursuing its charitable objectives.

#### Global Mission Sunday (March 2025)

In March a Sunday service was held with a specific focus on global mission. This included a visiting speaker from Radstock and a presentation session afterwards with Q&A for the whole church. This event and the activities that the church hopes will follow is an expression of RCC's desire (as stated in the church mission statement above) to use all that God gives generously and sacrificially, to help more people in its locality, in the nation and across the world know and love Jesus

### Financial Review

#### Analysis of Income

The income of the church is primarily donations from church members and those associated with the church with a small amount from activities of the church such as events or the church weekend away (May 2025) which was being planned towards the end of this reporting period.

Donations to the general fund were £117,198. Total income to the general fund was £124,554.

#### Analysis of Expenditure

For the 2024 to 2025 financial year, total costs to the general fund were £127,156 against a budgeted expenditure of £139,324.

Areas of growth were purchasing equipment for the gathering, the cost of our staff team, building running costs and spending on global mission.

#### Financial Position at the Year-end

For the Year ending 31 March 2025 the closing balance was £73,350.

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## Trustees annual Report

### Reserves

The trustees plan to hold the equivalent of two to three months' funds in reserve in cash at the bank and in interest bearing deposit accounts, as defined in the RCC finance policy.

The trustees manage the finances of the church to ensure that the financial support of the members and other givers is used to further the charitable purposes of the church. Where the reserves of the church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the annual report and will be reported to the church at a church members meeting.

At the end of the 2024/25 financial year the reserves held by RCC were £73,350. This is approximately 7 months of cover for the general fund regular expenditure (budgeted at just under £10k per month).

### Budget 2025-2026

The trustees set a budget each financial year, which is agreed upon amongst the trustees and approved by the church members. The treasurer and operations team leader have the authority to work within this budget. Any expenditure outside the budget is subject to a series of authority limits defined in the finance policy.

The budget for 2025 to 2026 was approved by members at the March 2025 church members meeting.

Income to the general fund for 2025/2026 is forecast to be £111k. This comprises donations and gift aid of £100k, and other income of £11k.

Spending from the general fund for 2025/2026 is forecast to be £152k. This comprises staff costs of £90k, international and UK mission costs of £24k, local mission costs of £4k, rent costs of £7k, administration costs of £4k, church gathering (and weekend away) costs of £21k, and youth and children's ministry, training, partnership and miscellaneous costs of £2k.

In addition, £5k will be set aside in a designated fund towards gospel growth. This is expected to be used for a building opportunity or used to fund new staff members at some point in the future.

Spending is budgeted to exceed income by £41k.

### Investment Policy

No long-term investments are held by the church as the trustees believe the church's ongoing giving and income is very stable, and the trustees consider that it would be possible to take fundraising or cost-saving action in good time should it be necessary.

The church's reserves are held in interest-bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions.

### Risks and Uncertainties

The church and its trustees are potentially at risk from several sources. These risks are managed so as not to expose them to undue risk and trustees are kept informed so that they are able to deal with any situations that may arise. Risks are assessed and mitigated against on an ongoing basis.

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### The Future

In the coming year, the trustees and members of the church have agreed on a deficit budget, expecting that income via charitable giving will increase to allow current activities to continue, whilst planning ahead for growth.

In the coming year, a number of growth opportunities will be considered by the trustees and church members to discern which additional activities, projects and/or staff appointments are the most suitable steps forward. The trustees and church members recognise that to implement any of these opportunities, a further increase in income will be required. The trustees are targeting retaining levels of 2-3 months' reserves whilst sustaining the budgeted expenditure and planning for growth.

RCC does not have its own building but does have a long-term lease agreement with Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School, and is glad to welcome the local community to attend or be part of charitable activities.

RCC is grateful for being able to use Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School for Sunday gatherings and occasional other events; however, opportunities for a permanent building will continue to be considered.

Additional staff members will be considered in future to help grow the ministry of the church.

As an independent church, RCC is considering how best to share the Christian faith locally, nationally and internationally through direct involvement and partnerships with other individuals and organisations.

### Structure, Governance and Management

Rylands Community Church (RCC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in November 2021. The church is governed by a Constitution and Rules. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

#### Church membership

Church membership is open to Christians who are willing to be in active partnership with the church in the work of the gospel. At the year-end, church membership stood at 45. The church members meet regularly to conduct business meetings.

#### Organisational structure

##### Elders/Trustees

The church membership elects, from its number, individuals to serve in the church officer role of 'Elder', and these elders also form the Trustee body. The Trustee body will always be made up of at least a Chair, a secretary and a treasurer. The elders are appointed for a term of three years, which can be renewed for a further three years before a period of at least a year must pass before the individual becomes eligible to stand again. The secretary and treasurer are appointed from within this group. The elders are responsible for doctrinal integrity, policy and strategy.

The trustees/elders meet regularly (normally fortnightly) and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the church. The trustees are responsible for the policies and procedures within which they, the staff and other volunteer leaders operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to others (both volunteers and paid staff) within the church.

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### Team Leaders

A group of Team Leaders (who are also elected by the church membership) are responsible for a range of practical matters within the church, including Operations, Youth & Children's Work, Local and Global Mission. The Team Leaders meet with the Elders approximately once a term.

### Staff

The church employs 3 members of staff; during this reporting period, the staff team has been:

- Steve Baraniak Minister
- Laura Perbet Ministry Worker
- Connie Pringle Church Administrator

Steve (Minister) works full time for RCC and takes responsibility for the majority of preaching and teaching with support from the wider group of Elders/Trustees.

Laura (Ministry Worker) works for RCC two days per week and is seconded to Beeston Free Church for one day per week to carry out similar pastoral work to the work she does for RCC. This arrangement is governed by a secondment agreement between the two churches.

Connie (Church Administrator) works for RCC 15 hours per week and carries out a wide range of operational tasks, including communications, finance and supporting the trustees.

All decisions on staff remuneration and pay are made by the Employment Group.

### Employment Group

The Employment Group is a subcommittee of the trustee body that does not include any paid/connected members of the trustees. This group meets twice-yearly (or more often as required) to consider all matters related to employment and other areas where paid or connected trustees may have a conflict of interest.

### Trustees' Responsibilities

The 2011 Charities Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Approved by the Trustees

Thomas A Turner

Name of Trustee

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Signed on Behalf of the Trustees



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Date of Approval

13/07/2025

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# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rylands Community Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Act.

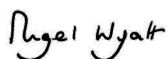
### Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Independent Examiner  
125 Main Street  
Garforth  
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LS25 1AF

Date: 14/07/2025

# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2025			2024
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies		117,198	-	<b>117,198</b>	106,963
Charitable Activities		6,858	-	<b>6,858</b>	286
Investment Income		498	-	<b>498</b>	152
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>124,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,554</b>	<b>107,401</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments on Charitable Activities	<b>3</b>	127,156	-	<b>127,156</b>	112,341
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>127,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,156</b>	<b>112,341</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>		<b>(2,602)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,602)</b>	<b>(4,940)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>					
Total Funds (Cash) Brought Forward	<b>8</b>	75,952	-	<b>75,952</b>	80,892
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward</b>		<b>73,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,350</b>	<b>75,952</b>
<b>Funds represented by</b>					
General (Unrestricted) Funds		58,241	-	<b>58,241</b>	65,952
Designated Funds		15,109	-	<b>15,109</b>	10,000
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-
		<b>73,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,350</b>	<b>75,952</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

Thomas A Turner

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

13/07/2025

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, there is no formal Balance Sheet or Statement of Financial Position. Instead a statement of assets and liabilities is outlined giving an indication of the charity's assets at the year end.

The Fixed assets disclosed below are outlined at the value of purchase value.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	13,046	6,529
	<u>13,046</u>	<u>6,529</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	73,350	75,952
	<u>73,350</u>	<u>75,952</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or grant giver.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

### **Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

There have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of preparing the financial statements. There have been no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	89,566	-	<b>89,566</b>
Gift aid	18,225	-	<b>18,225</b>
Grants	9,407	-	<b>9,407</b>
	<u>117,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>117,198</b></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Weekend away	6,745	-	<b>6,745</b>
Church events	113	-	<b>113</b>
	<u>6,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>6,858</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	498	-	<b>498</b>
	<u>498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>498</b></u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><b>124,554</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>124,554</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	77,466	390	77,856
Gift aid	18,615	68	18,683
Grants	10,424	-	10,424
	<u>106,505</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>106,963</u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Weekend away	-	-	-
Church events	286	-	286
	<u>286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286</u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	152	-	152
	<u>152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><b>106,943</b></u>	<u><b>458</b></u>	<u><b>107,401</b></u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 3 Payments on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Administration	3,623	-	<b>3,623</b>
Buildings	7,200	-	<b>7,200</b>
Church events	-	-	-
Gathering	11,394	-	<b>11,394</b>
Global and Local Mission	15,158	-	<b>15,158</b>
Partnership	1,542	-	<b>1,542</b>
Resources	1,248	-	<b>1,248</b>
Staff related costs	4,211	-	<b>4,211</b>
Staff salaries	81,415	-	<b>81,415</b>
Training costs	866	-	<b>866</b>
Weekend away	-	-	-
Youth & children's work	499	-	<b>499</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>127,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,156</b>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Administration	3,136	-	3,136
Buildings	6,000	-	6,000
Church events	-	428	428
Gathering	2,634	-	2,634
Global and Local Mission	16,133	-	16,133
Partnership	1,410	-	1,410
Resources	753	-	753
Staff related costs	2,516	-	2,516
Staff salaries	75,497	-	75,497
Training costs	2,651	698	3,349
Weekend away	-	-	-
Youth & children's work	485	-	485
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>111,215</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>112,341</b>

### 4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further details about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

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### 5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	983	945

### 6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	69,530	65,009
Social security costs	814	732
Employer contributions to pension plans	10,413	9,756
	<u>80,757</u>	<u>75,497</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Average Head Count	3	3

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

### 7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year three (2024: four) trustees incurred out of pocket expenses totalling £3,193 (2024: £5,359) which were all incurred for the day to day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure include administration costs, equipment, training, travel and other church running costs.

One trustee has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity. During the year Steve Baraniak received £53,773 (2024: £49,359) including employer pension contribution and employer national insurance contribution for their role as a church leader and not for duties as a trustee.

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### 8 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Apr 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Mar 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	65,952	124,445	(127,156)	(5,000)	58,241
	<b>65,952</b>	<b>124,445</b>	<b>(127,156)</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>58,241</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
Gospel Growth	10,000	109	-	5,000	15,109
	<b>10,000</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>15,109</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>75,952</b>	<b>124,554</b>	<b>(127,156)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,350</b>

	1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Mar 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	79,443	106,943	(111,215)	(9,219)	65,952
	<b>79,443</b>	<b>106,943</b>	<b>(111,215)</b>	<b>(9,219)</b>	<b>65,952</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
Gospel Growth	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>79,443</b>	<b>106,943</b>	<b>(111,215)</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>75,952</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Rylands Events	1,209	-	(428)	(781)	-
Trainee	-	-	-	-	-
Rylands Rascals	240	458	(698)	-	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>	<b>(781)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>80,892</b>	<b>107,401</b>	<b>(112,341)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,952</b>

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### Fund Descriptions

#### Designated Funds

Gospel Growth

The Gospel Growth fund is an expression of our desire to see a proportion of our excess reserves set aside for expanding our activities in the future as opportunities and needs arise.

#### Restricted Funds

Rylands Events

Fund to hold contributions towards specific events run by the church.

Trainee

Fund to hold donations received to cover the costs of a Church Trainee programme.

Rylands Rascals

Fund to hold contributions and grants for the Rylands Rascals toddler group.

### 9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the period (2023: £0).

### 10 Prior Period Adjustment

It was noticed that a payment was omitted from the year ending 31st march 2024. The £1,675 payment was missed from the Global and Local Mission expenditure category and the General Fund. Please see below the original and the restated Statement of Receipts and Payments.

	2024 Original	2024 Restated
	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		-
Donations and Legacies	106,963	106,963
Charitable Activities	286	286
Investment Income	152	152
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>107,401</b>	<b>107,401</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Payments on Charitable Activities	110,666	112,341
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>110,666</b>	<b>112,341</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>	<b>(3,265)</b>	<b>(4,940)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>		-
Total Funds (Cash) Brought Forward	80,892	80,892
Transfers	-	-
<b>Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward</b>	<b>77,627</b>	<b>75,952</b>

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<b>Funds represented by</b>		
General (Unrestricted) Funds	<b>67,627</b>	<b>65,952</b>
Designated Funds	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Restricted Funds	-	-
	<u><b>77,627</b></u>	<u><b>75,952</b></u>

**RYLANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196337

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1196337

**Rylands Community Church**  
**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2024**



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# Rylands Community Church

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# Rylands Community Church

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## Legal and Administrative Information

### Reference

The Charity is called "Rylands Community Church". The Church is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 1st November 2021.

**Registered Charity Number** 1196337

**Registered Office** C/O Beeston Free Church  
Salthouse Lane  
Beeston  
Nottingham  
NG9 2FY

**Website** [www.rylands.org](http://www.rylands.org)

### Trustees at 31st March 2024

Neil Johnson  
David Gilkerson *Resigned July 2023*  
Matthew Robson  
Benjamin Bradley  
Stephen Baraniak  
Andrew Fairbrother *Appointed July 2023*

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# Rylands Community Church

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## Trustee's Annual Report

### Overview

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. It contains the following items:

- The annual report of the charity explaining the activities undertaken in the year, how the charity met its public benefit objectives and the way the church is managed.
- The annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, the required statements, and notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts section of the report.

### Objectives and Activities

Rylands Community Church (RCC) is situated in Beeston, south-west Nottingham. The church is a small community-based church which is focused on serving all ages. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and has adopted the FIEC's Basis of Faith as the theological basis of its work.

The activities of the church involve the promotion of our beliefs and reaching out to our community and beyond, providing care and sharing our faith. The trustees of Rylands Community Church confirm they have had regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe they have met the legal requirement of S17 of the Charities Act 2011.

### Objectives

The charitable objectives are: -

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Beeston, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

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## Trustee's Annual Report

### *Aims*

**Our vision:** To be a church community in the Rylands that loves Jesus; growing to be like Him, helping others to know and love Him.

**Our mission:** To use all that God gives generously and sacrificially, to help more people in our locality, in our nation and across the world to know and love Jesus.

**Our values:** While we can't express everything the Bible calls a church to be; we are a church wanting to grow in being:

1. Joyfully captivated by God our Father as He speaks to us in His Word, the Bible, depending on Him and delighting in Him.
2. Passionate about proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord; a message that shapes everything about who we are, what we say, and what we do.
3. Other person orientated: empowered by the Holy Spirit we serve others; using the gifts God has given each of us to build-up one another and bless the communities in which we live.
4. Generous in mission: Using the resources God gives to partner with others in taking the gospel to the places where Jesus is not yet known, wherever that may be.

### *Activities that further the Charity's objectives*

We don't have our own building but have a long-term lease agreement with the Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School and we have been glad to welcome the local community to attend or be part of our activities as a charity.

#### **Sundays**

On Sundays the congregation at our worship services, which include music, singing, praying and preaching, has continued to grow; activities for children also take place alongside the service. Services are no longer being streamed online but the talk is usually available within 3 days on our YouTube channel, and as a podcast (we will live stream particular service as need demands).

In addition, we meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings for prayer, discussion and further reflection; these meetings have been taking places in the homes of members of our congregation (although sometimes in the hall of Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School).

#### **Weekdays**

We provide activities through the week for various groups of people in our community:

- Provision of two youth groups: one group for 11 – 18 year-olds on alternate Thursdays, and a group for those in school years 5-6 on Sunday afternoons once a half term.
- Provision of a community group for children under 5 and their carers, which meets in a local Scout premises.
- Provision of teaching courses for those seeking to learn more about the Christian faith.
- An extensive programme of bible study groups, social groups and training involving the volunteers who lead and support these groups.

Many other events take place in the school hall run by Rylands Community Church throughout the year, including holiday activities for children and support events for families providing food, fun and friendship through the-cost-of-living crisis. For this work we have partnered with Transforming Lives for Good (TLG), running 'Make Lunch' to provide a weekly hot meal during most school holidays.

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### Raising Awareness and understanding our faith

At the centre of all we do as a church is the teaching of the Bible and encouragement of faith in Jesus. Some of the ways this has been done over the past year include: -

Sunday services: services take place each Sunday, at 10am. Alongside the services, groups for children aged 0-11 meet on the school premises led by volunteers

Weekly bible study groups, meeting in local homes and occasionally at the school hall.

Weekly activities for children and young people in school years 5-13 from the church and the local community, provide care, teaching and fun activities.

Throughout the year courses run and individuals meet to work through courses such as Christianity Explored and Hope Explored, to help explain our faith to those who are interested.

A 'Kintsugi Hope' course in the spring for members from the church and others from the community to explore ideas and strategies for promoting mental health and wellbeing, linked to faith.

From time to time, we also run events additional events, for example a meal in a local restaurant to help those wanting to find out more about, and engage with, the Christian faith and ask questions.

### Encouraging Mission and Outreach

Rylands Community Church remains committed to being outwardly focused, sharing our faith within the local community, more broadly in the UK and through supporting international mission.

Outreach events are held throughout the year, both in the school hall and elsewhere in the local area, to which the congregation are encouraged to invite friends and family; this has included social evenings, a summer holiday club for children and a community carols event in the local pub. We also encourage our members to help with other churches running similar activities.

We continue to support a number of mission associates working in the UK and internationally, and we are currently working through our vision and structures for how we might establish that work further.

### Communicating our Faith and purpose

Communicating our faith is a key part of our activities as a church. Many of our activities seek to provide opportunities for those in the local community and beyond to hear the gospel and build the faith of those who believe.

### Grant making

One of the ways in which the church fulfils its charitable purposes is through the making of grants to projects which seek to advance the Christian faith within local communities and across the world. The trustees are committed to carrying out due diligence to ensure that funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes and funds are not knowingly used for money laundering, terrorist financing or bribery.

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### Volunteers

The large number of volunteers within the church help in every aspect of the church's work. Many of our members and many of the congregation partner together in our ministries and in practical ways. The members and congregation of the church give in excess of 150 volunteer hours most weeks and the trustees recognise that without this many of the church's activities could not take place.

## Achievements and performance

- *Local Mission*

The church has continued its programme of regular services and Bible teaching on a Sunday along with several support activities during the week.

The church supports several local, national and international initiatives to care for those in need and to advance the Christian faith.

RCC continues to employ a full time Minister and a part time Ministry worker who has a specific focus on pastoral care for those with acute struggles and helping Christians develop in the care of one another and people in the community. In September 2023, the ministry trainee who was appointed in the year prior finished their employment with RCC and in January 2024 a part time church administrator was added to the staff team.

- *Global mission*

Support, both financial and pastoral, for existing mission associates that we share with another church in the area, continues.

- *National mission*

We continue to be part of the FIEC, which is a charity networking churches with similar aims and objectives to that of Rylands Community Church, supporting conferences and training days, as well as playing an active role in partnerships with other FIEC churches in Nottingham.

We also work closely with the Midlands Gospel Partnership, with our staff involved in helping to teach and train up other men and women in the Midlands Ministry Training Course.

# Rylands Community Church

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Trustee's Annual Report

## Financial review

### *I. Analysis of income*

The income of the church is primarily donations from church members and those associated with the church with a small amount (£10k) from other charities and some (£0.2k) from activities of the church such as a weekend away in June 2022. Donations to the general fund were £77k. Total income to the general fund was £107k.

### *II. Analysis of Expenditure*

For the 2023 to 2024 financial year total costs to the general fund were £112k against a budgeted expenditure of £119k. Significant areas of underspend were global mission, staff costs building running costs. The underspend relating to staff costs accounts for the later than expected start date of the church administrator who was appointed in the autumn but did not commence employment until January. The unspent funds allocated towards global mission have been rolled forward to the 2023 to 2024 financial year. However, due to being unsuccessful in a bid for a building as mentioned earlier, and with no immediate further building prospects identified, no building related expenditure has been included in the 2024 to 2025 budget.

### *III. Reserves*

The trustees set a budget each financial year which is agreed amongst the trustees and approved by the church members. The treasurer and operations team leader have authority to work within this budget. Any expenditure outside the budget is subject to a series of authority limits defined in the finance policy.

The trustees plan to hold the equivalent of two to three months funds in reserve in cash at the bank and in interest bearing deposit accounts, as defined in the RCC finance policy.

The trustees manage the finances of the church to ensure that the financial support of the members and other givers is used to further the charitable purposes of the church. Where the reserves of the church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the annual report and will be reported to the church at a church members meeting.

At the end of the 2023 to 2024 financial year the total funds balance stood at 76K which takes into account the general fund balance and the Gospel Growth fund. In total this is approximately 8 months of cover for the overall regular expenditure (budgeted at just under £10k per month).

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## *IV. Budget 2024-2025*

The budget for 2024 to 2025 was approved by members at the March 2024 church members meeting.

Income to the general fund for 2024/2025 is forecast to be 103k. This comprises donations of £77k, and other income of £26k.

Spending from the general fund for 2024/2025 is forecast to be £1394k. This comprises staff costs of £85k, international and UK mission costs of £24k, local mission costs of £3k, youth and children's ministry, training, partnership and miscellaneous costs of £5k, rent costs of £7k, administration costs of £3k, church gathering costs of £3k and £7k of capital expenditure related to equipment for Sundays.

In addition, £5k will be set aside in a designated fund towards gospel growth. This is expected to be used for a building opportunity or used to fund new staff members at some point in the future.

Spending will exceed income by £36k.

## *V. Investment Policy*

No long-term investments are held by the church as the trustees believe the church's ongoing giving and income is very stable and the trustees consider that it would be possible to take fundraising or cost saving action in good time should it be necessary.

The church's reserves are held in interest bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions.

## *VI. Risks and uncertainties*

The church, and its trustees, are potentially at risk from several sources. These risks are managed so as not to expose them to undue risk and trustees are kept informed so that they are able to deal with any situations that may arise. Risks are assessed and mitigated against on an ongoing basis.

## **The future**

In the coming year the trustees and members of the church have agreed a deficit budget, planning to use some of the excess reserves to fund activities which enable the purposes of the charity to be fulfilled. The trustees are targeting returning to levels of 2-3 months reserves over the next 2-3 years.

RCC are grateful for being able to use Trent Vale Infant and Nursey School for Sunday gatherings and occasional other events, however opportunities for a permanent building will continue to be pursued.

Additional staff members will be considered in future to help to grow the ministry of the church.

As an independent church, RCC is considering how best to share the Christian faith locally, nationally and internationally through direct involvement and partnerships with other individuals and organisations.

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### Structure, governance and management

Rylands Community Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in November 2021. The church is governed by a Constitution and Rules. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

#### *Church membership*

Church membership is open to Christians who are willing to be in active partnership with the church in the work of the gospel. At the year-end church membership stood at 43. The church members meet regularly to conduct business meetings.

#### *Organisational structure*

The church membership elects, from its number, individuals to serve as church officers, who form the trustee body made up of at least a Chair, a secretary and a treasurer. These officers are called elders. The elders are appointed for a term of three years, which can be renewed for a further three years before a period of at least a year must pass before the individual becomes eligible to stand again. The secretary and treasurer are appointed annually by the church members. We also have a group of what we call Team Leaders, who meet once a term.

The elders are responsible for doctrinal integrity, policy and strategy. The Team Leaders are responsible for practical matters. The Employment Group, which does not include paid/connected members of the trustees, meets as a sub-committee of the trustee body to consider all matters related to employment and other areas where paid or connected trustees may have a conflict of interests.

The trustees/elders meet regularly (normally fortnightly) and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the church. The trustees are responsible for the policies and procedures within which they and the staff operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to the team leaders and staff team.

#### *Staff*

The church employs members of staff; during the year the staff team has been:

- Steve Baraniak                      Minister
- Laura Perbet                        Ministry Worker
- Cat Fairbrother                    Ministry Trainee (Until 2023)
- Connie Pringle                     Church Administrator (from January 2024)

All decisions on staff remuneration and pay are made by the Employment Group.

Names of the trustees who manage the charity and their dates of appointments or resignation if not serving for the full reporting period:

Stephen Baraniak	Minister
Neil Johnson	Chair of Trustees / Chair of Employment Group
Matthew Robson	Church Secretary and Safeguarding Lead from 19-July-2023
Ben Bradley	Treasurer
Dave Gilkerson	Safeguarding Lead (resignation 19-July-2023)
Andrew Fairbrother	Charity Trustee (appointed 19-July 2023)

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## Trustee's Annual Report

### *Trainee scheme*

In the 2022-23 academic year Cat Fairbrother served as a trainee (part-time), finishing in September 2023.

Cat was involved in a wide range of ministry and practical tasks around the church, alongside receiving theological training from Biblical Counselling UK

Laura (our ministry worker) works for RCC two days per week and is seconded to Beeston Free Church for one day per week to carry out similar pastoral work to the work she does for RCC. This arrangement is governed by a secondment agreement between the two churches.

Connie (our church administrator) works for RCC 15 hours per week and carries out a wide range of support tasks including communications, finance and supporting the trustees.

## Trustees' Responsibilities

The 2011 Charities Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....

Ben Bradley

Name of Trustee .....

09/07/2024

Date:.....

# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2024

## Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rylands Community Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Independent Examiner  
125 Main Street  
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LS25 1AF

Date:

# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2024

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		<b>2024</b>		15 Months	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	2023
	<b>Note</b>	Funds	Funds	<b>Funds</b>	Total
		£	£	£	Funds
					£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies		106,505	458	<b>106,963</b>	112,416
Charitable Activities		286	-	<b>286</b>	62,695
Investment Income		152	-	<b>152</b>	106
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>106,943</u>	<u>458</u>	<u><b>107,401</b></u>	<u><b>175,217</b></u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments on Charitable Activities	<b>3</b>	<u>109,540</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u><b>110,666</b></u>	<u>94,325</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>109,540</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u><b>110,666</b></u>	<u><b>94,325</b></u>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>		<u>(2,597)</u>	<u>(668)</u>	<u><b>(3,265)</b></u>	<u>80,892</u>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>					
Total Funds (Cash) Brought Forward	<b>8</b>	79,443	1,449	<b>80,892</b>	-
Transfers		781	(781)	-	-
<b>Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward</b>		<u><b>77,627</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>77,627</b></u>	<u><b>80,892</b></u>
<b>Funds represented by</b>					
General (Unrestricted) Funds		67,627	-	<b>67,627</b>	79,443
Designated Funds		10,000	-	<b>10,000</b>	-
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	1,449
		<u><b>77,627</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>77,627</b></u>	<u>80,892</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

Ben Bradley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

*Benjamin Bradley*

Date of approval:

09/07/2024

# Rylands Community Church

Year Ended 31 March 2024

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, there is no formal Balance Sheet or Statement of Financial Position. Instead a statement of assets and liabilities is outlined giving an indication of the charity's assets at the year end.

The Fixed assets disclosed below are outlined at the value of purchase value.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	6,529	6,529
	<u>6,529</u>	<u>6,529</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	75,952	80,892
	<u>75,952</u>	<u>80,892</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or grant giver.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

### **Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	77,466	390	<b>77,856</b>
Gift aid	18,615	68	<b>18,683</b>
Grants	10,424	-	<b>10,424</b>
	<u>106,505</u>	<u>458</u>	<u><b>106,963</b></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Weekend away	-	-	-
Church events	286	-	<b>286</b>
Transfer of charitable activity	-	-	-
	<u>286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>286</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	152	-	<b>152</b>
	<u>152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>152</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>106,943</b></u>	<u><b>458</b></u>	<u><b>107,401</b></u>
			<b>15 Months</b>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	84,559	3,373	<b>87,932</b>
Gift aid	17,317	-	<b>17,317</b>
Grants	7,167	-	<b>7,167</b>
	<u>109,043</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u><b>112,416</b></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Weekend away	8,695	-	<b>8,695</b>
Church events	-	-	-
Transfer of charitable activity	54,000	-	<b>54,000</b>
	<u>62,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>62,695</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	106	-	<b>106</b>
	<u>106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>106</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>171,844</b></u>	<u><b>3,373</b></u>	<u><b>121,217</b></u>

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Transfer of charitable activity

During the financial period ending 31st March 2023 the activities of the Church and net assets were transferred over from Beeston Free Church, the organisation that planted and help establish Rylands Community Church.

### 3 Payments on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Administration	3,136	-	3,136
Buildings	6,000	-	6,000
Church events	-	428	428
Gathering	2,634	-	2,634
Global and Local Mission	14,458	-	14,458
Partnership	1,410	-	1,410
Resources	753	-	753
Staff related costs	2,516	-	2,516
Staff salaries	75,497	-	75,497
Training costs	2,651	698	3,349
Weekend away	-	-	-
Youth & children's work	485	-	485
	<u>109,540</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u>110,666</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 15 Months 2023 £
Administration	1,866	-	1,866
Buildings	-	812	812
Church events	6,100	-	6,100
Gathering	1,392	-	1,392
Global and Local Mission	4,074	-	4,074
Partnership	3,833	-	3,833
Resources	2,706	1,458	4,164
Staff related costs	8,695	-	8,695
Staff salaries	61,697	-	61,697
Training costs	-	-	-
Weekend away	1,302	-	1,302
Youth & children's work	390	-	390
	<u>92,055</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u>94,325</u>

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### 4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further details about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

### 5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	945	900

### 6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>15 Months</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	65,009	42,179
Social security costs	732	4,314
Employer contributions to pension plans	9,756	15,203
	<u>75,497</u>	<u>61,697</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Average Head Count	3	2

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

### 7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year four (2023: two) trustees incurred out of pocket expenses totalling £5,359 (2023 15 months: £6,675) which were all incurred for the day to day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure include administration costs, equipment costs training, travel and other church running

One trustee has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity. During the year Steve Baraniak received £49,359 (2023 15 months: £46,552) including employer pension contribution and employer national insurance contribution for their role as a church leader and not for duties as a trustee.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 8 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Mar 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	79,443	106,943	(109,540)	(9,219)	67,627
	<u>79,443</u>	<u>106,943</u>	<u>(109,540)</u>	<u>(9,219)</u>	<u>67,627</u>
<b>Designated</b>					
Gospel Growth	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<u>79,443</u>	<u>106,943</u>	<u>(109,540)</u>	<u>781</u>	<u>77,627</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Rylands Events	1,209	-	(428)	(781)	-
Trainee	240	458	(698)	-	-
Rylands Rascals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>1,449</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>(1,126)</u>	<u>(781)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>80,892</u>	<u>107,401</u>	<u>(110,666)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,627</u>

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

## Notes to the Financial Statements

	1 Nov 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	-	171,844	(92,055)	(346)	<b>79,443</b>
	-	<b>171,844</b>	<b>(92,055)</b>	<b>(346)</b>	<b>79,443</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,844</b>	<b>(92,055)</b>	<b>(346)</b>	<b>79,443</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Rylands Events	-	1,209	-	-	<b>1,209</b>
Steve Baraniak Training	-	1,018	(1,018)	-	-
Trainee	-	680	(440)	-	<b>240</b>
Rylands Rascals	-	466	(812)	346	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>(2,270)</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1,449</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,217</b>	<b>(94,325)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,892</b>

### Fund Descriptions

#### Designated Funds

Gospel Growth

The Gospel Growth fund is an expression of our desire to see a proportion of our excess reserves set aside for expanding our activities in the future as opportunities and needs arise.

#### Restricted Funds

Rylands Events

Fund to hold contributions towards specific events run by the church.

TLG Make Lunch

Support families with food and activities during the school holidays.

Steve Baraniak Training

Funds raised to contribute towards theological training undertaken by Steve Baraniak.

Trainee

Fund to hold donations received to cover the costs of a Church Trainee programme.

Rylands Rascals

Fund to hold contributions and grants for the Rylands Rascals tolder group.

### 9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the period (2023: £0).

**RYLANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196337

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1196337

# **Rylands Community Church**

## **Trustees Annual Report and Accounts**

**Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023**



### **WYATT & CO**

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# **Rylands Community Church**

**Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023**

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# Rylands Community Church

Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023

## Legal and Administrative Information

### Reference

The Charity is called "Rylands Community Church". The Church is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 1st November 2021.

**Registered Charity Number** 1196337

**Registered Office** C/O Beeston Free Church  
Salthouse Lane  
Beeston  
Nottingham  
NG9 2FY

**Website** [www.rylands.org](http://www.rylands.org)

### Trustees at 31st March 2023

Neil Johnson (Chair / Chair of Employment Group)  
David Gilkerson (Safeguarding Lead)  
Matthew Robson (Church Secretary)  
Benjamin Bradley (Treasurer)  
Stephen Baraniak (Minister)

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# Rylands Community Church

Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023

## Trustee's Annual Report

### Overview

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. It contains the following items:

- The annual report of the charity explaining the activities undertaken in the year, how the charity met its public benefit objectives and the way the church is managed.
- The annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, the required statements, and notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accounts section of the report.

### Objectives and Activities

Rylands Community Church (RCC) is situated in Beeston, south-west Nottingham. The church is a small community-based church which is focused on serving all ages. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and has adopted the FIEC's Basis of Faith as the theological basis of its work.

The activities of the church involve the promotion of our beliefs and reaching out to our community and beyond, providing care and sharing our faith. The trustees of Rylands Community Church confirm they have had regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe they have met the legal requirement of S17 of the Charities Act 2011.

### Objectives

The charitable objectives are: -

- 1) The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Beeston, Nottinghamshire and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- 2) Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the church.

### Aims

**Our vision:** To be a church community in the Rylands that loves Jesus; growing to be like Him, helping others to know and love Him.

**Our mission:** To use all that God gives generously and sacrificially, to help more people in our locality, in our nation and across the world to know and love Jesus.

**Our values:** While we can't express everything the Bible calls a church to be; we are a church wanting to grow in being:

1. Joyfully captivated by God our Father as He speaks to us in His Word, the Bible, depending on Him and delighting in Him.
2. Passionate about proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord; a message that shapes everything about who we are, what we say, and what we do.
3. Other person orientated: empowered by the Holy Spirit we serve others; using the gifts God has given each of us to build-up one another and bless the communities in which we live.

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4. Generous in mission: Using the resources God gives to partner with others in taking the gospel to the places where Jesus is not yet known, wherever that may be.

### *Activities that further the Charity's objectives*

We don't have our own building but have a long-term lease agreement with the Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School and we have been glad to welcome the local community to attend or be part of our activities as a charity.

#### Sundays

On Sundays the congregations at our worship services, which include music, singing, praying and preaching, have continued to grow; activities for children also take place alongside the service. Services are no longer being streamed online but the talk is quickly available by the following Monday on our YouTube channel, and as a podcast (we will live stream particular service as need demands).

In addition, we meet fortnightly on Sunday evenings for prayer, discussion and further reflection; these meetings have been taking places in the homes of members of our congregation (although sometimes in the hall of Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School).

#### Weekdays

We provide activities through the week for various groups of people in our community:

- Provision of two youth groups: one group for 11–18 year-olds on alternate Thursdays, and a group for those in school years 5-6 on Sunday afternoons once a half term.
- Provision of a community group for children under 5 and their carers, which meets in a local Scout premises.
- Provision of teaching courses for those seeking to learn more about the Christian faith, which has happened online in the last year.
- An extensive programme of bible study groups, social groups and training involving the volunteers who lead and support these groups.

Many other events take place in the school hall run by Rylands Community Church throughout the year, including holiday activities for children and support events for families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, such as partnering with TLG Make Lunch to provide a weekly hot meal during most school holidays.

## Raising Awareness and understanding our faith

At the centre of all we do as a church is the teaching of the Bible and encouragement of faith in Jesus. Some of the ways this has been done over the past year include: -

Sunday services: services take place each Sunday, at 10am. Alongside the services, groups for children aged 0-11 meet.

Each week several Bible study groups meet, in local homes and occasionally at the school hall.

Weekly activities for children and young people in school years 5-13 from the church and the local community, provide care, teaching and fun activities.

Throughout the year courses run and individuals meet to work through courses such as Christianity Explored and Hope Explored, to help explain our faith to those who are interested.

From time to time, we also run events in local restaurants to help those wanting to find out more about, and engage with, the Christian faith and ask questions.

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### Encouraging Mission and Outreach

Rylands Community Church remains committed to being outwardly focused, sharing our faith within the local community, more broadly in the UK and through supporting international mission.

Outreach events are held throughout the year, both in the school hall and elsewhere in the local area, to which the congregation are encouraged to invite friends and family; this has included social evenings and a summer holiday club for children. We also encourage our members to help with other churches running similar activities.

We continue to support a number of mission associates working in the UK and internationally, and we are currently working through our vision and structures for how we might establish that work further.

### Communicating our Faith and purpose

Communicating our faith is a key part of our activities as a church. Many of our activities seek to provide opportunities for those in the local community and beyond to hear the gospel and build the faith of those who believe.

### Grant making

One of the ways in which the church fulfils its charitable purposes is through the making of grants to projects which seek to advance the Christian faith within local communities and across the world. The trustees are committed to carrying out due diligence to ensure that funds are applied in accordance with the charity's charitable purposes and funds are not knowingly used for money laundering, terrorist financing or bribery.

### Volunteers

The large number of volunteers within the church help in every aspect of the church's work. Many of our members and many of the congregation partner together in our ministries and in practical ways. The members and congregation of the church give in excess of 150 volunteer hours most weeks and the trustees recognise that without this many of the church's activities could not take place.

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### Achievements and performance

- *Local Mission*

The church has continued its programme of regular services and Bible teaching on a Sunday along with several support activities during the week.

The church supports several local, national and international initiatives to care for those in need and to advance the Christian faith.

During the year the employment of RCC's minister has been transferred from Beeston Free Church to RCC. In addition, two further appointments have been made to the staff team: a ministry trainee began work in September and a ministry worker began work in September with a focus on pastoral care for those with acute struggles as well as helping Christians develop in the care of one another and people in the community.

We spent a considerable amount of time working on developing a bid for the purchase of a local building, which in the end was unsuccessful but created an appetite to be creative in how we seek to do more to help those in need in the community and help more people engage with the Christian faith.

- *Global mission*

Support, both financial and pastoral, for existing mission associates that we share with another church in the area, continues.

- *National mission*

We continue to be part of the FIEC, which is a charity networking churches with similar aims and objectives to that of Rylands Community Church, supporting conferences and training days, as well as playing an active role in partnerships with other FIEC churches in Nottingham.

We also work closely with the Midlands Gospel Partnership, with our staff involved in helping to teach and train up other men and women in the Midlands Ministry Training Course.

# Rylands Community Church

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Trustee's Annual Report

## Financial review

### *I. Analysis of income*

RCC became an independent charity in November 2021 and opened a charity bank account in March 2022. Prior to becoming an independent charity, RCC operated as a congregation of Beeston Free Church (BFC, registered charity number 1160335). To help RCC become established as an independent charity, BFC generously gave RCC a grant (£54k) in March 2022. A small number of other donations (approximately £500) were given to the RCC bank account in March 2022 from church members and those associated with the church.

The income of the church is primarily donations from church members and those associated with the church with a small amount (£8k) from other charities and some (£9k) from activities of the church such as a weekend away in June 2022. Donations to the general fund were £83k. Total income to the general fund was £117k.

### *II. Analysis of Expenditure*

There was no expenditure from the RCC bank account in the period of 01 November 2021 to 31 March 2022.

For the 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 total costs to the general fund were £92k against a budgeted expenditure of £119k. Significant areas of underspend were global mission and building running costs. The funds allocated towards global mission have been rolled forward to the 2023 to 2024 financial year. However, due to being unsuccessful in a bid for a building as mentioned earlier, and with no immediate further building prospects identified, no building related expenditure has been included in the 2023 to 2024 budget.

### *III. Reserves*

The trustees set a budget each financial year which is agreed amongst the trustees and approved by the church members. The treasurer and operations team leader have authority to work within this budget. Any expenditure outside the budget is subject to a series of authority limits defined in the finance policy.

The trustees plan to hold the equivalent of two to three months funds in reserve in cash at the bank and in interest bearing deposit accounts, as defined in the RCC finance policy.

The trustees manage the finances of the church to ensure that the financial support of the members and other givers is used to further the charitable purposes of the church. Where the reserves of the church rise above the targeted level the trustees will take action to use the surplus in connection with those purposes. If the trustees know of future costs that justify higher than the policy level of reserves these will be explained in the annual report and will be reported to the church at a church members meeting.

At the end of the 2022 to 2023 financial year the general fund balance stood at £80k. This is approximately 8 months of cover for the general fund regular expenditure (budgeted at just over £10k per month).

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### *IV. Budget 2023-2024*

The budget for 2023 to 2024 was approved by members at the March 2023 church members meeting.

Income to the general fund for 2023/2024 is forecast to be £111k. This comprises donations of £80k, transfers from other funds of £1k and other income of £30k.

Spending from the general fund for 2023/2024 is forecast to be £144k. This comprises staff costs of £85k, international and UK mission costs of £24k, local mission costs of £5k, youth and children's ministry, training, partnership and miscellaneous costs of £5k, rent costs of £7k, administration costs of £3k, church gathering costs of £3k and £3k of capital expenditure.

In addition, £10k will be set aside in a designated fund towards gospel growth. This is expected to be used for a building opportunity or used to fund new staff members at some point in the future.

The budget includes provision for a part time church administrator to be recruited in September 2023.

Spending will exceed income by £33k.

### *V. Investment Policy*

No long-term investments are held by the church as the trustees believe the church's ongoing giving and income is very stable and the trustees consider that it would be possible to take fundraising or cost saving action in good time should it be necessary.

The church's reserves are held in interest bearing instant access or short notice deposit accounts with reputable financial institutions.

### *VI. Risks and uncertainties*

The church, and its trustees, are potentially at risk from several sources. These risks are managed so as not to expose them to undue risk and trustees are kept informed so that they are able to deal with any situations that may arise. Risks are assessed and mitigated against on an ongoing basis.

## **The future**

In the coming year the trustees and members of the church have agreed a deficit budget, planning to use some of the excess reserves to fund activities which enable the purposes of the charity to be fulfilled. The trustees are targeting returning to levels of 2-3 months reserves over the next 2-3 years.

RCC are grateful for being able to use Trent Vale Infant and Nursey School for Sunday gatherings and occasional other events, however opportunities for a permanent building will continue to be pursued.

Additional staff members will be considered in future to help to grow the ministry of the church.

As an independent church, RCC is considering how best to share the Christian faith locally, nationally and internationally through direct involvement and partnerships with other individuals and organisations.

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### Structure, governance and management

Rylands Community Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in November 2021. The church is governed by a Constitution and Rules. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

#### *Church membership*

Church membership is open to Christians who are willing to be in active partnership with the church in the work of the gospel. At the year-end church membership stood at 44. The church members meet regularly to conduct business meetings.

#### *Organisational structure*

The church membership elects, from its number, individuals to serve as church officers, who form the trustee body made up of at least a Chair, a secretary and a treasurer. These officers are called elders. The elders are appointed for a term of three years, which can be renewed for a further three years before a period of at least a year must pass before the individual becomes eligible to stand again. The secretary and treasurer are appointed annually by the church members. We also have a group of what we call Team Leaders, who meet once a term.

The elders are responsible for doctrinal integrity, policy and strategy. The Team Leaders are responsible for practical matters. The Employment Group, which does not include paid/connected members of the trustees, meets as a sub-committee of the trustee body to consider all matters related to employment and other areas where paid or connected trustees may have a conflict of interests.

The trustees/elders meet regularly (normally fortnightly) and have overall responsibility for the operation and leadership of the church. The trustees draw up policies and procedures within which they and the staff operate and make decisions. The trustees delegate much of the day-to-day responsibilities to the team leaders and staff team.

#### *Staff*

The church employs members of staff; during the year the staff team has been:

- Steve Baraniak                      Minister
- Laura Perbet                        Ministry Worker (from September 2022)
- Cat Fairbrother                    Ministry Trainee (from September 2022)

All decisions on staff remuneration and pay are made by the Employment Group.

#### *Trainee scheme*

During the year a ministry trainee has been employed. The trainee is involved in a wide range of ministry and practical tasks around the church, alongside receiving theological training from Biblical Counselling UK. In the 2022-23 academic year Cat Fairbrother has been serving as a trainee (part-time).

Laura (our ministry worker) works for RCC two days per week and is seconded to Beeston Free Church for one day per week to carry out similar pastoral work to the work she does for RCC. This arrangement is governed by a secondment agreement between the two churches.

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## Trustee's Annual Report

### Trustees' Responsibilities

The 2011 Charities Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees..... 

Name of Trustee ..... Benjamin Bradley

Date:..... 23/01/2024

# Rylands Community Church

Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023

## Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rylands Community Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Independent Examiner  
125 Main Street  
Garforth  
Leeds  
LS25 1AF

Date:

# Rylands Community Church

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## Statement of Receipts and Payments

		Period from 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2023		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and Legacies		109,043	3,373	<b>112,416</b>
Charitable Activities		62,695	-	<b>62,695</b>
Investment Income		106	-	<b>106</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>171,844</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>175,217</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments on Charitable Activities	<b>3</b>	92,055	2,270	<b>94,325</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>92,055</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>94,325</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>		<b>79,789</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>80,892</b>
<b>Net movement in funds (Cash)</b>				
Total Funds (Cash) Brought Forward	<b>8</b>	-	-	-
Transfers		(346)	346	-
<b>Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward</b>		<b>79,443</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>80,892</b>
<b>Funds represented by</b>				
General (Unrestricted) Funds		79,443	-	<b>79,443</b>
Designated Funds		-	-	-
Restricted Funds		-	1,449	<b>1,449</b>
		<b>79,443</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>80,892</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

Benjamin Bradley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

23/01/2024

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, there is no formal Balance Sheet or Statement of Financial Position. Instead a statement of assets and liabilities is outlined giving an indication of the charity's assets at the year end.

The Fixed assets disclosed below are outlined at the value of purchase value.

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>	
Tangible Fixed Assets	6,529
	<hr/> 6,529
 <b>Current assets</b>	
Cash at Bank	80,892
	<hr/> 80,892

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

### **Governance Costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

### **Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

### **Operating Leases**

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	84,559	3,373	<b>87,932</b>
Gift aid	17,317	-	<b>17,317</b>
Grants	7,167	-	<b>7,167</b>
	<u>109,043</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u><b>112,416</b></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Weekend away	8,695	-	<b>8,695</b>
Transfer of charitable activity	54,000	-	<b>54,000</b>
	<u>62,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>8,695</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	106	-	<b>106</b>
	<u>106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>106</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>171,844</b></u>	<u><b>3,373</b></u>	<u><b>121,217</b></u>

During the financial period ending 31st March 2023 the activities of the Church and net assets were transferred over from Beeston Free Church, the organisation whom planted and help establish Rylands Community Church.

### 3 Payments on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Administration	1,866	-	<b>1,866</b>
Buildings	-	812	<b>812</b>
Church events	6,100	-	<b>6,100</b>
Gathering	1,392	-	<b>1,392</b>
Global and Local Mission	4,074	-	<b>4,074</b>
Partnership	3,833	-	<b>3,833</b>
Resources	2,706	1,458	<b>4,164</b>
Staff related costs	8,695	-	<b>8,695</b>
Staff salaries	61,697	-	<b>61,697</b>
Weekend away	1,302	-	<b>1,302</b>
Youth & children's work	390	-	<b>390</b>
	<u>92,055</u>	<u>2,270</u>	<u><b>94,325</b></u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

### 5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:	<b>2023</b>
	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	900

### 6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2023</b>
	£
Wages and salaries	42,179
Social security costs	4,314
Employer contributions to pension plans	15,203
	<u>61,697</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>
Average Head Count	2

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year.

### 7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

During the year two trustees incurred out of pocket expenses totalling £6,675 which were all incurred for the day to day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure include administration costs, equipment costs training, travel and other church running costs.

One trustee has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity. During the 15 month period Steve Baraniak received £46,552 including employers pension contribution and employer national insurance contribution for their role as a church leader and not for duties as a trustee.

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### 8 Analysis of Charitable Funds

#### Unrestricted Funds

	1 Nov 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	-	171,844	(92,055)	(346)	<b>79,443</b>
	-	<b>171,844</b>	<b>(92,055)</b>	<b>(346)</b>	<b>79,443</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,844</b>	<b>(92,055)</b>	<b>(346)</b>	<b>79,443</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Rylands Events	-	1,209	-	-	<b>1,209</b>
Steve Baraniak Training	-	1,018	(1,018)	-	-
Trainee	-	680	(440)	-	<b>240</b>
Rylands Rascals	-	466	(812)	346	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>(2,270)</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1,449</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,217</b>	<b>(94,325)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,892</b>

#### Fund Descriptions

##### Restricted Funds

Rylands Events	Fund to hold contributions towards specific events run by the church.
Steve Baraniak Training	Funds raised to contribute towards theological training undertaken by Steve Baraniak.
Trainee	Fund to hold donations received to cover the costs of a Church Trainee programme.
Rylands Rascals	Fund to hold contributions and grants for the Rylands Rascals tolder group.

### 9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the period (2022: £0).