

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31ST JULY 2025**

**REACH  
SOUTH**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1196451**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1196451
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	08 November 2021
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	01 August 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31 July 2025
<b>TRUSTEES AS AT 31st JULY 2025</b>	J. A. Clifton F. E. O. Saer J. P. Shulver P. J. Bentley-Taylor
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	CIO Foundation Registered 8th November 2021
<b>OBJECTS</b>	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world as the trustees determine, through the establishment of a partnership of evangelical churches cooperating to plant and resource new churches, recruit and support gospel workers, train members of the churches for ministry, and co-ordinate efforts and expenditure for the furtherance of the gospel by publications, assemblies, courses and otherwise.</p>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	Burgess Road Library Burgess Road Southampton SO16 3HF
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Nathan Vogt ACA

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Reach South CIO on the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2025 set out on pages 10 to 12.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Nathan Vogt

Date: 12 / 05 / 26

Relevant professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

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Winchester  
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 25

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds	3.1	96,610	12,940	109,550	17,809
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	3.2		15,957	15,957	22,824
Other Incoming Resources	3.3		103	103	31
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>96,610</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>125,610</b>	<b>40,664</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable Activities	4.1	56,241	30,686	86,928	35,791
Governance Costs	4.2	215	1,380	1,595	1,897
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>56,456</b>	<b>32,067</b>	<b>88,523</b>	<b>37,688</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>40,154</b>	<b>(3,067)</b>	<b>37,087</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>19,473</b>	<b>19,473</b>	<b>16,498</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>40,154</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>56,561</b>	<b>19,473</b>

The funds of Reach South include both unrestricted and restricted funds. Restricted funds relate to monies received for the Hope Church Chichester church plant. These funds are to be used solely for the establishment and development of that church, including associated staffing and employment costs. Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		40,160	16,407	56,567	19,473
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		40,160	16,407	56,567	19,473
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Pensions payable		6	-	6	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		6	-	6	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>40,154</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>56,561</b>	<b>19,473</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General Funds			16,407	16,407	19,473
Restricted Funds		40,154		40,154	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>40,154</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>56,561</b>	<b>19,473</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

**1.1 Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102 through the objectives as set out in the Trustees' Report.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**1.2 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.

The trustees have prepared projections for more than 12 months from the signing of the accounts and are confident that the charity will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due in the foreseeable future

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**2.1 Income**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Recoverable Gift Aid is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the Balance Sheet date is included as a debtor.

The Charity relies on volunteers to carry out many of its activities. However, in accordance with the SORP, the value of these services has not been included in these financial statements as they cannot be reliably measured.

**2.2 Expenditure & Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Governance costs are those costs associated with the governance arrangements which primarily relate to constitutional and statutory requirements and include the strategic planning processes that contribute to the future development of the charity.

Pension contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities as they become payable.

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

**3.1 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds**

**Voluntary Income:**

Grants & Gifts

Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
96,610	12,940	109,550	17,809
<b>96,610</b>	<b>12,940</b>	<b>109,550</b>	<b>17,809</b>

**3.2 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities**

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Big Day Out	-	3,270	3,270	10,906
Equip Course Fees	-	12,687	12,687	11,918
	-	<b>15,957</b>	<b>15,957</b>	<b>22,824</b>

**3.3 Other Incoming Resources**

Bank & Other Interest	-	103	103	31
	-	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>31</b>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

### 4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
<b>4.1 Charitable Activities</b>				
<b>Ministry Activities</b>				
Big Day Out Food and Refreshments	-	3,422	3,422	4,175
Big Day Out Children's Ministry		1,485	1,485	-
Big Day Out General Expenses		878	878	1,768
Big Day Out Venue		2,217	2,217	2,026
Equip Course general expenses		1,232	1,232	47
Equip Course Speaker expenses		800	800	2,015
Equip Course staff costs		17,460	17,460	17,063
External Mission grants given		-	-	8,500
Reach South Travel expenses		269	269	48
Reach South other expenses		2,863	2,863	90
Chichester Staff Costs (Accom, Pension, Salary, travel)	45,425		45,425	
Chichester Equipment	8,151		8,151	
Chichester Sunday Ministry (Refreshments, Children, Training)	635		635	
Chichester Venue costs	994		994	
Chichester Office costs	1,036		1,036	
<b>Administrative Costs</b>				
Bank fees	-	60	60	60
	<b>56,241</b>	<b>30,686</b>	<b>86,928</b>	<b>35,791</b>
<b>4.2 Governance Costs</b>				
Insurance	215	189	404	
Advertising & Marketing		812	812	1,470
Accountancy fees		379	379	427
	<b>215</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,897</b>

### 5. DETAILS OF CERTAIN LINES OF EXPENDITURE

#### 5.1 Trustee Expenses & Remuneration

	2025	2024
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	1	1
Nature of the expenses	Reimbursement of travel expenses	Reimbursement of travel expenses
Total amount paid	<b>£ 79</b>	<b>£ 48</b>

#### 5.2 Related Party Transactions

No other trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind during the financial year.

# Reach South Trustees Report 2024-2025

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Reach South are:

The advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world as the trustees determine, through the establishment of a partnership of evangelical churches cooperating to plant and resource new churches, recruit and support gospel workers, train members of the churches for ministry, and co-ordinate efforts and expenditure for the furtherance of the gospel by publications, assemblies, courses and otherwise.

When planning and reviewing the objectives of the activities of the Church, due consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The charity set out to encourage and equip those leading and attending the churches that make up Reach South. For this reporting period (August 2024 to July 2025) the member churches were Christ Church Southampton, Cornerstone Church Portsmouth, Redeemer Winchester, Trinity Church Salisbury and Hope Church Chichester. Encouragement and equipping happened through:

- Monthly meetings between the pastors of the member churches
- Training events for all those who attend the member churches
- An annual celebration event for all those attending the member churches

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Hope Church Chichester:

In the previous reporting period, the trustees committed to planting a church in Chichester and appointed Chris Fry to lead the church plant. Chris Fry started working for Reach South in November 2024. He moved into Chichester in November 2024 and began the process of building a team and raising funds for the new church. A launch team slowly formed together and started meeting midweek in the spring of 2025. They decided upon a name for the church (Hope Church) and began meeting on Sundays in June 2025. By the end of the reporting period, the church had seen a number of new people join and was in a healthy position by the end of the summer.

### Monthly Meetings For Church Leaders:

Each month, the pastors of the member churches met to provide updates on each church as well as offering support and advice to one another. Chris Fry (pastor of Hope Church Chichester), joined the meetings from November 2024. During the meetings the five pastors were able to discuss matters pertaining to their churches; offer one another encouragement, wisdom and prayer; and plan future Reach South initiatives.

### The Equip Course:

The Equip Course (started by Reach South in September 2022), continued into its fourth year. The Course is run over two years, although not all participants will stay for both years. The number of participants over the reporting period was 20.

In addition to the Tuesday course, a number of Equip for All days were opened up to anyone. The days covered various theological and practical subjects related to the Christian faith. They were well attended by people from member churches increased the ability of Reach South to provide training.

John Taylor continued to oversee the running of the course on behalf of Reach South. The teaching was provided by a wide variety of lecturers including John Taylor, individuals from Reach South churches, and some from other churches in the region.

The majority of the participants came from those who attended churches within the Reach South network, but some came from outside of the Reach South network. The Trustees are keen to increase the reach of the Equip Course.

The aim of the course is: **“to equip Christians of all ages from different church backgrounds from across the south coast to better understand, live out and teach God’s Word in whatever setting they find themselves.”** The trustees are satisfied that the course is accomplishing its aim.

#### **Annual Big Day Out:**

Each year, all those who attend the member churches, gather for the Big Day Out (BDO). The BDO is a day of celebration and equipping. In 2025, the BDO took place on Sunday 8 June. Over 650 attended and enjoyed teaching sessions by from Adrian Reynolds who works for the FIEC network of churches. Alongside the main adult sessions, there was a whole programme for children aged 0-18 and an all-age concert in the afternoon.

#### **Mutual Support:**

One of the ways member churches express their support of each other is through an annual ‘pulpit’ swap. A pastor from each member church preaches in a different member church. The pulpit swap happened in February 2025 and was well received by each church.

#### **Youth Weekend Away:**

In November 2024, 14-18yr olds from three of the Reach South Churches had a weekend away in the New Forest. 35 attended with 15 leaders and they enjoyed games, activities and teaching on What Is The Gospel.

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

Reach South as a legal entity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is governed by a constitution dated 16 September 2021. Registered Charity status was granted on 8 November 2021 under Registration Number 1196451. The Charity is governed by a board of Trustees who also constitute the members of the Charity. They meet regularly (normally monthly) to set policy and review the activities of Reach South.

Trustees are nominated and appointed by existing trustees when they have satisfied themselves of the need of further trustees and the qualifications – spiritual and otherwise – of the person proposed for the role.

All trustees serve without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

### **FINANCE**

Total receipts over the reporting period (1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025) amounted to £125,610 over the year. Total outgoings were £88,523 The balances carried forward into August 2025 totalled £56,561.

There was an increase in receipts and outgoings over the period due to the activities of Hope Church Chichester (HCC). During the reporting period, Reach South received gifts for HCC totalling £96,610. Those funds were used to pay employment costs and other costs related to setting up and running HCC. Those outgoings totalled £56,456.

A full financial report is appended.

The other sources of income for the charity were grants and gifts from member churches and other givers towards the general running of the charity totalling £12,940 and through charitable activities (predominantly course fees from the Equip Course) totalling £15,957.

Apart from expenditure on HCC, the majority of outgoings over the year were spent on The Equip Course (£19,492). Most of that expenditure covered the salary of the course director who was seconded from Christ Church Southampton for 2 days a week.

A reserves policy exists whereby – in normal circumstances – cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget.) In the reporting period this target was met.

It is anticipated that in the financial year (2025-2026) both incomings and outgoings will continue to be impacted by the activities of HCC. The trustees anticipate that HCC will move towards becoming an independent charity within the next two years.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's websites. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees of Reach South on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



J. A. Clifton (Trustee of Reach South CIO)