

**MEDHURST  
MINISTRIES**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

& Financial Statements

**2024/2025**

Medhurst Ministries  
Registered Charity Number: 1197575

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# LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Grace Community Church, Deepdale Rd,  
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## GOVERNING DOCUMENT

CIO—Foundation Registered 2022

## CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1197575

## TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE

Matthew Spandler-Davison  
Stephanie Greer  
Steve Bell  
Bridget Wezi Ngwisha  
David Trenchard  
Mez Mc Connell  
Steve Kneale  
Ian Williamson

## BANKERS

Nat West

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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# CHARITABLE OBJECTS

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit the advancement of the christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing support to churches, pastors, church planters and gospel workers serving in deprived places through the provision of grants, resources, mentoring, retreats and training and any other means compatible with the statement of faith.

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The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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At the end of our second financial year we have 13 network churches that we support and that are situated across four regions of England. We have two in the North East, six in the North West, four in Yorkshire and one in the Midlands.

From these churches we are currently training and supporting pastors, gospel workers and church members in the following ways:



## **Pastor Support**

We provide one-to-one support online and in person for 13 network pastors, and run monthly regional cohorts for pastors and church planters to train with and learn from other ministers in similar contexts.

As well as meeting monthly within their regional cohorts, each cohort member will receive visits from a pastoral coach who will maintain regular contact to work through ministry situations.



## **Medhurst Women**

Medhurst Women is training 16 women on a 3-year rolling program of contextualised training and support for women ministering to women in areas of deprivation. Designed and delivered by experienced practitioners, Medhurst Women is a flexible, practical, and theologically robust training alternative for those considering or already ministering in deprived communities.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Fundraising support**

We have partnered with Sowing Seeds Ministries and Budo for Change to help raise financial support for their ministries, which serve some of the most deprived communities in Stockton.

## **Pastors Retreat**

21 pastors were supported on our annual pastor's retreat. The retreated lasted 3 days and consisted of worship, teaching, and fellowship. The retreat gave plenty of time for spiritual and physical refreshment while also providing opportunities to foster long-term church partnerships with other pastors and church planters serving in some of the UK's most deprived communities.

## **Womens Retreat**

Medhurst Women supported 21 women on their annual retreat for female gospel workers, pastor's wives and women living and ministering in areas of deprivation. The retreat is a time to build friendships, have fellowship and learn from and with one another. Because people's circumstances differ and attending this retreat may be difficult for those with young children, our family workers provide childcare onsite.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Family Retreat**

Ministry in areas of deprivation can be tiring and involves sacrifice from the whole family. Therefore, we run an annual five day family retreat for pastors and their families. This year we ran in October that hosted 22 adults and 14 children. The retreat in the Yorkshire Dales provides teaching, fellowship, friendship, and fun for the whole family.

## **Consultancy & Outside Training**

We also offer training to churches and Christian organisations outside the Medhurst Network. We are doing this to help equip more affluent churches to reach areas of deprivation whilst providing Medhurst with an extra funding stream via donations from these churches/organisations to the indigenous fund.

## **Resources**

As well as developing Medhurst Women, we have continued to produce the In Context Podcast and magazine. In Context is a Medhurst Ministries podcast about Christian life and mission in places affected by spiritual and economic deprivation. It can be found on all the major podcast platforms and YouTube.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Weekender**

The theme of the 2024 Medhurst Ministries Weekender was "Pursuing Peace," hosted by Cannon Park Congregational Church in Middlesbrough. The conference was sold out, attracting over 100 attendees. As a result, we will be looking for a larger venue for future weekenders.

## **Recruiting Foreign Missionaries and Pastors**

Medhurst Ministries has now received its sponsorship licence, allowing us to recruit and employ missionaries and pastors from overseas. The sponsorship licence is a vital resource for many of our churches that struggle to recruit British gospel workers, and we hope that this, along with our partnerships in the USA and across the world, will help fill many of the vacancies in our churches.

## **Vision Trip**

October was the month we hosted another of our Vision Trips, with our friend Pater Lee bringing over several delegates from the USA who are exploring partnerships with some of our churches. One inspiring partnership is between Medhurst Ministries and the Metro Baltimore Seminary, as we are planning to develop an annual, week-long, accredited mission and learning trip for students starting in 2026.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

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## **Supporting Other Organisations & Churches**

Over the last year we have continued to support a number of churches and organisations who for various reasons could not join our network but are united in our gospel aims for reaching those who live in areas of deprivation. The support has included preaching at events, mentoring and advice on fundraising, websites and discipleship.

## **WAR: Wrestling Against Racism**

Medhurst Ministries has its head office in Teesside, a region that has been disproportionately affected by the rise in UK migration over the last couple of years, and this, along with the rising tide of poverty, crime, unemployment, violence, and drug taking, has seen tensions rise in the community, culminating in the riots in August 2024.

It was during these riots that Medhurst Ministries partnered with Budo for Change, a community project run by a local fitness and MMA Gym. The partnership between Medhurst Ministries and Budo for Change came about when many of the gym's students and their families, whether Indigenous or new to the area, felt afraid to travel across the town to attend the training classes. Therefore, to foster peace of mind among students and their families and to create social cohesion, we developed our free training programme. This program is a result of our community's collective effort, uniting people of all faiths, ethnicities and cultures in their love for martial arts. Medhurst Ministries continues to help fund this project and provides a chaplaincy service to all who attend.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

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## Financial review

Total income for the year amounted to £147,135 (2024: £206,244) of which £47,233 (2024: £85,486) was restricted. Expenditure of £127,808 (2024: £167,186) was incurred of which £70,994 (2024: £54,853) was for restricted purposes. At the end of the year, the charity had unrestricted funds of £118,503 (2024: £70,416).

## Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than 3 months of budgeted expenditure so that the charity could continue to operate should income (including grant funding) and/or expenditure vary adversely.

## Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and making operational decisions rests with the trustees, who meet regularly to monitor the charity's activities. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees.

## Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the charity's financial position and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the charity's assets and take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Williamson



Date: 10th November 2025

# Independent Examiners report

## To the Trustees of Medhurst Ministries

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Medhurst Ministries for the year ended 31 March 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').

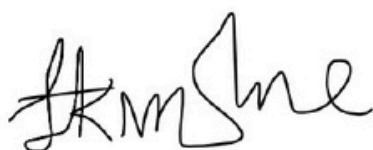
I report in respect of my examination of the Charities' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.



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Date: 03 November 2025



## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior Year £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Donations and grants		92,458	5,000	47,233	<b>144,691</b>	204,869
Charitable Activities		2,444	-	-	<b>2,444</b>	1,375
Total receipts		<b>94,902</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>47,233</b>	<b>147,135</b>	<b>206,244</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
Charitable Activities	2	48,409	8,405	70,994	<b>127,808</b>	167,186
Total payments		<b>48,409</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>70,994</b>	<b>127,808</b>	<b>167,186</b>
Net of Receipts/Payments		46,493	(3,405)	(23,761)	<b>19,327</b>	39,059
Transfer between funds		5,000	-	(5,000)	-	
Net Movements in funds		<b>51,493</b>	<b>(3,405)</b>	<b>(28,761)</b>	<b>19,327</b>	39,059
Cash funds from last year		36,188	34,228	43,078	<b>113,494</b>	74,436
Cash funds at year end		<b>87,680</b>	<b>30,823</b>	<b>14,318</b>	<b>132,820</b>	<b>113,494</b>

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

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		132,820		113,494	
Total Current Assets		132,820	132,820	113,494	113,494
Total Assets			<b>132,820</b>		<b>113,494</b>

**CHARITY FUNDS**

Unrestricted funds			87,680		36,188
Designated funds			30,823		34,228
Restricted funds	2		14,318		43,078
			<b>132,820</b>		<b>113,494</b>

	Asset	31/03/2025 £	31/03/2024 £
	Office Equipment	2,365	2,365
	Sound and audio equipment	1,647	1,647
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,012</b>	<b>4,012</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared on a cash basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and expenses. The financial statements comply with the Charities Acts.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for purposes.

Restricted funds are grants and donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors, they include donations received for specific activities or projects.

**2. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration and support	3,155			<b>3,155</b>
Fundraising and Partnerships	9,819			<b>9,819</b>
Medhurst Network Support	20,533		2,117	<b>22,650</b>
Staff training and Resources	2,049			<b>2,049</b>
Medhurst Training	163		3,911	<b>4,074</b>
Staffing	12,690	8,405	64,965	<b>86,061</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>48,409</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>70,994</b>	<b>127,808</b>

**Number of employees - 5**