

**TINSHILL FREE CHURCH (CIO)**  
**ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**CHARITY NO: 1198328**

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**TINSHILL FREE CHURCH (CIO)**

**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

<b>CHARITY NAME</b>	Tinshill Free Church (CIO)
<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1198328 (CIO) – from 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
<b>PRINCIPAL OFFICE</b>	Holly Avenue Leeds LS16 6PL

The trustees serving during the period and since the period end were as follows:

Managing Trustees for 1198328:

Martin Leslie Sellens (Elder)  
Nigel Hibbard (Deacon)  
Timothy Hickman (Deacon)

Trustees for 1198328 (CIO):

Martin Leslie Sellens  
Glyn Williams (Retired 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025)  
Steven Bowers  
Michael Stewart Lockwood  
Timothy Hickman (Treasurer)

<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS</b>	Cound & Co LLP 1 Princes Court Royal Way Loughborough Leics LE11 5XR
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

This year saw the transfer of assets and funds from registered Charity (511933) with a Trust Deed which included a Constitution and Statement of Doctrine to a CIO (1198328) which was constituted under a deed of declaration dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 and includes a Constitution and Church Handbook. The transfer took place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and the old charity (511933) ceased to operate at that time and was wound up. The Trustees of the CIO are set out above and have delegated the running of the CIO to the Elder(s) and Deacons of the Church under a delegation agreement which is regularly reviewed. The Trustees meet to oversee the work of the CIO, approve accounts and the annual return, keep an eye on the operation of the CIO including insurance, policies, procedures and Statutory responsibilities. This annual report therefore covers the period of the year from the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 until the end of March 2025 when the church has operated as a CIO. The land and building in which the church operates is in the process of being transferred from the Trustees of the 1978 Trust to the members of the CIO through the Land Registry and that process is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

From the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 the church has operated as a CIO in accordance with its Constitution and Church Handbook, governed and managed by appointed Elder(s) and Deacons as set out in the Church Handbook. During the year the church has had one Elder and two Deacons who meet monthly to discuss the work of the church and oversee its activities. The church does not have a full-time paid Pastor at present.

The church seeks to comply with the Good Governance Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector in terms of the Principles laid down within the Code and has appropriate policies and procedures, including Safeguarding; Conflicts of

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)**

Interest; Risk Management; Financial Management and Controls; Privacy; Health and Safety; Working at height; Complaints procedure; and Financial Reserves.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Tinshill Free Church is an independent evangelical Christian church based on biblical principles, which seeks to worship and serve God in the local community in NW Leeds. The objectives of the church are set out in the governing documents and the Trust Premises (the church building) is to be used, occupied and enjoyed as a place for the public worship of God, for the Biblical instruction of children and adults and for other charitable purposes in accordance with the Constitution. The Trustees in overseeing the work of the church have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

To this end the church is usually engaged in a full range of devotional and outreach activities for all age ranges, and holds regular meetings on most weekdays, as well as two services on a Sunday. The church supports itself financially and is also generous in giving gifts to other Christian works and Charities involved in aid and relieving suffering and poverty around the world. In carrying out its activities the church has a significant number of volunteers who help, most of whom are church members.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The Membership of the church at the end of March 2025 stood at 35 which includes one associate member.

Our activities for this past year have involved holding two Sunday Services each week and a mid-week Bible Study and prayer meeting with a Zoom option available for all these if people are not able to attend in person. We have run our meetings for Tots, Primary-aged children and teenagers in term time and have a Sunday School (Key Club) every Sunday morning through the year. Our meeting for those older in years (Thursday at Two) has run regularly throughout this period with a number of food specials and regular fortnightly meetings. We have also been able to hold Services from time to time at three local Care Homes on Sunday afternoons. A local school came to the church in December 2024 for "What is Christmas all about". We have also held meetings in this period for men and women including a number of craft events where contacts have also been invited. We have also held a number of fellowship lunches and teas after or before the Sunday services. We serve refreshments after both morning and evening Services.

We have sought to maintain contacts as far as we are able with those to whom we minister. A Church Magazines is produced every two months with articles and a diary of activities. We have particularly sought to maintain contact with people on their own or vulnerable who have had regular calls and /or visits from members of the church.

We held our Carol Service before Christmas and invited others from outside to join us. We also went around homes mid-week carol singing to those who are elderly and/or alone to brighten their Christmas.

We have been able to hear about Christian work at home and abroad through this period by means of deputation meetings at the church and to contribute to their work through gifts and prayer. We have maintained our regular giving to other charities and Christian work at home and overseas through the year.

We continue in our search for a suitable man to join us as a full-time paid Elder/Pastor.

A meeting of the church as a CIO took place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The Trustees of the CIO met on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Regular monthly meetings are held by the church leadership (Elder and Deacons).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

In summary the financial position of the church remains good with a total balance at the end of March 2025 of £107,243. There are no funds materially in deficit. In the months from November 2024 to the end of March 2025 in the unrestricted

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONT'D)**

fund income was some £2,106 more than expenditure. A total of £105,547 was transferred from the old charity (511933) to the CIO on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024. In this period capital expenditure amounted to £3,180 consisting of a new fridge/freezer and a new boiler to heat the church building. There are some further planned building improvement works to be carried out in the next year and legal expenses as we seek to complete the CIO process - the total reserves are considered adequate to meet these costs and the ongoing costs of operating the activities of the CIO and maintaining the premises from which the CIO operates.

The church is self-financing and owns the building from which it operates and has no other investments in property. There are no other significant assets or liabilities.

From November 2024 to the end of March 2025 total gifts given to other charities, missions and individuals amounted to £10,372 – representing some 52% of all expenditure in that period.

**DECLARATION**

The Trustees declare that they approved the Trustees Report at their meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and it was circulated for information at the AGM on the 18th November 2025.

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*Martin Sellens*

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Martin Leslie Sellens (Elder and Managing Trustee)

9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
TINSHILL FREE CHURCH (CIO)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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*Bob Gradon*

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9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## TINSHILL FREE CHURCH (CIO)


Receipts and Payments Account for the period 20 <sup>th</sup> November to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025			Receipts		
		2025		2025	2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Regular Gift Aid Giving		10,588.80	240.00	10,828.80	0.00
One-off Gift Aid Giving		0.00	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.00
Tax Refunds		3,648.10	0.00	3,648.10	0.00
Small Donations Scheme		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Offerings		1,487.71	0.00	1,487.71	0.00
Gifts – other		3,424.00	705.00	4,129.00	0.00
Interest		34.73	0.00	34.73	0.00
Sales and Sundry Items		168.20	0.00	168.20	0.00
Use of Building		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tinshill Free Church Donation		105,136.74	410.00	105,546.74	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>124,488.28</u></b>	<b><u>2,635.00</u></b>	<b><u>127,123.28</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
			Payments		
		2025		2025	2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Preachers' Expenses		770.00	0.00	770.00	0.00
Literature (including Magazine)		328.55	0.00	328.55	0.00
Administration	4	127.74	0.00	127.74	0.00
Insurance		1,046.04	0.00	1,046.04	0.00
Utilities		378.99	0.00	378.99	0.00
Telephone		269.98	0.00	269.98	0.00
Building Expenses	3	3,177.02	0.00	3,177.02	0.00
Supplies, Services, & Repairs		1,525.20	0.00	1,525.20	0.00
Departmental Spending	2	822.21	20.00	842.21	0.00
Bible Exhibition		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evangelism		31.98	0.00	31.98	0.00
Gifts to other Charities, Missions and Individuals		7,757.30	2,615.00	10,372.30	0.00
CIO process		1,010.28	0.00	1,010.28	0.00
Hardship Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b><u>17,245.29</u></b>	<b><u>2,635.00</u></b>	<b><u>19,880.29</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>					
<b>Bank balances at 31/03/24</b>		<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>Bank balances at 31/03/25</b>		<b><u>107,242.99</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>107,242.99</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025					
		2025		2025	2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Non-Monetary Assets</b>	1				
<b>Cash Funds Held</b>					
Bank account – HSBC		107,221.09	0.00	107,221.09	0.00
Cash in Hand		21.90	0.00	21.90	0.00
		<u>107,242.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>107,242.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Other Assets and Liabilities</b>					
Income Tax Refund March 25		660.21	0.00	660.21	0.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Accrued Expenses		840.00	0.00	840.00	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>107,063.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>107,063.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Church Funds</b>					
Unrestricted		107,063.20	0.00	107,063.20	0.00
Restricted		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>107,063.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>107,063.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Approved by the trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Martin Sellens



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

1. Non-Monetary Assets

Non- monetary assets are held for the charity’s own use and comprise:

Land & Buildings

The church building comprises main hall, lobby, side room, disabled toilet and 3 further toilets for men and women, kitchen, 2 meeting rooms, vestry, storeroom, grounds with outside storage container and a 25 spaces car park.

Equipment

This includes furniture (130 chairs, 30+soft chairs, 25 grey chairs with assorted tables and pulpit), photocopier, laminator, organ, piano, 2 portable keyboards, amplification loop system equipment and microphones, 2 laptops and one external speaker, video camera, 2 projectors, 3 screens, materials for activities (including Mums & Tots equipment, children’s and young people’s work), library, gardening equipment including petrol lawnmower, double oven with cooker hood, fridge, freezer, hostess trolley, other kitchen equipment and cutlery, crockery and electric water heater, 2 vacuum cleaners and 2 central heating boilers.

2. Departmental Spending

	2025			2024
	Income	Expenditure	Net (income/ Expenditure)	Net (income/ expenditure)
	£	£	£	£
Tots Club	0.00	119.12	114.12	0.00
Key Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ketchup	0.00	291.87	291.87	0.00
Men’s Fellowship	0.00	46.46	46.46	0.00
Thursday at Two	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Rock Up	0.00	274.76	274.76	0.00
Sub total	0.00	842.21	842.21	0.00
Bible Exhibition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	0.00	842.21	842.21	0.00

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3. Building Expenditure

	2025 £	2024 £
Car Park	0.00	0.00
Chairs	0.00	0.00
Fridge	0.00	0.00
Fridge/Freezer	319.00	0.00
Lawnmower	455.94	0.00
Boiler	<u>2,402.08</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u><b>3,177.02</b></u>	<u><b>0.00</b></u>

4. Administration Costs

Administration costs include;

	£
Bank Charges	45.78
Advert ET	42.00
Website hosting costs (TruthVine)	39.96