



**GATEWAY CHURCH  
BRIDGEND VALLEYS**

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**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024**

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**GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Joshua Matthews David Burnell Anne Wilson Katie-Jayne Thomas
<b>Charitable position:</b>	Registered Charity number 1199717
<b>Governing Document:</b>	CIO Foundation Constitution dated 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
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<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road Whitchurch CARDIFF CF14 2TF
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# GATEWAY church

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

#### **Objects of the Charity**

The Object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Gateway Church Bridgend Valleys, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, is governed by a board of trustees, appointed by a properly convened meeting of the board of trustees. Trustees will meet at least two times per year to make decisions regarding the structure, governance, financial operations, and other relevant business.

The income of Gateway Church Bridgend Valleys is comprised of charitable giving by organisations and individuals, either by monthly standing order or individual, "one off" donations, and grants from interested entities (be they government, business, or otherwise).

#### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

We are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

## **Our Aims and Objectives**

The advancement of the Christian faith in the Bridgend Valleys Gateway Area.

### **Activities this last year**

The objective given above has been met by activities undertaken by Gateway Church - Bridgend Valleys. In particular:

- Sunday Worship Meetings. These had been held every Sunday morning at Tondy Cricket Club until the 8th December when they started being held at Bryn Road Chapel. Generally, 20-30 people are in attendance and a kids club for Primary school-aged children is incorporated into the meeting.+
- Mid-week Meetings. During term time, these have been held in 6 Highfield Place to nurture the congregation through Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship.
- Seasonal Outreach Activities. These have included Christmas events (e.g., Wreathmaking workshop), Easter events (e.g., a successfully attended community Easter Egg hunt), and a Light Party (alternative to Halloween celebrations).
- Venue move. On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Gateway Church moved the venue for their Sunday Worship Meetings to Bryn Road Chapel in Tondy. This building is shared with a Brethren congregation who meet on Sunday afternoons and has increased community engagement due to its location.
- Biblical Counselling. In September 2024, Gateway Church were able to start supporting a part-time Biblical Counselling intern who has benefited people in the local community and others more widely in the South Wales region.
- Parenting Course. The Families and Community worker has trained for the Positive Parenting Course (Care for the Family) and ran for local parents in collaboration with Brynmenyn Primary School.

### **Public Benefit requirement**

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in December 2008.

### **Financial Review**

Finances are reviewed at each trustee meeting, with an annual review of accounts to be carried out at the end of year and submitted to the Charities Commission.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

With the establishment of regular and seasonal activities, Gateway Church has made a solid foundation of trust and rapport with the immediate community. In the year ahead we plan to:

- Maintain and improve our regular and seasonal activities.
- Expand our offering for parenting support by training and running an additional parenting course for children with additional needs.
- Expand our community engagement to more fully utilise our new venue location.
- Begin youth work so that we have a specific provision for Secondary School-aged children.

## **Independent Examiner**

Paul Burnell of CMS was appointed as the organisation's independent examiner during the year.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and is signed on their behalf by

Joshua Matthews

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**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 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity 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 accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

*Paul Burnell*

Paul Burnell ACMI

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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**GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	19,670	-	19,670	40,519
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-	-	-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	7,687	1,000	8,687	7,500
Interest received		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		27,357	1,000	28,357	48,019
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Charitable activities	5	35,513	-	35,513	8,276
Total payments		35,513	-	35,513	8,276
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		(8,156)	1,000	(7,156)	39,743
Transfers between funds		-	-		-
Fund balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		39,743	-	39,743	-
Fund balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024		31,587	1,000	32,587	39,743

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts.

**GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**1. Fixed Assets**

	Insurance Value	
	2024	2023
	£	£
The value of assets owned are:		
Equipment	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	5,000	5,000

**2. Bank & Cash Balances**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>32,587</u>	<u>39,743</u>
	32,587	39,743

**3. Other Assets and Liabilities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	-	-
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	<u>120</u>	<u>100</u>
	120	100

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Joshua Matthews

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# GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

### 2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gift Aid donations	-	-	-	-
Other donations	19,670	-	19,670	40,519
Tax recovered	-	-	-	-
	<u>19,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,670</u>	<u>40,519</u>

### 3. Receipts from charitable activities

Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### 4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	7,500	1,000	8,500	7,500
Other	187	-	187	-
	<u>7,687</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>8,687</u>	<u>7,500</u>

### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>a. Direct Charitable Costs</b>				
Employment costs	30,212	-	30,212	5,758
Ministry costs	1,895	-	1,895	1,678
	<u>32,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,107</u>	<u>7,436</u>

#### b. Support and Administration

Premises costs	3,406	-	3,406	840
	<u>3,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>840</u>

#### c. Grants

Hardship support	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### 6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has two part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the period, nor to any person connected to them other than salary and pension payments to Kate Thomas and her husband Rhod Thomas totalling £30,212.