

The Greenhouse Church
Registered Charity Number: 1201399

Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Greenhouse Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1201399

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 14/01/2025

Name:

SANDY LILFORD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO MATTERS OF CONCERN

The Greenhouse Church
Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2025
Income & Expenditure Account

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Tithes / Offerings	81,964	50,780
Other Income	2,409	9,881
Interest Received		
TOTAL INCOME	84,373	60,660
Expenditure		
Salaries	25,000	16,667
Employers NI	-	-
Employers Pension	563	235
Advertising & Marketing	562	22
Audit & Accountancy	819	1,647
Bank Fees	107	210
Camp Fees	3,071	3,150
Charitable and Political Donations	1,876	9,249
Cleaning	-	248
Consulting	2,000	2,050
Courses/ Books	644	786
General Expenses	10,297	5,043
Insurance	168	168
IT Software and Consumables	2,400	124
Light, Power, Heating	-	800
Printing & Stationery	997	69
Rent	10,004	748
Repairs & Maintenance	7,310	3,370
Staff Training	2,271	
Subscriptions	965	289
	69,055	44,875
Surplus / (Deficit)	15,318	15,785

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Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
	£	£
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	8,078	5,159
Current Assets		
Bank Account	31,548	16,808
Prepayments	-	2,341
Debtors		
Other debtors	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	39,626	24,308
LIABILITIES		
Trade creditors	-	-
Advance Payments	-	-
Accruals	250	250
PAYE due to HMRC		
NI due to HMRC		
Pension contributions due	47	47
TOTAL LIABILITIES	297	297
Net Current Assets	39,329	24,011
Net Assets	39,329	24,011
Capital Account		
Balance at start of period	24,011	8,227
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	15,318	15,785
	39,329	24,011

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity Objectives and Activities

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

In addition to weekly Sunday services, the Church also advances religion, in particular but not exclusively, by holding:

a ladies' Bible study on Friday mornings;

a men's discipleship group on Saturday mornings;

youth group for 13–18 year old girls and boys;

participation in WyldLife, a youth group for 11–14 year olds on Monday nights;

short courses such as Alpha, the HTB Marriage Course and Parenting Courses;

discipleship and formation groups including book studies and leadership workshops.

Trustees' Statement with regards to Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising their duties and making decisions. In accordance with this guidance, our church advances the Christian faith through regular worship services, Christian teaching and various other religious activities. These activities, including Bible studies, youth groups, Alpha, the HTB Marriage Course, Parenting courses and other discipleship groups, are accessible to the wider community and aim to foster a deeper understanding of Christian values. The trustees are committed to ensuring that these activities benefit the public by promoting spiritual growth, providing support and fostering community engagement in line with our charitable objectives.

Achievements and Performance

Ministry Growth and Highlights

Over the past year, the charity has continued to grow in depth and reach. Our move to Forest School has now been established for a full year and has brought increased visibility, with a number of new families finding the church through online searches and personal invitations. Teaching series such as "Practicing the Way" have helped to lay foundations for spiritual formation, particularly for new believers and a month of focused prayer in September, followed by a January devotional broadcast on the "Fear of the Lord", has strengthened the prayer life of the church. Alongside Sunday gatherings, the church has run a number of mid-week discipleship opportunities. These include the "Uninvited" book study facilitated with input from a Christian therapist, Parenting Courses that have helped families within the church and from the wider community and Alpha courses in multiple locations. Together these ministries have deepened discipleship, strengthened relationships and created accessible spaces for people exploring faith.

Youth and Children's Ministry

The youth and children's work remains a core strength of the charity. WyldLife (11–14s) has moved to Rainbow Park, enabling contact with a wider and more diverse group of local young people. Attendance has remained strong, with regular involvement from Forest School students, and funds of around £3,000 were raised towards summer camp through creative fundraising efforts. A number of junior leaders have emerged and are being discipled into increased responsibility.

The older youth group (14–18s) has continued to mature, with a clear GROW rhythm (Gather, Read, Obey, Worship) shaping weekly meetings. A Youth Revival evening in October saw significant Holy Spirit ministry and encouragement for the wider youth community. On Sundays, Roots, Shoots and Seedlings continue to provide age-appropriate teaching and worship for children and younger teens, helping the next generation to grow in their faith.

Community Engagement

Community engagement has also developed over the year. Regular "Looking In" dinners have given newcomers and interested visitors an opportunity to hear the story and vision of the church in a relaxed setting. Pastoral ministry has been strengthened through prayer ministry on Sundays, one-to-one support and courses addressing relationships and emotional health. An Operations Team has been formed to support Sunday coordination, creating a more welcoming and consistent environment for those attending.

Leadership and Governance Developments

During the year the trustees continued to invest in leadership and governance. A pay rise for the Ministry Lead, Sharon, was approved from April 2025 in recognition of the growth in scope and responsibility. Leadership formation has continued through the Sounding Board as well as monthly leadership workshops for leaders across ministries.

Recognising the increasing operational and administrative demands, the trustees agreed that the previously discussed operations support should be structured as two part-time roles: an Operations and Governance Manager and a Communications and Events Manager. The Operations and Governance role will focus on administration, compliance, safeguarding, policies, risk management and supporting the trustees with governance processes. The Communications and Events role will focus on internal and external communications, social media, newsletters, website content and the coordination of church events. Approval was given to begin the recruitment process for these roles. In addition, a new bookkeeper, Jen Robinson, has been engaged to support the preparation of annual accounts and the independent examination process.

Venue and Operations

Operating from Forest School has provided a valuable missional base, with links to students, staff and families. At the same time, practical challenges remain, particularly around storage, set-up and the limitations of hiring a school site. The trustees have therefore begun exploring longer-term venue options, including the potential for grant funding towards a more permanent space. Temporary storage solutions have been put in place to ease the burden on the set-up team while these options are considered.

Regular Giving

Regular monthly giving remained stable with approximately £8486 per month at the start of the period to around £8104 per month by year end, with the average number of regular giving households at approx 16. The church continues to demonstrate a strong spirit of generosity, with specified donations received towards items such as sound equipment, heating and other ministry needs.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Greenhouse Church is governed by its CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). There are three trustees and meetings are held at least three times a year. The trustees remain committed to good governance, safeguarding and responsible stewardship of the church's resources.

Financial Review

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of The Greenhouse Church for the year ended 31 March 2025. These statements will be prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents and will comply with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011, along with any applicable regulations for small charities and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), as appropriate for a receipts and payments basis of reporting.

The financial statements will continue to be prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which provides a simplified reporting method appropriate for the charity's size and structure. An independent examination will be carried out in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. The Trustees are satisfied with the charity's financial health and will continue to manage resources prudently to fulfil the charity's objectives.

The financial position of The Greenhouse Church as at 31 March 2025 remains healthy, reflecting responsible stewardship of the church's resources and ongoing commitment to its charitable objectives.

Total revenue of approximately £84,373, driven primarily by tithes and offerings which contributed £81,964 ;

Administrative costs of around £65,173, including salaries of £25,569, repairs and maintenance of £7,310, general expenses of £4,564, youth and WyldLife support of £3,071 and charitable donations of £1,876;

An operating Income over Expenditure of approximately £15,318;

Other Income: Specified giving of around £512;

Net current assets at year end of approximately £39,329;

Cash at bank and in hand of approximately £31,548;

Fixed assets, primarily office and technical equipment, with a carrying value of approximately £8,078.

Capital and Reserves:

The **Current Year Earnings** were **£15,318** demonstrating financial sustainability.

Retained Earnings from previous periods amount to **£24,011**

Total Capital and reserves at year end were **£39,329**

Overall, the financial health of The Greenhouse Church is considered to be strong, with sufficient reserves and liquidity to support its ongoing activities and planned developments.

Review of Reserves

The Trustees aim to retain a minimum reserve of £15000, representing approximately three months' worth of essential operational costs. This level of reserves is intended to enable the charity to continue its activities without disruption during unforeseen circumstances, such as a decline in income or unexpected expenses. At the year end, the charity held cash balances of approximately £31548, which comfortably satisfies the goal of maintaining reserves equivalent to three months of operating costs.

The reserves position will be reviewed annually by the Trustees to ensure that the level remains appropriate in relation to the charity's operational needs, planned activities and financial environment.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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), as appropriate for a small charitable incorporated organisation preparing receipts and payments accounts.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, including the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, together with the provisions of the CIO, 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 CIO. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on ___29th Jan_____ 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: ____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'bjohnson', followed by a horizontal line.