

EZRA CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Address	Derry House 30 High Street Standon Hertfordshire SG11 1LA
Trustees	Nicholas Pike Otto Jacobsson Sarah-Jane Bentley Graeme Leach
Charity Number	1202312
Bankers	Lloyds Westminster House Epona House Phoenix Way Swansea SA7 9HG
Independent Examiner	Mr C J Dadswell FCCA Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

1 Objects and Constitution

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in its constitution, which shall be carried out for the public benefit are the advancement of the Christian faith, in particular but not exclusively by:

- developing and delivering teaching programmes in Christian worldview and Christian apologetics, and
- developing and publishing works in any media.

2 Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the objectives as described above and activities listed below fulfil the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

3 Organisation

Ezra Centre for Christian Thought is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission on 14 March 2023.

The charity trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. They may also employ and remunerate staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.

Trustees were in contact regularly during the year to oversee the work of the charity.

The Trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Robert Smith	(resigned 31 July 2024)
Nicholas Pike	(appointed 12 September 2024)
Otto Jacobsson	
Sarah-Jane Bentley	
Graeme Leach	

4 Review of Activities

Ministry Report: 2024/2025

During our second year of operation (April 2024-March 2025), Ezra Centre for Christian Thought (ECCT) has again engaged widely and effectively in the work of advancing, explaining and articulating the spiritual teachings of the Christian faith in a variety of settings and through various media in the UK and Europe. This included planning and executing our second annual Mission of God conference, co-hosted with an aligned Christian organisation.

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4 Review of Activities (continued)

Mission of God Conference 2024

We were pleased to host our second full day conference in central Birmingham at Macdonald Burlington Hotel. We had approx. 300 delegates and addressed the topic of understanding Islam and sharing the Christian faith with Muslim friends, equipping UK churches to deepen their understanding. Four speakers lectured on the day including two Christian apologists, a theologian and expert in Islamic culture and our CEO, Dr Joseph Boot. One of the speakers is teaching Fellow of Ezra (ECCT).

We were able to sell our books and provide both digital and print resources for the delegates. We are looking forward to hosting our third annual conference in the autumn of 2025 on the topic of Christianity and Politics.

Keynotes for Other UK/Europe Conferences

The ECCT provided keynote speaking/lecturing for several multi-day major conferences in the UK and Europe during our second year. These included:

- Wilberforce Academy Refocus Day Conference, London
- Philo Trust Evangelists Conference, Daventry
- 1700 Anniversary of Nicene Creed, pastors conference, Manila, Philippines
- The Wilberforce Academy, Roehampton University, London
- National Prison Chaplains Conference, UK (FCC)
- Annual Pro Rege Conference for Christian leaders, Frankfurt, Germany

Educational Events and Debates

We were also able to provide lectures and addresses at various educational institutions and events during our second year. These included:

- Christian Education Conference at launch of new school, Aberdeen, Scotland
- King Alfred Academy Education Conference, Dudley, UK
- Wilberforce Collective Lecture on Christian Education
- Premier Radio Interview with our CEO Dr Boot on Christian Apologetics Aired

Preaching at UK Churches

We were also able to preach at a number of churches during our second year of ministry as time and calendar allowed. These included special services and a multi-church gathering in Tiverton:

- St James Anglican, Thorley, Hertfordshire
- ChristChurch, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire
- Tiverton Churches Together Celebration, Somerset
- The Filling Station network
- Grace Church, Aberdeen, Scotland

Digital and Print Resources

As well as the in-person lecturing and speaking around the country we were able to do the following by way of providing digital and print resources:

- Produce weekly Podcast for Cultural Reformation in collaboration with Ezra Institute US.
- Produce a monthly online article dealing with Christian apologetics
- Complete and publish our CEO's new book, Think Christianly (Ezra Press)
- Appear on over 50 guest podcasts and interviews around the world.
- Provide content for a new digital learning portal in collaboration with Ezra USA.

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5 Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The charity recorded a surplus for the year of £16,569 (2024: £4,786). Total cash funds at the year end amounted to £21,355 (2024: £4,786). The charity seeks to retain reserves when possible but not to the detriment of the work of the charity.

6 Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operation risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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30 High Street
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Hertfordshire
SG11 1LA

On behalf of the Trustees

N. J. Pike
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Mr N Pike
Trustee

Date:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE EZRA CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ezra Centre for Christian Thought. ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 CIO 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.

C J Dadswell

Mr C J Dadswell FCCA

Caladine Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Chantry House, 22 Upperton Road
Eastbourne, BN21 1BF

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations	72,990		4,095	
Billable Expenditure Income	1,236		-	
Book sales	3,709		441	
Speaking engagement fees	4,666		250	
Gain on foreign exchange	138		-	
Total receipts		82,739		4,786
Payments				
Accountancy	876		-	
Bank charges	16		-	
Events	1,437		-	
Insurance	746		-	
Printing, postage and stationery	72		-	
Telephone	142		-	
Travel expenses	934		-	
Staff salaries	58,320		-	
Pension	3,627		-	
		(66,170)		-
Total payments		(66,170)		-
Net receipts / (payments) in the year		16,569		4,786
Cash funds at start of year		4,786		-
Cash funds at year end		21,355		4,786

There are no restricted funds.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash funds		
Cash at bank	21,355	4,786
	21,355	4,786
Liabilities		
PAYE	4,605	-
Pension	783	-
	5,388	-

Approved by the Trustees onand signed on their behalf by

N. J. Pike
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Mr N Pike
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Donations

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity.

3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the year in which it is incurred and allocated to the appropriate category.

4. Funds

General funds represent the funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the charity are also unrestricted and have been incorporated into the General Fund.

5. Transactions with Trustees

None of the Trustees (or persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

None of the other Trustees had financial transactions with the charity.