THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL/PRESBYTERY



England Registered Charity No. 1202488

Annual Returns 2nd January 2025 to 1 st January 2026

Account Reference Date: 1/1/2026

Trustees (Serving during year ending 1st January 2026)

Moderator	Kwan Sheung LI
Stated Clerk	Hon Kei LO
Treasurer	Wai Fat CHAN
Bankers	N/A
Church Locations	Solihull Women's Institute, 745 Warwick Road, Solihull B91 3DQ

Annual Report (Financial year Ending 1 Janaury 2026)

1. General Purposes

- To serve individuals and families, both old and young, that are affiliated with our organisation by providing ministerial activities for the betterment of their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

- To provide assistance to people in communities where our organisation's churches are present, providing material help to those in need, spiritual encouragement, and positive events and activities that support individuals and families.

- To establish churches and missions (see Clause 13) with a common system of government and theology that are able to be used as the means to achieve the aforementioned goals.

- This Organisation is the result of large numbers of Hong Kong people migrating to England. The Charity Organisation's primary focus is Cantonese speaking people. However, the organisation does not exclude people from joining who are not of Hong Kong descent. This organisation does not exclude people based on their language or ethnicity.

- This Organisation will be a governing body to form churches and missions (see Clauses 7 b., 10, 11 d.) in different communities in England to fulfil the goals of the organisation. Pastors, along with elected non-clergy persons will be members of the governing organisation, referred to as the CPC Council/Presbytery.

- The CPC Council/Presbytery will not prevent its local churches from establishing their own Charitable Organisation for their local church/congregation. If they determine it is needed and necessary each church may establish their own Charitable Organisation, which would be complementary to this Organisation. The CPC Council/Presbytery is a Charitable Organisation that will assist its affiliated congregations in the aforementioned goals.

2. Activities and Achievements

The Hong Kong Christian Church in Birmingham continues to hold Sunday services primarily in Cantonese, with occasional services conducted in English and accompanied by Cantonese translation. Communion services are held monthly.

Our congregation maintains an average weekly attendance of approximately 145 people, including around 90 adults, 35 teenagers, and 20 children. Although we continue to welcome newcomers, overall attendance has remained stable over the past two years. Despite more families obtaining Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), the overall size of the congregation has remained largely unchanged, only one to two families who relocated to another city for work. However, the main factor limiting further growth remains the restricted capacity of our current venues.

The church continues to serve individuals and families across all age groups. We remain committed to safeguarding and continue to maintain our registration with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). In addition, we introduced our own safeguarding policy this year to further strengthen our safeguarding arrangements.

Due to space constraints, the Adult and Children's Sunday Services continue to be held at the Solihull Women's Institute, while the Youth Service takes place at Oliver Bird Hall at St. Alphege Church in Solihull, approximately a 10–15-minute walk from our main venue. As a result of renting the side hall as our usual venue for youth ministry, we have established a new connection with St. Alphege Church, which has provided a separate space for our youth ministry.

The pastor continues to provide pastoral care and support to members of the congregation, as well as to newly arrived immigrants in need of assistance. Regular Sunday services, followed by prayer sessions, are held throughout the year. Bible study sessions are also organised for both newcomers and existing church members to support their spiritual growth and strengthen their faith.

This year, we continued to run our baptism preparation classes for the second consecutive year, helping participants deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and prepare for baptism.

In addition, special events were organised to mark major Christian festivals, including Easter and Christmas, as well as cultural celebrations such as the Lunar New Year. These gatherings provided opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, and practical support, particularly for newcomers from Hong Kong arriving in the UK under the British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) visa route. Through these activities, the church continues to offer a welcoming community where newcomers can build relationships, find support, and develop a sense of belonging in their new environment.

3. Highlights at the Hong Kong Christian Church in Birmingham

Cell Groups and Youth Ministry

Attendance remained steady throughout the year ending 1 January 2026, with an average of 145 participants. Thirteen cell groups continued to meet regularly after Sunday services, providing opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and mutual support.

Children's worship attracted an average of 20 participants each week, divided into two groups: Juniors (Years 1–3) and Seniors (Years 4–6). Attendance at Teens' worship increased to 35 young people from Years 7–13.

These gatherings provide not only opportunities for worship and Bible learning but also valuable support networks that help newcomers build relationships and integrate into the local community.

Bible Teaching and Baptism Preparation for Adults

In 2026, the church continued to offer Bible teaching classes for newcomers and Bible study sessions for the wider congregation, both held immediately after Sunday worship. These sessions aim to support newcomers in learning about the Christian faith while enabling existing members to deepen their biblical understanding and spiritual growth.

We also continued our baptism preparation classes. In May 2026, six participants were baptised, marking an important milestone in their Christian faith journeys.

Looking Ahead: Developing Formal Church Membership

In January 2025, the church conducted a survey to gauge interest in becoming formal church members. The response was very encouraging, with 80% of respondents expressing a willingness to join.

Following this positive response, we established a timeline for developing our formal church membership arrangements. In preparation, we invited guest speakers to deliver a series of eight teaching sessions for prospective members, commencing in September 2026.

Looking ahead, we anticipate welcoming our first formal church members by mid-2027. This marks an important step in the ongoing development of the church, strengthening members' sense of commitment and belonging while laying a foundation for the church's future growth and ministry.

4. Financial Statements and Funds

In accordance with the Regulations of Charity Commissions For England and Wales and the Charities SoRP(FRS102), being a charity with an annual gross income less than £25,000, the Financial Statements of this Congregation set out on pages 8 to 10 consist of a Statement of Congregation Funds and movements thereon during the Year from 2 January 2025 to 1 January 2026 and details of the Receipts and Payment, Surplus(Deficit), and Net Movement on Funds during the year with supplementary notes thereon where appropriate.

The Receipts and Payments for the regular Congregation activities are shown in the General Fund and in the year amounted to £27,752 and £19,917 respectively and gives a gross surplus of £ 7,835.

The total amount of all Funds as at 1 January 2026 is £24,229.

5. Accounting Policies

- The main sources of income are the donations of members.
- The Receipts and Payments of Congregation Fund are recorded and reported on a cash received and cash paid (as invoices/accounts are received) basis respectively. In the event that a commitment is made after the date of the Statement of Balances which will materially reflect on the amount of any Fund(s) this will be reported in the accompanying Notes to the Accounts.
- The Balance of Congregation Fund represents sums available for the ongoing work and activities of the Congregation. For this financial year, all our Fund is Unrestricted.

6. Approval of Report and Financial Statements

The Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustee at their meeting on 20 October 2026. The Office Bearers authorised to sign the Report and Finance Statements on behalf of the Congregation are:-

Signed ……*LI*…… Kwan Sheung LI **Moderator**

Signed ……*LO*…… Hon Kei LO **Secretary**

Signed ……*CHAN*…… Wai Fai CHAN **Treasurer**

Date: 20 October 2026

7. Financial Statements:

	HONG KONG CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM	ANALYSIS OF CASH BOOK	
	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS ANALYSIS	**2 January 2025 - 1 January 2026**	
	DESCRIPTION	**2.1.2025 - 1.1.2026**	**TOTAL**
		£	**£**
	INCOME		
	DONATIONS - WORSHIP GROUP	27,752.25	27,752.25
	TOTAL INCOME	**27,752.25**	**27,752.25**
	EXTRAORDINARY	0.00	0.00
		27,752.25	**27,752.25**
	DESCRIPTION	**2.1.2025 - 1.1.2026**	**TOTAL**
		£	**£**
	EXPENDITURE		
	VENUE RENTAL		
	SOLIHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	5,540.00	5,540.00
	SOLIHULL OLIVER BIRD HALL	2,499.30	2,499.30
	TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMY SOLIHULL	375.91	375.91
	CRIS WONG ART STUDIO	574.00	574.00
	SHIRLEY BAPTIST CHURCH SOLIHULL	300.00	300.00
	EQUIPMENT		
	AV EQUIPMENT	275.04	275.04
	ACCESSORIES	981.05	981.05
	ADMIN MISCELLANEOUS		
	INSURANCE	281.68	281.68
	ANNUAL FEE	582.54	582.54
	WORSHIP ACTIVITIES		
	ADULT WORSHIP	792.12	792.12
	YOUTH WORSHIP	440.94	440.94
	CHILD WORSHIP	589.61	589.61
	SPEAKER FEE	2,950.00	2,950.00
	FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES	3,734.94	3,734.94
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**19,917.13**	**19,917.13**
	EXTRAORDINARY	0.00	0.00
		19,917.13	**19,917.13**
	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**7,835.12**	**7,835.12**

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8. Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 1 January 2026 (comparative year to 1 January 2

Fund		**Birmingham** Unrestricted	**Total 2.1.2025 - 1.1.2026**	**Total 1.1.2025**
Receipts		**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations	Worship Group	27,752.25	27,752.25	24,241.65
	Sub Totals	***27,752.25***	***27,752.25***	***24,241.65***
Extra-ordinary		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Sub Total	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***
Total Receipts		**27,752.25**	**27,752.25**	**24,241.65**
Payments				
Contributions	Venue Rental	9,289.21	9,289.21	5,215.36
	Sub Total	***9,289.21***	***9,289.21***	***5,215.36***
Ministry	Adult Worship	792.12	792.12	373.70
	Youth Worship	440.94	440.94	1,234.14
	Child Worship	589.61	589.61	260.66
	Speaker Fee	2,950.00	2,950.00	1,320.00
	Festival Activities	3,734.94	3,734.94	388.64
	Sub Total	***8,507.61***	***8,507.61***	***3,577.14***
Other	Equipment	1,256.09	1,256.09	674.57
	Admin Miscellaneous	864.22	864.22	970.58
	Sub Total	***2,120.31***	***2,120.31***	***1,645.15***
Extra-ordinary		0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	***0.00***	***0.00***
Total Payments		**19,917.13**	**19,917.13**	**10,437.65**
Surplus (Deficit)	Net Recpts (Payments)	**7,835.12**	**7,835.12**	**13,804.00**
Net Movement on Funds		**7,835.12**	**7,835.12**	**13,804.00**

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9. Statement of Balances and Movement on Congregation Funds for Year ending 1 January 2026

Fund	Nature of Fund	Balance 1.1.2025 £	Receipts 2.1.2025 - 1.1.2026 £	(Payments) 2.1.2025 - 1.1.2026 £	Surplus (Deficit) £	Net Fund Transfers £	Net change on Fund £	Balance 1.1.2026 £	Held as follows	£
Birmingham	Unrestricted Note 1	16,394.85	27,752.25	19,917.13	7,835.12	0.00	7,835.12	24,229.97	Cash In Hand	24,229.97
Total Fund		**16,394.85**	**27,752.25**	**19,917.13**	**7,835.12**	**0.00**	**7,835.12**	**24,229.97**		**24,229.97**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ending 1 January 2026

Nature of Congregation Funds:

Birmingham	Unrestricted	**Note 1**	Ordinary receipts and payments of the Congregation. Office Bearers may 'designate' unrestricted funds for general reserves or for specified purpose(s).
Property	Church	**Note 2**	No property is owned

Contingent Liabilities	**Note 3**	Financial Statements present the receipts received and payments made during the year. In the event there are any material outstandings, contingent liabilities and /or commitments these are noted below:-
		There are no contingent liabilities at the date of this Report and Financial Statement.
Payments to Trustees	**Note 4**	No payments have been made to any Trustee for the performance of their duties as Trustees of the Congregation

Approval of Congregation Financial Statements for the Year ending 1 January 2026 as set out in Sections 10,11 by Office Bearers authorised to sign.

Moderator ***LI*** **Name:** Kwan Sheung Li

Treasurer ***CHAN*** **Name:** Wai Fat CHAN

Date 20th October 2026

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Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Cumberland Presbyterian Council/Presbytery (Hong Kong Christian Church in Birmingham) Charity No. 1202488

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Cumberland Presbyterian Council/Presbytery (Hong Kong Christian Church in Birmingham) for the year ended 1 January 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 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.

Signed:

Name: Tung Wan Johnny Leung

Address: Apartment 6, Seymour House, 60 Manor Road, Solihull, B91 2BL

Date: October 29, 2026