

Trustees' Annual Report Year-ending 5/4/2025

Lichfield Christian Church (CIO)

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Lichfield Christian Church

Charity Registration Number: 1203650

Legal Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Principal Address: 4 Caterbanck Way, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 6LR, England

Area of Operation: Lichfield and surrounding areas

Trustees serving during the year:

- Jeffrey Scott Fry (Chair)
- Tamer Panagiotis Doss (Treasurer)
- Sarah Lucy Frances Fry
- Amber Rozalyn Doss (Secretary)

Structure, Governance and Management:

Lichfield Christian Church is a CIO governed by its constitution and led by a board of trustees who are appointed by the church membership. Trustees meet at least quarterly to oversee the work and ensure compliance with Charity Commission guidance. The church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects:

The primary objective of Lichfield Christian Church (LCC) is to advance the Christian faith in Lichfield and surrounding communities. This includes offering the message of the Christian gospel as of first priority through teaching, worship, fellowship and outreach. Through these efforts, we seek to foster a sense of community and provide both spiritual and practical support to individuals from all backgrounds.

Main Activities:

During the year the church held weekly Sunday worship services at Darwin Hall community hall. We also held two midweek Bible study meetings – one for women on Tuesday mornings and one on Thursday evenings. We also engaged in prayer gatherings and fellowship meals as well as provided pastoral support to members and visitors. The church also engaged in local outreach activities such as our annual Christmas Carol service and Easter service aimed at sharing the Christian message with the surrounding community.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The church's activities are open to the public and provide spiritual benefit through the teaching of the Bible, opportunities for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Community benefits are provided through pastoral care, open meetings, regular all-age services with a meal afterwards and support for individuals in need.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, average attendance at Sunday services was approximately 25 people. The midweek Bible studies (Tuesdays & Thursdays) each had an attendance on average of about 5-8 people. The church held two special outreach services at Easter and Christmas with the Carol service having nearly 85 people in attendance. We continued regular Bible teaching programmes and members were encouraged and supported in their personal faith and discipleship. Three adults were baptized this year and we welcomed four new members into the church.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £20,306, from voluntary donations and offerings. Expenditure amounted to £17,732, mainly relating to hall hire, training (especially our seminary trainee), and missions work.

Reserves Policy:

The trustees aim to hold reserves equivalent to approximately three months of operating costs to ensure financial stability. At the year end, reserves stood at £4500.

Plans for Future Periods

In the coming year, the church plans to strengthen its outreach activities including training for the leaders of the Summer Sports Camp. It will also develop teaching resources, and encourage greater involvement in prayer and midweek Bible study groups. Trustees will also review financial sustainability and pursue more precise budgeting along with regular checks against the budget during the year.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Safeguarding policies are in place for children and vulnerable adults. Financial controls include dual signatories on bank accounts and regular financial reporting.


Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Charity Commission guidance (CC16). They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records and safeguarding the charity's assets.

Trustee Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed: <u>Jeffrey S. Fry</u> <hr/> Name: Jeffrey S. Fry Position: Chair of Trustees Date: <u>28/1/2026</u>	Signed: <u>[Signature]</u> <hr/> Name: Tamer Doss Position: Treasurer Date: <u>28/1/2026</u>
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 <div>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</div>	Lichfield Christian Church				1203650	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	06/04/2024	To	05/04/2025		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
All Receipts						
Donations	17,101	.	.	17,101	13,637	
Restricted income	.	.	.	.	5,000	
Gift Aid (HMRC)	3,205	.	.	3,205	2,570	
	
	
	
	


Sub total(Gross income for AR)	20,306	.	.	20,306	21,207
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	

Sub total	.	.	.	.	.
Total receipts	20,306	.	.	20,306	21,207
A3 Payments					
Sunday School	338	.	.	338	366
Website	814	.	.	814	98
Administration	1,091	.	.	1,091	1,117
Legal	.	.	.	.	3,285
Training	4,663	.	.	4,663	4,828
Church Fellowship	894	.	.	894	738
Worship / Music	256	.	.	256	255
Equipment	446	.	.	446	.
Hall Hire	3,137			3,137	3,458
Love Offerings	1,705			1,705	200
Evangelism & Outreach	1,472			1,472	926
Missions	2,153			2,153	2,153
Teaching & Discipleship	765			765	445
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Sub total					

	17,732	-	-	17,732	17,869
A1 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,732	-	-	17,732	17,869
Net of receipts/ (payments)	2,574	-	-	2,574	3,338
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,338	-	-	3,338	-
Cash funds this year end	5,912	-	-	5,912	3,338
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds		5,912	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	5,912	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	

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			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-	-
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				-	-
	Details		Fund to	Amount	When

		which liability relates	due (optional)	due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Tamer P. Doss	28/1/26	
	Jeffrey S. Fry	JEFFREY S. FRY	28/1/26	