



THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Lighthouse Church Telford

For The Year Ended 30 April 2025



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Lighthouse Church Telford — Trustees Report

1. Introduction

Lighthouse Church continues to shine as a beacon of hope and faith in our community, dedicated to spreading the message of Jesus Christ, supporting individuals and families, and engaging in meaningful outreach initiatives. Our core mission is to **Love Jesus and Love People**, reflecting our commitment to faith, service, and compassion. This report provides an overview of our activities, achievements, financial stewardship, and future aspirations over the past year.

2. Objectives and Activities

The mission of Lighthouse Church remains to glorify God by making disciples, fostering a welcoming community, and providing practical and spiritual support to those in need.

Throughout the year, we have pursued these objectives through:

- Weekly worship services and teaching sessions.
 - Small groups, prayer meetings, and discipleship programs.
 - Community outreach, including the **Community Grocery**, serving the community of **Ketley**, in partnership with The Message Trust.
 - The launch of **Lighthouse Coffee Shop**, a welcoming community space open to all, serving as a hub for connection, conversation, and care.
 - **Lighthouse Tots**, a weekly Friday session providing a warm, nurturing environment for young children and their families.
 - Support for families and young people, including fostering initiatives.
 - Collaboration with local charities and service providers.
 - We have **22 community tables across Telford**, with gatherings meeting primarily across Telford and Shropshire as we continue to expand our reach into new neighbourhoods.
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3. Achievements and Performance

Over the past year, Lighthouse Church has seen growth and impact in several key areas:

- Attendance has remained strong, with an increase in engagement in small groups and discipleship programs.
- Expansion of our community initiatives, including providing food support and practical aid to families in need through the **Community Grocery in Ketley**.
- Successful launch of the **Lighthouse Coffee Shop**, creating a welcoming, accessible space for the wider community and strengthening relationships beyond Sunday services.

- Establishment of **Lighthouse Tots every Friday**, offering families with young children a regular, supportive gathering and extending our reach to parents and carers in the local area.
- Continued **growth in community tables across Telford**, deepening our presence in local neighbourhoods and fostering discipleship outside of the church building.
- Increased participation in youth activities and mentorship programs.
- Strengthening of our digital presence, allowing for broader reach and engagement through online services and resources.
- We have seen over **200 people become followers of Jesus**, approximately **50 baptised**, and significant growth in numbers since moving into the new space at the rear of the building.

4. Financial Review

Lighthouse Church is committed to financial transparency and good stewardship of resources. The key financial highlights for the year include:

- Income received through tithes, offerings, and donations.
- Expenditure on operational costs, outreach programs, and community support.
- Responsible financial management ensuring sustainability and future growth.
- **Total income from May 24 to April 2025 was £320,022.80, while total expenditure during the same period was £222,442.74.**

A full financial statement is available upon request.

5. Governance and Leadership

The Trustees, together with the Core Team, have continued to oversee the church's mission, vision, and operations with diligence and faithfulness. The Core Team have all been given areas of responsibility for the wider church and departments. This year, we have:

- Strengthened governance structures to ensure compliance with all legal and financial obligations.
- Invested in leadership development and pastoral support.
- Continued to support the well-being of our team and volunteers.

6. Future Plans

Looking ahead, Lighthouse Church is committed to:

- Expanding our discipleship and leadership training programs.

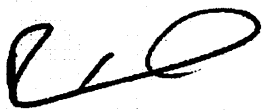
- Enhancing our community engagement and support initiatives, building on the success of the Lighthouse Coffee Shop, Lighthouse Tots, and Community Grocery.
 - Continuing to grow our community tables across Telford and Shropshire, bringing discipleship closer to where people live.
 - Exploring new ways to reach and serve our congregation and wider community.
 - Strengthening partnerships with local and global mission efforts.
 - Finding a new building to house the growth.
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7. Conclusion

We give thanks for God's faithfulness and the generosity of our congregation and supporters. The launch of the Lighthouse Coffee Shop, Lighthouse Tots, and the expansion of our Community Grocery into Ketley are a testament to the creativity and dedication of our team and volunteers. We remain steadfast in our mission to be a light in our community, bringing hope, healing, and transformation in Jesus' name.

Approved by the Trustees

Signed: R Kaul

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Kaul', written in a cursive style.

Lighthouse Church Telford
Financial Statements for the period
1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Lighthouse Church Telford Charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

This report on the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025 set out on the following pages is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; and consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under s145 of the Act, state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners under s145(5)(b) the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiners' report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions under s145(5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of accounting methods kept by the trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with these 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 examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	279,835	-	92,233	372,068
Charitable activities	2(b)	25,611	-	-	25,611
Other trading activities	2(c)	-	-	-	-
Investment income	2(d)	-	-	-	-
Total Income		305,446	-	92,233	397,679
Resources expended					
Raising funds	3(a)	105,492	-	-	105,492
Charitable activities	3(b)	113,301	-	3,650	75,228
Total Expenditure		218,793	-	3,650	180,720
Increase/(Decrease) in value of Investment		-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)		86,653	-	88,583	216,959
Total funds brought forward		163,132	-	-	163,132
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		249,785	-	88,583	380,091



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Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	2025	
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets for use by the Charity	5(a)	-	
Investment	5(b)	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	77,646	
Cash at bank and in hand		260,723	
		338,369	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	-	
Net Current Assets			338,369
Total assets less current liabilities			338,369
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			
Loan	8	-	
Net Assets			338,369
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted Funds			249,786
Designated Funds			-
Restricted Funds			88,583
			338,369

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf

Signed R Kaul


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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be used solely for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the Trust.

Income

Income is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the Charity.

Amounts received specifically for projects are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Equipment is capitalised if it can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost.

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2. Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted	2025	
	Funds	Restricted	Total
	£	Funds	£
(a) Donations and legacies			
Building project	-	92,233	92,233
Gift Aid	77,646	-	77,646
Grants	-	-	-
Donations	202,189	-	202,189
	<u>279,835</u>	<u>92,233</u>	<u>372,068</u>
(b) Income from activities			
Coffee Lounge	1,754	-	1,754
Mission Kenya	23,717	-	23,717
Lighthouse Tots	140	-	140
	<u>25,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,611</u>
(c) Other trading activities			
Sales of goods	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(d) Income from investments			
Deposit account interest	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u><u>305,446</u></u>	<u><u>92,233</u></u>	<u><u>397,679</u></u>

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3. Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	Total £
(a) Cost of raising funds			
Purchases	34,606		34,606
Events	21,054	-	21,054
Mission Kenya	25,045		25,045
Ministry Gifts	24,787	-	24,787
	<u>105,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,492</u>
(b) Charitable activities			
Rent, rates and water	42,418	-	42,418
Insurance	3,738	-	3,738
Light & heat	20,535		20,535
General expenses	-	-	-
Lighthouse Tots, Kids & Youths	8,537	-	8,537
	<u>75,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,228</u>
Other			
Subscriptions	151	-	151
Telephone & Internet	1,187	-	1,187
Repairs & Maintenance	8,909	-	8,909
Bank charges	378	-	378
	<u>10,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,625</u>
Salaries			
Wages			
	4a	-	-
		-	-

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3. Analysis of resources expended cont'd

	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	Total £
Support Costs			
Postage and Stationery	356		356
Advertising	7,237	-	7,237
Sound	1,128		1,128
Sundry expenses	-	-	-
Hospitality & Hosting	10,749		10,749
Cleaning	978		978
	<u>20,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,448</u>
Finance			
Fixtures & fittings depreciation	-	-	-
Motor Vehicles depreciation	-		-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance			
Accountancy	-	-	-
Legal fees	7,000	3,650	10,650
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>10,650</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>113,301</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>116,951</u>



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4. (a) Staff Costs

2025
£

Wages and salaries
Pension costs

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No payments were made to Trustees.



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6. Debtors	2025
	£
Gift Aid recoverable	77,646
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 7. Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	 2025
	£
Inland Revenue	-
Accruals and creditors	-
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 8. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	 2025
	£
Creditors	-
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9 Fund Movements

	Balance as at 1 May 2024	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 30 April 2025 £
Restricted Funds					
Capital Fund					
Building Project	-	92,233	3,650	-	88,583
	-	92,233	3,650	-	88,583
Designated funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	163,133	305,446	218,793	0	249,786
Total Funds	163,133	397,679	222,443	0	338,369

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Statement of Financial Activities
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10. SOFA Comparatives No information is available

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		2024			
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2(a)		-		-
Charitable activities	2(b)		-	-	-
Other trading activities	2(c)		-	-	-
Investment income	2(d)		-	-	-
Total Income		-	-	-	-
Resources expended					
Raising funds	3(a)		-	-	-
Charitable activities	3(b)		-		-
Total Expenditure		-	-	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in value of Investment	*		-	-	0
Net Income/(Expenditure)		0	-	0	0
Total funds brought forward					-
Transfers			-		-
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	-