

# ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1204074

## Details

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Other names	ABBEYGATE CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-07-24
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE: 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN [LOCATION WHERE THE CHURCH IS BASED] AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND 3.1.2 SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

**Activities:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN COLCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE

CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Essex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£90,422	£15,402	-	-
2024-03-31	£100	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev David Richard Landers</b>	Chair	2023-07-18
Chui Shan Mo		2025-07-07
David John Halls		2023-07-24
Helen Gail Tucker		2023-07-24
John Raymond Collett		2023-07-24

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# Accounts

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ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER  
REG CHARITY NO 1204074  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025

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REG CHARITY NO 1204074

Trustees Annual Report for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 Page 1 of 2

Reference and administration details:

Abbeygate Church Colchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).  
It was registered on 24th July 2023 and the registered charity number is 1204074  
The address of the church is Abbeygate Street, Colchester, Essex. CO2 7HB

The charity trustees who have managed the charity throughout this period are:

<u>Trustee name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date appointed</u>	<u>End of term</u>	<u>Appointed by</u>	<u>Dates acted</u>
David Richard Landers	Pastor and Elder	24th July 2023		Church Members	Whole year
David John Halls	Deacon and Treasurer	24th July 2023	2026	Church Members	Whole year
Helen Gail Tucker	Deacon and Secretary	24th July 2023	2026	Church Members	Whole year
John Raymond Collett	Deacon	24th July 2023	2026	Church Members	Whole year

The church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Churches (FIEC)

Structure, governance and management:

The church is governed by the Church Constitution and Church Handbook and is constituted as a CIO. The trustees are appointed by the church Members at a business meeting of the church.

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively in Colchester. The church may also carry out other charitable purposes which, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith. The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion, and believes that this has been met.

Achievements and Performance

The church has presented the Christian faith to the neighbourhood by the preaching of the Gospel, and Bible teaching, public worship within the church building, organised Bible studies, prayer meetings, children's and youth groups, evangelistic events, and by meeting the needs within the community.

Other activities include running courses for those who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith, and English language lessons.

These meetings are open to the public, and there have been new people coming church. On occasions we have been able to show care and give support to some with personal problems.

Regular services are held at a local retirement complex, and an informal pop-up café, "Courtyard", is held at the church.

There are no serious incidents to report.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Church Council is responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are maintained so that they disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.

The Church Council has determined that a statement of receipts and payments should be prepared and that within the statement of assets and liabilities a revaluation of assets should be provided for.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The church has been established as a successor for Abbeyfield Community Church, a charitable unincorporated association (CUA). The assets and activities of the CUA were transferred to the church on 29th November 2024. The Charity Commission had approved this transfer on 4th June 2024.

The accounts include activities for 4 months commencing December 2024.

The surplus of receipts over payments for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st April 2025 amounted to £75,020. £77,013 was transferred from Abbeyfield Community Church.

The accumulation of funds will be used to finance our minister, necessary building maintenance, and to support ongoing activities and develop new ones.

The surplus of assets over liabilities as at 31st March 2025 was £915,469 including £840,000 as the estimated value of the church and manse.

The church has a deposit account and current account at CAF Bank Ltd

Payments made to trustees were for reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred for the church, and compensation for the Pastor acting as an employee of the Church under a contract of employment.

During the year there has been 1 full time employee, with other activities being undertaken by 15 unpaid volunteers

OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

There have been no significant events or transactions that would require any adjustments to the accounts since the reporting period.

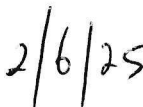
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on pages 1 and 2 above.

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign this report on their behalf.

**Signed**

**Date**





**D J Halls (Trustee)**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Abbeygate Church Colchester		
On accounts for the year ended	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Charity no (if any)	1204074
	Set out on pages 1 and 2		

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 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

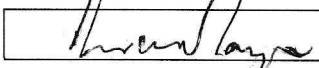
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: 17.06.2025

Name: BRIAN LAYNER

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

CHARTERED TAX ADVISOR

Address:

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SPANWAY  
COLCHESTER ESSEX CO3 0J1

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

NONE

**ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER**

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1204074

CHARITY COMMISSION ACCOUNTS PAGE 1 OF 1RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the Period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	£ Unrestricted 2025	£ Restricted 2024	£ TOTAL 2024	£ TOTAL 2023
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Voluntary contributions				
Income Tax recovered	0		0	
Interest	464		464	
Grants & Donations	89357	200	89557	100
Others	601		601	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>90422</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>90622</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Ministry	10819		10819	
Church Utilities and maintenance	3352		3352	
Church activities	90		90	
Church Administration and Fees	1141		1141	
Others		200	200	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>15402</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>15602</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<u>75020</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75020</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	100	0	100	0
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END</b>	<u>75120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75120</u>	<u>0</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31st March 2025

## Cash funds

Current account	3661	0	100	100
Savings accounts	71459	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>75120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75120</u>	<u>100</u>

Other monetary assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Investment assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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## Assets retained for the charity's own use

Church premises and property	840000	0	840000	0
Fixtures and Equipment	349	0	349	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>840349</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>840349</u>	<u>840349</u>

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General)

Regulations 2023, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to

third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

There were no liabilities as at 31st March 2025

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on this page relating to the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 are as approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signed

Date

*D. J. Halls*  
D J Halls (Trustee)

*2/6/25*

ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - FROM 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025 *12 MONTHS £	2024 12 MONTHS £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Donatins and Offerings	2991	100
Covenants & Gift Aid	8953	
Tax refunds	<u>0</u>	
Donations via CAF	400	
Interest received	464	
Giving for specific causes Restricted	200	
Building / Project Fund(Designated)	0	
Transfer from Abbeyfield Community Church	77013	
Miscellaneous	<u>601</u>	
	90622	<u>100</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Pastoral costs (Note 1)	10819	
Church Upkeep (Note 2)	2101	
Manse upkeep (Note 3)	1251	
Speakers	0	
Missionary Fund (Tithe) CYO	0	
Missionary Fund (Tithe) OMF	0	
Missionary Fund (Tithe) FI	0	
Subscriptions	35	
Passing on money given for specific causes Restricted	200	
Youth Work	90	
Gift to financial examiner	0	
Building / Project Fund(Designated)	0	
Copyright and other licences	243	
Photocopying, Printing Stationary	22	
Miscellaneous	175	
Gifts/Donations to charitable causes	0	
Professional Advice	0	
DBAS	150	
CIO Legal costs	516	
Service Materials	0	
Training	<u>0</u>	
	15602	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>£75020</u>	<u>£100</u>
Bank & Cash B/f	£100	£0
General Fund	<u>£75120</u>	<u>£100</u>

\* OPERATIONAL FOR 4 MONTHS IN 24-25

ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	£		£	
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Deposit account	71459		0	
Current account	3661		100	
Cash in hand	<u>0</u>	75120	<u>0</u>	100
 <u>Fixed Assets</u>				
Fixtures and equipment	(Note 4) 349		0	
Church premises Abbeygate Street	(Note 6) 350000		0	
13 Abbey Field View	(Note 6) <u>490000</u>		<u>0</u>	
		<u>840349</u>		<u>0</u>
 Total Assets		 <u><u>915469</u></u>		 <u><u>100</u></u>

ABBEGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	2025 * 12 MONTHS £	2024 12 MONTHS £
<b>1 PASTORAL COSTS</b>		
Salary	10304	0
Employers NIC	0	0
Expenses	0	0
Pension Contribution	515	0
Recruitment	0	0
	10819	0
<b>2 CHURCH COSTS</b>		
Electricity	418	0
Gas	995	0
Water	141	0
Insurance	365	0
Maintenance	110	0
Consumables	72	0
Cleaning	0	0
Guitar Amp	0	0
Laptop	0	0
	2101	0
<b>3 MANSE COSTS</b>		
Electricity/Gas	0	0
Council Tax	506	0
Water Rates	0	0
Insurance	336	0
Telephone	0	0
Maintenance	60	0
Consumables	0	0
Management Fee	0	0
Manse Fixtures	349	0
	1251	0
* OPERATIONAL FOR 4 MONTHS IN 24-25		
<b>4 FIXTURES FITTINGS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 April 2024	0	
Additions	349	
At 31 January 2025	349	
<b>Revaluation adjustment</b>		
At 1 April 2024	0	
Charge for year	0	
At 15 January 2025	0	
<b>Net Book Value 15 January 2025</b>	349	
Net Book Value 31 March 2024	0	

ABBEGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

5 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The following amounts were collected on behalf of the causes stated and passed on to them:-

	2025 £	2024 £
DNA Networks	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£200</u>	<u>£0</u>

6 PROPERTIES

These are included at their estimated open market value as assessed by the Church Trustees

**ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1204074

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# Accounts

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## Abbeygate Church Colchester

### Trustees Annual Report for the period from 24th July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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Trustee name	Office	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
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David John Halls	Deacon	As above
Helen Gail Tucker	Deacon	As above
John Raymond Collett	Deacon	As above

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#### Objectives and activities

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The Church has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance for the advancement of religion and believes that this will be met.

#### Achievements and Performance

The church has been established as the successor charity to Abbeyfield Community Church, a charitable unincorporated association, (CUA) with the intention that all the assets and activities of the CUA should be transferred to the church. It was inactive from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, when this was achieved.

The church will seek to present the Christian faith to the neighbourhood by the preaching of the Gospel, and Bible teaching, public worship within the church building, organised Bible studies, prayer meetings, children's and youth groups, evangelistic events, all open to the public, and by meeting the needs within the community. There will be a regular 'Courtyard Presence', (an informal pop-up café), regular services at a local retirement complex, running courses for those who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith, and English language lessons.

#### Financial Review

The church received an initial donation of £100, to fund a bank account, which was unspent.

**Other Optional Information**

None

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report on page 1 and 2

I declare, in my capacity as a trustee of the charity, that I have been authorised to sign on their behalf.

D. J. Halls

David John Halls ( Treasurer )

17/01/2025

Date

# ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER

REGISTERED AS A CIO: NUMBER 1204074

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the Period from 23rd July 2023 to 31st March 2024

	£ Unrestricted 2024	£ Restricted 2024	£ TOTAL 2024	£ TOTAL 2023
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Voluntary contributions				
Income Tax recovered				
Interest				
Grants & Donations	100		100	0
Others				
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Ministry				
Utilities and maintenance				
Church activities				
Administration and Fees				
Others				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS PERIOD END</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>

## ABBEYGATE CHURCH COLCHESTER STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES As at 31st March 2024

### Cash funds

Current account	100	0	100	0
Savings accounts	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>

Other monetary assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Investment assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
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### Assets retained for the charity's own use

Church premises and land	0	0	0	0
Fixtures and Equipment	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.  
There were no liabilities at 31st March 2024

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out in page 1 and relating to the period 23rd July 2023 to 31st March 2024 are as approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signed

*D J Halls*

Date

*17/01/2025*

D J Halls (Trustee)