

Welby Lane Mission Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st December 2025

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Welby Lane Mission Church
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	60 Welby Lane Melton Mowbray Leicestershire LE13 0TB
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Association Registered 21 Sept 2023 Constitution adopted 16th August 2023
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1204850
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Yvette Fisher Christopher Jordan Samuel Osborne David Parrott Heather Taylor Susan Thompson
BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) to advance the Christian faith primarily, but not exclusively, within Melton Mowbray and the surrounding neighbourhood
- b) other such charitable purposes as shall put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith

Our current Church governance remains firmly independent in nature. However, to conform with the Charities act 2011 the Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and adopted a new

constitution and church handbook on 21st September 2023. On 30th June 2024, the Church completed the transition of all assets from the Charitable Unincorporated Association to the Charitable

Incorporated Organisation. The CUA was merged with the CIO by the UK Charity Commission on 11th July 2024.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

The purpose of this report is to detail the activities of the Church during the period of January to December 2025.

The identity and desire of the Church remain the same, to be in Christ, to be in Melton Mowbray and in the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ. The Church and its members want to present Christ to the people of Melton Mowbray and beyond.

The reoccurring theme of this year has been one of renewal and growth in the work of the Church and we want to acknowledge Gods many blessings.

As was reported in last year's report, the Church commenced a building project to provide easy access to the building and a more welcoming environment. The work on rear of the church building was completed in January, and our attention has now turned to the front of the building. The plans and proposals were agreed by the members who supported the project with generously with sacrificial giving. In addition, the trustees submitted several grant applications which were successful in raising £43,000 towards the project. We would like to acknowledge and give thanks for the support of The Beatrice Laing Trust, The Benefact Trust and Leicestershire Historic Churches trust amongst others for their generosity and help.

The church continues to experience Gods blessing as see new people and visitors joining the Sunday Services each week and wanting to understand the news of the Gospel. Our Sunday Evening services are smaller than the morning, but has been valuable informal time looking at Psalms and latterly Proverbs before spending time in open prayer for the church

At the beginning of July, the Church joined together to baptise two people in the first baptismal service to be held in the church. Baptismal classes held since then, have seen several others also come forward to ask for baptism in obedience to scripture and we look forward to further baptisms as soon as the building project allows. We have also seen God continue to bless and grow the church with new members joining the church and existing members seeking to support and caring for each other and desiring to share Christ's love.

Our regular weekly events have continued and are proving to be beneficial; these include Sparrows (a toddler group) serving many non-church families. The Young Peoples group on Wednesday evenings has become firmly established, as has a Ladies Friday morning bible study. These groups have proved to be a useful time for many to study the claims of the Bible for the first time and be challenged with regarding the gospel of Christ and their own beliefs.

The Church Mid-week bible study has been focused on the Gospel of John, the themes of the gospel introducing and highlighting the claims of Christ has been challenging. Our Pastor has shown how John highlights the claims of Jesus Christ and led the discussions that followed.

Our regular contact with a local primary school has continued and our Pastor is using the gospel of John in a weekly school assembly to introduce Jesus Christ to the Children. At the school's request, our Pastor's wife has continued to lead a small group of children through a weekly bible study.

Overall, the church has continued to grow and been challenged by the events of the year so far, we continue to depend on the providence and grace of God as we seek to present the gospel of Jesus to our neighbours in the Melton area.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income was £119,098, (2024 - £135,147) and expenditure was £133,761 (2024 - £44,963). The large increase in expenditure was due to the building project. At year end, the cash held by the charity was £75,521 (2024 - £90,184), of which £27,566 is unrestricted and £47,955 is designated by the trustees for further building work. All can be used for any charitable purpose if required.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £75,521 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Yvette Fisher
Yvette Fisher (May 14, 2026 13:53:35 GMT+1)
Yvette Fisher

Date: May 14, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Welby Lane Mission Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Welby Lane Mission Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 6 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin

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Date: May 18, 2026

Welby Lane Mission Church
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Offerings		38,524	-	29,819	68,342	20,896
Gift aid received		4,331	-	540	4,871	6,893
Grants		-	-	43,000	43,000	-
Bank interest		68	-	1,422	1,490	1,663
Other income		1,396	-	-	1,396	-
Grant from Welby Lane Mission Church CUA		-	-	-	-	105,695
Total receipts		<u>44,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>119,098</u>	<u>135,147</u>
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	38,557	2,046	88,799	129,401	44,963
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	4,330	30	-	4,360	-
Total payments		<u>42,887</u>	<u>2,076</u>	<u>88,799</u>	<u>133,761</u>	<u>44,963</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		1,431	(2,076)	(14,018)	(14,663)	90,184
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,431	(2,076)	(14,018)	(14,663)	90,184
Cash funds at last year end		26,135	50,030	14,019	90,184	-
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>27,566</u>	<u>47,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,521</u>	<u>90,184</u>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

Welby Lane Mission Church
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2025	2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		27,566	-	-	27,566	39,523
Notice deposits		-	47,955	-	47,955	50,661
		<u>27,566</u>	<u>47,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,521</u>	<u>90,184</u>
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		9,347	-	7,030	16,377	4,865
		<u>9,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,030</u>	<u>16,377</u>	<u>4,865</u>
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		900	-	-	900	810
Total		<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>810</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs
Freehold building (Church at 60 Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray)	General
Freehold building (Manse at 14 Alvaston Road, Melton Mowbray)	General
Contents and equipment (Church)	General
Contents and equipment (Manse)	General

Current values of property and equipment have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available and disclosure is not mandatory.

E Guarantees and secured debts

The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Yvette Fisher
Yvette Fisher (May 14, 2026 13:53:35 GMT+1)

Yvette Fisher

Date: May 14, 2026

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Welby Lane Mission Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and adopted a new constitution and church handbook on 21st September 2023. On 30th June 2024, the Church completed the transition of all assets from Welby Lane Mission Church Charitable Unincorporated Association (CUA) to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Employment and pension costs	26,867	-	-	26,867	13,284
Utilities	3,356	-	-	3,356	1,220
Church expenses	5,669	-	-	5,669	4,093
Manse epenses	478	-	-	478	264
Legal and professional fees	740	-	-	740	1,393
Building work	-	2,046	88,799	90,844	24,394
Ministry costs	1,447	-	-	1,447	314
	<u>38,557</u>	<u>2,046</u>	<u>88,799</u>	<u>129,401</u>	<u>44,963</u>
3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others					
Small grants to organisations (<£1,000)	4,330	30	-	4,360	-
	<u>4,330</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,360</u>	<u>-</u>
4 Transactions with related parties					
<p>Samuel Osborne served as church leader and was employed by the CIO from 1st July 2024. He was paid £25,667 (2024 - £12,767) and £1200 in pension contributions for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.</p> <p>In addition the charity incurred expenditure totalling £478.44 (2024 - £264) in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to Samuel Osborne, who is a trustee so that they could better perform their duties.</p> <p>No other payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.</p>					
5 Movement of funds					
	Opening balance				Closing balance
	1st Jan 2025	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>26,135</u>	<u>44,318</u>	<u>(42,887)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,566</u>
Designated funds					
Building project	50,000	-	(2,046)	-	47,955
Mission fund	30	-	(30)	-	-
	<u>76,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,955</u>
Restricted funds					
Building fund	14,018	74,780	(88,799)	-	-
	<u>14,018</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>(88,799)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>90,184</u>	<u>119,098</u>	<u>(133,761)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,521</u>

The Building fund is for the purpose of improving and modernising the existing church building. Donations for the building fund are treated as restricted funds, along with associated gift aid. £50,000 was designated from general funds for the building project in the CUA and transferred to the CIO as designated funds in 2024. Those funds are used for building project costs, once the restricted fund has been used up.

The Mission funds relate to funds set aside for the purpose of supporting charitable organisations which further our own charitable objectives.