

St Thomas' Church Cambridge

Report and Accounts

2 November 2023 to 31 December 2024

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ST THOMAS' CHURCH CAMBRIDGE
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	3 Silverdale Avenue Coton Cambridge CB23 7PP
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - Foundation registered 2 November 2023 as amended on 21 October 2024
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1205550
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Jason Whitaker Fletcher Elaine Cooper Helen Fellows Andrew Fellows Fiona Mary Macaulay-Fletcher
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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St Thomas' Church, Cambridge
Report of the Trustees
For the period ending 31st December 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period 2nd November 2023 to 31st December 2024.

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 objectives, as set out in its governing document, is for the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in Cambridgeshire and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Day to day responsibility rests with a Leadership team who are currently made up of the Trustees and one other person. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

- a) To hold Christian services of worship each Sunday where the Bible is taught for the encouragement of all who attend. Everyone is welcome to our services, irrespective of denomination or background
- b) Regular midweek meetings for Bible study and prayer
- c) Weekly Bible study and prayer meeting for 20-30's, during term time, including eating together
- d) A monthly lunch held after the church service
- e) Termly prayer meetings where the whole church meets together

The Activities on a Sunday are held in rented accommodation at Panton Hall. All other activities are held in homes.

f) One-off events include: a walk and picnic held on Easter Monday, watching a film followed by a discussion, doing a book study, an evening of carol singing, a carol service before Christmas, a Christmas day service, working voluntarily for a charity that offers practical support (e.g. decorating, gardening) to someone in need.

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

One particularly significant event this year was St Thomas' joining the Anglican Convocation in Europe. On 20th October the church was licensed and our minister was ordained as a deacon into the diocese by Bishop Ian Fergusen.

Financial review

In this first financial period during which the charity operated, income was £70,275 and expenditure was £41,475.. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £28,800 to £28,800, of which £12,943 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

St Thomas' benefits from the minister's salary being paid by donors from outside the congregation. These donations are restricted for this purpose.

St Thomas' at present does not have any additional classrooms for use for a creche/Children's work on a Sunday. We currently have the children in the main auditorium with an activity table available. We are in the process of raising funds to build a garden room on the premises we currently rent from Heritage School. We have currently raised £5,632 and have an additional £35,000 pledged.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have determined that the Charity should aim to hold unrestricted reserves of no less than £2,773, which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the end of the year the charity held unrestricted cash of £12,943, complying with this policy.

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law requires 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 responsibility to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on Oct 20, 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Helen Fellows
Helen Fellows [Oct 20, 2025 09:31:29 GMT+1]
Helen Fellows

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ST THOMAS' CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Thomas' Church Cambridge ('the charity') for the period 2 November 2023 to 31 December 2024 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
Sarah Crispin (Oct 27, 2025 14:30:27 GMT)

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Date: Oct 27, 2025

ST THOMAS' CHURCH CAMBRIDGE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	14 months 2024
	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		22,535	-	28,146	50,681
Other grants		-	-	19,594	19,594
		<u>22,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,740</u>	<u>70,275</u>
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>22,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,740</u>	<u>70,275</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	9,593	-	31,882	41,475
		<u>9,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,882</u>	<u>41,475</u>
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>9,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,882</u>	<u>41,475</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		12,942	-	15,858	28,800
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>12,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,858</u>	<u>28,800</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds at this year end</i>	A	<u>12,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,858</u>	<u>28,800</u>

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH CAMBRIDGE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024
		General funds	Designated funds		
		£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		12,942	-	15,858	28,800
		<u>12,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,858</u>	<u>28,800</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		2,258	-	756	3,014
		<u>2,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>3,014</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Pension		248	-	-	248
Fee for Independent Examination		930	-	-	930
Diocese fees		1,859	-	-	1,859
		<u>3,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,037</u>

D 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:

Jason Fletcher
Jason Fletcher (Oct 22, 2025 16:40:11 GMT+1)

Jason Fletcher

Date: Oct 22, 2025

The notes on pages 8 form part of these accounts.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH CAMBRIDGE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	14 months Total 2024
	General funds £	Designated funds £	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment costs (see note 3)	1,318	-	31,882	33,199
Ministry expenses	1,362	-	-	1,362
Rent	5,661	-	-	5,661
Insurance/Licences	651	-	-	651
Advertising	381	-	-	381
Training and conference costs	220	-	-	220
	<u>9,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,882</u>	<u>41,475</u>

3 Transactions with related parties

Andrew Fellows served as a church leader and was paid £32,612 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; this payment is permitted by the charity's governing document.

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	-	22,535	(9,593)	-	12,942
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,535</u>	<u>(9,593)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,942</u>
Restricted funds					
Minister's Salary Fund	-	42,108	(31,882)		10,226
Garden Room Fund	-	5,632			5,632
	<u>-</u>	<u>47,740</u>	<u>(31,882)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,858</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>70,275</u>	<u>(41,475)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,800</u>

The Minister's Salary Fund are monies received from donors who supported Andrew in his previous employment and were prepared to carry on that support in his new employment. These are therefore restricted to only be spent on his salary.

The Garden Room Fund are funds raised in order to build a classroom in the grounds of the premises we rent in order to facilitate Sunday school activities.