

Trustees' Annual Report for The Belonging Christian Church (CIO)

Reporting Period: 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

- Charity Name: The Belonging Christian Church
- Charity Number: 1206709
- Principal Address: United Reformed Church, Baginton Road, Coventry CV3 6FP
- Trustees: Ms Suk Chun Yvonne Ho, Mr Jason Zhengchen Peng, Mrs Yuk Fong Cheung

Structure, Governance & Management

- Constitution: The Belonging Christian Church is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by its written Constitution dated 26 January 2024.

Objectives and Activities

- **Objects:** The objects of the church are to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of belief contained within Appendix 1 of the Constitution, in particular (but without limitation) for members of the Cantonese speaking community in Coventry, Warwickshire and the surrounding area
- **Main Activities:**
 - Weekly Saturday worship service at 10:30 am, with Sunday School for children and youth groups for teenagers.
 - Small group fellowships meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays for prayer, Bible study, and support.
 - Sisters' Fellowship (first Friday each month, Sept-July), Brothers' Fellowship (fourth Friday each month, Sept-July).
 - Four quarterly congregational meetings for governance updates to discuss pastoral care, administration, and ministry plans, with open Q&A for regular participants.
 - Key events in 2024–25: Church Retreat (May), Trip to York (June), Outdoor Worship (August), Baptisms (August and December), Hongkongers Community Fair (September), Christmas Fellowship (December), Year-end Thanksgiving Service.
 - Online Bible Classes: 6-session course held September–November 2024.

Achievements and Performance

- Nurtured faith and fellowship through expanded worship services and increased participation in discipleship groups.
- Facilitated pastoral care and church growth reflected in multiple baptisms and active youth engagement.

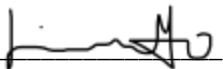
- Demonstrated outreach and public benefit by hosting community events including a fair targeting Hongkongers, holiday meals, and retreats.
- Improved transparency and member engagement via structured quarterly meetings with open Q&A.

Financial Review

- Trustees confirm that the church's income of £51,280 derives principally from member donations and fundraising events; funding allocated to worship operations, fellowship activities, and outreach events.
- Financial management follows the charity's reserves policy, holding sufficient funds to cover ongoing and planned activities.
- All significant expenditure decisions are discussed at quarterly meetings for openness.
- Surplus funds of £12,276 were generated in the year to 31 March 2025.
- Total unrestricted funds as at year end 31 March 2025 were £37,090 which are held in regulated UK bank accounts.

Declaration

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 Sep 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature: 

Full Name: Ms Suk Chun Yvonne Ho

Position: Chair

Date: 16/09/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Belonging Christian Church

No 1206709

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/02/2024


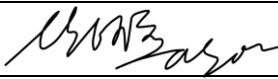
To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	51,280	-	-	51,280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	51,280	-	-	51,280	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	51,280	-	-	51,280	-
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	18,101	-	-	18,101	-
Office Rent	7,700	-	-	7,700	-
Speakers	6,040	-	-	6,040	-
Donations	5,479	-	-	5,479	-
Insurance	322	-	-	322	-
Legal & Professional fees	648	-	-	648	-
Office costs	714	-	-	714	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,004	-	-	39,004	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,004	-	-	39,004	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,276	-	-	12,276	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,814	-	-	24,814	-
Cash funds this year end	37,090	-	-	37,090	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	37,090	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,090	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Ms Suk Chun Yvonne Ho	16/09/2025
			Mr Jason Zhengchen Peng	16/09/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Belonging Christian Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1206709

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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:

16/09/25

Name:

Peter Taylor

Address:

36 Alwyne Grove

York

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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.