

Charity registration number: 1207241

Presence Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Roger Fairhead
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	Lindsey Gilbert
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	Luke Baldwin
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in Stoke-on-Trent through the provision of a public place of worship, educating people about Christianity, carrying out outreach work and pastoral care in the community.

Public benefit

Weekly Sunday services - in person and online

- Includes full church community gathering and tailored groups for 4-7 and 8-11 and 11-16 year olds
- Attendance has grown from 90 people to approximately 150 people
- Consists of worship, prayer, teaching, pastoral and social engagement via coffee shop.
- Typical Sundays begin from 9:30am with the building being closed by 4pm.

Weekly Sunday Children's Church

- Tailored groups for 3-7, 8-11 and 11-16 year olds
- Age specific curriculums developed in-house
- Curriculums educate on the Christian faith and its application in everyday life

Monthly worship and prayer services - in person and online

- Serves those who attend Presence Church and others who a) are part of other church groups, and b) those who are exploring Christianity

Weekly prayer service

- Serves those who attend Presence Church and others who are part of other church groups

Monthly Academies

- Training for specific areas of Christian ministry, including prayer teams and leadership development.
- Most serve those who attend Presence Church and members of other church groups (except for internal Leadership development - Presence Church members only)

Weekly Music band development

- Team and skill development for leadership and practical music abilities.
- Provide all live music for Sunday worship and any other event as required.

Fortnightly Discipleship groups

- Meet in people's homes
- 8 current groups across the city and surrounding locations
- Groups range from 8 - 25 per group.
- Discipleship space to learn about Christian faith in everyday life
- Pastoral support
- Social connection

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Fortnightly Friday night youth group - 11-17 years

- Social space for young people
- Discipleship space to learn about Christian faith in everyday life
- Pastoral support
- Trips to events and activities

Fortnightly Friday night Young Adults - 18+ years

- Social space for young adults
- Discipleship space to learn about Christian faith in everyday life
- Pastoral support
- Trips to events and activities

Monthly single 25+ nights

- Social space
- Pastoral support

Weekly Home-Learning Hub

- Key Stage 1 and 2 numeracy and literacy support for home learning families
- Christian ethos and stories used as part of curriculum
- Christian and non-Christian families engage weekly.
- Numbers up to 15 per week.
- Sessions are 1.5 hours long - including games and activities that support learning.
- Provision supplied by an experienced, qualified KS1-2 teacher
- Coffee space becomes a connection hub for families that are from across Staffordshire area to connect with other Home Learning families

Safeguarding Children - Level 1 Training

- 31 people trained with local council approved Safeguarding training
- Training given by Presence Designated Safeguard Lead who has extensive safeguarding experience with police, social services, probation and schools. Currently DSL for a secondary school in the city.

Social Events throughout the year

- Acoustic carols and games evening - attended by over 150 people
- Volunteer celebration evenings
- Movie nights
- Birthday parties

Host Productions

- Bringing in external production companies for christmas and easter shows
- Open to the public
- Presents the Christian message through arts

Conferences

- For the purpose of training and inspiring people to live the Christian message in everyday life.
- Attended by people across the region.
- Conference attendance up to 150 people per time

Weekly Coffee Shop

- Open to the public from 10am-3pm every Wednesday
- Space for social engagement
- Pastoral support also available

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Supporting families/individuals in need

- As part of pastoral work, emotional, practical and financial support has been given to families and individuals.
- This includes support in relocation, purchasing essentials such as food and clothes, equipping homes with basic appliances.

Supporting Missionaries sent overseas

- In the last year we have supported 3 missionaries financially.
- They have reached Uganda, USA, Scandinavia and Western Europe through the spreading of the Christian message via music, teaching and resourcing. In Uganda, financial support enabled prisoners in Kampala to receive basic toiletries for men and women as well as Christian materials for their spiritual growth.

Resource Production

- Two books written for the purpose of discipleship
 - Free digital copies made available via Apple and Google store for attendees of Presence. Hard copies purchasable via Amazon and in-house store
- Merchandise store (through drop shipping) with branded items such as hoodies, bottles, notebooks, bags, hats with Christian symbols and phrases. These become gifts and talking points for people to discuss their faith. All proceeds come to the charity.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The majority of teams that facilitate the activities outlined are run by volunteers. This is an intentional engagement of their skills and experiences to practically model their Christian faith.

Volunteers' functions vary from team leaders and builders to support roles.

On average, Presence Church sees over 50 volunteers contributing in any given week. This is made up of ages ranging from 15 to over 65 years.

Areas of volunteering opportunities include media, music, coffee bar, cleaning, welcome teams, small group leaders, events organizers, caterers, car park staff, pastoral teams, home learning teams.

All of these areas include opportunities for training and upskilling, enabling newcomers/novices to learn new skills and more experienced to develop current abilities.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and performance

Sunday Church Attendance

- In person attendance has increased consistently. Over the last year, we have seen attendance go from an average of 90 people attending in person weekly. This included up to 15 children engaged in Kids Church. As of today, we are averaging 150 in person attendees with up to 30 children engaged in Kids Church.

- Online reach has also seen a steady increase throughout the year. One year ago, the Youtube subscription number was 250 subscribers. We have now reached over 660 subscribers.

- Views of our online content

- Over 40,000 total views of services in the last 12 months

- Average views of over 3000 per month

- Views made up of 63% non-subscribed viewers

- 42% UK viewers, 10% USA, 2% Brazil, 47% rest of the world

- 5.7% 18-24 years, 38.5% 25-34 years, 30% 35-44 years, 17.6% 45-54 years, 5.4% 55-64 years and 2.9% 65+ years

- 55% female and 45% male viewers

- Impact of Sundays

- New people with new Christian commitment (salvations) - 70-80 new people - several placed in other churches for discipleship

- Baptisms - over 50 baptisms in the last 12 months

Fortnightly Discipleship groups

- Over 110 people are actively engaged in mid-week fortnightly discipleship groups in addition to their Sunday attendance.

- This equates to two thirds of overall average Sunday attendance being engaged in small group connection, pastoral and discipleship opportunities.

- The impact has been higher engagement in volunteering and contributing their skills and learning to the aims of the charity

Monthly Academies

- Over 200 people have accessed our training academies

- These have come from across the region as far as 30 miles away and are attendees of other churches

- The impact has been higher engagement in volunteering and contributing their skills and learning to the aims of the charity

Use of the building midweek for the variety of activities on offer

- Up to 200 people across Home Learning, youth and young adults groups, discipleship groups, music teams, welcome nights, leadership development and academies

Conference - 2025 impact

- Full capacity conference of 150 people. This reached those within the region and saw people travel in from Wales, Manchester/Liverpool.

- The success of the conference has set us up for further conferences this year, partnering with other Christian ministries. The next conference in February 2026 is already at full capacity and has reached 6 other European nations outside of the U.K. Other day events to be held on Saturdays in March, April, May and June. We have another conference scheduled for October 2026 too.

- The impact has seen a rejuvenation of people's faith and has seen a significant upturn in engagement in prayer, midweek groups and new attendees to Presence week-by-week. Since the 2025 conference, 22 new people joined Presence Church as committed attendees and contributors to the charity aims.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The trustees review the charity's reserves annually. The charity seeks to maintain a modest level of unrestricted reserves to ensure continuity of ministry, meet short-term obligations, and manage unforeseen costs, while ensuring that the majority of funds are applied directly to its charitable activities. As we are a newly formed and growing charity, most months see income being used for day-to-day running of the provision we supply. At the period end free reserves stood at -£3,046

Principal funding sources

The majority of our funds are sourced through voluntary donations by those who come to Presence Church. We also Gift Aid on tax payers donations.

We have had one sizable grant for £7500 to facilitate bathroom and children's room refurb.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), as registered on 28th February 2024. It is an incorporated charity registered with and regulated by the Charity Commission and governed by its Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Elected by current serving trustees

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on Jan 30, 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

...  (Use 30, 2026 13 46 54 GMT)

Lauren Baldwin
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Presence Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Presence Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Presence Church 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 Presence Church'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 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 respect of Presence Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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


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Date:..... Jan 30, 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025

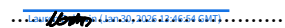
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		101,227	8,000	109,227
Other trading activities		4,219	-	4,219
Other income		(6,027)	-	(6,027)
Total income		<u>99,419</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>107,419</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(3,952)	-	(3,952)
Charitable activities		(91,210)	(8,000)	(99,210)
Total expenditure		<u>(95,162)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>(103,162)</u>
Net income		<u>4,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,257</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>4,257</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,257</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds carried forward	15	<u><u>4,257</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>4,257</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above period.

Presence Church
(Registration number: 1207241)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	11	7,303
Current assets		
Debtors	12	500
Cash at bank and in hand	13	12,663
		<u>13,163</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(16,209)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(3,046)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>4,257</u></u>
Funds of the charity:		
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,257</u>
Total funds	15	<u><u>4,257</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on Jan 30, 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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 Lauren Baldwin
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Presence Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is charged at the following rates

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Office Equipment	25% straight line
General Equipment	25% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	100,776	-	100,776
Gift aid reclaimed	451	-	451
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from companies	-	8,000	8,000
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	101,227	8,000	109,227

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Trading income;		
Sales of goods and services	2,378	2,378
Other income from other trading activities	1,841	1,841
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	4,219	4,219

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Income from trading subsidiary	(6,027)	(6,027)
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	(6,027)	(6,027)

On the 28th February 2024 a net liability of £6,027 made up of assets and liabilities as detailed below were transferred from the unregistered organisation converting to become the CIO.

Fixed Assets - £941

Current Assets - £3,632

Liabilities - (£10,600)

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Note		
Costs of goods sold	3,952	3,952
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	3,952	3,952

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Activity Costs £	Total funds £
Youth & Children's Ministry		1,732	1,732
Men's Ministry		376	376
Women's Ministry		63	63
Worship Ministry Equipment		3,458	3,458
Worship Ministry Instruments		305	305
Refreshments		1,061	1,061
Furnishings		2,843	2,843
Renovation costs		5,947	5,947
Outreach/Mission		834	834
Other Ministries		113	113
Ministry Hospitality		117	117
Conference & Events		1,217	1,217
Hotel Accommodation		272	272
Gift		3,751	3,751
Resources		358	358
Over Payment		150	150
Sponsorship		1,644	1,644
Refund		(544)	(544)
Stock Purchased for Sale in Cafe		1,209	1,209
Advertising & Marketing		1,041	1,041
Audit & Accountancy fees		480	480
Bank Fees		467	467
Cleaning		3,551	3,551
Charitable and Political Donations		1,623	1,623
Postage, Freight & Courier		120	120
Insurance		1,939	1,939
Interest Paid		2	2
Legal Expenses		1,068	1,068
Printing & Stationery		705	705
IT Software and Consumables		1,644	1,644
Rent		20,440	20,440
Repairs & Maintenance		1,800	1,800
Employers National Insurance		2,890	2,890
Staff Training		419	419
Subscriptions		48	48
Telephone & Internet		4,036	4,036
Travel - International		732	732
Kitchen Equipment		464	464

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

	Note	Activity Costs £	Total funds £
Fittings & Fixtures		570	570
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		2,974	2,974
Staff costs		26,541	26,541
Governance costs		750	750
Total for period ended 31 March 2025		99,210	99,210

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	750	750
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	750	750

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the period the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Luke Baldwin

Luke Baldwin received remuneration of £26,250 during the period.

This was for his role as Church Leader

Apart from those listed above, no trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £
Staff costs during the period were:	
Wages and salaries	26,250
Pension costs	291
	<u>26,541</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the period

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Additions	<u>3,337</u>	<u>6,940</u>	<u>10,277</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,337</u>	<u>6,940</u>	<u>10,277</u>
Depreciation			
Charge for the year	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,735</u>	<u>2,974</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,735</u>	<u>2,974</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,098</u>	<u>5,205</u>	<u>7,303</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £
Accrued income	<u>500</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £
Cash at bank	<u>12,663</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 28 February 2024 to 31 March 2025 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £
Trade creditors	1,482
Other loans	10,000
Other taxation and social security	3,694
Pension scheme creditor	283
Accruals	750
	<u>16,209</u>

15 Funds

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<i>General</i>			
General Fund	99,419	(95,162)	4,257
Restricted funds			
Norwood & Norwood	7,500	(7,500)	-
VAST	500	(500)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>107,419</u>	<u>(103,162)</u>	<u>4,257</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Norwood & Norwood - to facilitate bathroom and children's room refurb.

VAST - Bursary towards Accounts Preparation and Independent Examination costs

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,303	7,303
Current assets	13,163	13,163
Current liabilities	<u>(16,209)</u>	<u>(16,209)</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,257</u>	<u>4,257</u>

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17 Related party transactions

During the period the charity made the following related party transactions:

Josh Baldwin

(Josh Baldwin is the brother of Trustee Luke Baldwin)

Josh Baldwin received £700 in the period for Media Consultancy Services. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from Josh Baldwin was £Nil.