

Christ Church Headington (1207795)

Report and Accounts

Period of 10 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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Christ Church Headington Report

Period ended 31st March 2025

Christ Church Headington Charity Information for the year ended 31st March 2025

Trustees	Paul Bolton (chair) Matthew Childs (secretary) <i>(resigned 19 Sept 25)</i> Stephen Spare (treasurer) Graham Collins <i>(appointed 13 May 2025)</i> Reuben Hunter <i>(appointed 13 May 2025)</i>
Governing document	Constitution dated 19 th February 2024
Charity registration number	1207795
Principal Address	33 Wharton Road Headington Oxford OX3 8AL
Independent Examiner	Hannah Clack Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	Metro Bank

The trustees, who are the charity's directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The charity is a charitable company and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The object of the charity, as set out in the governing document, is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the charity's statement of faith and the subordinate standards of the international Presbyterian Church, for the benefit of the public primarily but not exclusively within East Headington, Oxfordshire, and the surrounding neighborhoods, and also around the world, through the provision of Christian meetings for worship, teaching and training; through raising awareness and understanding of religious beliefs and practices; through carrying out missionary and outreach work; through the relief of financial hardship; and in such ways to charity trustees shall from time to time decide in furtherance of the work of the church.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

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

- The church has commenced and continued to hold public worship services on Sunday mornings and evenings.
- The church has run a variety of midweek discipleship activities, including a monthly prayer meeting, membership course and midweek teaching programme.
- The church has run a variety of outreach events for the local community, including Christmas and Easter activities, a summer club for children, a monthly community café for toddlers, carers and others.
- The church has supported global mission work in southern Africa and among the Kurdish diaspora in the UK and elsewhere.
- The church has given small gifts to express love and support to those within the congregation facing particular hardship.

Activities designed to achieve the church's objectives include:

- Groups for children up to age 11 during our Sunday morning services.
- Christ Church Connect Café, running monthly for the local community.
- Monthly youth meetings for teenagers.
- Marriage counselling and parenting advice.
- Hope Explored courses for those exploring Christian faith.
- Midweek prayer, teaching and fellowship meetings.
- Discipleship events for women and men.
- Weekly Bible Study for women, and monthly Bible Study for men.
- Holiday Bible Club for children.

In March 2025, Paul Bolton was formally installed as Minister.

Eleanor Clarke has served faithfully as our administrator and women's ministry co-ordinator, leading our weekly Women's Coffee Bible Study and assisting with Christ Church Connect.

Most of the charity's activities are undertaken by volunteers and the charity could not operate effectively without their efforts.

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

Structure, governance and management

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rests with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity rests with the Minister and Elders, who meet monthly. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees and are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Financial Review

During the charity's first year of registration there were receipts of £160,656, the majority of which were donations. There were also significant receipts of grants totaling £52,083. Expenditure was £71,285, resulting in a surplus for the period. Cash held by the charity at year end was £89,371, of which £85,318 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £30,000 (which equates to about 4 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 is complying with its reserves policy.

Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees under company law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Paul Bolton
Paul Bolton (Jan 21, 2026 11:48:22 GMT)

PAUL BOLTON

Date: Jan 21, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHRIST CHURCH HEADINGTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Headington ('the charity') for the period ended 31 March 2025 on pages 6 to 9 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.

Hannah Clack
Hannah Clack (Jan 22, 2026 15:51:50 GMT)

Hannah Clack
Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: Jan 22, 2026

CHRIST CHURCH HEADINGTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025
		General Funds	Designated Funds		
		£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>					
Donations		103,055	1,014	4,053	108,122
Grants		52,083	-	-	52,083
Income from courses and events		231	-	-	231
Other		220	-	-	220
		<u>155,589</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>160,656</u>
<i>Total receipts</i>		<u>155,589</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>160,656</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	3	62,355	4,203	3,167	69,725
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	4	1,560	-	-	1,560
		<u>63,915</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>3,167</u>	<u>71,285</u>
<i>Total payments</i>		<u>63,915</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>3,167</u>	<u>71,285</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		91,674	(3,189)	886	89,371
Transfers between funds	6	(6,356)	3,189	3,167	-
Net movement in funds		<u>85,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>89,371</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		-	-	-	-
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The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

CHRIST CHURCH HEADINGTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2025
		General funds	Designated funds		
		£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		85,318	-	4,053	89,371
		<u>85,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>89,371</u>
B Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination		1,260	-	-	1,260
Accrued expenses		1,446	-	-	1,446
		<u>2,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,706</u>

C 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:

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s spare (Jan 21, 2026 13:40:09 GMT)
STEPHEN SPARE
Date: Jan 21, 2026

The notes on pages 8 - 9 form part of these accounts.

CHRIST CHURCH HEADINGTON
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 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.

2 Donations

Donation income includes a total of £625 donated prior to the CIO being registered with the Charity Commission

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	2025
	General funds	Designated funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£
3 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly				
Employment costs (see note 4)	42,602	-	-	42,602
Activities	1,221	-	-	1,221
Events Costs	462	-	-	462
Rent	6,999	-	-	6,999
Advertising	2,349	-	-	2,349
Operating Supplies	7,245	-	-	7,245
Equipment	-	2,936	-	2,936
Admin Costs	1,477	-	-	1,477
Hardship/Support Fund	-	-	3,167	3,167
Other costs	-	1,267	-	1,267
	<u>62,355</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>3,167</u>	<u>69,725</u>

4 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:

Grants to individuals	1,560	-	-	1,560
	<u>1,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,560</u>

CHRIST CHURCH HEADINGTON
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5 Transactions with related parties

Paul Bolton served as church leader and was paid £27,997 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

6 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	-	155,589	(63,915)	(6,356)	85,318
Designated funds					
PA System	-	-	(2,936)	2,936	-
Bibles	-	1,014	(1,267)	253	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>(4,203)</u>	<u>3,189</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted funds					
Hardship/Support Fund	-	4,053	(3,167)	3,167	4,053
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>(3,167)</u>	<u>3,167</u>	<u>4,053</u>
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>160,656</u>	<u>(71,285)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,371</u>

The **PA System fund** is used to purchase equipment to facilitate church meetings

The **Bibles fund** is used to purchase bibles when required

The **Hardship/Support Fund** is used to support people in need