

Kingsthorpe Community Church

Registered Charity 1210257

Trustees Annual Report

Year Ending 31st August 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered as CIO on 30 September 2024 the Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th November 2025. At the meeting the election of trustees and appointment of Officers took place in accordance with the Church CIO Constitution.

The Charity is an Ecumenical Partnership between Kingsthorpe Baptist Church and Kingsthorpe Methodist Society.

Financial Year End

In order to align the financial year end with that of the Kingsthorpe Baptist Church and Kingsthorpe Methodist Church the financial year end is 31st August. This Annual Report covers therefore, the period 30th September 2024 until 31st August 2025. The next Annual report will cover the period 1st September 2025 until 31st August 2026.

The trustees are:

Rev David Speirs– Chair of Trustees
Catherine Bruce – Secretary & Trustee
Mary Reynolds – Treasurer & Trustee
Rev Samantha Gillard - Trustee
Adrian Hicks – Trustee
Martin Turnbull - Trustee
Stephen Robbins – Trustee
Diane Jarvis – Trustee
Trevor Clarke – Trustee
Pamela Kirkland – Trustee
Catherine Jones – Trustee
Philip Leeson - Trustee

What the charity does: Religious Activities

Who the charity helps: Children/young People.
Elderly/old People
Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
The General Public

How the charity helps: Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
Provides Services
Provides Advocacy/advice/information

Where the charity operates: Northamptonshire

Objective and Activities

The principal objectives of the charity as set out in the governing document are “The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the participating Denominations, in the Area of

Benefit, advancing education and carrying out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world”.

Our Shared Mission and Life Together

Our mission priorities for the year have centred on building unity, deepening discipleship, and engaging our community in meaningful ways. The inaugural Kingsthorpe Community Church meeting in January and our Celebration Service in March were milestones in affirming our shared identity and purpose as a uniting ecumenical congregation.

KCC continues to meet for worship each Sunday at 10.45am on the Baptist (KBC) site, where all are welcomed as part of the fellowship. Our activities throughout the year have expressed our mission to serve people of all ages and backgrounds. These include:

- The Pathfinders youth and children's group;
- 5th Northampton Girls' Brigade Company;
- The Tiny Tots and Carers Group;
- Dine & Divine, an informal evening of food, faith, and fellowship;
- Afternoon Tea Services and 3rd Friday Lunch, providing connection and care for church members and friends from the wider community.

The church has also continued to support the wider community through engagement with the Kingsthorpe Parish Council, the local Foodbank at St David's Church, and other local initiatives such as Kingsthorpe Churches Together, Baby Basics, and the Hope Centre. Our visible presence through activities like the Prayer Ribbon project and joint litter picks with Kingsthorpe Wombles has furthered our objectives in the local community and increased awareness of our charitable work.

Looking to the Future

A major area of focus this year has been the feasibility study into our future buildings. Following prayerful consideration and open consultation, the Leadership Team has recommended the sale of the former Methodist site as part of a connected scheme to redevelop and refurbish the Baptist site, ensuring our facilities are sustainable and fit for purpose in the years ahead. We are grateful for the wisdom and unity shown in these discussions, led by our minister with pastoral responsibility Revd Dr Samantha Gillard.

Our mission priorities also highlight the importance of welcoming newcomers, developing discipleship opportunities, and encouraging each person to use their gifts in the life of the church. While progress has been encouraging, we remain aware of ongoing challenges, particularly in recruiting new volunteers for groups such as Tiny Tots and Pathfinders, and in ensuring that our activities remain accessible and well-supported.

Financial Review

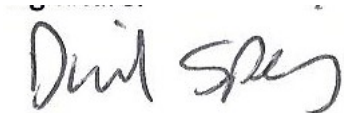
As this was our first accounting period, KCC began its financial life in April 2025 with seed funding of £50,000 contributed equally by the founding churches. A further £5,320 was transferred from the Northampton Methodists in August, including general funds, charity collections, and Gift Aid. Our Treasurer, Mary Reynolds, reports that while the church's current bank balance remains healthy, offerings alone will not fully cover future regular expenses such as the Methodist Assessment and KBC premises charge. Wise financial stewardship, continued generosity, and careful budgeting will therefore be essential as we move forward. We are deeply grateful to all who give faithfully to the work and mission of KCC, and for the legacy gift of £2,000 from the late Mrs

Janet Taylor, which is both a blessing and a reminder of those whose faithfulness continues to shape our story.

The Reserves Policy of Kingsthorpe Community Church is to hold 3 months of all committed expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £12,000. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Trustees. The Trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

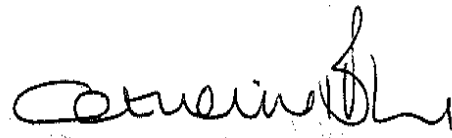
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full names Rev David Speirs

Chair

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Catherine Isobel BRUCE

Secretary

Date 14 October 2025

Kingsthorpe Community Church

Treasurer's Report – (Period ended 31 August 2025)

Kingsthorpe Community Church (KCC) began its first accounting period in April 2025 with Seed Funding from Kingsthorpe Baptist Church (KBC) and Kingsthorpe Methodist Church (KMC) of £50,000; £25,000 from each church. At this point all the offering, income from donations, group activities and other fund raising all came to KCC. The balance of the KMC money held by the Northampton Methodists was transferred to KCC in August equalling £5,320.30 which included their General fund, Charity collections and gift aid for the previous tax year.

Going forward the main expense for KCC will be to pay the Methodist Assessment which is calculated by the Northampton Methodist Circuit and the KBC Charge which is calculated and approved by the KCC Leadership Team to cover the cost of KCC using the KBC premises.

Most of the income and expenditure will be self-explanatory but there are two items of significance. We received a legacy from the late Mrs Janet Taylor's estate which is shown as a

donation of £2,000. On the expenditure there is a one-off payment of £3,408.00 for the signage to the Church building.

As there are no comparisons to previous years and only five months of activity it is difficult to comment on how well the Church is faring financially, but it is easy to see that the income from offerings will not be enough to cover the Methodist Assessment and the KBC Charge going forward. The bank balances look quite healthy at the moment but this could change quite quickly unless either the amount given as offering is increased or our spending is adjusted.

Mary Reynolds, Treasurer, Kingsthorpe Community Church

**Kingsthorpe Community Church
Profit and Loss Account as at 31 August 2025**

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income		
Cash Offering	1,746.74	
Online Giving	12,771.00	
Donations	2,634.05	
Fundraising	167.40	
Deposits	788.13	
Gift Aid	3,688.10	
Merged Funding	1,632.20	
Tiny Tots Income	200.00	
Bank Interest	361.61	
Seed Funding	<u>50,000.00</u>	
		73,989.23
Expenditure		
Pulpit	420.00	
Service Expenses	119.55	
Refreshments and Catering	117.00	
Admin	11.96	
Subscriptions	313.88	
Pathfinders	97.63	
Other Expenses	3,664.69	
Bank Charges	32.67	
Tiny Tots Expenditure	96.43	
Methodist Assessment	11,292.00	
Baptist Charge	12,350.00	
Charitable Giving	<u>788.13</u>	
		29,303.94
Surplus:		<u><u>44,685.29</u></u>

	<u>£</u>
Lloyds Current Account	30,136.46
Cash Account	479.22
CFB Account	<u>14,069.61</u>
	<u><u>44,685.29</u></u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity name
Kingsthorpe Community Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1210257

Set out on pages

(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 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

5/11/2025

Name:

Stephen Spandl

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

none

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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