



TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Trustees Report 01st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Trustees: Geoffrey Rutendo Rondoza (Chairman), Elaine May (Treasurer), Rachel Bull (Secretary), Richard Bibby (ceased 10th October 2024)

The trustees are pleased to present the report on the activities of Worldwide Crusades Charity. The charity operates as Whittlesey Christian Church and during the period has operated from its base at 23 Broad street, Whittlesey.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. We meet every Thursday evening at the rear of the church, at 19.30 for a meeting lasting 1.5 hrs. Our attendance varies, usually between 10-18 people. We finance the meeting by voluntary contributions by people attending, we make a contribution to the church as and when we can, usually monthly. We have used the church as a venue for our meeting for many years, apart from during the Covid lockdown, and have always had a good collaboration between us and the church, which we hope will continue.

T@23- Elaine May

Every Wednesday the church hosts "Tea@23" an adult coffee morning for the community. Attending are a wide range of guests from young adults with a learning disability to people from a local residential home for older people. During school holidays some children attend with their parents. We offer free cake and beverages however monetary donations are welcomed. It is run by dedicated volunteers and we average at 60 people who visit each week.

The ethos of the church is reflected in all we do in serving God at this event. We offer individual prayer sessions throughout the morning plus a short message and prayer to the whole group.

Whittlesey Christian Church Children's work



Hello, my name is Cate Ross, I'm the children's ministry leader at the Whittlesey Christian Church and have been for 27 years now. In this role it has been my joy to work with a team of dedicated volunteers who seek to share the Gospel with as many children and families as possible. We are doing this in two main ways.

1. Lighthouse Gang, our 2-11's children's church club and community outreach. At Lighthouse Gang on Sunday morning, we walk through the bible with stories, songs, games, video clips, activities and more. The children are also encouraged to pray and share their thoughts. During the summer holidays we also host Lighthouse Gang Summer Holiday club to the wider community and again we share the good news of the gospel using bible stories, songs, games, video clips and more. We also host special events around Easter, All Saints Day and Christmas.

2. Little Angels, our pre-school parent/carers outreach community group. At Little Angels, which runs Tuesdays during term time, we welcome parents/carers and their children into a safe space where we seek to support them and share the gospel. We do this by providing a craft table, free play equipment, story time, song time, and big indoor play equipment too! We have a time of refreshments and are delighted to say that we have, the very popular, giveaway table which is loaded with items no longer used or needed to bless one another. This year for the first time we decided to keep connected during the summer holidays by still meeting on a Tuesday at different venues. This worked very well.

I give God all the glory for the privilege of being a part of this work which has allowed me to see individuals won for his kingdom.

Women's Ministry – Margaret Rondoza and Cristina Neves

We are a sisterhood with Christ at the centre of all we do. We begin every year with a prayer breakfast meeting, this is an opportunity to fellowship and pray for the year ahead, pray for ourselves, our community and our church. We share Testimonies of what God has done for us to encourage each other.

In year 2024 we had many healing and protection testimonies. We have seen God's provision and protection. The highlight events of 2024 included, Games Night, Light Night Walk, Open Worship Night and a very popular Movie Night. We always celebrate our diversity and talents in our church".

International Day-Rachel Bull

On November 22nd, we hosted our second International Evening — a celebration of the rich and diverse cultures within our church family. It was a wonderful evening with a great turnout, as we shared and enjoyed a wide array of delicious dishes from around the world. At least eight countries were represented, making it a truly global experience.

Men's Ministry

The men during the year have held a number of events. These included breakfast and meals at the church and at local restaurants. They have been able to interact and share their faith with different people and also encouraged each other. The events were arranged by Fabio and Austin who have.



The charity has continued to maintain a strong presence in the community and has been ready to support those in need. Through the church the emphasis has been to ensure that Jesus Christ is at the centre of our community activities and outreach.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Worldwide Crusades is a charitable trust set up in 1977 to use its resources to promote the Gospel in any area of the world. The charity operates as Whittlesey Christian Church, based at 23 Broad Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE7 1HA.

The Church Office has not been open at set times, but has been available on an on demand basis.

Those who served from 1st April 2024 until the date this report was approved were Elaine May, Rachel Bull, Geoffrey Rondoza (from 25th September 2024).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Whittlesey Christian Church are overseen by the Leaders of the Church. The governing document of the registered charity is the founding Trust Deed dated 1977.

The Trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises.

The members of the Leaders Meeting included the minister in charge (Richard Bibby until 10th October 2024, Raymond and Sarah Manoehoetoe were identified as the new Pastors for the church in November. They were living and ministering in Huddersfield and will be moving to Whittlesey to take on their new role. Currently, there are no appointed senior leaders (elders) who will assist in strategic planning.

A Business Meeting has not been held during the year.



OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Whittlesey Christian Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as “Serving the Fenland Community”.

The Leaders of the Church are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. During the financial period, Richard Bibby ceased to be Senior Leader, a position that has now been filled by Raymond and Sarah Manoehoetoe as Pastors.

The Trustees believe that the Church provides benefit to the public by providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and the teaching of Christian doctrine, both for the congregation and the local community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

(1) There has been a decrease of total overall income of about 8%. The level of giving has remained largely similar to the previous financial year. As in the previous year, no Gift Aid claim was made with HMRC. This is due to lack of capacity and clarity by the trustees of this process. It is hoped, this will be achieved in the coming financial year.

The outlook for income in the following year is expected to be about the same as for the current year. However, as we have not claimed Gift Aid in the last 2-3 years, once claimed this will be a significant inflow.

(2) The Church would like to maintain an amount equal to at least 12 months' regular expenditure as “free” reserves, in order to meet future shortfalls in income. The current account balance of £74123 (including non-identified savings) at 31 March 2025 represents about 11 months of net expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 01/01/2026 and is signed on its behalf by Geoffrey Rondoza (Chairman).



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Rondoza", on a light-colored background.

Rachel Bull

Geoff Rondoza

Elaine May



WORLDWIDE CRUSADES

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S
REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH
2025**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Whittlesey Christian Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Whittlesey Christian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Signed _____ LWSisimayi _____

Name MR LOVEMORE WILSON SISIMAYI

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Date 1ST Janaury,2026



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		Total for	Total for
		Year	Year
		£	£
<u>Assets</u>			
Monetary assets:			
Barclays Community current account		11468	12409
Barclays Active Saver.		74123	73039
Barclays Active Saver – Reserve.		5117	5042
T@23 Bank Account		1294	680
		<u>92002</u>	<u>91170</u>
Non-monetary assets:			
Property at 23 Broad Street	2	881,477	881,477
Land at 19 Broad Street	3	25,000	25,000
Furniture and equipment (net book value)	4	475	475
		<u>906,952</u>	<u>906952</u>



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NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Notes on accounts

1) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2) Property

The insurance value of the property at 23 Broad Street has previously been £854,535 as at 31 March 2014. The extension work is now complete. In September 2015, the church purchased solar panels to the value of

£17,812, increasing the value of the property to £872,347. In August 2018, the church upgraded the heating system and installed new radiators to the value of £9,130, increasing the value of the property to £881,477.

3) Land

The remaining land at 19 Broad Street has been included at a value equal to the net cost balance of

£25,000.



4) Furniture & equipment

Furniture and equipment has been depreciated by the reduced balance method at a rate of 25%.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025		
TAX YEAR	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Bank Interest.		
Donations, legacies and other.		
similar receipts:		
Identified giving.	29028.39	17637
Donations.		
Unidentified Donations.		10292
Cash deposits(Rev Richard)		375
Insurance Refund	2175	
Energy Income	1392	
Catering Income	57	
Subscription Incmoe	175.98	
Returns	79	
Tax recovered		



Activities for generating funds:		
Venue and room hire		
Investment Income receipts:		
Bank Interest	1170.66	959
Other income:		680
Income generated from Solar Panels		5152
Other income(Grant-Support Services)		2000
TOTALS	<u>34078.0</u> <u>3</u>	<u>37095</u>
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Payments : Charitable Services		
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Pastoral Services		
Zambian orphanage		0
Speakers expenses (honorarium)	6570	400
Pastoral Services(other)		607
Special events	342	0
Catering	612	913
Donations given		
Support costs		
Wages		0
Subscriptions	368	914
Church light, heat and water		4146
Maintenance & upkeep	10710.1	16161
Telephone	1104	1376
Training courses Creative arts	335	81
Management & administration		
Printing, stationery & postage	150	
Bank charges	52	
Accountancy	1070	400
Insurance premiums	1919	1877
Depreciation		0
Other		1534
Telephone Services	175	



Other payments		
Heating Services	200	
Safeguarding	705	
Flowers	70	
Children's Ministry	86	
Licences		
Sundries	425	2446
Advertising	691	904
Legal fees		0
Equipment	156	27
Software Package		141
Plumbing		263
Charitable activities(tlcr us)		275
Video Hosting		121
Other charities		60
Support costs		1150
Fire Protection	1408.01	
Sundries		413
Cleaner	1278	1125
Cleaning supplies	673	
Sundries(Paypal)		749
Sundries(Sump)		0
Transport		0
Utilities(Gas)		377
Utities (Energy)		1130
Other(God Powered)		434
Identified Giving()		82
Printer		770
Other utilities		291
Sundries (Ebay)		1091
Utilities	4789	
TOTALS	33887	40258
Surplus /Deficit	191.03	-3163
SUMMARY		



Net receipts / payments	191	-3,163
Balance brought forward from previous year	461,101	464,264
Balance carried forward at end of year	£461,292	£461,101