

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

010724 Period end date 300625

Charity name christ church Burial Ground Swindon

Charity No
(if any)

283082

Period start date

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To be used and appropriated as a burial ground or place of interment for the dead
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of a sacred space as a burial ground or place of interment of the dead, permitting public and private remembrance, open to all.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We receive the support of the local Community Pay Back Service for which we donate a sum towards their costs.
Other		

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Continue to provide a beautiful church burial ground for the Swindon community to bury the dead or inter their loved one's ashes. In addition to employing a Sexton the Community Service pay back team support us.</p> <p>Continue to maintain the burial ground as a place of reflection and peaceful enjoyment for all those who visit their loved ones and visit Christ Church.</p> <p>We recognise the challenges of a sloping burial ground on the top of a hill overlooking Swindon. We continue to take Health and Safety very seriously and do all we can to look after the hundreds of mourners who have visited us over the last year.</p> <p>The Burial Board works closely with Christ Church PCC in providing a car park, a beautiful redeveloped Victorian church building and Garden for Reflection which is widely appreciated during these unprecedented times.</p> <p>The Trustees to the Burial Ground work closely with Christ Church in the running of the Burial Ground which includes a service level agreement with the PCC of Christ Church with St Marys in the management and maintenance of the site and line management of the sexton. This Agreement commenced on 1 September 2023.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total funds at 30 June 2025 were: £309574.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Over the years, the Christ Church Burial Board have built up and held reserves intentionally. This enables them to continue to employ a sexton to look after the burial ground and enable graves to be reopened for the interment of a spouse when the burial ground is full which is likely in a couple of years. Due to declining income and rising costs, these reserves are regularly drawn from.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds as at 30 June 2025 were: £309574.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Indenture dated 17 February 1909.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Burial Board and the Christ Church PCC work closely together to maintain the site inclusively for the benefit of the people of Swindon. The Vicar is ex-officio Chairman. The Trustees consist of members of the church community chosen with their professional skills and their understanding of the pastoral needs of the bereaved in mind.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Charity name	Christ Church Burial Ground, Swindon
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	283082
Charity's principal address	The Parish Office Community Centre @ Christ Church Cricklade Street Old Town Swindon SN1 3HB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Reference and Administrative details (cont)

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature(s) A.M. Keenan .

Full name(s) Alison MAY Keenan.

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) Trustee

Date 22nd April 2026 .

CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

		Total unrestricted funds	
	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
RECEIPTS:			
Grant of Burial		4,015	7,674
Interment		5,062	8,960
Interment of Ashes		1,398	1,608
Memorials		2,644	2,312
Inscriptions		564	586
Sundry		299	1,050
Proceeds from Sale of Investments (CBF Fixed Interest Income shares)		16,000	0
Interest - Lloyds Savings Account		0	0
Interest - CBF Deposit Account		274	240
Dividends - CBF Investment Fund		7,765	7,620
Dividends - CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund		941	873
		38,961	30,923
PAYMENTS:			
Administration			
Sexton (Salary; Income Tax & National Insurance)		27,640	23,852
Payroll Fees	1	426	402
Accountants Fees	1	870	810
Insurance		668	634
Honorarium		350	350
General			
Grave Digging		350	0
Petrol & Oil		472	737
Sundry Materials		0	1,143
Equipment		602	1,901
Maintenance		1,540	3,741
Mileage		0	107
Sundries		865	897
Tree Pollarding		0	1,320
PCC Office		4,681	2,500
Refunds		0	298
Repairs		138	106
Graveyard Survey		0	210
		38,601	39,007
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		360	(8,084)
CBF Investments-unrealised gains/(losses)			
On CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)		1,314	1,848
On CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)		(12,464)	22,861
Net Gain / -Loss for the year		(11,150)	24,709
Purchases / (Disposals) during year			
On CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)		(16,000)	0
On CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)		0	0
Total Movement		(26,791)	16,625

Note 1: In the 2024 comparative accounts the split between Payroll Fees/Accountants Fees has been corrected from £1,212/£0 to £402/£810.

CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st July 2024	336,365		319,740	
Gain / (Loss) for the year	- 26,791		16,625	
Burial Board general fund as at 30th June 2025		309,574		336,365
<u>Represented by</u>				
Lloyds Treasurers Account	2,509		4,129	
Lloyds Instant Access Account	7		7	
CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund Income Shares (F)	25,107		39,793	
CBF Investment Fund Income Shares (S)	272,831		285,295	
CBF Deposit Fund (D)	9,120		7,141	
Total unrestricted funds		309,574		336,365

Approved by The Trustees on 18 April 2026

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Deputy Chair / Trustee
Trustee
A.M. Keenan

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Trustees of Christ Church Burial Ground

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities (receipts and payments) and the Balance Sheet.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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: 30 April 2026