

# **ANGLICAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 292594**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>WORKING NAME</b>	Marriage Encounter (Anglican Expression)
<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	292594
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
<b>TRUSTEES AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023</b>	Nick & Viv Drayton Malcolm & Margaret Harrison David & Liz Percival (Lay Executive couple) David & Ann Roberts Revd Ian & Jane Scott-Thompson (Chair couple)
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	Unincorporated Charity
<b>GOVERNING DOCUMENT</b>	Trust Deed dated 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1985 as amended by a Deed of Variation dated 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2003

### OBJECTS

To educate the public concerning the union of a man and a woman within the institution of marriage with particular reference to emotional, physical and sexual relationships and with a view to developing personal responsibilities and enriching family life to deepen such relationships through communication between marriage partners.

<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	8 Fay Close, Fareham, Hampshire PO14 2RS	
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Lloyds Bank PLC 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Norman Gillhespy FCA 4 Hopewell Close Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5PN	

## **ANGLICAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

The Trustees present their report on the financial statements of Anglican Marriage Encounter for the year ended 30 June 2025. The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and comply with the charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

### **The charity**

Anglican Marriage Encounter is a registered charity governed by the Trust Deed made on 17 June 1985 as varied by a Deed of Variation dated 10 May 2003. It is registered with the Charity Commission under number 292594.

The Trustees have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The charity provides public benefit through the advancement of the education of engaged and married couples concerning the union of a man and a woman within the institution of marriage with particular reference to emotional, physical and sexual relationships and with a view to developing personal responsibilities and enriching family life to deepen such relationships through communication between marriage partners.

The charity pursues its aims primarily through providing teaching weekends, most of them residential, for married and engaged couples. Ongoing support is available after the weekends. The charity's weekend programmes are widely publicised through adverts, magazine articles, leaflets in public places such as churches, libraries and doctor's surgeries, through the internet, radio and by word of mouth. The weekends are open to engaged or married couples whatever their financial circumstances or faith. There are no charges other than a modest booking fee which can also be waived where necessary. All other funding comes through voluntary donations. We encourage couples who have attended a weekend to pass on information to others, particularly those who might be unable to afford to pay for a comparable programme.

### **Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year are given on page 3.

The Trustees met twice in the year, and dealt with necessary business by e-mail between meetings.

### **Selection and training of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed from couples who have experienced one or more of the charity's weekends and who can bring diverse experience from business, charity governance, church, and organisations supporting marriage. Relevant Charity Commission publications and guidance when issued, are circulated to Trustees with the opportunity for discussion during biannual business meetings.

### **Review of activities**

Seven weekends had been planned for the year, of which two were cancelled for want of couples wishing to attend.

Four Marriage Encounter weekends were held, attended by 33 couples (34 couples on 4 weekends in 2023/24), and one Engaged Encounter weekend attended by 6 couples (14 on 2 weekends in 2023/24). The revival of interest in Engaged Encounter weekends last year has not been maintained this year.

Donations remained steady despite slightly fewer couples attending Weekends. Venue costs also remained steady due to the use of a new better priced venue. The net result was a deficit of £132 (deficit of £12,714 in 2023/24) which was deducted from Reserves. The Trustees are grateful that the charity is financially secure and hope that weekend bookings will become more predictable and increase. The cost of cancelling a weekend is significant and more venues are now requesting the full cost of a weekend to be paid in advance. The Trustees continue to look for ways to revive activity, boost bookings and encourage volunteers. They

have explored new ways of advertising the weekend and reaching new audiences of couples including radio interviews and adverts.

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# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Anglican Marriage Encounter (registered charity 292594)**

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended **30 June 2025** as set out on pages 7 to 9.

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 Act").

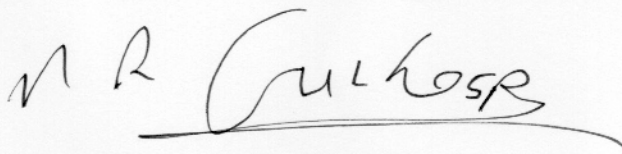
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## **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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N R Gillhespy', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Norman Gillhespy FCA  
4 Hopewell Close  
Shoreham-by-Sea  
BN43 5PN

Date 26 October 2025

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## Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and Similar receipts	2a	32,926	-	32,926	33,270
Investment Income	2b	1,403	-	1,403	1,886
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>34,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,329</b>	<b>35,156</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3a	32,159	-	32,159	45,491
Expenditure on Managing and Administering the Charity	3b	2,302	-	2,302	2,379
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>34,461</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,461</b>	<b>47,870</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>(132)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>(12,714)</b>
<b>Transfers between Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Balances Brought Forward		96,754	720	97,474	110,188
<b>Balances Carried Forward</b>		<b>96,623</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>97,343</b>	<b>97,474</b>

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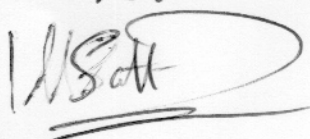
## Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2025

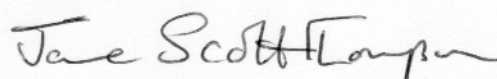
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash Funds			
Lloyds Bank		21,266	15,976
CAF Bank		44,177	46,588
Shawbrook Bank		30,000	30,000
PayPal		1,456	1,665
		<u>96,899</u>	<u>94,229</u>
Debtors and prepayments			
Deposits paid in advance for venues		500	1,800
Gift Aid claims		1,088	1,271
Donations in transit		-	1,419
		<u>1,588</u>	<u>4,490</u>
Creditors falling due in one year			
Travel expenses		744	825
Booking fees received in advance		400	420
		<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,245</u>
Net total assets		<u>97,343</u>	<u>97,474</u>
Represented by:			
General Funds		96,623	96,754
Restricted Funds	4	720	720
		<u>97,343</u>	<u>97,474</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

13/8/25

Signed on their behalf





Chair of Trustees



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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

### 1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis, and meet at least the minimum levels of accountability recommended by the Charity Commission.

2. Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>a) Donations and Similar Receipts</b>				
Gifts & Donations	26,091		26,091	26,343
Gift Aid receivable	5,295		5,295	5,245
Booking Fees & other income	1,540		1,540	1,682
	<b>32,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,926</b>	<b>33,270</b>
<b>b) Investment Income</b>				
Bank Interest	1,403		1,403	1,886
	<b>1,403</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>1,886</b>

### 3. Payments

#### a) Expenditure in Furtherance of Charitable Objectives

##### Weekend Costs

Marriage Encounter	22,215		22,215	29,334
Engaged Encounter	4,698		4,698	9,832
Weekend reunions & community day	-		-	-
Leaflets, advertising, promotion	1,753		1,753	2,586
Encounter Magazine	2,794		2,794	2,790
	<b>31,459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,459</b>	<b>44,542</b>

##### Training and Development

Team & Officer Development	700		700	949
Team Deeper Weekend	-		-	-
	<b>700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>949</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>45,491</b>
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#### b) Expenditure on Managing and Administering the Charity

Meetings & travel			-	638
Communications & Support	1,441		1,441	882
Independent Examiner	-		-	-
Banking Services	424		424	422
Insurance	437		437	437
	<b>2,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,379</b>

<b>4. Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2024</b>
To purchase banners for use at Weekends	720	720
	<b>720</b>	<b>720</b>

### 5. Trustees expenses

A total of £1,158 (2024 - £904) was paid to trustees to reimburse them for travel and other expenses on charity business.

### 6. Staff Costs and Numbers

The Charity employed no staff during this or the previous financial period.