

# MANCHESTER COLLEGE OXFORD CHAPEL SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number 298701

Statement of financial activity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Income and expenditure

<b>Income (£)</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Subscriptions eligible for Gift Aid relief	9,385	8,053
Subscriptions not eligible for Gift Aid relief	1,340	1,392
Sunday collections	390	303
Special Collections (1)	785	1,352
Gift Aid reclaimed	2,387	2,711
Grants (2)	1,550	1,487
Interest	10,768	10,094
M & G Charifund dividends	122	131
Donations	135	129
Bookstall	8	16
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>26,870</b>	<b>25,668</b>

<b>Expenditure (£)</b>	<b>2024</b>	
Visiting preacher fees	895	2,287
Visiting preacher expenses	836	1,052
Organist fees (2)	2,550	2,450
Harris Manchester College	1,020	1,120
General Assembly quota	1,330	1,400
Special Collections (1)	1,184	1,764
Citizens UK	700	575
Soul Matters	320	314
Other subscriptions	252	143
Donations	120	50
Website/Vimeo/Soundcloud	281	123
Technology for hybrid services (3)	150	402
GA delegate/training/summer school rebates (4)	753	1,193
Audit fee	300	300
Newsletter	429	539
Sunday Coffee	286	241
Sundries	267	359
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>11,673</b>	<b>14,312</b>

## **SURPLUS**

15,197 **11,356**

## Assets and Liabilities

### Current assets (£)

	2024	2025
Barclays Current Account	2,226	987
CCLA/COIF Deposit Fund	222,041	234,636

### Liabilities

None

			Change
Sub-total	224,267	235,623	<b>11,356</b>

### Investments

at market value (£)	2024	2025	Change	Cost
M & G Charifund	2,139	2,285	+6.8%	1,288
CCLA/COIF Ethical Inv Fund	2,274	2,230	-1.9%	902
Royal London Sust World	1,760	1,977	+12.3%	1,500

Sub-total	6,173	6,492
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TOTAL	230,440	242,115
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## Notes

- (1) Special Collections: £247 was donated to Asylum Welcome, £310 to Send a Child to Hucklow, £661 to the Red Cross Gaza Appeal and £546 to Providence Charity in Hungary
- (2) There being no formally appointed organ scholar in 2023/24 or 2024/25, Manchester Academy Trust provided £1,200 to meet the cost of paying an organist during term time
- (3) The Zoom invoices for the years to March 2024 and March 2025 were both settled in 2024/25
- (4) The following members received training/meeting rebates: Jacky Woodman £500 (Advanced Lay Leadership & Worship course); Michael Ahanchian £440 (GA delegate, including travel expenses); Nick Dewey £100 (Rites of Passage course); Holly Templer £115 (Citizens UK training); Charles Roberts £38 (Safeguarding training).

Cr Whitehouse

Christopher Whitehouse,  
Acting Treasurer, dated

31 October 2025

KB Patel

Kashmira Patel (B.Com AAT),  
Independent Examiner, dated

31/10/2025



**Manchester College Oxford Chapel Society** Registered Charity No. 298701

Harris Manchester College Oxford, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TD

Trustees' Report for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Trustees:** Rev. Sue Sinnamon (Chair), Dr Julie Page (Hon. Secretary), Dr Christopher Whitehouse (Acting Hon. Treasurer), Michael Ahanchian, Prof. Ruth Baer, Charles Roberts, Holly Templer, Rev. Prof. Jane Shaw (ex officio)

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank UK, Oxford City Branch, Cornmarket Street OX1 3HB

**Independent Examiner:** Mrs Kashmira Patel, 15 Eastfield Close, Oxford OX3 7SH

The object of the Society, which is governed by a constitution adopted on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1988 and amended in 1997, 2004, 2018 and 2023, is to advance religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

The Society carries out this object by holding public, live-streamed Sunday worship services in the chapel of Harris Manchester College, Oxford. It runs social and cultural activities, small groups for spiritual reflection, interfaith projects, a social justice group with community outreach, and offers members pastoral support. The trustees have reference to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and adhere to the terms of customised policies governing Risk Assessment, Investment, Safeguarding, and Education Rebates.

The constitution requires that Managing Trustees retire once they have completed three years' service unless elected to serve as Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, when they may serve for a further three years. After six (or, exceptionally, seven) years of continuous service, a break of at least three years is required before re-nomination. New trustees are elected by an annual general meeting. No trustee is remunerated.

The Society has been building up reserves for a number of years with the aim of employing a Minister of its own rather than relying on a mixture of outsourcing and self-sufficiency. Reserves are typically invested in common investment funds though, with equities looking fully valued and UK bonds weakening, most of the society's assets were kept in cash throughout the year, taking advantage of the fact that deposit rates exceeded inflation.

Income fell slightly during the year, while expenditure on visiting preachers and education rebates rose, reducing the annual surplus. In an important development, the Society began searching for a half-time Minister. If an appointment is made, income levels will need to rise significantly to meet the cost. The trustees believe this can be achieved without eating into reserves by raising subscription levels, rearranging the investment portfolio, applying for grant funding and reducing the number of visiting preachers.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by



Christopher John Charles Whitehouse, Acting Hon. Treasurer

Date

