



EMMANUEL CHURCH AYLSHAM

Cawston Road

Aylsham NR11 6BX

Registered Charity No: 1046629

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2025**

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Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 General Information

2.1.1 Emmanuel Church Aylsham – Principal Address

7 Cawston Road
Aylsham
Norfolk NR11 6BX

2.2 Registered Charity Status

Emmanuel Church Aylsham is registered with the Charity Commission Number 1046629.

2.3 Constitution

A Trust Deed made on 14th February 1995 is the governing document of Emmanuel Church Aylsham. The church was formed as a result of the amalgamation of the congregation formerly meeting at The Cawston Road Chapel and the congregation formerly meeting at the Baptist Chapel, White Hart Street, Aylsham.

The congregation now meets regularly at Cawston Road Chapel and are the holding Trustees of the 1995 Trust Deed, based upon the Fairbairn Trust model, for this property.

The present Church Leadership is shown in section 2.5; the external advisers of the Charity are shown in section 2.6.

2.4 Structure and Management

The Church is a charitable trust established by the Trust Deed dated 14th February 1995.

Members of the Church Leadership as shown in section 2.5, except the Pastor, are appointed by majority vote taken at a meeting of the Church in General Meeting in accordance with the Trust Deed. They are re-appointed by the Church Membership annually at the AGM with a similar appointment for the Treasurer but may resign at any time or may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Church in General Meeting.

Leaders share with the Pastor in the overall spiritual oversight of the Church and in particular in the roles of pastoral care, teaching and discipleship. Together with the Pastor they oversee and coordinate the vision and ministry of the church.

Church Membership shall be open to those who profess repentance before God and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and who indicate agreement to our Basis of Belief.

Acceptance as a Member of the church follows agreement with our Basis of Belief and signing the Church's Membership Book.

2.5 Trustees and Members of the Church Leadership

The Church Leadership currently comprises an elected Leadership Team, there is currently no Pastor in post.

At the Annual General Meeting Sunday 16 March 2025, the following Leaders agreed to serve on the Leadership Team for the forthcoming year:

Byron Jones, Helen Daniels, Liz Goddard, Joy Harrow, Faith Lynch and Di Scott.

Currently the Trustees registered with the Charity Commission are:

Byron Jones, Yvonne Westwood, Helen Daniels, Diane Scott, Caroline O'Grady

Statement of Responsibilities

The Church Leadership is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Church's income and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the period. In preparing those financial statements, the Church Leadership:

- selects suitable accounting policies and then applies them consistently.
- makes judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepares the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in operation.

The Church Leadership is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The Leadership is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations.

Governance

Internal controls over all forms of commitment and expenditure continue to be refined to improve efficiency. Processes are in place to ensure that performance is monitored, and that appropriate management information is prepared and reviewed regularly by both the Church Leadership and the Church Members.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- regular consideration by the Church Leadership and Church Members of Finances.
- delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties.
- Identification and management of risks.

2.6 External Advisers

Bankers **CafBank Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kent ME19 4JQ**
Kingdom Bank, Padge Road, Beeston, Notts NG9 2RS

Independent Examiner

Graeme Johnston

3. Church Leadership's Report

3.1 Objectives and Principal Activities of The Charity Objects

Use of Cawston Road Chapel as

- a) a place of public worship for the service of Almighty God.
- b) a place for the instruction of children or adults or as a church hall or to further the religious and other charitable work of the congregations formerly meeting at those places for religious worship and for such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be endorsed by the Church in General Meeting
- c) a place for maintaining and practising the doctrine and rite of the baptism of believers

The consent of the Charity Commission has been obtained to amend the Charities objects to:

- (1) The advancement of the Christian Faith, education and any other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world

Our Activities

- ❖ Gathering together frequently for worship in prayer and praise.
- ❖ Remembering the Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate Communion.
- ❖ Learning together as we study the Bible, encouraging each other in the faith.
- ❖ Proclaiming the Gospel to adults, young people and children, helping them to understand what it means.
- ❖ Baptising believers by total immersion.
- ❖ Dedicating babies and small children to the Lord.
- ❖ Serving the community as best we can.
- ❖ Showing a concern for the physical and spiritual wellbeing of the whole world

3.2 Achievements and Performance

The church building has been used extensively during the week by the Church and Community during the year and the congregation has engaged with community events in the town with Churches Together in Aylsham.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose. This has included support, financially and through prayer for the Bible Society, Leprosy Mission, Songs of Hope and Freedom, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Trans World Radio, Release International and Tearfund.

The Church meets every Sunday for worship and teaching of the Christian Faith, as well as other midweek Bible Study and Prayer Time. The meetings of the Church are open to all in the community, and the Church actively seeks to engage with the wider community in its activities.

The Leadership Team meets monthly during the year and members are regularly informed and consulted regarding church activities at Members Meetings held 4 times during the year. Reports of the activities of the church were provided with the Accounts for approval at the AGM held on 16 March 2025.

The Charity Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

4. Financial Review and Results For The Year

4.1 Financial Review

During the 12 months to 31 December 2025 the Church had a total income of £31,009 (2024: £70,997). Offerings and Donations together with the Income Tax Refunds at £25,340 have decreased from the previous year (£61,065). Giving to support the wider work of Mission amounted to £1,720 (2024: £1,350).

Charitable Expenditure was lower than on the previous year at £37,655 (2024: £41,542).

Total funds were reduced to £45,424 (2024 £52,070). The Church Leadership is confident that the current funds together with future income will be sufficient to meet future commitments.

4.2 Gifting and Tithing

The Church Members have agreed to support the wider work of Mission by setting aside a part of their annual income for the support of organisations engaged in Mission. The amount and the recipients of gifts are agreed annually by Church Members at a Church Meeting.

4.3 Reserves Policy

The Church believes in the grace of God to provide for its financial needs as they arise through the giving of its members and others. In principle, the Church believes that monies given should be utilised for the furtherance of the work of the Church as soon as it is practical and is consistent with an orderly and responsible stewardship of the funds and the work of the Church. In practice, in the view of the Church Leadership, free reserves (after setting aside funds earmarked for specific projects), should be approximately 3 months normal recurring unrestricted expenditure.

As at 31 December 2025 the Church had three months unrestricted free reserves of £8,750, which has been increased to reflect the anticipated additional costs associated with the New Pastor, who will commence duties in early 2026.

4.4 Report from the Independent Examiner

I have completed my examination of the accounts to 31st December 2025. 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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

Graeme Johnston Dated 27.03.2026

Graeme Johnston Accountant

10 Unicorn Yard

Aylsham

Norwich NR11 6AU

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2025

Notes

Unrestrict Restricted Total Funds Total Funds

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income					
Offerings and donations inc Gift Aid Tax recoverable		25,340		25,340	61,065
Specific giving for Mission					
Miscellaneous				-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest received		606		606	640
Other incoming resources					
Room lettings		5,063		5,063	9,292
Building Fund					
Total Incoming Resources		<u>31,009</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,009</u>	<u>70,997</u>
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities:					
Mission	2	1,720		1,720	1,350
Ministry	3	3,695		3,695	4,842
Materials and Youth Work		-		-	
Premises	4	32,240	-	32,240	35,350
Pastoral gifts					
Miscellaneous				-	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>37,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,655</u>	<u>41,542</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES before Transfers		-6,646	-	-6,646	29,454
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES after Transfers		-6,646	-	-6,646	29,454
Balances brought forward		<u>52,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,070</u>	<u>22,616</u>
Balances carried forward		<u>45,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,424</u>	<u>52,070</u>

Approved by the Church Leadership on 22 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Diane Scott, Treasurer/Trustee _____

Byron Jones, Trustee: _____

Diane Scott

W. Byron Jones

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis.

Thus all income is recognised as received, and payments as made.

Designated Funds

Designated funds are used for gifts received for Mission purposes, and for the Pastoral Fund of the Church.

The Leadership has designated out of the unrestricted funds £32,000 to repay the church loan and have increased the free reserve figure to reflect the additional costs of the Pastor, who starts in early 2026. An analysis of the designated funds is shown below:

Loan Fund	£32,000
3 Months reserve	£8,750
Unallocated	<u>£4,674</u>
	£45,424

2 Mission

UnRestricted Funds

	£
MAF	150
TWR	150
The Bible Society	300
Tearfund	150
Release Int'l	300
Leprosy Mission	300
Grass Roots	-
Other	<u>370</u>
	1,720

3 Ministry

Unrestricted Fund

	£
Salaries and associated costs	160
Subscriptions, stationery, postage and photocopier costs	1,966
(Ministers) Leaders expenses/Meetings & Events	940
CRB/safeguarding	150
Book-Keeping	<u>480</u>
	<u>3,695</u>

4 Premises

Unrestricted Funds

	£
Cleaning salaries	-
Property expenditure	645
Heating & Lighting	4,111
Telephone & Internet	876
Premises hire costs	
Water	169
Insurance & Sundry	830
Building Project:	
Initial Costs : Surveys & Contracts	
Costs per Architect Design	25,608
	<u>£32,240</u>