

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER; 1051793

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for  
Congleton Pentecostal Church

Independent Examiner

Marlene Emmett (Honorary Auditor) 4/12/25

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congleton Pentecostal Church

I report on the accounts of Congleton Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

-Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(b) of the 2011 Act – to state whether particular matters have come to my attention Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Congleton Pentecostal Church  
Accounts for year ended

March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Service collections	21,190	18,510
Service collections gift aided	13,477	16,133
Building fund	0	0
Building fund gift aided	0	0
Missionary Offerings	1,808	2,514
Missionary Offerings Gift aided	2,480	2,690
Tax reclaimed	7,349	4,704
Total Youth groups	188	308
Nourish	436	554
Designated donations	8,055	550
Other donations	1,675	65
Toddler group	514	520
Other grants	0	0
Interest	115	108
Other	622	979
	57,910	47,635
<b>Total income</b>		
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	4,977	4,697
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	955	190
	(5,932)	(4,887)
Payroll	27,160	24,101
Club costs	635	822
Flowers	0	0
Evangelism	0	0
Rates, water, light & heat	7,246	5,455
Insurance	1,585	1,069
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	1,609	1,680
cleaning	174	144
Printing, postage & stationery	123	260
Advertising	142	122
Office costs computer and phone	956	882
Hire of equipment	155	1,343
Motor expenses	1,277	872
Legal & professional	0	0
Accountancy	0	0
Bank charges	0	0
Canteen & refreshments	1,107	1,288
Payment against designated donations	8,173	615
Toddler group expenses	135	70
Building fund expenditure	0	0
Other	506	637
	(50,983)	
<b>Total expenses</b>	995	39,359
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>		
Cash & bank balances	14,622	13,627

The financial statement was approved by the board of trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Signed 

Print Name: DAVID ROBEY

Chairman of Trustees

Date 10/01/26

**Congleton Pentecostal Church**  
**Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/24– 31/3/25**

**Mission Statement**

The purpose of Congleton Pentecostal Church is to give every man, woman and child the opportunity of understanding the Gospel and to be a Church where people can grow and develop for the glory of God.

Jesus said to His disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid..." Our vision is to be like a city set on a hill, shining the light and love of Jesus for all to see. Our aim is to do this, not by staying within the four walls of a building, but by reaching out to the community around us and to a world in need.

**1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers**

**Charity name:** Congleton Pentecostal Church.

**Additional Working Names:** Carmel Pentecostal Church, Cross Street Church,  
Cross Street Pentecostal Church

**Charity registration number:** 1051793.

**Principle address of the charity:** Cross Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1HQ.

**Names of the charity's trustees on the date the report was approved:**

Rev David Robey (Chairman)), Miss Alison Bond (treasurer), Mrs Karen Calvert (Secretary), Mr. Paul Bayley and Rev. Andrew Calvert

**Name of any other person who served as a trustee in the financial year in question:** Mr Gareth Lewis.

**2. Structure, governance and management**

The Charity's governing document is a constitution and trust deed adopted on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 as amended by resolutions 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 7<sup>th</sup> September and by Deed of Variation dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The management and control of the Church and its property and funds is vested in the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the Senior Minister and any other ministers of the Church together with such persons as the Church Council may from time to time appoint or elect. The minimum number of members of the Church Council is three.

The Charity is a Church which operates in Congleton, Cheshire but also supports other Christian missionaries and charities worldwide. The objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of faith in such ways and such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- b) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- c) To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

**3. Financial Review** The charity has remained financially solvent during this financial year (See accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025).

The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

### **Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:**

World of Worth - £1950  
Carmel Assembly & Colin Mitchell (Israel) - £1056  
David Taylor & Oasis of Hope Foundation (Colombia) - £720  
Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £50  
Open Doors - £160  
Gathehu School - £1040.5  
TOTAL - £4,976.5

### **4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### **5. Public benefit statement**

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

**6. Activities** During this period the church's regular weekly activities have been two services on Sundays, Toddler Group and Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays, Bible Study on Thursday evenings and Lighthouse children's club on Friday evenings. The monthly Nourish meal and monthly all age Family

services have also continued to attract visitors. Some of the annual highlights of the year have been: the Easter Breakfast, the Evening of Prayer for the persecuted church, Christmas Cracker, Carols by Candlelight with Rode Hall Silver Band, the New Year's Eve celebration, the Spring, Summer and Autumn Fairs, the Way course and baptismal service. In November we also had Safeguarding Sunday when we thought about the importance of keeping each other safe.

**Visiting speakers during this period have been:**

Pastor Kingsley Jones,  
David Robey  
Benjamin Sealey  
Rafael Saraceni  
Martin Salter  
Fiona Earnest (A.E.M.)

**7. A Period of Transition** The church appointed a new Pastor in February (David Robey) Andrew continued to be employed until then end of February, when he retired

## **8. Health and Safety**

The Church Health and Safety Officer is Glenys Somayajula.

The Church fire safety Co-ordinator is David Robey. In case of fire, the fire safety co-ordinator, members of the Church Council and/or others with leadership responsibility at the time of evacuation will act as fire marshals.

The procedure for evacuation of the building is outlined at each A.G.M.

The fire and burglar alarms are tested twice a year by Crime Watch Security Systems Fire extinguishers are checked annually by 3 Counties services

The boilers are serviced annually by Gas Care.

The Church has a level 5 Food Hygiene certificate.

## **9. Legal**

The Church is insured for buildings, contents and public liability with Congregational. The Church is covered for copyright on words and music for songs we use through the Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI).

The Church has a Safeguarding policy which is in line with "Thirty one eight" guidelines. Our safeguarding officer is Karen Calvert, and deputy is David Robey

## **10. Thank You**

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Young People's Trust who donated £300 towards the costs of Christmas Cracker.

Finally, thank you to everyone who during this year has given generously either financially or with their time and talents. Thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.