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Reference and administration details

Charity's Name Fenlands Church
Charity number 1136625

Charity's principal address The Church Centre
Main Road
Tydd Gote
Wisbech Cambs.
PE13 5QD

Charity Website www.fenlandschurch.co.uk

Charity email address admin@fenlandschurch.co.uk

Name of the Charity Trustee who manage the charity

Name	**Office**
Mrs G C Wilson -	Chairperson
Mrs K Maunder -	Treasurer
	Secretary
Miss A C Newton -	Trustee
Mr J L Wilson -	Trustee

The minimum number of Trustees is three individuals.
The Spiritual Leadership in consultation with the existing trustees appoint any new trustees following the provisions laid out in the Charity's governing instrument.
Names and addresses of advisers

Primary Bankers Lloyds Bank Plc
3 North Brink
Wisbech
Cambs
PE13 IJR

Solicitors Bowsers
15 South Brink
PE13 IJO

Independent Examiner Mrs Carrman Bingham
6, Daniels Gate
Spalding
PE11 3QV

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Structure, governance and management
The day-to-day running of the charity is in the hands of the elders. The Trustees are responsible for managing the finance and the buildings. They meet three times a year and, additionally as required, normally with the elders.

Description of the Charity's trusts
Governing document - Trust Deed dated 6 June 2010
The charity's responsibilities for the Tydd Gote site and its benefits on sale are contained in a document dated 1st December 2010.

Trustee's selection method
New trustees are appointed by the 'Spiritual Leadership of Church'.
The current Spiritual Leadership comprises:
Mr. David Chapman and Mr. Martin Connolly at Tydd Centre. Mr.
Jeff Bellamy and Mr, Douglas Chapman at Thomey.

Additional governance issues
There are no specific policies and procedures for inducting and training trustees but new trustees would be appointed who have suitable skills.

Relationship with any related parties
The Church is linked to Rural Ministries and Churches Together in East Elloe.
Trustees consideration of major risks
The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the of the charity set out in its governing document The
Objects of the Church are for the benefit of the public:

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with any Statement of Beliefs and Doctrines prepared by the spiritual leadership of the church, in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World, as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by 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 Trustees may from time to time think fit; and
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as from time to time may think fit.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity acknowledges its requirements to demonstrate deafly mat it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities me charry should undertake.

Fenlands Church meets each Sunday morning for worship and teaching in its Church Centre and usually on other occasions each week as well. The Church hall is used most weeks for activities for pre-school children and their careers and for local community groups and occasional activities and clubs for school age children and young people are held. Other meetings are arranged at other locations, particularly in members' homes. These activities are run by different church members who, apart from the pastor and his wife, are unpaid volunteers, some of whom claim out of pocket expenses for outgoings incurred, Fenlands Church has seen a constant number of regular attendees during the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity enjoys the use of its own buildings which are based on a large site in the rural village of Tydd Gote, in the heart of the Fens. During this accounting year we have been able to undertake some painting and decorating work in the schoolroom and office and repairs across the site. The surrounding garden areas continue to be maintained by volunteers throughout the year. A new oil tank was fitted in July for the site buildings.

We regularly meet on a Sunday morning for our main worship service. We have some new people joining us, while others have moved on. Our team of musicians continues to grow and develop as they lead worship week by week. We started the year with a church weekend away at Kings Park in Northamptonshire. The "Church in the home" groups continue to meet each Tuesday in various homes in Tydd Gote and the surrounding villages. We are seeing spiritual growth within the groups, as well as numerical growth as we reach out to our families, friends and neighbours. There have been a number of Bible teaching sessions on Sunday afternoons at the church centre.

We continue to hold our monthly men's and Ladies' breakfast s with good numbers attending both. In July, the Ladies enjoyed a day at Launde Abbey. The Beyond Youth groups meets weekly on a Thursday evening as well as other activities that are arranged from time to time. These have included a visit to Laserquest, and a sleepover in the church centre. On Monday mornings we meet at the church to do various jobs such as garden maintenance, decorating, repairs, and decluttering, with homemade soup being served midday as part of our community outreach. Everyone is welcome to this and quite a few people from the village now attend regularly. During the year the difficult decision was made to close the Wednesday tearoom. There has been good attendance at the bi-monthly Ladies night where we have enjoyed varied activities and a Christmas dinner and Carol Service. On Good Friday we enjoyed a day together at the church centre with worship, Bible teaching and a lovely meal In September, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of Fenlands Church over a busy weekend when we held a musical evening on Friday, a bam dance on Saturday, and a tea and Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Our Christmas programme included a family film afternoon, a family Carol service, a Christmas Koinonia Meal, and a family Christmas service.Fenlands Family Church in Thorney is now called New Hope Church and has obtained its own charitable status. They manage their own accounts and safeguarding procedures, and are independent from Fenlands Church

We have continued to support our chosen overseas mission projects on a regular basis as well as responding to requests for support in specific projects. We have been able to helps our contacts in Malawi and Congo. We also organised a 'Shoe Box Appeal' to send gifts to needy children all over the world. We also make every effort to be mindful of the needs of our own locality, supporting the local food bank and the local branch of CAP as well as other individuals needs as they come to our notice.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The trustees are happy with the current level of reserves but will review these if they fall below £IO,OOO.

Details of funds materially in deficit - None.

The charity's principal sources of funds

The principle source of funds is member's monthly donations and offerings given by the church

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of Fenlands Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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 of Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in General Directions by Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 statement below,

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 with section 130 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 amounts to be reached.

C Bingham BSc (Hons)

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RECIEPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Donations, Legacies, and Other Similar Receipts		54382		54,382	71472
Operating Activities to Further Charitable Objects	4a	0		0	6672
Investment Income Receipts	4b	6804		6,804	498
Other Receipts		0		0	0
Total Receipts		61186		61,186	78642
PAYMENTS					
Costs of Charitable Activities	5a	68673		68,673	76179
Investnent Management Cost		0		0	15
Goverance Costs	5b	606		606	656
Fundraising Trading Costs 2025	5c	7623		7,623	0
Total Payments		76902		76,902	76850
NET-PAYMENTS RECEIPTS for the year		(15716)		(15716)	1792
Cash funds Last Year End		20878		20,878	34285
Cash funds This Year End		5162		5,162	36077

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST December 2025 - Consolidated

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
ASSETS				
Cash Funds	£	£	£	£
Bank Account Tydd	1,967		1,967	3,874
Deposits Accounts Tydd	16,870		16,870	25,117
Petty Cash Tydd & Thorney	271		271	271
Total Cash Funds	19,107		19,107	29,262
Other Assets				
Debtor	0		0	0
Recoverable Gift Aid	1,254		1,254	6,815
Total Other Assets	1,254		1,254	6,815
Total Assets	20,361		20,361	36,077
Represented By				
General Funds	19,107		19,107	29,262
Other Assets	1,254		1,254	6,815
Total Funds	20,361		20,361	36,077
Assets retained for the Charity's own use				
(Values at cost, or if gifted at the value to the charity if gifted.)				
Main church building				
Computer Eqipment	1,492		1,492	1,492
Musical Items	3,000		3,000	3,000
Other equipment	6,910		6,910	6,910
Fixture & fittings	4,600		4,600	4,600
Projectors	1,590		1,590	1,590
Aufio Visual Items	5,280		5,280	5,280
Wellbrook Hall & Office				
Equipment	11,060		11,060	11,060
Carpets	1,000		1,000	1,000
Totals	34,932		34,932	34,932
Liabilities				
Independent Examiner's fee	240		240	240
Totals	240		240	240

(Chairman) G Irwin.

(Treasurer) Kathy Maunder

Approved by the Trustees on: 8 - 11 - 2026

(The notes on pages 8 to 9 form a part of the financial statements)

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Notes to the accounts for the Year End 31/12/2025

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commission.

Restricted Funds

The Charity held no restricted funds during the financial year.

Payments to Trustees

No payments were made to Trustees or any person connected with them during this financial year. No material transactions took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
4. RECEIPTS				
a. Donations, Legacies, and Other Similar Receipts				
Non - Gift Aided donations FCC	11,225		11,225	19,093
Thorney Donations	6,858		6,858	0
Bequests and legacies	0		0	0
Gift Aided Donations - FCC	35,797		35,797	51,981
Core funding grants	0		0	0
Sunday Offerings	502		502	389
Total Offering Receipts	54,382		54,382	71,463
b. Investment Income				
Manse Rent and Lettings	6,446		6,446	6,672
Bank Interest	358		358	498
Total Investment Receipts	6,804		6,804	7,170
TOTAL RECEIPTS	61,186		61,186	78,633

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5 PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
a. Charitable Activities Costs				
Literature Purchases	275		275	232
Non Catagorised Expenses	561		561	320
Children's Work	45		45	825
Direct event costs	4,651		4,651	10,440
Catering Costs General	2,093		2,093	2,333
Charitable Activities Costs	7,623		7,623	14,150
b. Fundraising Trading Costs				
Bank Charges				15
Equipment purchases	1,610		1,610	1,018
General Travel expenses	20		20	225
Gifts to Individuals	1,173		1,173	995
Gifts to Missionaires	4,225		4,225	4,435
Gifts to Organisations	14,060		14,060	2,718
Insurance	2,047		2,047	2,162
Licences	962		962	1,243
Maintenance / Repairs	2,881		2,881	5,972
Premises Improvements	2,281		2,281	278
Printing/photocopying	281		281	236
Salaries and wages	31,989		31,989	36,745
Telephone / Broadband	397		397	573
Utilitie's inc. Heating Oil	6,404		6,404	5,429
Website	344		344	0
Totl Charitable Activities Costs	68,673		68,673	62,044
c. Governance Costs				
Professional fees	240		240	480
Child Protection Fees	366		366	176
Total Governance Costs	606		606	656
TOTAL PAYMENTS	76,902		76,902	76,850
Net of Receipts - Payments	(15716)		(15716)	1,783
Cash Funds Last Year End	20,878		20,878	34,285
Cash Funds This Year End	5,162		5,162	36,068