LONGCAUSEWAY CHURCH
(UNITED REFORMED AND METHODIST)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity Registration No. 1143402

Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist)

Period Ended 31 December 2025

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Administrative information

Ministers/Trustees:	Rev'd Dr. David Barker	
	Rev'd Samantha Sheehan	appointed August 2025
Trustees:	Fiona Baker	appointed April 2025
	Jennifer Day	appointed May 2025
	Margaret Gooder	appointed May 2026
	Stephen Gooder	appointed May 2026
	David Hall	
	Lyndsey Hall	appointed May 2025
	Joanne Hartley	
	Janet Morse	
	Robert Thurman	
	Philip Wetherill	retired May 2025, reappointed May 2026
	also served as trustees in the period:	
	Marilyn Cooper	appointed July 2025, retired February 2026
	Karen Morrison	retired May 2025
	Ruth Palmer	retired May 2025
	Rachel Wetherill	retired May 2025
	Michael Walter	retired May 2026

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company no. 083885, charity no. 252965

The trustees present their report and accounts of the charity for the 13 month period ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 and comply with the constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS 102).

Purpose and work of the charity

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith in Dewsbury and the surrounding area in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating churches (the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church).

In achieving its purpose the charity will engage in a range of activities, either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- the celebration of public worship;
- the teaching of the Christian faith;
- mission and evangelism;
- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Statement on public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. By seeking to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the participating churches and the above statement of purpose and the related activities set out in this report.

Review of activities and achievements

We currently have 61 members, 38 URC, 13 Methodist and 10 Joint. Our main Sunday service at 10:30am is regularly attended by 44 adults, including members and non-member regular attenders. Around four children usually attend, supported by a committed team of leaders who run Junior Church each week, helping them explore their faith in an age-appropriate way. Services are streamed on Zoom, with an average of two attendees, and recorded for later viewing.

We have a strong musical tradition with an organ, organist and church choir who besides preparing and performing special musical pieces at Easter and Christmas also hold a couple of concerts per year in aid of church funds and/or local charities.

As a member of the SPACE group of churches and the Methodist Circuit, we join the other churches for Sunday morning worship once or twice a year.

We hold a mid-week service attended by an average of seven people.

Messy Church is held on the first Saturday of each month and regularly attracts around 20 children and adults.

The church toddler group, Bumps, Babies and Toddlers also includes an element of worship. Attendance is declining, reflecting changes to government funding for nursery places, which are now available for some children from as young as nine months old. We also recognise that our diverse community in Dewsbury may have changing needs, and the team is exploring alternative ways to engage with our community.

During the year, we held one wedding, two infant baptisms, three funerals and two memorial services. For the first time, one of these services, The Kirkwood Light Up A Life Service, was included in our morning worship and was very well attended.

We are regularly welcoming new people to Sunday worship and continue to build relationships with them.

We receive Methodist ministry from Rev Dr. David Barker and, from 1 August 2025, URC ministry from Rev Samantha Sheehan, who was inducted as Minister of the SPACE group of Churches on 30 August 2025. Seventy-five percent of Rev Samantha's time is allocated to the SPACE group of Churches, with the remaining 25 percent being Synod-directed.

In-person bible studies took place during Lent and Advent this year, with an average of 12 people attending regularly, including many from other churches and friends of the church.

From August 2025, the Wednesday café session was held entirely in the 3 Strand Café from 9.00am to 1.30 pm. Although this move required a reduced menu because hot meals were difficult to prepare, offering light bites in a more visible and accessible space has led to an increase in customers. The fairly priced menu and the availability of volunteers to talk with people are proving popular.

During the year, Support 2 Recovery (S2R) held a fortnightly wellbeing session during the Wednesday café session in the form of a hub, signposting people with mental health issues to support, particularly in relation to employment.

We remain open to hosting additional events during café sessions to broaden our community engagment.

The café windows, decorated by talented church members, have become a talking point, and members of the community look forward to each new display.

The café is also used several times a week by external hirers and continues to attract community groups. From March to October 2025, we worked with S2R to co-run Unpinned, a wellbeing session that brought people together to upcycle and recycle clothing while learning new craft skills.

We continue to run two of the original Wellbeing Wednesday activities: Pause, Breathe, Pray, a 30-minute service of prayer and praise held on the first Wednesday of each month, and Chair-a-Cise every Wednesday.

When possible, we hold a Wednesday afternoon concert, which is always popular.

Our Saturday morning café has a growing community of regulars. On the last Saturday of each month we host our Repair Café during which volunteer repairers repair household objects whilst educating the owners.

We are continually exploring new mission opportunities.

Tuesday Tonic currently offers 'In Stitches', a knitting and crafting group that regularly attracts 18 attendees.

We held a Christmas Fair, with the money raised being shared equally between the church's mission work and local charities.

We have a thriving ladies' group, which meets on the 17th of each month for fellowship and social interaction.

We are part of Churches Together in Dewsbury. We host a church service once a year and join services on our forecourt at Easter and Christmas. We also collaborate in evangelistic events, often using the 3 Strand Café as a base. In December 2025, we held a Blue Christmas session, giving those for whom Christmas may not be a happy time an opportunity to pray and remember loved ones.

St. John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy's sixth form uses our forecourt at Easter and during Advent to re-enact the crucifixion and present a live crib. These always popular events are very much part of our church calendar and attract passers-by to stop and listen to the Easter story and the true meaning of Christmas.

In December, we also welcomed Year 5 pupils from two local schools for 'Rewind' half-day sessions of crafts and activities that explored the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Property Committee works hard to maintain our buildings and land and is currently reviewing our heating systems to identify and make necessary improvements.

We are based in the centre of a town that has received funding to improve the local environment, renovate a Victorian shopping arcade and increase town centre policing. We serve a richly diverse community, which brings both challenges and rewards.

We are looking to recruit a Church Community Work and Premises Manager and hope to fill this post in 2026.

Our faithful church members continue to support Longcauseway Church's work in bringing faith, hope and love to the people of Dewsbury and the surrounding area. They care for one another, keep growing in faith and seek to show and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Constitution, structure, governance and management

Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist) is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is a member church of the United Reformed Church Yorkshire Synod and of the North Kirklees and Morley Methodist Circuit. It is also one of five churches within the Spen And Calder Enterprise (SPACE) cluster of churches. The Constitution for a Local Ecumenical Partnership was adopted on 9 September 2010 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 16 August 2011, registration number 1143402.
The duly authorised ministers for the time being of the LEP (whether ordained or lay), are members by virtue of their office. Other persons are entitled to membership of the charity if entitled to membership of the LEP in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the charity. The activities of Longcauseway Church are overseen by the Leadership Team who then report to the General Church Meeting to advise on all matters relating to church life, finance, property and other matters relating to the work of the Church.

The membership of the Leadership Team (who are also elected trustees of the charity) usually consists of the pastoral ministers in charge together with up to two co-opted members and no more than fifteen elected members and no less than ten elected members. Trustees normally serve for a minimum of three years and are elected or re-elected at the annual general meeting.

The Leadership team meets monthly and the General Church Meeting meets quarterly. As an LEP, the church is served by members of both the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church denominations.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees
The charity recognizes that it has a responsibility to provide guidance and assist new trustees in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, this is done in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

Risk management
The trustees have appraised the key risks of the charity, including those related to the purposes and activities, as well as that of property and investment risks. The trustees have undertaken an in-depth review as a congregation to seek out what we felt should be our true mission as a body of Christians worshipping in Dewsbury town centre.

Investment powers and policy
The Constitution authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds and to delegate the management of such funds. Investments are held in a number of individual and collective funds so as to keep any restricted or other funds separate and diversify investment risk.
The make up of the investment funds are detailed in the notes to the accounts.
Some investments are held on behalf of the charity by The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated) and by The Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes.

Financial review
The results for the year are set out in the financial statements and show that expenditure exceeded income by £18,330 (2024: surplus of £5,114). The investments reported an increase in market value of the portfolios of £22,505 (2024: £28,448). Thus reserves increased by £4,175 (2024: £33,562).

Donations increased to £45,502 (including gift aid) (2024: £39,513).

Maintaining, insuring and heating such a very large and old building remains a challenge.
Insuring, lighting and heating the premises cost £51,693 through the year (2024: £49,922), a further increase.

Maintaining the building to a good standard is a requirement placed on the trustees and we have a property committee who are tasked to do this. There are of course all the usual maintenance contracts and safety certificates that are required by law, but the fabric of the building is in constant need of repair.
The cost of repairs this year was £17,676 (2024: £12,588).

The cost of ministry and mission costs are payable to the United Reformed and Methodist Churches.
The costs of these contributions totalled £32,492 (2024: £29,127).

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the charity to maintain general funds such that the normal activities of the organisation can be maintained at a satisfactory level in order to achieve the purposes set out above.

Restricted funds are those that have to be used for a specific purpose.
Restricted funds consist of the Manse Fund, which totalled £7,280 (2024: £7,280) and charity collections still in hand which totalled £93, these funds are not available for the general use of the charity.

Designated funds are where the trustees have set aside funds for a particular use.
The charity has a designated property reserve of £1,195,876 representing the book value of land and buildings, a designated Contingency reserve of £130,000, and other designated reserves of £16,752.
Total designated funds are £1,342,628 (2024: £1,342,628).

General reserves, which are available for the continuing operation of the charity, were £499,629 as at 31 December 2025 (2024: £495,454), these are often referred to as the free reserves of the charity.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles set out in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

The Report of the Trustees was approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

……
Joanne Hartley, Secretary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Longcauseway Church (United Reformed and Methodist) for the 13 month period ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Responsibilites and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 statement below.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, for the statements I have made, or for the opinions I have stated.

…… dated ……2026

Darren Broadbent
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
for and on behalf of **Forrest Burlinson Chartered Accountants**
20 Owl Lane, Shawcross, Dewsbury, WF12 7RQ

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 13 month 2025 £	Restricted Funds 13 month 2025 £	Total Funds 13 month 2025 £	Total Funds 12 month 2024 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**5**	45,502	--	45,502	39,513
Grants received	**6**	918	1,000	1,918	2,753
Charitable activities	**7**	65,379	--	65,379	93,351
Investment income	**8**	26,893	--	26,893	24,196
Total income		**138,692**	**1,000**	**139,692**	159,813
Expenditure					
Costs of raising funds:					
Investment management costs		2,645	--	2,645	2,236
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Ministerial costs	**9**	32,492	--	32,492	29,127
Premises costs	**10**	92,959	1,000	93,959	96,593
Worship costs	**11**	7,140	--	7,140	6,114
Donations made	**12**	4,400	--	4,400	1,825
Other costs	**13**	17,386	--	17,386	18,804
		154,377	1,000	155,377	152,463
Total expenditure		**157,022**	**1,000**	**158,022**	154,699
Net income/(expenditure)		**(18,330)**	**--**	**(18,330)**	5,114
Transfers between funds		**--**	**--**	--	--
Net gains on investments	**14**	22,505	--	22,505	28,448
Net movement in funds		**4,175**	**--**	**4,175**	33,562
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,838,082	7,373	**1,845,455**	1,811,893
Total funds carried forward		1,842,257	7,373	**1,849,630**	1,845,455

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year ended 30 November 2024 or the period ended 31 December 2025 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities above.

LONGCAUSEWAY CHURCH (UNITED REFORMED AND METHODIST) Charity No. 1143402

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	**17**	--	1,195,876	--	**1,195,876**	1,195,876
Investments	**18**	472,909	130,000	7,280	**610,189**	581,722
		472,909	1,325,876	7,280	**1,806,065**	1,777,598
Current assets						
Debtors	**19**	20,656	--	--	**20,656**	20,588
Cash at bank and in hand		8,969	16,752	93	**25,814**	54,540
Total Current Assets		29,625	16,752	93	**46,470**	75,128
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**20**	(2,905)	--	--	**(2,905)**	(7,271)
Net current assets		26,720	16,752	93	**43,565**	67,857
Total net assets		499,629	1,342,628	7,373	**1,849,630**	1,845,455
The funds of the charity:						
Unrestricted funds:	**22**	499,629	1,342,628	--	**1,842,257**	1,838,082
Restricted funds	**23**	--	--	7,373	**7,373**	7,373
Total funds		499,629	1,342,628	7,373	**1,849,630**	1,845,455

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these accounts.

Agreed by the trustees at their meeting on 7 June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

…….

David Hall

Trustee

1 Legal status

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
The charity is a Local Ecumenical Partnership whose sponsorship body is the West Yorkshire Ecumencial Council.
The trustees of the charity are listed in the Trustees Annual Report.
In the event of the charity being wound up the Constitution specifies that 'in no circumstances shall the net assets of the charity be paid to, or distributed among the members. The members carry no liability on an insolvent winding-up.'

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report and all of which are continuing.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: '*Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)* ' (SORP FRS 102), and with FRS 102, applying the disclosure requirements of section 1A, other than where additional disclosure is required by the Charity SORP or in order to show a true and fair view, and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations, with the exception that no depreciation is proved on Church property.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees at their discretion to use for a particular purpose. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out later in these notes.
Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions, which the donor, legatee, or other third party has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects undertaken by the charity.
The charity has no endowment funds.

2.3 Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- any performance conditions attached to the income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- it is more likely than not that the income will be received; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income and expenses are not offset, unless permitted by the Charity SORP or FRS 102.

2.4 Income from interest and dividends

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably, this is normally upon notification.

2.5 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from the revaluation of investments to market value at the balance sheet date.

2.6 Expenditure and liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the trustees to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable reliability. Expenditure includes Value Added Tax, which cannot be recovered.

The United Reformed Church mission and ministry costs and the Methodist circuit fund is paid regularly and is included in the financial statements for the year to which it relates.

2.7 Volunteers

Most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the Church is incalculable. This policy is in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

2.8 Pension costs

The charity operates a contributory pension scheme for eligible staff.
The employer contributions made in the year were £203 (2024: £467).

2.9 Governance and support costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice, these together with other support costs are included under expenditure on charitable activities. Such costs are not significant enough to be charged to individual activities.

2.10 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.
Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases, except freehold land (which is not depreciated):

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	straight line over 5 years
Computers and audio visual equipment	straight line over 3 years
Buildings	no depreciation

Presently all items of fixtures, fittings, equipment, computers and audio visual equipment that are held have been fully written down in accordance with this policy, therefore there is no charge to depreciation in respect of these assets in the accounts.

The original Church building, including the organ and fixtures and fittings, date back over 100 years, would likewise be fully depreciated at cost in accordance with earlier policies on depreciation and so has no value attributed in these accounts. The value of land associated with the Church has not been recognised in the accounts in accordance with SORP (FRS 102) as the historical cost or fair value cannot be measured reliably. More recent expenditure on buildings and alterations, most notably the Church Hall and ancillary premises were professionally valued on a existing use basis as at 30 November 1999 and are included at this amount as a deemed cost. These buildings are not depreciated.

2.11 Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at fair value as at the balance sheet date using the mid market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.
The charity does not use complex financial instruments as defined under the Charity SORP (FRS 102).

2.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount.
Prepaid expenses are the amount of expenditure paid as at the period end after taking account of any discount.
Funds not yet received are accounted for in accordance with the above recognition of income policy where the expected amount that can be measured reliably has not been received at the period end.

2.13 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past transaction or event that will probably result in the transfer of funds and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably, these are recognised after any discount due.

2.14 Taxation

No tax has been provided in these accounts because the trustees believe that the income and gains are within the exemptions granted for charities by Chapters 2 and 3 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010.

2.15 Going Concern

In the opinion of the trustees there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

3 Trustee's remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

The charity contributes to the SPACE group of churches and North Kirklees and Morley Methodist Circuit, both of which provide for the costs of ministers (including centralised payments of stipends, housing (manse), training, pension contributions and other benefits for ministers). This includes the ministers who in accordance ith clause 22 of the LEP Constitution are trustees (Rev'd David Barker and Rev'd Samantha Sheehan).
The costs paid to United Reformed Church and Methodist Church are shown in Ministerial costs under note 9.

The following trustees have received remuneration in the year. Authority for remunerating a trustee is in the Constitution for a LEP adopted 9 September 2010 at clause 49. The trustees confirm that the procedures set out at clause 50 have been complied with on making these appointments.
David Hall - organist - £5,881 (2024: £5,121).

Other than this item no other trustee receives any remuneration from the charity.
There were no other related party transactions that require disclosure under the Charity SORP (FRS 102) paragraph 9.17 in the year.

4 Independent examiner

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees for independent examination	650	650
Fees for accounts compilation	790	730

5 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	**Restricted Funds 13 month**	**Total Funds 13 month 2025**	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Offering	31,215	--	31,215	29,079
Tax refunds under gift aid	8,611	--	8,611	7,355
Donations	5,676	--	5,676	3,079
	45,502	--	45,502	39,513

6 Grants received

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	**Restricted Funds 13 month**	**Total Funds 13 month 2025**	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Yorkshire Synod Mission Fund	--	1,000	1,000	2,020
Listed Places of Worship	918	--	918	733
	918	1,000	1,918	2,753

The 2025 Circuit grant was in respect of the purchase of Audio Visual equipment.
The 2024 Circuit grant was in respect of the recycling project.
Listed Places of Worship is in respect of recovery of vat on certain property related costs.

7 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tea and coffee mornings	10,598	--	10,598	12,228
Church lettings	20,182	--	20,182	23,867
Shops and houses lettings	31,392	--	31,392	24,600
YCU Mission grant	--	--	--	28,869
Other income	3,207	--	3,207	3,787
	65,379	--	65,379	93,351

8 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Investment portfolio	26,576	--	26,576	23,646
Bank interest	317	--	317	550
	26,893	--	26,893	24,196

9 Ministerial costs

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Ministry and mission fund costs				
United Reformed Church	18,950	--	18,950	16,627
Methodist Church	13,542	--	13,542	12,500
	32,492	--	32,492	29,127

10 Premises costs

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	13,727	--	13,727	30,264
Lighting and heating	31,934	--	31,934	32,883
Rates	1,497	--	1,497	1,497
Water rates	3,095	--	3,095	1,838
Insurance	15,167	--	15,167	13,704
Repairs and renewals	16,676	1,000	17,676	12,588
Commissions on rents	400	--	400	410
Bad debts	--	--	--	1,013
Other costs of rental property	9,295	--	9,295	1,490
Supplies and cleaning	1,168	--	1,168	906
	92,959	1,000	93,959	96,593

11 Worship costs

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Organist and organ supply	5,921	--	5,921	5,121
Youth and messy church	547	--	547	68
Pulpit supplies	600	--	600	735
Other expenses	72	--	72	190
	7,140	--	7,140	6,114

12 Donations made

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other donations	4,400	--	4,400	1,825
	4,400	--	4,400	1,825

13 Other costs

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Weds & Sat coffee supplies	2,294	--	2,294	3,592
Coffee machine (BNP Paribas)	5,620	--	5,620	5,150
Advertising and marketing	2,071	--	2,071	1,308
Photocopier costs	2,226	--	2,226	2,554
Postage stationery and telephone	1,305	--	1,305	1,015
IT costs	--	--	--	--
Subscriptions	641	--	641	303
Professional fees	3,090	--	3,090	1,855
Terracycle costs	--	--	--	2,020
Bank charges	--	--	--	7
Sundry expenses	139	--	139	1,000
	17,386	--	17,386	18,804

14 Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds 13 month	Restricted Funds 13 month	Total Funds 13 month 2025	Total Funds 12 month 2024
	£	£	£	£
Net realised gains on disposals	9,736	--	9,736	12,954
Net unrealised (losses)/gains on investment portfolio	12,769	--	12,769	15,494
	22,505	--	22,505	28,448

15 Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the reporting period was 1 (2024: 2).

The cost in respect of staff:	**Total 13 month 2025**	Total 12 month 2024
	£	£
Wages	13,524	29,797
Employers pension contributions	203	467
	13,727	30,264

No employee had emoluments of £60,000 or more.

16 Support costs

Administration and governance costs included within charitable activities totalled £6,621 (2024: £5,424).

17 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

	Church alterations	Church Hall and shops	Manses	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
as at 1 December 2024 and 31 December 2025	90,370	946,000	159,506	1,195,876
DEPRECIATION				
as at 1 December 2024 and 31 December 2025	--	--	--	--
Net book value as at 31 December 2025	**90,370**	**946,000**	**159,506**	**1,195,876**
as at 30 November 2024	90,370	946,000	159,506	1,195,876

The Manses are shares in properties used to support the ministry of the Church.
All properties are held on behalf of the charity by The Yorkshire Congregational Union (Incorporated).

18 Fixed Asset Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market Value as at 1 December 2024	581,722	549,348
Additions at cost	91,484	104,355
Disposals at carrying value	(75,786)	(87,475)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	12,769	15,494
Market Value as at 30 November 2025	610,189	581,722
Historical cost	545,803	545,803

	2025	2024
Holdings:	**£**	£
Brewin Dolphin ethical fund	324,930	302,638
Highfield - cash on deposit	33,355	26,916
Clay legacy - cash on deposit	740	712
Manse Fund - cash on deposit	8,803	8,074
Other funds - cash on deposit	(180)	1,056
TMCP - cash on deposit	242,541	242,326
	610,189	581,722

Sector analysis:	**2025**	2024
	£	£
Equities	236,167	200,804
Fixed interest	73,849	98,497
Cash held within the investment portfolios	300,173	282,421
	610,189	581,722

All investments are held and managed in the UK.

19 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid tax recoverable	8,611	7,355
Debtors	8,815	9,077
Prepaid expenses	3,230	4,156
	20,656	20,588

20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors	468	2,819
Accruals	2,437	4,452
	2,905	7,271

21 Securities and Charges

No charges exist over the property and assets of the charity.

22 Analysis of charitable funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General fund	**2025**	2024
	£	£
At 1 December 2024:	495,454	461,892
Income	138,692	157,665
Expenditure	(157,022)	(152,551)
Other (losses)/gains	22,505	28,448
Transfers	--	--
At 31 December 2025:	499,629	495,454
Gifts fund		
At 1 December 2024:	16,752	16,752
Income	--	--
Expenditure	--	--
Transfers	--	--
At 31 December 2025:	16,752	16,752

This fund is made up of gifts and legacies received that has been set aside to meet particular items such as the purchase of books and bibles and/or other worship related costs.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Contingency fund		
At 1 December 2024 and 31 December 2025:	130,000	130,000
This fund was created as a contingency against the charity's reliance on rental income from the shops as detailed in the reserve policy section of the Trustees Annual Report.		
Property fund		
At 1 December 2024 and 31 December 2025:	1,195,876	1,195,876
This fund represents the 'bricks and mortar' of the charity's properties.		
Total designated funds	1,342,628	1,342,628
Total unrestricted funds	**1,842,257**	1,838,082

23 RESTRICTED FUNDS

Charity collections	£	£
At 1 December 2024:	93	93
Income	--	128
Expenditure	--	(128)
Transfers	--	--
At 31 December 2025:	**93**	93
Manse fund	£	£
At 1 December 2024:	7,280	7,280
Income	--	--
Expenditure	--	--
At 31 December 2025:	**7,280**	7,280
Grant funding	£	£
At 1 December 2024:	--	--
Income	1,000	2,020
Expenditure	(1,000)	(2,020)
At 31 December 2025:	**--**	--
Total restricted funds	**7,373**	7,373
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,849,630**	1,845,455

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	--	1,195,876	--	1,195,876
Fixed asset investments	472,909	130,000	7,280	610,189
Current assets	29,624	16,752	93	46,469
Creditors	(2,904)	--	--	(2,904)
	499,629	1,342,628	7,373	1,849,630

Analysis of net assets between funds - PRIOR YEAR

	General funds	*Designated funds*	*Restricted funds*	*Total*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*
Tangible fixed assets	*--*	*1,195,876*	*--*	*1,195,876*
Fixed asset investments	*444,442*	*130,000*	*7,280*	*581,722*
Current assets	*58,283*	*16,752*	*93*	*75,128*
Creditors	*(7,271)*	*--*	*--*	*(7,271)*
	495,454	*1,342,628*	*7,373*	*1,845,455*