The Trust Fund of The Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Annual report 2025

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Registered charity number 1147512

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025, together with the financial overview drawn from the Trust's receipts and payments accounts. Receipts exceeded payments by £14,795.90 during the year.

History

The Armenian Church of the Holy Trinity opened on Easter Sunday 1870, established by Manchester's Armenian community. It was the first purpose-built Armenian church in Britain and has served as a place of worship and a centre of community life for successive generations. In 2025, 155 years had elapsed since its opening.

A trust was set up in 1909 to hold title to the land and buildings, and a separate trust was established in 1920 to hold and manage financial assets. As recorded in the previous annual report, the trusts merged in 2000.

Worship and community life

In 2025, Holy Trinity Armenian Church observed the major feasts and solemn occasions of the Armenian liturgical calendar with reverence and community participation.

Christmas: The Feast of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ was marked with joyful liturgy and community fellowship, celebrating the revelation of Christ's divinity.

Feast of Saint Mary Asdvadzadzin: The church honoured the Holy Mother of God with a special liturgy and prayers of thanksgiving.

Palm Sunday: The congregation commemorated Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem through worship and prayer.

Washing of the Feet on Avak Thursday: This sacred rite recalled Christ's example of humility, love and service during Holy Week.

Darkening Service Khavaroom: The solemn service recalled Christ's betrayal and suffering, bringing the congregation together in prayer and reflection during Holy Week.

Easter and the Glorious Resurrection: The church community celebrated Christ's Resurrection with hymns, liturgy and renewed hope.

Together, these liturgical observances united the faithful in worship, remembrance and thanksgiving throughout 2025.

Beyond the liturgical calendar, Holy Trinity continued to serve as a centre of Armenian culture and fellowship. Social and community gatherings, commemorations and informal celebrations brought together parishioners, families and students, helping to preserve Armenian faith, traditions and identity in and around Manchester.

Financial overview

The figures below are taken from the R&P Accounts tab of the supplied workbook. The comparative column is the tab's "Last year" column, representing 2024.

Receipts	2025 £	2024 £
Investment income	35,443.91	39,498.01
Car park rental	10,644.41	10,244.86
Donations	0.00	1,995.00
Bank interest	104.41	80.73
Total receipts	46,192.73	51,818.60

Total receipts fell by £5,625.87, from £51,818.60 to £46,192.73. Investment income remained the main source of receipts, although it fell by £4,054.10. Car park rental rose by £399.55. No donations or miscellaneous income were recorded in the Trust's accounts for 2025.

Payments

Payments	2025 £	2024 £
Utilities and council tax	3,570.85	10,534.90
Miscellaneous payments	60.00	60.00
Deacon's salary	9,724.81	9,991.22
Repairs and building maintenance	8,048.37	18,779.94
Contribution to bishop	4,500.00	4,500.00
Insurance	5,492.80	5,442.28
Lottery projects	0.00	0.00
Total payments	31,396.83	49,308.34

Total payments decreased by £17,911.51 to £31,396.83. The largest reductions were in repairs and building maintenance (£10,731.57) due to reduced building work happening in 2025 and utilities and council tax (£6,964.05). The utilities agreements were revised and bills reduced in 2025.

The excess of receipts over payments was £14,795.90, compared with £2,510.26 in 2024. No asset or investment purchases or sales in 2025.

Funds and reserves

The Trust cash account was £61,199.03 as of 31/12/2025 (£46,403.13 as of 31/12/2024).

Assets and liabilities

The Trust retains the land and building at 229 Upper Brook Street, Manchester, M13 0FY, for the charity's own use.

Trustees

Vicken Couligian	Chairman
Douglas Buchanan	Trustee
Raffi Baghdjian	Trustee
Penny Evenson	Trustee
Arman Vardzaryan	Trustee
Lilit Mehrabyan	Treasurer/ Trustee
Arshaluse Gougazian	Trustee

CONTACT DETAILS

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Date: 25/10/2026
Signature: Vicken Couligian

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Date: 25/10/2026
Signature: Lilit Mehrabyan

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trust Fund of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church	1147512

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Investment income	35,443.91	-	-	35,444	39,498
Car Park rental	10,644.41	-	-	10,644	10,245
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,995
Bank Interest income	104.41	-	-	104	81
Misc Income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	46,192.73	-	-	46,193	51,819
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,193	-	-	46,193	51,819
A3 Payments					
Utilities and Council tax	3,571	-	-	3,571	10,535
Misc payments	60	-	-	60	60
Deacon's salary	10,544	-	-	10,544	9,991
Repairs and garden maintenance	7,229	-	-	7,229	18,780
Contribution to bishop	4,500	-	-	4,500	4,500
Insurance	5,493	-	-	5,493	5,442
Lottery Projects	-	-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,397	-	-	31,397	49,308
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,397	-	-	31,397	49,308
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,796	-	-	14,796	2,510
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	14,796	-	-	14,796	2,510

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Trust cash account	61,199.03	-	-
	COIF Charity Deposit Fund	56,948.91	-	-
	Trust deposit account	882	-	-
	Total cash funds	119,030	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	COIF Charities Trust Investment Fund		-	1,207,199
	COIF Charities Global Equity Fund		-	130,219
	COIF Charities Deposit Fund		-	56,949
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land and Building at 229Upper Brook st		-	-
	Manchester		-	-
	M13 0FY		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lilit Mehrabyan	Lilit Mehrabyan	25/10/2026
	Vicken Couligian	Vicken Couligian	25/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Trust Fund of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church

On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1147512

Set out on pages 1-2
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025.**

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	30 October 2026

Name: Wei Anderson

Relevant professional Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	