Charity No. : 1152176

Church Lane Evangelical Church
(Charitable Incorported Organisation)

Financial Statements

For the year ended
31st December 2025

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Church Lane Evangelical Church
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The church's charitable status is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) No. 1152176.

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity's governing document, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2016).

Charity Address:
Church Lane
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Bankers:
Lloyds Bank
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Solicitors:
Hand Morgan Owen
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ST16 2LF

Trustees:

A Medway	Chair
A Cook	
S Kapfunde	

Elders (Managing Trustees) who served during the year:

A Cook	Chair
A Medway	Secretary
S Harrison	Pastor
S Kapfunde	
J Morris	
A Summers	

The property in Church Lane is held by the CIO.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable status of the Church is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is governed in accordance with its constitution dated 24 May 2013 using the foundation model.

The trustees of the CIO have delegated the day to day running of the organisation to the Elders, who meet on a monthly basis. The current Elders include some of the trustees.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the church, in accordance with Biblical principles and practice, and as the Trustees see fit, are to advance evangelical Christianity in a manner consistent with the Christian Scriptures. These objects may be pursued anywhere in the United Kingdom or the world at the discretion of the Trustees.

These objects are achieved by providing religious activities and by helping to relieve poverty and need. While these activities are for everyone, the church looks to support the most vulnerable in our community and focuses some activities on children and young people, and on older people. The Church also looks to support other Christian organisations which make specific contributions in advancing evangelical Christianity.

The church provides services of open public worship and seeks to use its buildings in ways which benefit the community at large. The trustees consider 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2025 church life continued to develop, as baptisms and dedications punctuated a year when a number of people, young and old, attended church services and activities more regularly, including for the first time.

The church continued to employ a full-time pastor, a part-time administrator and a part-time cleaner.

The church website, www.clec.org.uk, promotes the values and activities of the church and gives a good introduction to people seeking out a church or week-day activity. Recordings of church service talks are uploaded on to the church YouTube channel, linked from the webpage (Church on Sunday page). The church Privacy Notice and Safeguarding Policy are published on the website.

The church publicity and signage were renewed to promote the name – Church Lane Everybody's Church.

Once again, a large contingent of the families, youth leaders and young people took part in the locally set DTI (Dreaming the Impossible) youth camp in the summer. This year, the church also held a short holiday club for primary-aged children, run by youth leaders and young people.

The monthly worship services at the Meadowfields Care Home continued through the year.

The Root and Branches small groups and larger house groups met regularly in members' homes for Bible-study and prayer.

Church Lane provided a proportion of its funds from weekly collections for Christian organisations and individual missionary workers – including inter-church initiatives in the town – such as YouthNet and House of Bread.

The Church further supported Stafford Street Pastors by hosting their Presentation event, led by the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, as the Street Pastors were awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

The Trustees are very grateful for the work of the other Elders and the church members, who all serve and give of their time and resources to support one another and be a Christian witness in their communities.

The Trustees are Alan Medway (Chair), Andrew Cook, and Shingi Kapfunde.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We ended the year with a surplus of £24,534 (2024: £5,941), which was mainly the result of some generous legacies received from the estates of the late Ms Myra Wall (£20,703) and the late Mr Alan Harrison (£2,126). Income has decreased slightly in some areas, in particular the non-gift aided giving. Overall expenditure has decreased from the previous year mainly in the property maintenance expenditure, however significant expenditure in this area is planned for 2026 regarding the hall roof and other structural issues.

It is the church's policy to tithe our general fund income at the end of the year towards missionary projects chosen and prayed about during the year. A total of £10,032 (2024: £8,160) was sent.

The church's policy on holding financial reserves is to enable a sound financial base for future years. As all the income is voluntary, there is no certainty of income levels from year to year. Included within the current reserves are designated funds for both a salary/running costs reserve of £16,000 (in order to ensure these costs could be paid for at least 3 months), and a strategic/emergency reserve of £2,000. These amounts are reviewed from time to time.

It is the church's policy to invest the funds in a bank account up to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme current limit of £120,000 (2024: £85,000) in any one institution. We are currently below these limits.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



A Medway - Chair

Date 11/02/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Church Lane Evangelical Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under s144(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 s145 of the 2011 Act,
* to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under s145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
* 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 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 accordance with s130 of the 2011 Act, and
* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements 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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Date: 13-04-26

Church Lane Evangelical Church
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £ p	Restricted Funds £ p	Total 2025 £ p	Total 2024 £ p
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		98,677.99	-	98,677.99	81,097.53
Charitable activities		6,011.59	-	6,011.59	6,520.25
Investments		468.69	-	468.69	482.79
Total Income	2	**105,158.27**	**-**	**105,158.27**	**88,100.57**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities		79,724.02	-	79,724.02	81,367.95
Other		832.33	-	832.33	791.76
Total Expenditure	3	**80,556.35**	**-**	**80,556.35**	**82,159.71**
Net Incoming Resources		24,601.92	-	24,601.92	5,940.86
Fund Balances brought forward at 1st January 2025		1,042,406.62	-	1,042,406.62	1,036,465.76
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Fund Balances carried forward at 31st December 2025	8&9	**1,067,008.54**	**-**	**1,067,008.54**	**1,042,406.62**

Church Lane Evangelical Church
Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £ p	2025 £ p	2024 £ p	2024 £ p
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4		995,992.00		995,992.00
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	4,639.25		4,889.00	
Cash at bank and in hand	6	81,144.79		53,349.90	
		85,784.04		58,238.90	
Creditors Due Within One Year	7	14,767.50		11,824.28	
Net Current Assets			71,016.54		46,414.62
	10		**1,067,008.54**		**1,042,406.62**
Accumulated Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	8		1,067,008.54		1,042,406.62
Restricted Funds	9		-		-
Balance at 31st December 2025			**1,067,008.54**		**1,042,406.62**

The Financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/02/26 and were signed on its behalf by

A Medway - Chair

Church Lane Evangelical Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

1. **Accounting Policies**

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees are of the opinion that Church is able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and that the going concern basis is appropriate.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include the freehold Grade II listed and adjacent buildings at a valuation.

Change in basis

There have been no changes to the accounting policies during the year.

Property

The property in Church Lane is held by the CIO.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis as follows:

- Furniture & Fixtures - 10%
- Computer & PA Equipment - 25%

Depreciation has not been charged on freehold property as any depreciation is considered immaterial.
Expenditure under £5,000 is not normally capitalised.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the Church are either:

Unrestricted Funds - funds which can be used in accordance with the Church's objects at the discretion of the Elders.

Designated Funds - funds set aside out of general funds for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds - funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

Income

All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of ministry, training, church activities, mission, administration, and property.

Other expenditure represents those items not classifed as relating to charitable activities.

Inter-Church Group Consolidation

Where one church group donates to another, the income and expenditure is eliminated from each balance and is classed as a transfer to the other. (See notes 8 and 9).

Taxation

The church is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Pension costs

The church operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Since October 2016 we have had to also comply with the Auto Enrolment regulations set out by The Pensions Regulator. Contributions paid are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. Income from:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Donations and legacies				
- Gift Aided Collections	52,680.00	-	52,680.00	52,073.50
- Non-Gift Aided Collections	9,053.72	-	9,053.72	12,459.75
- Donations	858.00	-	858.00	1,910.75
- Gift Aid Tax refunds	13,257.50	-	13,257.50	13,653.53
- Legacies	22,828.77	-	22,828.77	1,000.00
	98,677.99	-	98,677.99	81,097.53
Charitable activities				
- Donations for use of hall	465.50	-	465.50	703.00
- Dreaming the Impossible	1,826.80	-	1,826.80	1,597.18
- Active Groups	1,919.00	-	1,919.00	1,541.00
- Acorns	1,789.00	-	1,789.00	2,679.07
- Miscellaneous	11.29	-	11.29	-
	6,011.59	-	6,011.59	6,520.25
Investments				
- Gross Interest Received	468.69	-	468.69	482.79
Total Income	**105,158.27**	**-**	**105,158.27**	**88,100.57**

3. Expenditure on:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Charitable Activities				
Ministry				
- Gross Salary	37,191.24	-	37,191.24	36,108.21
- Pension	928.53	-	928.53	896.01
- Ministerial Allowances	390.00	-	390.00	148.57
- Travel	331.83	-	331.83	291.90
- Telephone	223.29	-	223.29	212.89
Other Ministry/Training				
- Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	55.00
- Training & Resources	351.93	-	351.93	216.16
- Going for God/ Resonate	(16.75)	-	(16.75)	61.00
- DTI	2,252.80	-	2,252.80	2,062.46
Church Activities				
- Communion Expenses	-	-	-	14.50
- Active Groups	536.00	-	536.00	86.00
- Acorns	1,067.89	-	1,067.89	1,504.55
Administration				
- Gross Salary	3,936.66	-	3,936.66	3,664.44
- Office Running expenses	618.26	-	618.26	147.57
- Telephone	338.66	-	338.66	319.50
Mission				
- Missionaries/Societies	10,032.00	-	10,032.00	9,570.75
	58,182.34	-	58,182.34	55,359.51

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Charitable Activities Continued				
brought forward	58,182.34	-	58,182.34	55,359.51
Property				
- Light & Heat	6,386.12	-	6,386.12	6,962.18
- Insurance	2,270.30	-	2,270.30	2,110.58
- Building Maintenance	5,676.90	-	5,676.90	6,290.40
- Repairs & Renewals	1,158.60	-	1,158.60	734.37
- Equipment Maintenance	138.07	-	138.07	84.67
- Cleaning & Other Expenses	3,770.31	-	3,770.31	3,849.54
- Minor Fixtures & Equipment	779.21	-	779.21	4,665.82
Sundries				
- Refreshments & Catering	79.99	-	79.99	320.52
- Copyright Licence	431.00	-	431.00	85.00
- Computer/Tech Expenses	482.78	-	482.78	408.48
- Subscriptions	238.38	-	238.38	242.36
- Sundries	130.02	-	130.02	254.52
Total Charitable Activities	79,724.02	-	79,724.02	81,367.95
Other				
- Bank Charges	172.33	-	172.33	141.76
- Independent Examination	660.00	-	660.00	650.00
Total Other	832.33	-	832.33	791.76
Total Expenditure	**80,556.35**	**-**	**80,556.35**	**82,159.71**

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property	Furniture & Fixtures	Computer & PA Equipment	Total
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Cost or Valuation				
At 1st January 2025	995,992.00	19,334.75	10,470.76	1,025,797.51
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2025	995,992.00	19,334.75	10,470.76	1,025,797.51
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2025	-	19,334.75	10,470.76	29,805.51
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2025	-	19,334.75	10,470.76	29,805.51
Net Book Value				
At 31st December 2025	**995,992.00**	-	-	**995,992.00**
At 31st December 2024	995,992.00	-	-	995,992.00

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£ p	£ p
Accrued Income - Gift Aid Tax	3,317.25	3,637.00
Prepayments	1,322.00	1,252.00
	4,639.25	**4,889.00**

6. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£ p	£ p
Lloyds Bank Plc Current Account	6,138.51	7,450.50
Lloyds Bank Plc Deposit Account	74,781.14	42,312.45
Day/Morning For Retired bank account*	-	1,613.02
Acorns bank account*	-	1,896.86
Acorns cash float	210.44	62.37
Youth Club Float	14.70	14.70
	81,144.79	**53,349.90**

**** Funds now held within church Lloyds current A/c***		
Funds held on behalf of Acorns	*1,869.90*	-
Funds held on behalf of Retired group	*1,996.02*	-
	3,865.92	**-**

7. Creditors Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£ p	£ p
Creditors for Goods and Services	1,824.41	951.15
Other Creditors	496.53	380.98
Social Security & Other Taxes	1,754.56	1,682.15
Accruals and Deferred Income	10,692.00	8,810.00
	14,767.50	**11,824.28**

8. **Movement in Funds - Unrestricted Funds**

	Balance at 01.01.25	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.25
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
General Fund	1,015,319.67	101,450.27	(78,952.46)	7,100.00	1,044,917.48
Designated - Salary/running costs Reserve	8,500.00	-	-	7,500.00	16,000.00
Designated - Strategic/emergency Reserve	15,000.00	-	-	(13,000.00)	2,000.00
Designated - Active Groups	1,613.02	1,919.00	(536.00)	(1,000.00)	1,996.02
Designated - Youth Work Fund	14.70	-	-	-	14.70
Designated - Acorns Fund	1,959.23	1,789.00	(1,067.89)	(600.00)	2,080.34
	1,042,406.62	**105,158.27**	**(80,556.35)**	**-**	**1,067,008.54**

Comparative year	Balance at 01.01.24	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.24
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
General Fund	1,010,808.33	82,469.75	(79,158.41)	1,200.00	1,015,319.67
Designated - Salary/running costs Reserve	8,500.00	-	-	-	8,500.00
Designated - Strategic/emergency Reserve	15,000.00	-	-	-	15,000.00
Designated - Active Groups	758.02	1,541.00	(86.00)	(600.00)	1,613.02
Designated - Youth Work Fund	14.70	-	-	-	14.70
Designated - Acorns Fund	1,384.71	2,679.07	(1,504.55)	(600.00)	1,959.23
	1,036,465.76	**86,689.82**	**(80,748.96)**	**-**	**1,042,406.62**

10. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Y/e 31/12/25	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£ p	£ p	£ p
Tangible Fixed Assets	995,992.00	-	995,992.00
Current Assets	85,784.04	-	85,784.04
Creditors due within one year	(14,767.50)	-	(14,767.50)
Total Net Assets	**1,067,008.54**	**-**	**1,067,008.54**

Y/e 31/12/24	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£ p	£ p	£ p
Tangible Fixed Assets	995,992.00	-	995,992.00
Current Assets	58,238.90	-	58,238.90
Creditors due within one year	(11,824.28)	-	(11,824.28)
Total Net Assets	**1,042,406.62**	**-**	**1,042,406.62**

11. Emoluments of Employees

	2025	2024
	£ p	£ p
Salary & Wages	44,877.36	43,262.37
Social Security costs	-	-
Pension Costs	928.53	896.01
	45,805.89	**44,158.38**

The employers social security costs were covered by the Employment Allowance.

The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:-

	2025	2024
Pastor	1	1
Administration	1	1
Cleaner	1	1
	3	**3**

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 either this year or last year.

12. Trustees and other Related Parties

There were no expenses claimed related to being a trustee.