Deva Church

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2026

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DEVA CHURCH

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Deva Church Ffordd Pant y Celyn Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 8YE
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 4th May 2012
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1152350
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Andrew Dalton David Jones Eric Payne Phillip Shepherd Ron Cutting David Phillips Anne Dunningham (appointed September 2025) Elaine Walby (appointed September 2025)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Nicola Harrison CA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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DEVA CHURCH
Charity Reg. No. 1152350

DRAFT REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For Year Ended 31st March 2026

The trustees present their report with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026.

1.0 PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:
Deva Church Ffordd Pant y Celyn Prestatyn Denbighshire LL19 8YE

2.0 TRUSTEES AND CHURCH ELDERS:
Elders & Trustees: David K Jones & David A. Phillips.
Member Trustees: Ron Cutting, Anne Dunningham & Elaine Walby.
External Trustees: Phillip Shepherd, Eric Payne and Andrew Dalton.

All Trustees were appointed upon the adoption of The Constitution on 4th May 2012 except for Phillip Shepherd who was appointed on 7th July 2016, Andrew Dalton who was appointed on 6th July 2017, and Anne Dunningham and Elaine Walby who were appointed on 25th September 2025.

3.0 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:
Nicola Harrison CA, Stewardship, 1 Lambs Passage, London, EC1Y 8AB

4.0 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:
4.1 Governing Document:
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted on the 4th of May 2012.
4.2 Governance:
The day-to-day management of the Church is overseen by the 2 Elders assisted by 5 Deacons and appointed Leaders of specific works. In addition, many other areas of the Church's work are undertaken by Volunteers whose assistance is much appreciated.

5.0 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES:
New trustees are appointed by the current Trustees.

6.0 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:
6.1 Overview:

The objectives of Deva Church are to communicate the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people as possible, and to provide a Christian Church Fellowship. To be able to reach this objective the Church carries out varied activities including regular Sunday Services held for worship and the preaching of the Gospel which include crèche and special classes for children if they attend. Outreach to and support for the local community is through weekday activities providing for needs of older people and activities for ladies. The Church is also involved in providing a Local Authority “Warm Hub” and its own “Deva Hub” and/or coffee morning. The church building is also used for several community activities organised by The Church and others, including Neighbourhood Watch, a Polling Station, and “surgeries” for community Police Officers. On Tuesdays, a Midweek Prayer and Bible study meeting is held providing information on local and world issues for prayer information along with Bible ministry. Regular reports are given on worldwide missionary work to inform and provide an opportunity to give financial support.
6.2 Information:
On 31st March 2026, the Church had a formal Membership of 33, augmented by several regular attendees to its Services.

7.0 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:
7.1 Overview:
The Church is committed to demonstrating the love of Christ in its neighbourhood and has adopted ideas to fulfil its aims.
7.2 Information:
The updating of its website and provision of recorded sermons provides a valuable contact with those unable to attend services on a regular basis. The Church's financial giving to Mission is reviewed regularly to ensure cost effective use of resources.

8.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW:
8.1 Reserves Policy:
It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which provides sufficient funds to enable the charity to continue in operation while it addresses any unforeseen expenses or shortfall in long term resources.
8.2 Accounts April 2025 to March 2026:
Income for the year ending March 2026 (£28,671) is only slightly less than that of year ending March 2025 (£29,072) which included 3 years of Gift Aid claims. The 2025 figure has been adjusted for £113.00 petty cash that was not recognised in the 2025 accounts.

9.0 PUBLIC BENEFIT:
The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the following:
1) Providing regular public worship open to all.
2) Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.
3) Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups when circumstances allow.
4) Providing activities for children when such are required.
5) Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.
6) Continuing to be involved in a local food bank.

7) Providing support and undertaking Funeral Services for those who are and are not Members of The Church.
8) Holding a monthly Communion Service with 'signing' for deaf attendees.
9) Updating the Church Website to provide more information to the Public and encourage more to come to our meetings.
10) Members actively involved in other charitable work including Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons UK), MEDCARE, Bible Society and SASRA.
11) Allowing the Church building to be used for Community activities such as Police Surgeries, Exhibitions, Prestatyn Town Council Warm Hub and as a Polling Station.
12) A review of our regular donations to Missionary works is undertaken to monitor the system of regular amounts being given to specified works to ensure cost effective giving.

10.0 STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES:
10.1 Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Phillips – Trustee

Signed. David Phillips (Jul 7, 2026 11:42:57 GMT+1) .....

Jul 7, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

DEVA CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Deva Church for the year ended 31 March 2026 on pages 6 to 8 following.

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

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 2011 Act.

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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nicola Harrison
Nicola Harrison (Jul 13, 2026 11:08:26 GMT+1)

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Date: Jul 13, 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 £	2025 £
Income receipts					
Offerings and Donations		20,451	1,008	21,459	18,521
Gift aid receipts		4,329	-	4,329	6,580
Prestatyn Council / Warm Hub		-	2,142	2,142	2,611
Bank interest		421	-	421	561
Income from letting of facilities		320	-	320	800
Total receipts		25,521	3,150	28,671	29,072
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	18,231	2,142	20,373	27,414
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,480	2,527	8,007	-
		23,711	4,669	28,380	27,414
Purchase of fixed assets		3,283	-	3,283	-
Total payments		26,994	4,669	31,663	27,414
Net of receipts / (payments) before		(1,473)	(1,519)	(2,992)	1,659
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4	(1,473)	(1,519)	(2,992)	1,659
Cash funds as at last year end		44,120	1,519	45,640	43,981
Cash funds at this year end	A	42,648	-	42,648	45,640

2025 opening balances have been adjusted for additional petty cash that was not recognised in 2025

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	Jnrestricted Funds General funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 £	2025 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		42,648	-	42,648	45,640
		42,648	-	42,648	45,640
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		4,697	-	4,697	2,754
		4,697	-	4,697	2,754
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination		630	-	630	600
Total		630	-	630	600

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Phillips
David Phillips (Jul 7, 2026 11:42:57 GMT+1)

David Phillips

Date: Jul 7, 2026

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Ministry expenses	1,376	-	1,376	120
Gifts and speaker expenses	1,405	-	1,405	1,833
Photocopier, stationary & internet	1,082	-	1,082	1,829
Utilities	1,456	2,142	3,598	3,909
Outreach activities	1,022	-	1,022	1,204
Caretaking, windows and cleaning materials	2,952	-	2,952	3,156
Insurance	1,675	-	1,675	1,638
Building & grounds, repairs & maintenance	8,738	-	8,738	4,722
Legal fees, licenses, audit	1,521	-	1,521	2,463
Catering	287	-	287	500
	21,514	2,142	23,656	21,373

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Grants for:				
Mission organisations - Mission Fund	3,130	2,527	5,657	6,040
Individual Mission Partners - Mission Fund	2,350	-	2,350	-
	5,480	2,527	8,007	6,040

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	44,120	25,521	(26,994)	-	42,648
Restricted funds					
Missionary Fund	1,519	1,008	(2,527)	-	-
Warm Hubs	-	2,142	(2,142)	-	-
	1,519	3,150	(4,669)	-	-
Total funds	45,640	28,671	(31,663)	-	42,648

The Missionary Account exists to hold funds given by the church membership towards Mission, prior to being sent as gifts to organisations supported by the church.

The Warm Hubs grants are given to assist with the cost of utilities in the colder months.