BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission
Charity number 1165952

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Annual Report

For the period
1 January to 31 December 2025

Annual Report of the Trustees

Charity Name

Barton-under-Needwood Christadelphian Ecclesia
Also known as: Barton Christadelphian Church
Charity number: 1165952

Principal Address

Christadelphian Hall, 1 Park Road, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs. DE13 8DW

Trustees – The Arranging Committee (at 31 December 2025)

Peter Turner (Secretary)
Graeme Rudland (Assistant Secretary)
David Wilkins (Treasurer)
Reginald Carr
Michael Jakuta
Peter Stevens
Jason Turner

Most of the trustee meetings in the period were attended by all Trustees.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, Burton on Trent (309897) branch, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT

Structure and Governance

The organisation is governed by a Constitution adopted on 3 February 2016 and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, having previously been a Charitable Association.

The charity is the legal owner of its property and assets. The Trustees collectively are legally responsible for the day-to-day management and the financial assets of the Charity and are accountable to the members.

Trustees are appointed by the members by means of an annual ballot.

There are appropriate policies in place, including Safeguarding, mainly incorporated in the "Ecclesial Procedures" issued to all members.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and, other than reimbursement of expenses, do not receive any remuneration or other benefits.

The Trustees have taken steps to ensure that they all understand the charity's purpose (objects) and rules as set out in the Constitution and are aware of their responsibilities to comply with Charity Commission guidance as set out in 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)'.

Objects and Activities

The charity's purpose ('the objects') are

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Christadelphian interpretation of the Bible, for the benefit of the public in Barton-under-Needwood and surrounding villages in the East Staffordshire area.

In particular by:

- holding meetings for worship, prayer, religious festivals and the preaching of the Gospel.
- providing religious teaching and publications to enlighten others on the Christadelphian faith.
- making our premises available for the benefit of the local community; and
- promotion of charitable works including, but not limited to, supporting the homeless, easing hardship and the provision of pastoral care.

Financial Overview

We began the year with a balance of £25,410 and without any outstanding debts.

Receipts from collections during the year at £13,370 were slightly less than in 2024. Including Gift aid tax refunds and donations, our total income was £16,597 in the year.

Payments and donations of £16,284 reflected some increased running costs, but maintained significant support given to other worldwide and UK appeals.

We ended the year with an overall balance of £25,724 and having fully repaid an outstanding loan. The Ecclesia is now debt-free and our financial situation is healthy.

Collections for third party charities (restricted funds) at £5,030 were consistent with 2024, reflecting the continued use of gift aid. Funds held for those charities at the end of the year were sent early in 2026. We are continuing our commitment to send donations of £50 per month to the Christadelphian Shunem Home charity to assist their cash flow, and have increased our yearly donation to the Meal-a-Day fund to £500 to assist in the funding of major projects in the developing world.

An Independent Examination of the accounts for the period was not required as total income did not exceed £25,000.

Outreach activities (including Toddler Group)

We run three activities mid-week to support members and local residents. A toddler group runs for a 90-minute session weekly in term time and is always oversubscribed, with a booking system which regulates numbers and maintains a safe environment. Members run the morning as volunteers and activities include free play, craft, story time and singing. Over the year the group has engaged many local adults and children and is over-subscribed each week.
Bibles are presented to children who "graduate" to school settings. The expected donation of £1 per person per session is deliberately kept to a minimum and this is appreciated by families;

many of whom struggle to make ends meet. Average weekly attendance over the year was 15. Income supports refreshments for the children, and equipment, and the church provides the venue, (and heating), volunteer staffing and drinks for the adults. Small surpluses are invested in presents for children at the annual Christmas party.

A weekly face to face coffee morning provides a friendly warm space for adults. It is organised by volunteer members and provides for the needs of older members and members of the local community. Over the year, 12 non-member visitors have attended, most of them on a regular basis. Donations are encouraged and money raised is used to buy items of food and toiletries for Reconnect, the local YMCA foodbank. During the year, coffee morning raised £1,174 and donations are supplemented by members who regularly leave items at a collection point in the building.

Occasional Bible Talks are run on a Sunday morning, and visitors are regularly welcomed at our Communion Service on a non-participating basis. A Christmas service attracted 11 adult visitors some of whom had developed friendships with members through the coffee morning events.

Sunday School and Youth activities

Our Sunday School was run throughout 2025. Classes are open to church members' children and to children from the surrounding area. Lessons follow a flexible plan of Bible-based teachings and stories from both the Old and the New Testaments. Our teachers are volunteers from within our church membership, hold DBS certificates and are trained in Safeguarding.

Welfare

Welfare-based activities continued over the period, the majority of which fall into our objective of providing pastoral care. As a group of Trustees, we discuss matters of welfare concerning our membership, their families and, normally, visitors to our church as a regular agenda item at our meetings.

Welfare activities in 2024 have included sending cards and flowers to the unwell and providing a regular communication channel to our membership where matters of welfare are concerned. Much of the welfare within the church is carried out by our members, working behind the scenes, showing love to those around them, for which we are all grateful.

A safe environment

We take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously and have two appointed members who act as Designated Safeguarding Leads and are responsible for ensuring DBS checks are completed, training members and publicising their role so that they are widely known as points of contact in the event of safeguarding issues arising.

In terms of physical safety in using the building, again we take the safety of members and visitors seriously. Members are aware of the shared responsibility for all to notice and report risks and hazards. Concerns are reported to the member responsible for Maintenance, who takes appropriate action and reports to Trustees' committee meetings, with a plan designed to remove or minimise risks not immediately resolved. Regular inspections are made to the hall to ensure it remains secure and safe, in accordance with advice from our insurers.

The maintenance of the building is of key importance to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the users of the building and its surrounding land. Regular maintenance includes:

- Annual Gas servicing of the boilers, carried out according to the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations and is usually undertaken during the months of December and January.
- The Electrical Installation of the building, which was tested in 2024 in accordance with the British Standard 7671 – Requirements for Electrical Installations by a domestic installer registered with NICEIC. This is certificated for 10 years.
- Emergency exits and emergency light fittings which are tested monthly for correct operation.
- Fire Extinguisher testing and replacement
- Portable Appliance testing, in line with good practice
- Ladder inspections

During 2025 other maintenance issues were resolved as and when they arose.

The condition of the building and its surroundings are subject to continual review by members, and capital projects are prioritised according to necessity and funding availability.

A public benefit

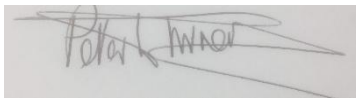
During the period, we collected £5,030 for external charities, which included donations to the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day fund, supporting those in most need in many parts of the world, Christadelphian Care Homes throughout the UK, and Bible Mission work in Europe and Africa, among other funds.

We ran a weekly Toddler Group for the local community, with an average weekly attendance of 15 children with their parents or carers. All our volunteers hold DBS certificates.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signed:  Date: 30 June 2026

Peter Turner Secretary (at 31 December 2025)



Financial Report

Annual Accounts 2025

December 2024

CURRENT MONTH			
FUND BALANCES		RECONCILIATION	
General fund	£24,280.73	Current account	£25,296.23
Charities fund	£1,130.00	Cash	£114.50
		Uncashed cheques	
TOTAL	£25,410.73	TOTAL	£25,410.73

Barton Funds	£24,280.73
Reserve Fund	£5,000.00
Available Funds	£19,280.73

December 2025

CURRENT MONTH			
FUND BALANCES		RECONCILIATION	
General fund	£24,683.60	Current account	£25,609.10
Charities fund	£1,040.00	Cash	£114.50
		Uncashed cheques	
TOTAL	£25,723.60	TOTAL	£25,723.60

Barton Funds	£24,683.60
Reserve Fund	£5,000.00
Available Funds	£19,683.60

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Total Payments	Total Receipts
Category	**Payments**	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Receipts**		
Admin	69.23	12.00	577.78		2,241.63	2,048.00	1,599.62	144.00	**4,488.26**	**2,204.00**
Building	643.40		129.08	56.99	1,271.27	147.60	1,173.35		**3,217.10**	**204.59**
Catering							138.50		**138.50**	
Collections		3,600.00		3,190.00		3,265.00		3,315.00		**13,370.00**
Donation	2,120.00		150.00		1,590.00		1,170.00		**5,030.00**	
Gas/Elec	540.08		275.73	667.91	381.29	150.00	300.00		**1,497.10**	**817.91**
Household	172.54		124.35		118.34		161.78		**577.01**	
Speakers Expenses	28.00		15.00		93.00		176.95		**312.95**	
Sunday School	76.44								**76.44**	
Telephone	90.60		94.46		96.39		100.12		**381.57**	
Toddler Group			223.70		81.33		24.90		**329.93**	
Water			140.00		94.77				**234.77**	
Grand Total	**3,740.29**	**3,612.00**	**1,730.10**	**3,914.90**	**5,968.02**	**5,610.60**	**4,845.22**	**3,459.00**	**16,283.63**	**16,596.50**

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