LIFE CHURCH WILMSLOW

(Registered charity no: 1166035)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

Trustees who held office during this period:

Alan Charlesworth (Chair) (Resigned 18th May 2026)
Marion White (Resigned 18th May 2026)
Mark Owen
Keith Hurd
Robert White (Appointed 18th May 2026)
Simon Horsfield (Appointed 18th May 2026) (Chair)

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a CIO. It has a written constitution which sets out, amongst other things, the charitable objects of the charity. The charity trustees manage the affairs of the charity. Day to day operational management of the church was delegated to a team of ten people including the trustees until 31st May 2025 whereafter Robert White took up the leadership for one year on a voluntary basis.
The church employs an administrator for one day a week. This is very helpful assisting the voluntary leaders carry out administrative tasks.

Objects

The charity's objects are the advancement of religion in Wilmslow and Cheshire East, the United Kingdom and globally through:

- the provision of a place or places of Christian worship;
- raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices;
- carrying out Christian devotional acts; and
- carrying out and supporting community, missionary, relief and outreach work which is consistent with our Christian beliefs and practices.

The objects have been reviewed and continue to reflect the aims of the charity.

Summary of main activities

Sunday meetings took place at Chorley Village Hall until the end of August 2025. Thereafter Sunday meetings have taken place at Wilmslow Parish Hall. The Trustees have expressed their thanks to Rev Eddie Roberts, Rector of Wilmslow Parish, and the church wardens of Wilmslow Parish for facilitating this arrangement. Attendance has been consistent during the year.

There were two home groups in operation during the year meeting in person.
The Trustees continued to support Wilmslow Youth during the year though the partnership with Wilmslow URC.
We have continued to support The Message Trust, Epiphany Arts Trust and Hope Central in their work.

Financial review

Our income was almost exactly the same as 2024 but our expenditure increased. This led to a small deficit of £726. With reserves of £38,309, the church is well-placed to appoint a leader on a paid basis when the opportunity arises. Should such an opportunity arise, there will be a fundraising campaign to support this work.

Reserves policy

The formal reserves policy is to keep reserves at least equal to three-months' expenditure. The reserves at 31st December 2025 complied with this policy.

Thanks

We would like to thank our Treasurer, Martin Ellison, who generously gives of his time on a voluntary basis as he manages our finances and prepares our accounts. We would also like to thank John Odell for generously providing his support as Independent Examiner on an *ex-gratia* basis.
We would like to thank our volunteer leaders, Robert White in particular, who gave so much time and effort to support the church throughout the year.
The trustees' thanks also go to those in the church who continue to give so generously of their time, their talents and their money.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that, to the best of their knowledge, this is an accurate report of Life Church Wilmslow and its activities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees: Simon Horsfield

Date: 17 September 2026

Life Church Wilmslow
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations	24,481	24,914
Bank Interest	441	416
Gift Aid Received	5,812	5,907
Total Receipts	30,734	31,237
PAYMENTS		
Cost of Charitable Activities	31,460	25,863
Total Payments	31,460	25,863
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD	£ (726)	£ 5,374

Life Church Wilmslow
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2025

	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	32,817	33,453
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	5,492	6,049
Total Assets	38,309	39,592
LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS	£**38,309**	£**39,592**
RESERVES		
General Fund	£**38,309**	£**39,592**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Church Wilmslow

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(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 section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 next statement.

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 section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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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14 August 2026

WILMSLOW LIFE CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
RECEIPTS				
Donations	24481	0	24481	24914
Bank interest	441	0	441	416
Gift aid	5812	0	5812	5907
Total receipts	30734	0	30734	31237
PAYMENTS				
Costs of charitable activities	31460	0	31460	25863
Total payments	31460	0	31460	25863
Surplus/deficit for the period			-726	5374

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand	32817	0	32817	33543
Gift aid tax recoverable	5492	0	5492	6049
Total assets	38309	0	38309	39592
LIABILITIES	0	0	0	0

Note: The charity owns equipment eg IT/PA but this has not been valued.