# MERTON STREET PASTORS
**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**
**Charity No. 1166272**

# REPORT
# AND
# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**31 DECEMBER 2025**

**MERTON STREET PASTORS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
**31 DECEMBER 2025**

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| **Trustees** | Mr K Vickers<br>Mrs L Adekaiyaoja - appointed 27/9/25<br>Mr K Mitchell<br>Mr G Hack<br>Mr N Douglas<br>Mrs G Wildman |
| **Independent Examiner** | Ryefield Ltd<br>Chartered Certified Accountants<br>Progress House<br>404 Brighton Road<br>South Croydon<br>CR2 6AN |
| **Registered Charity Number** | 1166272 |

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**MERTON STREET PASTORS**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**Trustees**
The trustees are responsible for the strategic, spiritual and financial oversight of the charity. They delegate much of the operational running to the part-time Coordinator and the team leaders.

**Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2025.**
The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

## STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The work in Merton began in 2008 under a Charity Trust deed dated 8th March 2008 and was registered with the Charities Commission. on 14th May 2008. The legal structure of Merton Street Pastors was changed in the period March 2016 to March 2017 to align with a more flexible corporate structure recommended by Ascension Trust for all Street Pastor local teams. From 1st April 2017 Merton Street Pastors moved forward solely as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity commission.

Merton Street Pastors operates under a licence agreement with Ascension Trust (AT) dated 16 December 2015 in which AT make certain commitments in terms of training, licencing, branding and uniform provision; and in return requires conformity with certain behaviours, policies and practices from the approximately 280 local Street Pastor Groups and 12000+ individual Street Pastors currently operating across the UK.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objectives of Merton Street Pastors are, in the geographic area of the London Borough of Merton and beyond as the trustees may from time to time determine in accordance with Charity Law in England and Wales, as follows:

(1) To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Street Pastor Licence Agreement with the "Ascension Trust" through:

  (i) the provision of public pastoral care services to help people on the streets and other public places, giving guidance, support and signposting which assist in preserving public order, avoid anti-social behaviour, relieve sickness and preserve health and by

  (ii) enlightening others about Christianity through raising awareness and understanding of ecclesiastical relevance to community and public life, mobilizing the Church ecumenically to unity of worship and to advance the Christian Faith by carrying out the mission and outreach work of the Gospel for the benefit of the public.

(2) To develop the capacity and skills of socially disadvantaged groups in our community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society; in particular but not exclusively through raising awareness, promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge, skills and expertise, through the practical development of individual capabilities, competences, skills and understanding through formal training, informal talks and capacity building in voluntary services, according to Christian principles and the Street Pastor Urban Trinity principle of church, police and local government working together for the benefit of the community.

## REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Merton Street Pastors continued in the past year to 31st December 2025 to serve the Mitcham, Morden and Wimbledon areas. In these three areas Merton Street Pastors has a partnership focus, building strong links with churches, the local Metropolitan Police, Merton Council departments and local shop and pub/club manager groups, and to help tackle issues of anti-social behaviour on the streets, as well as being an influence, and presence for peace, calm, reassurance, help and hope in the local community.

That partnership and engagement with other organisations was recognised during this past year by:

- Attendance at Merton's Safer Neighbourhood board representing MSP and churches locally
- Atendance and networking at Merton 316 church leaders unity gatherings
- Hosting the monthly Safe Zone outside Wimbledon Station, and being a presence during the Wimbledon tennis championships fortnight
- Meetings with Love Wimbledon and Pub Watch
- Promotion, and fund-raising events at local churches on the work of MSP

We began the year in January with a special celebration and thanksgiving event marking 20 years of Merton Street Pastors. Les Isaac was our speaker and brought fresh encouragement to the faithfulness of our team, and recognising the large number of Street Pastors who had served during that time period. We also had an "Awareness Event" in April and Bejoy the CEO from Ascension Trust was our guest speaker. We have 22 active Street Pastors from 13 different churches who have patrolled in Mitcham during the afternoon and late evening, Morden, and Wimbledon, and 10 who are presently not active due to different reasons. We would like to increase our patrols to every week in these locations by recruiting more team members. We are sincerely grateful to all our faithful Street Pastors who serve the people of Merton regularly through this sacrificial ministry.

This year has been a challenging year with the stepping down of our part-time coordinator in August and recruiting drives for a new Coordinator with the post still vacant at the end of 2025. This has led to more delegation among trustees, and senior Street Pastors taking on extra responsibilities for the day to day running of the charity. In September we appointed Lorna to the trustee board (one of our senior Street Pastors) and at the same time the board had a prayer and planning weekend Retreat away. This was encouraging, inspirational and helped reset our focus going forward. Lorna has taken on an ambassadorial role, building a small team to promote MSP in local churches at their Sunday services. One of these was at Morden Park Baptist, and also a fund-raising event was held at Morden Baptist church.

## REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR Continue

We have begun to undertake an inhouse Quality assurance survey of our practices, policies and procedures. Our ongoing priority is to build our team of Street Pastors through awareness times, recruitment, and word of mouth. During the year we have invested in our team, and work through social gatherings, monthly prayer meetings, and regular communication and encouragement. We are still looking for a volunteer finance officer/treasurer and remain grateful to John Goddard for holding the fort in this area.

We are thankful, and grateful to all our regular donors and the churches in Merton who support us prayerfully, and financially. Our income for the year was down by £794 but expenditure was also down due to the financial savings of not employing a Coordinator for the last quarter of the year. We finished the year slightly up on 2024's figures. We are continuing to address our financial sustainability, and stability going forward.

However, as Trustees we continue to be encouraged at this great work of listening, caring and helping on the streets of our towns. Of mobilising the Church to mission, and social action, and shining the light of God's goodness and grace for another year.

## A LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING YEAR

**Our aims for the coming year include:**

1. Recruit a new part-time Coordinator to help bring stability and progression to the Team
2. Consolidate our position and develop adequate structures for growth, recruitment, and fund raising
3. To actively promote MSP among the churches of Merton as an extension of their own outreach team, building closer ties, and building a wider network for prayer, volunteers, and financial support
4. Strengthen the teams through pastoral support and ongoing training and fellowship
5. To recruit more Street Pastors thereby increasing our capacity for more weekly patrols in Mitcham, Wimbledon, and Morden

## HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are outlined above. All our charitable activities focus on giving assistance to people in need in the community in many ways including:

- Caring, listening, and helping on the streets
- Referring vulnerable and needy people to other agencies as and when required
- Being a presence for light, and good in public places
- Practically getting involved in people's lives, pastorally, practically and spiritually
- Working in partnership with other agencies towards community cohesion
- Motivating the Christian community through social action in the community

When planning our activities for the period, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community.

**TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity.

They are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed
4. Prepare the financial statement on an ongoing basis

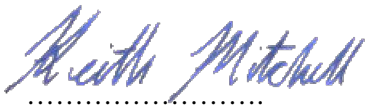
They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time They also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 27th October 2026



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Kevin Vickers



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Keith Mitchell

Trustees

## MERTON STREET PASTORS
## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2025 , which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

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 Charity Commission under section 145(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 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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**Name: Leslie John Tasker FCCA**

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: Ryefields Ltd. Progress House, 404 Brighton Road, South Croydon. Surrey CR2 6AN
Date: 28/10/26

**MERTON STREET PASTORS**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | Notes | Unrestricted General Fund £ | Unrestricted Other Funds £ | Restricted Fund £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOMING RESOURCES** | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 14,791 | | - | 14,791 | 15,585 |
| | | | | | - | |
| **Total incoming resources** | | 14,791 | - | - | 14,791 | 15,585 |
| **RESOURCES EXPENDED** | | | | | | |
| **Charitable expenditure** | | | | | - | - |
| Activity costs to further charity's objectives | | 3,353 | | | 3,353 | 3,663 |
| Support costs | | 11,083 | | - | 11,083 | 17,520 |
| **Total resources expended** | | 14,436 | - | - | 14,436 | 21,183 |
| **Special write back** | | | **-** | **-** | **-** | **-** |
| **Net movement in funds** | **6** | 355 | | - | 355 | (5,598) |
| At 1 January 2025 | | 28,087 | | - | 28,087 | 33,685 |
| Fund transfers | | | | | - | |
| **Balance at 31 December 2025** | | 28,442 | - | - | 28,442 | 28,087 |

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

**MERTON STREET PASTORS**

**BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2025**

| | Notes | £ | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current Assets** | | | | |
| Cash at bank and investments | **4** | 28,442 | | 28,087 |
| Stock, Debtors and prepayments | **5** | - | | - |
| | | 28,442 | | 28,087 |
| **Net Current Assets** | | | 28,442 | 28,087 |
| **NET ASSETS** | | | 28,442 | 28,087 |
| **Capital and Reserves** | | | | |
| Share Capital | **6** | | - | - |
| General fund | **7** | | 28,442 | 28,087 |
| **CHARITY'S FUNDS** | | | 28,442 | 28,087 |

Signed:

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**Chairman** **Secretary**

## MERTON STREET PASTORS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements**

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) and the Companies Act 2006. The Selsdon Centre Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was not required.

**(b) Income**

Income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities generally on the date it is received.

**(c) Donations in kind**

Donations in kind are valued at nil cost to the Trust. A record of such assets is kept by the Trustees. When such assets are sold the proceeds are brought in as donation income in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(d) Expenditure**

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of Value Added Tax.

**(e) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later).Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end opening market value (or purchase date if later). Realised and unrealised gains are not separated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### 2 EMPLOYEES REMUNERATION

1 part time staff were employed by the Charity. The total of employees remuneration (including employers national insurance contributions) for the year amounted to £9,196)

### 3 TRUSTEE's REMUNERATION

No remuneration or benefits were received by the trustees during the year. Any expenses paid were re-imbursement for costs incurred.

## 4. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Treasurers Accounts | 28,350 | 28,013 |
| Treasurers Accounts | 92 | 74 |
| | 28,442 | 28,087 |

## 5. STOCK, DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | - | - |
| | - | - |

## 6. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital issued.

## 7. FUNDS

| | Unrestricted | | Restricted | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Capital Reserve | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| At 1 January 2025 | - | 28,087 | - | 28,087 |
| Restricted items in year | - | - | - | - |
| Surplus for the year | - | 355 | - | 355 |
| 31st December 2024 | - | 28,442 | - | 28,442 |

## 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

## 9. TAXATION

As a charity, THE MERTON STREET PASTOR is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**MERTON STREET PASTORS**
**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2025 | | 2025 | 2024 |
| **Incoming Resources -Income** | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Donations** | | | | |
| Donations | 14,791 | | 14,791 | 15,585 |
| Grants | | | - | - |
| Other Income | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | 14,791 | - | 14,791 | 15,585 |
| | | | - | - |
| **Total income** | 14,791 | - | 14,791 | 15,585 |
| **Resources expended - Expenditure** | | | | |
| **Charitable expenditure** | | | | |
| Activity costs to further charity's activities | | | - | - |
| Uniforms | 207 | | 207 | 263 |
| General Operational Costs | 890 | | 890 | 826 |
| Licence fees | 2,257 | | 2,257 | 2,574 |
| | | | - | - |
| | 3,353 | - | 3,353 | 3,663 |
| **Support costs** | | | | |
| Staff salaries and national insurance | 9,196 | | 9,196 | 14,547 |
| Pension costs | 363 | | 363 | 633 |
| Rent | - | | - | - |
| Repairs and Maintenance | - | | - | - |
| DBS Checks | 159 | | 159 | 150 |
| Insurance | 184 | | 184 | 184 |
| Telephone | 89 | | 89 | 243 |
| Training | - | | - | 424 |
| Accountancy costs | 733 | | 733 | 1,109 |
| Social Media costs | - | | - | - |
| Office admin | - | | - | 158 |
| Other expenses | 360 | | 360 | 72 |
| | 11,083 | - | 11,083 | 17,520 |
| Total expenditure | 14,436 | - | 14,436 | 21,183 |
| | | - | - | - |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | 355 | - | 355 | (5,598) |