The Gathering - Cardiff

2025

Annual Report

1st Jan 2025 - 31st Dec 2025



A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity 1168154
Company Number CE007824

Established as a Church Community 20th Nov 2011
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Welcome from Pastoral Leaders



Croeso cynnes i chi; a very warm welcome to you!

2025 has been another year of great blessing for The Gathering – Cardiff. We give thanks to God for all that we have been able to share and do together, and for everyone we have met this year. Our community is the beating heart of all that we do; whether you stopped to speak to us at a Pride event, engaged with us through our podcast back catalogue, watched our prize-winning short film 'Fruits of the Spirit', or were one of the more than 50 people who attended worship with us for the first time, we are so delighted to have met you.

This year we were fortunate to be granted some funding that enabled us to bring on board a gifted and talented musical director to support us with live music as part of our worship. We are so thankful for the generosity with which our community shares their time and talents, which has made it possible to begin to share meals together before worship, and to gather to create and distribute beautiful, crafted gifts to people we meet at Pride events. These times together help us to grow in friendship, and make us stronger as a church.
Thank you for engaging with this report and for your continued support of our inclusive, hope-filled community of faith.

With love and gratitude,
Revd Ruth Rowan
Pastoral Leader and Deputy Chair of Trustees

Statement of Faith

- We are a church of individuals coming together as one community to explore our faith, worship, and experience fellowship.
- We adhere to the traditional Christian creeds i.e. The Apostle's Creed.
- We believe in Christ's message of love and acceptance for all.
- We believe that everyone has a right to worship God
- We believe we are called to create a safe space for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Questioning, Intersex and Allies to meet and worship God and learn about the Christian faith.
- We believe that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Questioning, Intersex and Allies have a right to express their sexuality or gender identity how they see fit without being censored or being barred from worship.
- We believe that we should respect those with whom we disagree, and show the love and grace of Christ through our actions and behaviour.

Charitable Objects

The objects of The Gathering – Cardiff are for the public benefit in South Wales, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, ability, age, faith or ethnicity, with a particular focus on the LGBT+ community by providing a secure and safe environment for them to advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of faith; and the promotion of equality and diversity by:

- The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender variance;
- Promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds;
- Providing a safe space to those who have previously encountered discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender variance
- Bridging the gap between churches and the LGBT community by working in partnership with other churches and LGBT organisations.

(Nothing in our constitution shall authorise an application of the property of The Gathering for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.)

Trustees

Our trustees, including Pastoral Leaders (PLs) at the beginning of the financial year (1st January 2025) were:

- Revd. Delyth Liddell (Chair, PL)
- Gareth Tanswell (Secretary, PL)
- Dr Nici Lintern-Gittens (Treasurer, PL)
- Revd. Ruth Rowan (PL)
- RG* (2019-28)
- Geraint Owen (2019-25)
- Alison Lintern-Gittens (2020-26)
- Becky Bennett-Wilding (2022-25)
- Rebecca Westwood (2023-26)
- David Shepherd (2024-27)



**RG's identity has been omitted from this report following granting of a dispensation by the Charity Commission.*

Elections & Resignations

In July, Geraint Owen stepped down as Co-Secretary and Trustee, and as per our Trustee Appointments procedure the role was first opened to existing trustees. Becky Bennet-Wilding applied and was approved for transfer to the role of Co-Secretary, but also resigned from this role and as Trustee in September. Applications were received for new trustees to fill both the Co-Secretary and People Services role, and after careful consideration, Orla Tarn and Taz Jones were appointed as People Services Trustee and Co-Secretary Trustee respectively.

As at 31st December 2025 our trustees are:

- Revd. Delyth Liddell (Chair, PL)
- Gareth Tanswell (Co-Secretary, PL)
- Dr Nici Lintern-Gittens (Co-Treasurer, PL)
- Revd. Ruth Rowan (Deputy Chair, PL)
- RG* (2019-28)
- Alison Lintern-Gittens (2020-26)
- Rebecca Westwood (2023-26)
- David Shepherd (2024-27)
- Orla Tarn (2025-27)
- Taz Jones (2025-28)



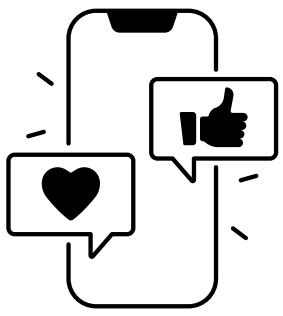
The Admin Stuff



Attendance

Our regular Sunday Evening services throughout 2025 were attended in-person by an average of 22 people each week – an even keel from last year! There were a total 1,144 instances of attendance throughout the year, including 73 attendances from children. 117 individual people attended the Gathering in 2025, 52 of whom were attending for the first time!

We also continued to livestream all of our weekly services on Facebook throughout 2025, with only a few hiccups here and there!



Social Media Engagement

Throughout 2025 on Facebook and Instagram, we gained a net 135 followers and our content was viewed approximately 134K times. We also had over 2,430 interactions such as reactions, comments and shares, which represents a significant increase in engagement with our content from last year.

On YouTube, we had 44.1k views and gained 97 subscribers during 2025.



Banking

As of 31st December 2025, The Gathering – Cardiff held cash assets with Unity Trust Bank and PayPal.



Organisational Accountability

As of 31st December 2025, The Gathering – Cardiff holds the following professional registrations:

Charity Commission of England and Wales:	*1168154*
Information Commissioners Office	*IZB410053*
Christian Copyright Licencing International:	*651680 (Copyright Licence)*
	187116 (Streaming Licence)
His Majesty's Revenue and Customs:	*EW50100*

2025 In Review

Services

Alongside our regular services on Sunday evenings throughout 2025, we also held several special services, including:

- 4 communion services across the year, in the traditions of each of our 4 Pastoral Leaders
- Good Friday walk (going through the stations of the cross)
- Dawn Easter Service on Barry Beach
- Evening Easter service
- Pride Thanksgiving Service
- Harvest Service
- Vigil for Palestine
- All Souls Service
- Remembrance Sunday Service
- Trans Day of Remembrance Service
- Carol Service
- New Year's Service



TDOR Service – 23rd Nov 2025

We also had several services throughout the year run by members of our community who aren't Pastoral Leaders.



Carol Service 14th Dec 2025



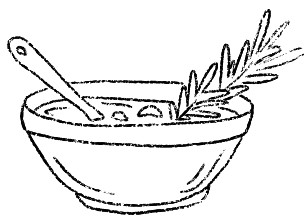
Vigil for Palestine – 5th October 2025

We were also able to continue delivering live worship monthly during our services in 2025. We had 10 services with live worship (we took August off!) plus we had a fantastic Carol Service that was very well attended!

Socials



We held 11 Craft Socials throughout 2025, which gave us plenty of opportunity to create lots of lovely freebies to give away at Prides, as well as make some fantastic posters and placards for the marches!



We also started a very exciting new venture with our Shared Meals in March! These provided an opportunity to come together before Sunday evening services and enjoy a free meal together and fellowship over delicious food. We held 7 throughout the year and there were always plenty of leftovers!

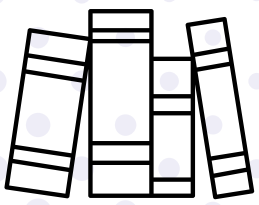
We also had a one-off film viewing of 'Milk' in January as one of our socials!



Crocheted Poppies



Crocheted Pumpkins



Courses

We had planned to run our second iteration of Queer Theology 101 in Autumn 2025, but it got pushed back to early 2026. This was to make way for a discipleship course we haven't run before, called 'Being With'. Some of our Pastoral Leaders took on this weekly course with 10 attendees throughout October and November, offering an opportunity for members of our community to explore topics with no judgement and no wrong answers or prescribed path.

Governance

We held a Trustee Focus Day on the 29th of March, to provide some training to our trustees around their roles and responsibilities, remind ourselves of our charitable objects to ensure that our activities are in line with them, and spend time exploring the various roles that our organisation needs within its trustee board.

As a result, we devised new roles within our Trusteeship and updated our Trustee Appointments Procedure. Our six Lay Trustee positions (trustees who are not Pastoral Leaders) are now categorised into these roles:

- Co-Secretary
- Co-Treasurer
- Logistics
- Partnerships and Funding
- People Services
- Pride Coordinator

As well as one role for a Trustee Without Portfolio, so that we remain open to the other gifts and skills that our community may bring to the Trustee board.

We also committed to being more transparent about our governance, leading to a new section on the website where information about our Trustees, along with all our policies and procedures can be found.

Fruits of the Spirit

In 2025, our short film 'Fruits of the Spirit', funded by the IRIS Film Prize, was uploaded online for all to see! You can now view all our hard work on YouTube!



Fruits of the Spirit poster

Staffing

This year we were able to hire a brand new member of staff, with a small contribution from Consortium's *LGBTQ+ Faith Fund*! In September, we brought on Frances to work as Musical Director for six months!

Frances has been able to put more time into running regular worship rehearsals, planning and delivering live worship once a month, and nurturing the musical talent and skills of our Gathering community.



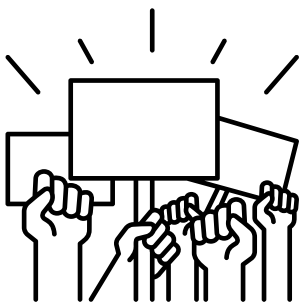


Sammy and G Day have continued their good work as Administrator and LGBTQ+ Community Link Worker throughout the year too!

Communications

Alongside our regular social media posting, including livestreams of our evening services, we took great care this year to support our trans, intersex and nonbinary community. After the Supreme Court ruling in April, we put out a statement, affirming our commitment to supporting trans people and their right to public spaces. We also put together a video made up of many members of our community, and people from all sorts of different Christian backgrounds, saying *"trans people, you are loved!"* which played loud and clear at the Pride Cymru festival!

In 2025 we also did a massive overhaul of our website, with a complete re-design and adding lots of brand new pages with lots of information!



Pride Season!

We attended six Pride festivals throughout 2025! In order, they were:

- Swansea Pride
- Barry Pride
- Big Queer Picnic (Cardiff)
- Pride Cymru (Cardiff)
- Caerphilly Pride
- Pride in the Port (Newport)



We had stalls at all of these events, and marched in four parades, including Pride Cymru's parade. In total we marched over four miles across Pride season, waving our banners and repping our charity!

Swansea Pride



Caerphilly Pride

We had 18 different volunteers from our community to help us run our community stalls, which we are very grateful for as we couldn't do this work without them!

Over the Pride season we handed out over 4kg of sweets, gave out hundreds of seed cards, leaflets and stickers, and we had 134 responses to the question we ask on our Pride stall table - *"Can you be LGBTQ+ and Christian?"*

Altogether, a fantastic season spent bringing our presence to community Prides around South Wales!



Barry Pride 2025

In 2025 we also celebrated 10 years of the Faith Tent (Faith Space) at Pride Cymru! This year the application process for volunteers was formalised and training sessions both online and in person were held with an emphasis on keeping the Faith Tent a safe space for all.

We were delighted to have 23 trained volunteers working hard during the weekend to welcome and support visitors to the tent whatever their needs. And on Saturday evening we had a very special 10 year celebration Eucharist with Bishop Mary, including a talk, delivered by one of our Pastoral Leaders.





Fun and faith at the Faith Space!



We were able to be a welcoming and safe space for many people over the weekend with plenty of opportunities to show God's love in practical ways. A particular highlight at Pride Cymru was the 'Trans People You Are Loved' video we produced which was shown on the Main Stage on Sunday.

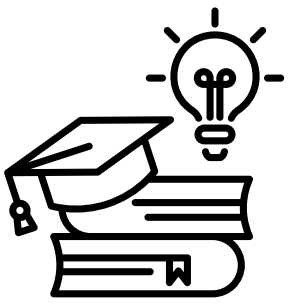


Eucharist at the Faith Tent

Every year we also have our Pride Thanksgiving Service on the Sunday evening after Pride Cymru. This year we held it on the 22nd of June and we had 43 people attend!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to every single volunteer who worked hard over the Pride season and look forward to doing it again in 2026!

Looking forward to 2026!



Courses

We ran Queer Theology 101 throughout January - March in 2026 and look forward to reporting to you all on how it went in our 2026 Annual Report! We also intend to run the 'Being With' discipleship course again in the coming year.



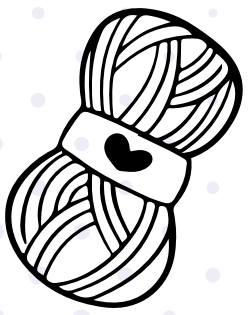
Pride Season

We're looking forward to participating in Prides across South Wales again in 2026! In particular, we hope to have a presence at:

- Swansea Pride - 16th May
- Barry Pride - 6th June
- Big Queer Picnic - 13th June
- Pride Cymru - 13 & 14 June
- Pride Caerffili - 4th July
- RCT Pride (Pontypridd) - 25th July
- Newport Pride - 5th September

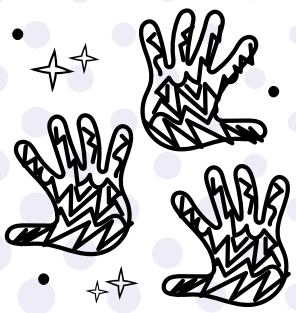


Del and G in the Faith Space!



Socials

We intend to keep running our regular socials throughout the year, sharing meals together once a month before the service, and bringing our crafts once a month to the cafe too.



Little Gatherings

We are very excited to be launching a new ministry for our littlest members in 2026, which will feature pre-service events in the cafe, to provide a space for children and their adults to fellowship together. Our volunteers will be running these Little Gatherings 4 times a year.

Ways You Can Contribute To The Work of The Gathering

We are always glad of any support that people can offer us, whether that be through prayer, fellowship, joining in with us on a Sunday evening, or giving financially to help to fund our work. Here are a few methods that you can contribute to our work financially.

Credit/Debit & MyChurchSuite

You can make one-off or regular donations by Credit/Debit Card or Direct Debit using our MyChurchSuite platform.

PayPal & PayPal Giving Fund

We have a PayPal account which can receive payments by sending the payment to **mail@thegatheringcardiff.org**

Or we are partnered with PayPal Giving Fund who also claim Gift Aid through their donations
https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3233746

Facebook

We are registered on the Facebook Donate platform, so anyone can begin a fundraiser there to raise money for The Gathering – Cardiff.

Charities Aid Foundation

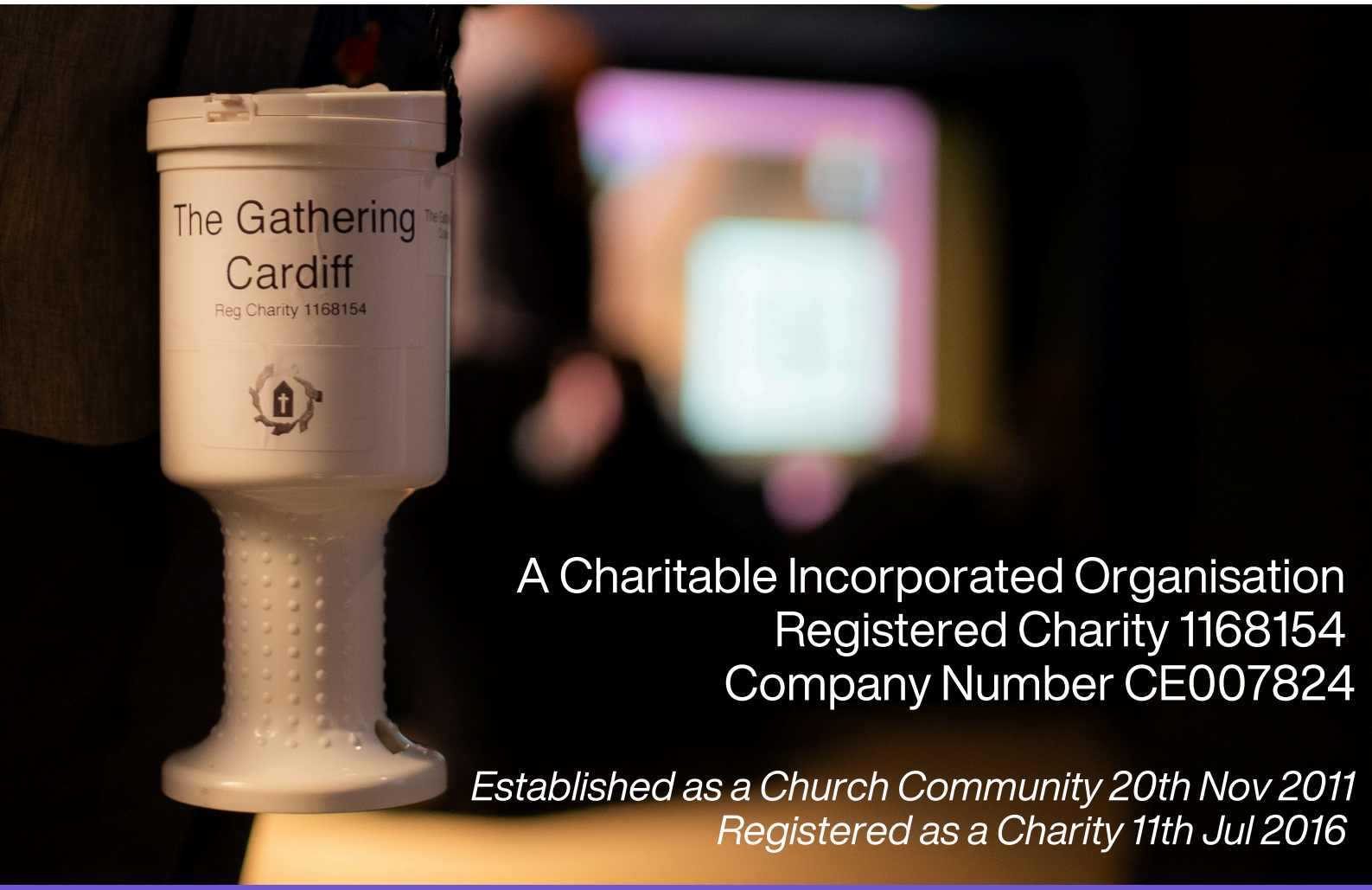
We are also registered with the Charities Aid Foundation where you can donate online or using a CAF Voucher.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Gathering Cardiff	1168154

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.25		31.12.25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Direct Giving	8,720	-	-	8,720	11,507
Donation	2,552	-	-	2,552	1,243
Gift Aid	1,722	-	-	1,722	2,313
FofS Training	-	-	-	-	150
Grants	625	-	-	625	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	13,618	-	-	13,618	15,213
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,618	-	-	13,618	15,213
A3 Payments					
Website Fees	-	-	-	-	688
PAYE Software Fees	151	-	-	151	127
Salary	9,767	-	-	9,767	4,866
General Gathering Expenses	1,101	-	-	1,101	129
Streaming Licences	-	-	-	-	270
LGBTQ+ Worker Equipment and Expenses	440	-	-	440	1,061
Churchsuite	498	-	-	498	414
Pride	2,350	-	-	2,350	1,143
Paypal Spending	1,770	-	-	1,770	-
Paypal Fees	2	-	-	2	-
Donations	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
HMRC Payments	346	-	-	346	440
Fruits of the Spirit Project	116	-	-	116	418
Service Charge	72	-	-	72	71
DBS Checks	57	-	-	57	108
Insurance	159	-	-	159	159
Training	-	-	-	-	439
Paypal Expenditure (2024 - correction)	631	-	-	631	-
Sub total	18,459	-	-	18,459	10,333
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,459	-	-	18,459	10,333
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,841	-	-	- 4,841	4,880
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,562	38	-	17,600	-
Cash funds this year end	12,721	38	-	12,759	4,880

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Balance (Unity)	12,721	38	-
	Paypal Balance	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,721	38	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
None	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
TV	Unrestricted	190	64
TV Stand	Unrestricted	125	49
Laptop	Unrestricted	400	-
Projector	Unrestricted	230	68
Sound System	Unrestricted	269	72
Cables	Unrestricted	95	9
Projector Stand	Unrestricted	126	31
Mevo Live Camera (and accessories)	Unrestricted	572	311
Podcast Microphone	Unrestricted	86	21
Wifi Router	Unrestricted	125	50
iPad	Unrestricted	382	348
Mevo and Case	Unrestricted	423	386
Laptop 2	Unrestricted	661	559

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
NL Gittens	Nici Lintern-Gittens	16-Jul-26
RS Westwood	Rebecca Westwood	**28/07/2026**