Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Charity name	Church of Christ
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1169423
Charity's principal address	Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Postcode	TN1 2RR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Dare		1 Jan – 13 July	
2	Cliff Allen		1 Jan – 13 July	
3	Jack Ingle			
4	Lynn Allen			
5	Leo Harvey	Chairman		
6	Simone Curry		13 July – 31 Dec	
7	Ricky Brown		13 July – 31 Dec	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment of charity trustees 1. At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office; 2. At every [subsequent] annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire; 3. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot; 4. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause; 5. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause [15] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; 6. A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting. 12. Charity trustees

3. Number of charity trustees
a) There must be at least five charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.
b. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

15. Retirement and removal of charity trustees

1. A charity trustee ceases to hold office if he or she:
a) retires by notifying the CIO in writing (but only if enough charity trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings);
b) is absent without the permission of the charity trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated;
c) dies;
d) in the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
e) [is removed by the members of the CIO in accordance with sub-clause (2) of this clause;] or
f) is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of section 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).
2. A charity trustee shall be removed from office if a resolution to remove that trustee is proposed at a general meeting of the members called for that purpose and properly convened in accordance with clause [11], and the resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the meeting.
3. A resolution to remove a charity trustee in accordance with this clause shall not take effect unless the individual concerned has been given at least 14 clear days' notice in writing that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify removal from office, and has been given a reasonable opportunity of making oral and/or written representations to the members of the CIO.]

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Church of Christ is committed to the following policies, which are maintained in accordance with guidelines, in consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage these risks:

Safeguarding Child protection
Safeguarding Vulnerable adults
Anti-Bullying
Data protection
Acceptable use of IT
Health and Safety
Privacy Notice
Lone Working
Investment
Social Media
Equal opportunities and diversity
Complaints
Anti-bribery
Risk Assessments

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

The principal purpose of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the principles of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ (FCC).

The advancement of the Christian faith religion, mainly but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

To advance the Christian faith in Tunbridge Wells for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, talks, events, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature to enlighten others about the Christian faith.

The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world, including feeding the poor, working with children and young people, visiting the sick and elderly, supporting the homeless and those in need…

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	Church of Christ is a growing family friendly, community Church, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds, and race. Our Sunday Services, include lively and varied worship, prayers, Bible based and relevant preaching and the sharing of Communion. Services are informal and inspirational and combine both new and traditional ways of Celebrating God. Weekly 'Sunday Special' groups are offered during our services for children/youth aged 3-11. These groups seek to teach our youngsters about Christ, his life and the benefits of a relationship with him through age-related fun Bible learning sessions run by a team of creative, caring and dedicated teachers. During 2025, our Youth group for secondary aged youth met on a twice monthly basis, as well as offering a Youth Class on Sunday mornings twice each month. Our Sunday School for children aged 3-11 offered weekly classes. Our annual summer holiday camp for children and youth aged 7-17 took place during the last weekend of June. Our community outreach and pastoral care included holding an open service with other Churches on Good Friday, as well as on Easter Morning. We provide a meeting space for local groups including a community choir, a Drugs Anonymous support group, English lessons for Ukrainian refugees, and other groups who use it from time to time. Several in our Church family support the work of Mosaic, a Churches for Tunbridge Wells run group offering food to the homeless and lonely. Thankfully, we have been able to continue financial support for overseas initiatives: Geon Christian Children's Home in South Korea, Brian Jennings (with wife, Comfort) is a Church of Christ missionary in Ghana, West Africa; Pro-Vision (subsidiary of Pro-Vision International - PVI) - a Southern Africa based Christian missions serving agency; the wider Persecuted Church; along with the Bible Society. Locally and nationally, we have supported Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors, Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ, Mosaic Resource, Centre, Empathy Action, as well as our national Fellowship of Churches of Christ. In planning the activities for Church of Christ during the reporting year the trustees have considered and had regard for the commission's guidance on public benefit with decisions made to further advance the Christian faith in Tunbridge Wells. Specifically, that through these activities to advance the Christian faith, to further educate and to carry out charitable work, this will be for the benefit of the public in accordance with the

principles of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ (FCC).

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

Sermons in 2025 included:

- teaching on the Way of Jesus and our responsibility as Church Members to play an active and positive role in the life, service, testimony and mission of the Church.
- Our teaching through Lent focused on 'Bodies of Water' in the Bible' culminating on Easter Sunday with the Cross of Calvary and the empty tomb.
- We taught about some of the lesser well known characters in the Bible learning lessons from their lives.
- We taught on some of the core beliefs and practices of our congregation, including baptism, communion and generosity.
- During Advent we looked at the 'Wonder' of Jesus' Birth and the difference He makes in our lives.

We continue to livestream our services so those who live afar, or those who have been ill or unable to attend could still join us. We have had viewers from USA, Portugal, Czech Republic and varying places around the UK.

Prayer support has been offered through the healthy engagement and involvement of church members via a Whatsapp group, as well as prayer needs being made known to the wider congregation via emails, when appropriate. Prayer is offered weekly, following our morning times of worship, or can be requested at any time through the week. Church members are encouraged to meet up with others for prayer support and encouragement, providing care, support, and comfort with words, compassion, and sensitivity.

Throughout the year our midweek groups have met in person. These times provide opportunities for fellowship, prayer and Bible study, designed to encourage and equip people in their faith. Various people led discussions on different Bible topics – these were interactive, informative, and good opportunities for people to be connected with God and with one another. We have continued to run a series on the 'Rules of Life', including Community, Generosity, Solitude and Scripture, all designed to deepen our faith and experience of Jesus, and equip us to be His disciples in our day to day living.

Sunday Special for 3-11s met on a weekly basis and invitations were regularly sent to parents and children inviting them to join in our Sunday Special times.

Our Youth Group met twice monthly through the week and on Sunday mornings, taking part in a variety of activities, always with a faith element and opportunity for prayer offered in a fun environment.

The baptism pool at Church of Christ enables a fully immersive commitment of faith. We are pleased to report that through the year, 2 people committed their lives to Christ through the waters of baptism.

All who attend our services at Church of Christ (in the building or online) benefit from our teachings and worship, learning how Christ may be working in each of our lives and through us into the wider community. We seek to encourage the practise of Christian principles within the lives of those who attend our services. Recognising there will always be differences in belief and practices we uphold the value of the Church as a missional community and seek to work to fulfil the great commission of Jesus. As God calls us into partnership with Himself, so we seek to express this value in our working together with our community so all may have a relationship with Christ.

Children & Youth Ministry

At Easter time we offered an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the community. We also ran our annual weekend camp, this year in partnership with the local Baptist Church. There were 38 children/youth who attended.

Our youth met monthly throughout the year with average of 8 young people attending.

Our Minister regularly leads Acts of Worship at a local primary school, sharing Bible truths and lessons.

Community Outreach /Pastoral Care

We believe in helping those in need. At Church of Christ, we do this by serving the community around us, particularly those in great hardship and need. We met the needs of the local homeless community by signposting them to our local Mosaic Resource Centre, which offers food, friendship and help to the homeless, lonely, marginalised and vulnerable. We have signposted people and families in need to Community Larders which are run out of several local churches.

Church of Christ has been involved with building community bridges with the diverse local area especially with the nearby mosque. Our minister and his wife have maintained contact with the local Imam and his wife. An interfaith women's group was able to meet in 2025 and it is hoped that more will be planned for the future.

We have taken an active part in reaching out to the Ukrainian community in the following ways:

- We continue to offer English lessons to Ukrainian refugees, free of charge.
- We incorporated several Ukrainian families in a Christmas meal and in a special Ukrainian Christmas Carol Service, as well as welcoming them into our English speaking Carol service.
- We have welcomed Ukrainian families into our Church family, supporting them through friendship, love and support in a variety of ways.
- We have welcomed a Nigerian family, a Portuguese family as well as newly arrived South Africans into our Church family.

We were able to offer a Good Friday Witness in our town centre joining Christians from other churches as an act of witness to Jesus' death and resurrection, a 'Sunrise Easter Service' in a local park, sharing in our worship and praise for the benefit of knowing that in Jesus dying on the cross all may be saved through a relationship with Christ.

This year, our Church celebrated its 155th Church Anniversary with a special celebration in September, inviting the local community to celebrate with us. Invitations were circulated to the local community through invitation cards delivered to local houses. Easter and Christmas cards were delivered to those in close proximity to our church building.

CREATE Community Choir used our building on a weekly basis, while the Cocaine Anonymous (CA) group held weekly meetings throughout the year for their weekly support group.

Our minister continues to be involved in supporting and developing the work of local Christian community groups and events in the following ways:

- Chairman of Street Pastors - a group who pray for and reach out to young adults out socialising in the town centre during the late/early hours at weekends,
- Chairman of the Churches for Tunbridge Wells committee – an umbrella organisation overseeing much of the Christian social action work in the town,
- Organising Church Leaders prayer lunches - drawing church leaders from all denominations together for pray, encouragement and support,
- Organising annual Week of Prayer events - drawing people from various churches together for prayer.

Overseas Initiatives - supporting the wider Christian community

Church of Christ has supported, through the voluntary giving of the congregation, the following overseas Initiatives, as well as local initiatives through prayer and finance:

- Geon Christian Children's Home in South Korea - We particularly sponsor a teenage boy, who was abandoned but is now greatly cared for in this loving orphanage.
- Brian Jennings (with wife, Comfort) is a Church of Christ missionary in Ghana, West Africa - He teaches many young pastors at Ghana Christian College. Some of his students travel far to take the gospel to unreached territories. We are supporting Brian as he begins to mentor young leaders as he develops the ministry of Barnabas House.
- The Persecuted Church is a particular focus for our church, and we support organisations such as, Release International and Open Doors.
- Pro-vision International is a Christian Missions Serving Agency with caring roots deeply entrenched in community development in Africa's Southern region with hearts that are invested in accomplishing the wellbeing of its peoples. The agency provides mentoring, resource acquisition and management services which build capacity into leader's lives and sustainability into life-giving community projects.
- Bible Society – providing Bibles and Bible teaching resources for peoples around the world.
- Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors – a local Christian Charity with people from 15 different churches working together to patrol

our streets from 10pm-1am 4 nights a month to minister to those enjoying the night-time economy.

- Mosaic Resource Centre – run by Churches for Tunbridge Wells, this organisation feeds the hungry, lonely and homeless and signposts people to housing and mental health help.
- Empathy Action – a local charity raising awareness of poverty and the plight of refugees.
- Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ – a local Christian Charity working with young people in schools through assemblies and mentoring and working in some of the more deprived areas of the town helping churches run children's and youth clubs for local communities.
- Fellowship of Churches of Christ – this is the denomination to which we belong, and we are pleased to be able to support its work and ongoing mission to both support existing Churches, as well as to see new Churches planted through their church planting initiatives.
- TEAR Fund – A Christian Relief Organisation operating around the world. This year, we sent gifts specifically for their work in supporting aid work in Ukraine.

Governance

At our Annual General Meeting held in July, two of our serving trustees, retired, Chris Dare and Cliff Allen, and two new Trustees were elected by the Congregation. They are Simone Curry and Ricky Brown. Thanks were extended to Mr Dare, who served in the capacity of Trustee for 6+ years.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Church of Christ is a small church with an average annual income of £50,000. £42,675 is currently held as Restricted Funds for use with approval of the Trustees. Of this amount, Reserves of £30,855 are ring fenced for specific considerations including: Approximately four/five months' running costs to be spent at any such time a drop in income leads to the requirement to make use of reserves. Additional sums are held in reserve for emergency or ongoing building maintenance and repairs, for investment in mission outreach in our local community and to cover the amount received from the US which would cease to be paid at any time Cliff Allen's appointment at Church of Christ ends. The Reserves Policy is reviewed on an annual basis, or at any such time as the financial position of the church changes to have a significant impact on the running of the church.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Church of Christ Tunbridge Wells	1169423

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	56,835	-	-	56,835	49,465
Grant and Church hire	4,640	-	-	4,640	2,365
Raising funds for community activities	4,751	-	-	4,751	4,205
Interest received	1,177	-	-	1,177	1,550
Misc		-	-	-	- 1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	67,403	-	-	67,403	57,584
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,403	-	-	67,403	57,584
A3 Payments					
Admin and running costs	7,185	-	-	7,185	14,756
Personnel and speakers	22,745	-	-	22,745	21,268
Community activities and offerings	18,152	-	-	18,152	16,586
Building maintenance	-	24,281	-	24,281	-
Other	1,072	-	-	1,072	525
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,154	24,281	-	73,435	53,135
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,154	24,281	-	73,435	53,135
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,249	- 24,281	-	- 6,032	4,449
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,639	39,299	-	70,938	-
Cash funds this year end	49,888	15,018	-	64,906	4,449

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 £
	Current account	523	-	-
	Investment fund	18,371	15,018	-
	CAF current account	2,492		
	CAF savings account	28,502		-
	Total cash funds	49,888	15,018	-
	(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 £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Church of Christ Tunbridge Wells		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1169423
Set out on pages	Receipts and Payments Accounts/Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Form CC16a) (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

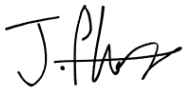
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	12/02/2026
Name:	Jack Plant		
Relevant professional qualification(s):	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants		
Address:	90a Camden Road Tunbridge Wells Kent, TN1 2QP		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	N/A