Alive City Church

Financial statements

For the period ended 30 June 2026

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Charity Information
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

CHARITY NUMBER:	1169786
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT:	Foundation Model Constitution
REGISTERED OFFICE:	31 Newstead Rise Catherham CR3 6RS
TRUSTEES:	Mr Lemuel Boateng Mrs Golda Boateng Ms Isabelle Malou Ms Priscilla Williams-Silvera
REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS:	RB Accountants 26 Cheapside Wakefield West Yorkshire WF1 2TF
BANKERS:	Santander UK Plc 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN

Report of the Trustees
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 30 June 2025.
The information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives for the current year were as follows:
Services for adults and children throughout the week to engage members and increase fellowship and understanding of the bible
-Hold weekly in person Sunday services to serve the local Purley community with energetic music and an inspiring message to encourage and uplift those who attend.
-Hold online and in person midweek groups such as bible studies, prayer meetings, women and men focussed groups to give people the space to explore and dive deeper in the bible and its teachings.
-Weekly Kids Church - providing children between 3 - 10 years old teachings on the bible giving them weekly opportunities to connect with other children, so they can and have fun together.
-Weekly Youth sessions - empowering, encouraging and equipping our youth members 11 - 16 years old to live full and active lives in Christ. Our youth leaders working closely with the young people with support from parents and guardians to discuss, learn and dive deep into all topics from a biblical perspective.

Provide support to the community through a variety of pastoral care initiatives and events
-Counselling including martial, mental health and young people
-Supporting individuals and families from the communities financially where required
-Community events around Christians holidays - Summer Family day, Summer Retreat, Carols Night & Easter Fair.
-Evangelism - members of the church going out on the streets speaking to the local community about the needs and how we can support them
-Prayer support - through in person and online prayer meetings
-Partnering with other local churches - running Christianity Explored for the local community to explore the Christian faith.

Objectives for the fourth-coming year are as follows:
-The holding of public worship services, prayer meetings, lectures, teachings, celebrations, conferences and other events
-The production and distribution of literature and other resources advancing the Christian faith
-The provision of youth empowerment initiatives, including mentoring, creative arts programmes, sports activities and music workshops
-The provision of family support services, including parenting programmes, food distribution, counselling, therapeutic and pastoral support
-Community engagement activities, including volunteering opportunities, local events and intergenerational programmes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Alive City Church operates in Croydon, a borough facing significant challenges. Many young people are vulnerable to crime, exclusion and exploitation. Families are experiencing increasing economic hardship and widening social inequalities. Mental health and wellbeing concerns are growing, particularly among children, young people and parents who lack access to consistent support networks. These needs make Croydon a place where community-based services are essential. Our work directly responds to these challenges. Inspired by our belief that everyone has gifts, talents and purpose, we deliver youth empowerment programmes such as mentoring, creative arts, sports events, music workshops and youth hangouts. We support families through parenting workshops, food distribution, counselling, therapy and practical financial assistance. We strengthen community connection through volunteering, local events and intergenerational programmes, including community family fun days. Our education, skills and training activities include tutoring, academic support, employability programmes, digital literacy, entrepreneurship workshops and personal development courses that help individuals progress in education, work and life.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our impact reflects our commitment. We have continued to donate to families in our community, especially those struggling with housing and food costs. More than 60 young people have engaged in our sports, music and mentoring programmes, and we have organised five community sports days. This track record shows our dedication to serving Croydon and improving lives, all achieved with very limited external grant funding.
Our work has improved wellbeing, built resilience, reduced isolation and provided safe, positive pathways for local residents in a borough where these opportunities are urgently needed.

The charity's work has provided benefits to society as a whole as we have contributed monthly to the local Purley Food Hub as well as hosting events which give local residents the opportunity to build relationships and support others.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has experienced a significant increase in activity during the year, reflected in both income and expenditure levels. Total income for the year increased to £378,189, compared with £245,319 in the previous year, representing an increase of £132,870 which is a 54.2% increase.

Expenditure also increased during the year, rising from £161,632 to £236,524, an increase in of £74,892. This is an increase of 46.3% on the previous year.

As a result, the charity generated a net surplus of £141,665 for the year, compared with £83,687 in the previous year, representing an increase of £57,978; a 69.3% increase.

Overall, the charity's financial position strengthened during the year, with income increasing at a greater rate than expenditure.

RESERVES POLICY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Projects, whether entailing capital or revenue expenditure, are not initiated until funding is committed. At present, donations are the main source of income for specific projects.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In September 2025 we launched ProjectFive14, a capital vision to secure a permanent multi-use community facility in Croydon. The centre would include:
-A worship auditorium (that can also be used for theatre for schools, performances, and community events)
-A café and co-working space open to the wider public
-A gym and wellness facility
-A nursery supporting young families
-A Digital Academy equipping young people with future-ready skills
-A sports centre for youth development and mentoring
-Therapy and counselling rooms supporting emotional wellbeing
-Facilities to support wider social care needs, including reconnecting estranged families
-Flexible spaces for worship, discipleship, mentoring, and community gatherings
This is more than a building. It is a legacy project, a visible “city on a hill” serving the borough with faith and excellence. You can watch our vision in video form here.

Croydon faces real challenges around youth engagement, knife crime, family breakdown and social isolation. We believe the Church must be present, practical and positioned. Securing a permanent facility would allow us to expand structured programmes and provide a safe, stable and visible community asset in the borough.

Since launching our vision in September 2025, we raised just over £237,000 through congregational giving and fundraising events towards this vision.

Report of the Trustees
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ORGANISATION
The Church is a registered Charity under number 1169786. It is run by appointed trustees.

AGENTS AND ADVISORS
The reporting accounts are RB Accountants.

ACCOUNTS
The attached statement of account has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102), and the charity's governing document.

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS
80 volunteers put themselves forward to volunteer in different teams after becoming members of the church once they have completed the two part membership class.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

…….. **Golda Boateng - Trustee**

Date:

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

Charity law requires to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

b) Make judgments and estimates that are responsible and prudent.

c) Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.

d) Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue operating.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Reporting accountants report to the Trustees of Alive City Church
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 30 June 2026 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's governing document. It is my responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express any audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;

a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: ……..

RB Accountants
26 Cheapside
Wakefield
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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £	Notes
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	378,189	-	378,189	245,319	2
Total income and endowments	378,189	-	378,189	245,319	
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	236,524	-	236,524	161,632	
Total resources expended	236,524	-	236,524	161,632	
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES	141,665	-	141,665	83,687	
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2025	145,933	-	145,933	62,246	
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2026	287,598	-	287,598	145,933	

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Balance Sheet
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £	Notes
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13,766	-	13,766	14,163	5
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	78,450	-	78,450	47,673	6
Cash at bank	195,922	-	195,922	84,636	
	274,372	-	274,372	132,309	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	540	-	540	539	7
NET CURRENT ASSETS	274,372	-	274,372	132,309	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	273,832	-	273,832	131,770	
INCOME FUNDS					
Restricted funds			-	-	
Unrestricted funds			287,598	145,933	
			287,598	145,933	

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ……..…… and signed on their behalf

…… **Golda Boateng**

Notes to the financial statements
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the statement of recommended practice, accounting by the Charities Act 2011.

a) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are reported as gross.

b) Donations

Donations are credited in full to the financial statements on a cash basis.

c) Grants Receivable

Grants are recognised when receivable. Capital grants are treated as restricted fund income, revenue grants are treated as unrestricted fund income, unless they are for specific projects.

d) Direct Charitable Expenditure and Management and Administration Costs

Direct charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the charity. When necessary, costs are allocated between direct charitable expenditure and management and administration on an actual basis. Costs are recognised when the liability is incurred.

e) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost or estimated value in use.

f) Funds

Restricted funds represent capital project funds and revenue funds for specific projects.

g) VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in expenditure or the cost of assets acquired.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Grants	29,000	-	29,000	55,832
Gifts and donations	349,140	-	349,140	189,487
Interest received	49	-	49	-
	378,189	-	378,189	245,319

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2026 nor for the year ended 30 June 2025.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2026 nor for the year ended 30 June 2025.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year were as follows:

	30.06.2026	30.06.2025
Volunteers during the year	80	75

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. FIXED ASSETS - INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

COST	30.06.2026	30.06.2025
Brought forward	38,931	37,798
Additions	4,192	1,133
Disposals	-	-
Carried forward	43,123	38,931
DEPRECIATION		
Brought forward	- 24,768	- 20,047
Charge for the year	- 4,589	- 4,721
Disposals	-	-
Carried forward	- 29,357	- 24,768
NET BOOK VALUE		
Brought forward	14,163	17,751
Carried forward	13,766	14,163

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
Other debtors	51,832	-	51,832	15,256
Trade debtors	26,618	-	26,618	32,417
	78,450	-	78,450	47,673

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accruals	540	-	540	540
Trade creditors	-		-	- 1
	540	-	540	539

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (Unrestricted)
For the Period Ended 30 June 2026

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2026	2025
Donations and legacies		
Grants	29,000	55,832
Gifts and donations	349,140	189,487
Interest received	49	-
Total incoming resources	378,189	245,319
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Raising donations and legacies		
Accountancy fees	540	540
Admin and management costs	330	664
Advertising	50	171
Bank charges	91	23
Bank loan interest	-	99
Bonuses	2,700	-
Church equipment	14,098	15,394
Cleaning	899	759
Computer expenses	2,892	1,062
Consultancy fee	58,090	25,345
Depreciation	4,589	4,721
Donations	9,024	9,698
Entertaining	5,129	3,919
Events	22,526	10,328
External vendors	6,740	8,160
Health and safety	-	75
Insurance	457	459
Kids church	225	432
Love seed offerings	662	-
Motor expenses	12,583	8,412
Post and stationery	2,374	1,907
Professional fees	12,224	3,406
Profit/loss on sale of tang. FA	-	- 545
Resources	3,070	2,981
Storage	3,624	3,393
Subscriptions	1,028	718
Sundry expenses	5,717	4,328
Telephone	541	346
Training courses / conferences	467	180
Travelling	18,037	6,680
Venue hire	47,625	45,339
Volunteer expenses	192	2,638
Total resources expenses	236,524	161,632
NET OUTGOINGS RESOURCES	141,665	83,687