

Trinity Life Church, Royston

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the period-ended 31 December 2025

Charity Registration No. 1181863

Trinity Life Church, Royston
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Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	Trinity Life Church, Royston
Working Name	TLC Royston
Charity Registration Number	1181863
Report for the financial period	1st January to 31st December 2025
Address	4 Market Hill, Royston Hertfordshire, SG8 9JL www.tlcroyston.org.uk admin@tlcroyston.org.uk
Charity Trustees	David Clark (Chairman) Antonio Gomez Paul Brown

Structure, governance and management

Constitution	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Governing Document	Constitution dated 4th February 2019
Related parties	The charity is affiliated to Ground Level Ministry Team and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the charity To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Belief.

To relieve persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or who are aged or sick or disabled and to relieve the distress caused hereby.

Public Benefit The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In following this guidance, the charity engages in a range of activities either on its own or with others that vary from time to time. These activities may include but are not restricted to those set out below.

Summary of activities The charity runs regular church meetings including Sunday morning celebration and small home-based groups.

The charity runs Community Support projects including Pathways to Learning, providing free after school tutoring to disadvantaged children.

The charity provides teaching, training and pastoral care.

The charity supports Christian workers and organisations locally and around the world.

The charity makes grants to members and friends in circumstances of need.

The activities of the charity during the period are described in the attached report of activities.

Grant making policy Grants are made to individuals and organisations in order to further the objects of the charity as determined by the leaders of the church.

Volunteers The charity relies heavily on volunteers to carry out its activities.

Achievements and performance

Summary The achievements of the charity during the period are described in the attached report of activities.

Financial review

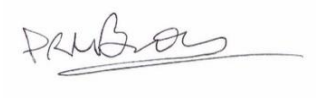
Reserves policy The charity aims to keep sufficient unallocated funds in reserve in order to maintain its charitable work and meet its regular commitments for about three months regardless of levels of income, and in order to be able to undertake occasional projects involving larger than normal expenditure.

Designated funds are excluded from reserves. Details of all designated funds are set out in Note 12 to the attached accounts.

Current reserves £100,400 (Unrestricted current assets not designated)

Declaration

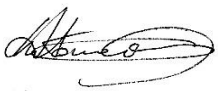
Declaration The trustees declare that they have approved the above

Signature 

Full name Paul Brown

Position Treasurer

Date 28/07/2026

Signature 

Full name Antonio Gomez

Position Trustee

Date 28/07/2026

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Report of Activities 2025

The majority of the church's effort and resources are put towards the first of the CIO's aims and objectives - the advancement of the Christian faith through worship, prayer, preaching, teaching, pastoral care and literature. It is our desire to see God's blessing and favour on all the people who live and work in the towns and villages of the Royston area and beyond.

The church meets regularly for fellowship, equipping, support and encouragement.

Overview

The church continued to function throughout the year, working towards its stated aims and objectives. Sunday gatherings and small mid-week Life Groups continued as before.

Church activities

Sunday morning worship/ fellowship gatherings continued to be the highlight of the week for the TLC family. A few new faces joined the regular congregation, whilst some others had moved on. Children's Church continued steadily, roughly every two weeks. Activities (crafts, etc.) for our few attending children were provided on the other Sundays.

Two Life Groups met throughout the year, with one being the merged Wednesday evening group from the previous summer and the other a newly established Thursday morning group (mid-year).

The Alpha Course was offered in a small group format over three groups (one at the church building and two in homes) with an approximate average attendance total of 18 people.

The weekly Zoom prayer (2pm on Wednesdays) continued with a varied attendance of between 4 to 8 members. A few week-long prayer and fasting events were held and well supported by the TLC church family.

A new ministry called Tots and Co was established in the summer of 2025, running every second Wednesday morning with the purpose of creating a safe space for Royston moms and their little ones, offering varied activities for the tots and somewhere to chat for the moms. It was a blessing to have some families attending regularly.

The Royston Youth Club was established as a ministry of TLC in the second half of the year, meeting on the last Saturday evening of every month with a pleasing attendance at most meetings. A Young Adults group was also established as an inter-church endeavour.

The Celebrate Recovery ministry was established in 2025 as a ministry of TLC, using a small group format and operating on a confidential basis. The Course is a 12 step and 8 principle program. The participants meet once a week in a home and go through the course entirely at their own pace, as they deal with their hurts, habits and hangups.

The Pathways to Learning project continued to operate, providing after-school tuition to disadvantaged students.

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Report of Activities 2025

Finances

The charity continues on a sound financial basis, though running at a small operating deficit.

Several families who were significant donors had left the church, meaning that Church Collections were about 30% less than in the previous year. 2024 had also benefitted from a sizeable one-off legacy donation. Income from hire of the venue, The Old Schoolhouse, reduced somewhat but is expected to return to previous levels in 2026. General fund payments remained broadly unchanged.

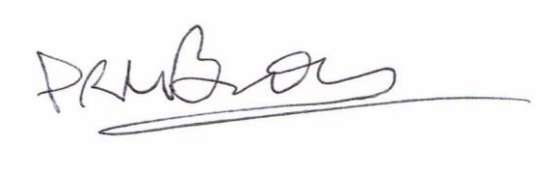
With the transfer of responsibility for the Make Lunch project, its restricted fund assets were transferred to Royston Evangelical Church, registered charity number 1202296.

Building

The church building at 4 Market Hill, Royston continued as the home base for the church throughout the year. It was also rented out as a community asset to local community and charitable organisations and to small businesses.

It had been hoped that some further renovation work could be carried out on the fabric of the building during the year but this is still awaiting the necessary permissions. It is hoped this may happen during 2026. The Building restricted fund is set aside to part-fund these works.

Options are being explored for the separation of the running of the building from the work of the church and it is anticipated that this will happen during 2026.



Paul Brown
Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total for 2025 £	Total for 2024 £
Church Collections		28,917	14,779	43,696	43,165
Sundry Donations		-	-	-	86,817
Income Tax Recovered		6,933	3,501	10,434	11,496
Venue Hire Income		17,283	-	17,283	21,603
Grants received		-	4,432	4,432	14,791
Total Donations and Legacies		**53,133**	**22,712**	**75,845**	**177,872**
Bank interest		1,761	166	1,927	1,782
Total Investment Income		**1,761**	**166**	**1,927**	**1,782**
Total incoming resources		54,894	22,878	77,772	179,654
Plumbline Ministries/Ground Level		1,620	-	1,620	2,540
Mission or ministry support		3,000	-	3,000	25,963
Other gifts		3,270	21,038	24,308	1,843
Total Gifts and Grants		**7,890**	**21,038**	**28,928**	**30,346**
Employment costs		17,010	-	17,010	12,636
Repairs and Maintenance		3,433	2,916	6,349	4,252
Visiting speakers		-	-	-	1,150
Administrative expenses		5,449	-	5,449	17,577
Mortgage Repayments		17,013	-	17,013	15,947
Other church activity costs		5,116	1,937	7,053	16,931
Asset purchases		-	238	238	483
Total Church Activities		**48,021**	**5,091**	**53,112**	**68,493**
Other governance costs		600	-	600	630
Total Governance Costs		**600**	**-**	**600**	**630**
Total Resources Used		**56,511**	**26,129**	**82,640**	**99,952**
Net Movement in funds		**(1,617)**	**(3,251)**	**(4,868)**	**79,702**
Total funds brought forward		102,016	60,590	162,606	82,904
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		100,399	57,339	157,738	162,606

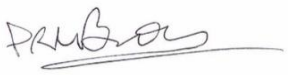
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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total as at 31/12/2025 £	Total as at 31/12/2024 £
B1 Cash Funds		100,399	57,339	157,738	162,606
B2 Other Monetary Assets		-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for charity's own use					
Building, 4 Market Hill, Royston		265,000	-	265,000	265,000
Church Equipment		6,414	-	6,414	6,414
B5 Liabilities					
Mortgage, secured on 4 Market Hill, Royston		126,389	-	126,389	140,911

Approved by the Trustees on: 28/07/2026

Signed by, on behalf of all the Trustees:

Paul Brown
Date:
28/07/2026



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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Receipts and Payments regime.
The CIO switched to Receipts and payments basis in 2025 and have restated the comparatives on the receipts and payments basis.

2 Accounting Policies

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the accounts when the charity receives the funds into the bank account.

Tax reclaimed on donations is included in the accounts when received into the bank account.

Volunteers - the value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income i.e. bank interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Governance Costs include costs of preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustees meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees.

The trustees have chosen to hold the land and buildings at 4-8 Market Hill, Royston on a historical cost basis.

3 Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Purpose
Building	For purchase, refurbishment or long-term hire of facilities for church use.
Body Needs	To provide financial support for members of the body of Christ who are facing particular financial difficulty or need
BP & HS Rex	Support for our mission partners
Youth Ministry	Resources for ministry with young people
Make Lunch	To provide projects to fight holiday hunger
Make Lunch Hardware	Hardware to support the Make Lunch project
Wang Family Ministry	Support for our mission partners
Pathways to Learning	Providing free-of-charge tutoring sessions to school children

Movement on Restricted Funds in the year:

£	Opening Balance	Income in 2025	Expenditure in 2025	Transfer between funds 2025	Closing Balance
Building	47,769	7,802	(3,153)		52,418
Body Needs	752	-	-		752
BP & HS Rex	133	1,979	(1,959)		153
Youth Ministry	6	1,082	(186)		902
Make Lunch	10,729	907	(11,636)		-
Wang Family Ministry	(38)	1,388	(1,300)		50
Pathways to Learning	1,477	2,882	(1,247)		3,112
Other	(242)	6,838	(6,644)		(48)
Total	60,586	22,878	(26,125)	-	57,339

4 Unrestricted and Designated Funds

Fund Name	Purpose
General Unrestricted	To spend at the discretion of the charity trustees for any purposes of the charity.

Movement on Designated and Unrestricted Funds in the year:

£	Opening Balance	Income in 2025	Expenditure in 2025	Transfer between funds 2025	Closing Balance
General Unrestricted	102,017	54,895	(56,513)	-	100,399
Total	102,017	54,895	(56,513)	-	100,399

5 Related Party Transactions

The church had the following transactions with related parties

Related Party	Legal Authority	2025 £	2024 £
Paul Brown	Constitution	625	3,352
Total		625	3,352

Gifts to related charities

Name of Charity	Relationship	2025 £	2024 £
Plumbline Ministries	Matthew Hall and Paul Brown are trustees	-	2,800
Total		-	2,800

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Independent examiners report to the trustees of
Trinity Life Church, Royston Registered number: 1181863

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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
- 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006 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

Mark Plane

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