CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: - 01/01/2025 Period start date to: - 31/12/2025 Period end date

Charity name: CITY LIFE CHURCH (PORTSMOUTH)

Charity registration number: 1182810

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	City Life Church (CIO) exists for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith according to the Baptist Union of Great Britain's Declaration of Principle of 1873 as updated in 1904, 1906 and 1938. The CIO may also advance education and conduct other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the World. It exists to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ that through him we may have salvation and eternal life. This is done by loving God, reaching out and making disciples through various activities within our city, nation, and world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. Highlighting the achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society.	2025 was a year of that built on progress from 2024. Our Regular services continued to grow at an encouraging rate, and we saw a significant increase in number of baptisms. A pattern seen by many churches in our city and nation. Several courses were run throughout the year including Alpha, Transformed Life and Freedom in Christ. With cooked meals provided at some of these. We continued to regrow our celebratory Sunday morning and evening services and continued with the online provision via YouTube. Special events included International Sunday and the Big Welcome. Community based events such as All Treat No Trick, our alternative to Halloween, the Easter Extravaganza, and Carol Services were all a success. Our regular weekly events such as Love Family for babies, parents and toddlers, youth & student groups continued to be run.

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	The trustees have regard for, and an understanding for the charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit,
Policy on grant making.	City Life Church has no policy on Grant Making
Policy on social investment including program related investment.	City Life Church has no fixed policy with relation to social investment programs, however it works closely with local, national, and international organizations to meet needs and support programs which meet the purposes of the charity, defined within its governing document, where a financial need is required to be met. This at times is through funding centrally via the church itself or directly by the membership.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Regular giving by members and volunteers enables City life Church to meet the needs of its social investment policies, together with members additionally supporting as individuals' social investment needs are drawn to their attention by the church or fellow members.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.	The Charity remains in a solvent position financially, and together with along with other charities and businesses is positively working to recover post Covid 19 and the associated financial hardships.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.	The charity operates a reserve policy which aims to hold an amount of cash to enable the running of the church for a period of 6 months in the unlikely event of all income being lost.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.	With the generosity of our members and prudent fiscal management we see no prospect of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The Charities principal sources of funds is through the generous regular giving of its membership, and through the provision of received grants both from charity organizations and other external sources.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	With any organization in this current recovery period post pandemic, there is a heightened risk of financial insecurity facing many organizations, however with the generosity of our members and prudent fiscal management, we see no prospect of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees.	The Senior Leadership Team may at any time nominate a new charity trustee provided that the limit specified in clause 12.3 on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded. The members may appoint a new charity trustee nominated pursuant to clause 13.1(a) Elected charity trustees, shall serve for a 3-year term and may be reappointed for a further 3-year term, following which they will usually cease to be an elected charity trustee for at least 12 months.
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: - A copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it. A copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	City Life Church (Portsmouth)
Other name the charity uses	CLC City Life Church
Registered charity number	1182810
Charity's principal address	85 Tangier Road Baffins Portsmouth Hampshire PO3 6JH

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)
Kevin Hussey	Chair		
Daniel Harman	Trustee		
Barbara Dollimore	Trustee		
Tom Weakes	Trustee		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)
Kevin Hussey	Chair
Daniel Harman	Trustee
Barbara Dollimore	Trustee
Tom Weakes	Trustee

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kevin Hussey	Daniel Paul Harman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 28/10/2026

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CITY LIFE CHURCH (PORTSMOUTH)			Charity No (if any)	1182810
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2025	To	Period end date	31/12/2025

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income and endowments from:					
Offerings and Gift Aid	224,965	-	-	224,965	226,454
Bequests	67,405	-	-	67,405	-
Venue Hire	1,540	-	-	1,540	6,485
Grants	-	24,950	-	24,950	6,967
Bank Interest	551	-		551	208
Total	**294,461**	**24,950**	**-**	**319,411**	**240,114**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3,743	-	-	3,743	745
Charitable activities	169,789	8,452	-	178,241	143,180
Property Expenses	25,791	-	-	25,791	28,066
Other	24,373	-	-	24,373	26,112
Total	**223,696**	**8,452**	**-**	**232,148**	**198,103**
Net income before investment gains/(losses)	70,765	16,498	-	87,263	42,011
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Bank Loan repaid	-	-	-	-	(30,000)
Net movement in funds	70,765	16,498	-	87,263	12,011
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	28,541	3,694	-	32,235	20,224
Total funds carried forward	99,306	20,192	-	119,498	32,235

CITY LIFE CHURCH (PORTSMOUTH)	Charity No	1182810
	Company No	
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Section B Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
	847	-	-	847	-
	847	-	-	847	-
Current assets					
	716	-	-	716	-
	119,855	20,192	-	140,047	32,235
Total current assets	120,571	20,192	-	140,763	32,235
	1,920	-	-	1,920	-
Net current assets	118,651	20,192	-	138,843	32,235
Total assets less current liabilities	119,498	20,192	-	139,690	32,235
Total net assets or liabilities	119,498	20,192	-	119,498	32,235
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		20,192		20,192	3,694
Unrestricted funds	99,306		-	99,306	28,541
Fair value reserve					
Total funds	99,306	20,192	-	119,498	32,235

Approved by the Trustees on 29/10 ***2026***

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

KEVIN HUSSEY

DANIEL HARMAN

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	CITY LIFE CHURCH (PORTSMOUTH)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1182810
Set out on pages	1 to 5		

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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:	Wendy Hodgson	**Date:**	29/10/2026
Name:	WENDY HODGSON		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
Address:	24 LANDPORT TERRACE PORTSMOUTH HANTS, PO1 2RG		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

