Charity registration number 1183617 (England and Wales)

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER SHOP

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Board Of Trustees	F L Jacobsen A L J Kleissner J Thorne F Jacobsen	 (Appointed 26 February 2026)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1183617	
Accountants	Xeinadin South Wales & West Limited Court House Court Road Bridgend CF31 1BE	

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Objectives and activities

Background
A Maelfa Shop has been running for many years under the aegis of the "Cardiff East Ecumenical Mission Partnership" and its Sponsoring Body with Cytun. However the decision was made that it should become a CIO in its own right, and this was achieved in 2019 as The Churches Together Shop.

The shop is located at Maelfa Shopping Centre, Llanedeyrn, near the eastern outskirts of Cardiff. Following many years in two other shop units in the Maelfa Centre (now demolished), it moved into its present premises in April 2019.

Objectives and Aims
The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The prevention or relief of poverty by providing information, items and services to individuals living in East and North Cardiff who are in need. For the public benefit the trustees promote the social inclusion of people living in East and North Cardiff, by preventing such people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

The Churches Together Shop ('the Maelfa Shop') is administered by the trustees.

The shop sells nearly new clothing, gifts, books, DVD's and CD's and other items at reasonable prices. There is also a café serving tea, coffee and breakfasts. It serves as a drop - in centre where volunteer staff can minister to the needs of the community.

The shop is a beacon of hope to many and has helped countless people over the years. Visitors can also receive help with form filling and signposting to other care agencies, housing and benefits advice. The shop also provides a welcome to visitors, many of whom do not have opportunities to meet with other people and who appreciate having a warm, comfortable place where they feel safe and can relax and where they can mix and have companionship with others. Members of the local clergy, some of whom who are trustees, visit the shop and are always available to assist any customers who wish to speak to them.

Achievements and performance

Achievements of the charity
As stated above, the shop continues to provide a welcome to visitors, many of whom do not have other opportunities to meet with other people and who appreciate having a warm, comfortable place where they can feel safe and relax and where they can mix and have companionship with others. Members of the clergy visit the shop and are always available to assist any customers who wish to speak with them.

At present the shop has 6 local people who are volunteers and these continue to gain in confidence and transferable skills. An estimated 30 people visit the shop on a daily basis and also a hard core of regulars who use the shop and who regularly compliment staff on the good food and the cleanliness of the shop and for selling good quality products and also the politeness and welcoming attitude of the staff.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Review

Reserves policy
Reserves are held in place to ensure that the Maelfa Shop has sufficient finances to meet any unforeseen expenditure, or respond to changing circumstances. At the moment the reserves need to be held until ongoing discussions with companies supplying gas, electricity and water are finalised. Once these matters are resolved, the trustees will be considering the use of part of the reserves to fund appropriate projects within the community. The trustees are actively investigating possible projects within the community which they may wish to support. This represents sound financial and risk management.

Financial position
The charity has made a deficit of £4,191 (2024 - surplus £1,866) and at year end, the net assets held by the charity was £46,429 (2024 - £50,620).

Structure, governance and management
The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission.

Induction and training of new trustees
New trustees will be appointed as necessary at properly constituted meetings, following consideration of credentials by the existing trustees. The existing trustees' terms of office will be extended in the same way,

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number
1183617

Principal address
Churches Together Community shop,
Ground Floor Flats,
Lewis Court,
Maelfa House
Cardiff
CF23 9PL

Trustees

Reverend J T Thorne	
Mr F L Jacobsen	
Reverend A L J Kleissner	
Reverend J A Henley	(Resigned 26/02/2026)
Mrs F Jacobsen	(Appointed 26/02/2026)

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Board Of Trustees.

30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Reverend Andrew Kleissner

Date: A. J. Kleissner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Other trading activities	**2**	14,420	15,902
Investments	**3**	731	689
Total income		15,151	16,591
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		19,230	14,616
Support costs	**4**	112	109
Total expenditure		19,342	14,725
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(4,191)	1,866
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		50,620	48,754
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		46,429	50,620

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		65,516		69,228	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(19,087)		(18,608)	
Net current assets			46,429		50,620
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	7		46,429		50,620
			46,429		50,620

The financial statements were approved by the Board of trustees on 30/9/2026

Reverend Andrew Kleissner

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the incorporated charitable organisation, have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.4 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

1.5 Fund accounting

The charity only has unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of the unrestricted fund is included in the notes to financial statements.

1.6 Grants

Grants are recorded when received and credited to income in accordance with the performance requirements, if any, of the grant.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and bank accounts.

2 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Shop income	14,420	15,902

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	731	689

4 Support costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Finance costs - bank charges	112	109

5 Board Of Trustees

None of the Board of trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	19,087	18,608

Creditors include approximately £15,000 (2024 - £14,000) in accruals for utility services which have not been billed by the suppliers. The charity is attempting to identify the correct meters and related suppliers to resolve these issues. the figure is the trustees current best estimate of costs at this time.

7 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2025 £
General funds	50,620	15,151	(19,342)	46,429

7 Unrestricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	48,754	16,591	(14,725)	50,620

8 Employees

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	6,840	2,280
Social security costs	726	650
	7,566	2,930

9 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).