Purbeck Gateway Church

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Main account A/C	Foodbank account A/C	Hub account A/C	Total
Receipts				
Tithes & Offerings	29,556.80	22,401.94		51,958.74
Gift Aid Tax Claims				-
Interest	30.49			30.49
Adjustment re 2024 accounts	- 296.40	- 2,496.84		- 2,793.24
Bank Transfer	3,050.00	- 3,050.00		-
Sub-total	32,340.89	16,855.10	-	49,195.99
Specified giving total				
Total	32,340.89	16,855.10	-	49,195.99
Payments				
Salaries & NI	25,484.72			25,484.72
Expenses	1,836.75	425.11		2,261.86
Repairs to Furniture and Equipment	352.45			352.45
Cleaning	1,275.00			1,275.00
Gas & Electricity	1,336.80			1,336.80
Insurance	1,065.52			1,065.52
Gifts and Donations	1,524.70			1,524.70
Foodbank		19,481.11		19,481.11
Misc				-
Sub-total	32,875.94	19,906.22	-	52,782.16
Surplus/Deficit	- 535.05	- 3,051.12	-	- 3,586.17
Cash balances (from statements)				
Opening January 1st	9,442.70	31,007.47	2,332.14	42,782.31
Closing December 31st	8,907.65	27,956.35	2,332.14	39,196.14
Movement on bank	- 535.05	- 3,051.12	-	- 3,586.17

Purbeck Gateway Church
Annual Report and Accounts 2025

Charity Name: Purbeck Gateway Church

Charity Registration Number: 1185776

Principle Office:

15 Maple Close
Sandford
Wareham, BH20 7QD

Trustees:
Paul Shepherd
Phil Luker
Robert Owen
Joshua Vanson
Shaun Murphy
Patricia Hadgifotis

Constitution and structure

Purbeck Gateway Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 14th October 2019. It was formed as a result of a decision by trustees of an earlier charity, also called Purbeck Gateway Church (reg 1137804) to change their status from an unincorporated charity to an incorporated one. The transition of activities from the original charity to the current one was made on 1st July 2020. The old charity was wound up on 25th August 2021, at which point all assets were already transferred.

The trustees of the charity are the Elders and some of the Deacons of the church who are responsible for the direction and operation of the church. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees from the body of the church members. Their selection is then ratified by the church. As existing members, they do not undergo a further induction unless requested. The Trustees meet together with the Deacons on a formal basis every two months and informally when required.

Financial Review

Unrestricted income for 2025 was £32,340.89 (2024 was £38,244.30), with £16,855.10 of restricted income for the Lynn Crabb Wareham Foodbank (2024 was £23,014.08) and restricted income for the family hub being £0.00.

Costs were £32,875.94 for the Church operation and £19,906.22 for the foodbank. This left the church with an operating deficit of £535.05 and the Foodbank having an operating deficit of £3,051.12. No additional monies were paid into the family hub account and no costs were accrued leaving an operating surplus of £742.22.

The main item of Church expenditure is the salary of the Pastor, which has increased this year by £803.18. The Pastor is also a trustee of the charity. The operating costs include cleaning, utilities, repairs, maintenance and charitable giving. The Church is solely responsible for the upkeep of its own building. The church giving increased this year to £1,524.70 (2024 was ££1,299.00).

A reserve has been set by the trustees, of a minimum of £8,000, representing approximately a quarter of the yearly running costs of the church. The objective for this reserve is to cover any downturns in giving or unexpected costs for church repairs or maintenance. Unrestricted Church funds stood at £8,907.65 at the year end (2024 was £9,442.70). Unrestricted funds for the Lynn Crabb Wareham Foodbank stood at £27,956.35 at the year end (2024 was 31,007.47).

The church is totally dependent on the generous donations of the church congregation.

Public Benefit

The trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have complied with their duty to take due regard to this guidance in exercising their powers and duties.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith and to relieve sickness and financial hardship, mainly within the local area of Wareham in Dorset. The Trust also sponsors missionary and relief activities in other areas of Great Britain and relief activities overseas.

The Church meets every Sunday morning for worship, which is led by the Pastor and members of the congregation and for bible teaching, predominantly led by the Pastor but with visiting speakers approximately once per month. The Church hosts a wide range of activities which are open for anyone to attend. These include: homegroups for church members to pray, study the bible and fellowship together; a monthly prayer meeting; singing on the streets of Wareham; the foodbank; a parent and toddler group; and a counselling group for those with addictions. Additionally, the pastor is always available for counselling, prayer and advice. These activities form the basis for our vision, ‘to love God, love one another and love the lost’.

Achievements and Performance

The food bank is hosted by the church and continues to be successful in providing for those in need within our local community. It is run by committed volunteers who meet twice a week to provide food and acts of kindness to those in need.

Over one hundred people access sermons, ‘Reading the Red’ and ‘Proverbs with Paul’ via online portals.

Meeting as smaller groups within the church provides a safe space for members of the congregation to be able to share their needs and access prayer and counselling.

The church building is used weekly by various agencies providing a variety of community groups and resources and is available for use by the community for a small donation when needed.

The church is committed to supporting various charities and missions and aims to gift 10% of its income in this way. In 2025 donations of £1,524.70 were made.

Plans for Future Periods

The Church seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus to the Wareham Community, through our lives - what we do, say and how we live. This is the basis for all future plans in the operation of Church life.

In 2027 the ‘family hub’ is looking to open a new community service in the shape of a safe space, where those in need can access a hot meal. This will be operating once every two weeks to begin with and will be adjusted according to how well it is attended. It is hoped that this will enable the original vision for the ‘family hub’ to move forward as well as further fulfilling the Church vision.

This year the number of parents attending the Parent and Toddler group has increased. We have begun to use craft, stories and songs to introduce children and parents to the bible. This has worked well and is greatly enjoyed by those who attend. We will be continuing this into the coming year.

As the present Pastor will be retiring in the near future, the Church is looking to appoint a new Pastor from September 2027. The present Pastor has agreed to remain employed by the Church until a new Pastor is appointed.

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 Purbeck Gateway Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1185776
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity 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 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:	S. Haining	**Date:**	25 October 2026
Name:	Samuel Haining		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	17 St Helens Road Sandford BH20 7AX		