Christ Church Fareham

(Charity Reg. no. 1186046)

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Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025

"… that *we* may declare the praises of Him who called *us* out of darkness into His wonderful light." 1Peter 2:9b

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TRUSTEES REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

Christ Church Fareham exists to bring the hope, joy, truth, and love of Jesus in the Fareham area and surrounding regions. We seek to live out the Great Commission, given by Jesus Christ to his disciples to make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all of Jesus' commands. As part of this, we seek to grow a Bible-believing, Gospel-proclaiming, Spirit-filled Church in Fareham for today and the future.

We have four charitable aims, defined in our governing document.
1) To advance the Christian faith
2) To relieve persons in conditions of need or hardship
3) To advance education in accordance with Christian principles
4) To provide community facilities and opportunities

The trustees are committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship Jesus Christ and to be part of our community. Our activities consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We want to help people to live out their faith in Jesus every day, encouraging and supporting one another, and being led by the Holy Spirit. Our activities comprise:

- Loving God: worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ
- Loving one another: caring for people who live in and around Fareham, helping those who are in need or hardship
- Loving the world: mission and outreach work

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ

- We preach from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings. During 2025, we preached a sermon series from the Old Testament covering Deuteronomy 10-31; and preached sermons from the New Testament including from the Gospel of Mark, Gospel of John, and Galatians 1-5. In 2025, we also preached a thematic sermon series on the doctrine of God. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Throughout 2025, we ran Life Groups that met weekly. These groups encouraged time together in one another's homes to build friendships, pray together and learn together in discipleship. By the end of 2025 we were running 7 groups.
- We also ran a Freedom in Christ Group for the first time in the last quarter of 2025. This group meeting in one another's homes encouraged participants to find their identity in Jesus. Course attendees have shared positive feedback about the impact this course has had on their lives.
- We ran a Women's Bible Study again in 2025. This group met monthly in one another's homes to study the bible together in a mutually supportive environment. This group received excellent feedback.
- The whole Church meets together to pray each month, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World. In 2025, we added a monthly daytime prayer meeting aimed at those unable to make evening prayer meetings.
- Each Sunday we offer Children's Work for children under 11. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ. This year we have also focussed on encouraging our Children to experiment with prayer.
- The youth, at secondary school age, in the Church take part in the adults meeting one week and have age-specific teaching in a classroom the other week. There are also midweek activities, learning more about Jesus and building relationships with one another.
- Jason Manning continues to lead our Under 18s ministry, bringing leadership and greater theological input for our under 18s and support for the parents in the Church.
- In 2025 we took a group of 10 youth to NewDay. They had a fantastic time worshipping God and reported positive experiences of God in their lives

- We attended the 2025 Commission Leadership Conference in Bournemouth. We were delighted to take our biggest cohort ever to this gathering of the global family of churches we belong too. Feedback from this event was positive, especially from first time attendees who felt it was a useful experiencing in understanding more about Commission.
- We employed Lori Moss as a part-time women's pastoral worker at the beginning of 2025. This has improved our women's pastoral care significantly and Lori has been gratefully received by the whole church.

Caring for people

- We ensure church members are well provided for, and no one goes without; and use our finances to bless people outside the church – including people who visit us and others we make contact with as a Church.
- In 2025, we supported members financially, this included providing gifts for the bereaved, and Christmas hampers.
- Over Christmas, we prepared 36 Christmas hampers in partnership with local schools and blessed families in the area.
- We organised a curry and quiz night in March to raise money for the brilliant work CRY do. We met the costs of running the event and all proceeds went directly to CRY. The event was enjoyed by all attendees and raised a significant sum for CRY.
- We now have 83 people on our mailing list and overall, over 100 people with whom we are in ongoing relationship through various means of communication, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In 2025, Duncan was able to have a sabbatical from June – August. This was a well-deserved rest from pastoring and saw Duncan return refreshed.

Mission and outreach

- A huge highlight in 2025 was baptising 8 people! Five adults were baptised including two who completed the Alpha Course. Three were under 18's, including two teenagers impacted by Newday, who after declaring faith in Jesus were baptised.
- In 2025, we once again ran an Alpha course. The feedback from this was positive.
- Numbers on a Sunday have increased. On average, 95 people gathered each Sunday, up from 73 in 2024. We continue to meet at Cams Hill School.
- We ran an outreach event in Fareham Town Centre in May 2025 leading up to Good News Sunday. We handed out free cakes, offered free face painting, games, and distributed flyers for Good News Sunday. The event was positively received by both the members of the Church and those we interacted with.
- We held our first care home event in 2025, by visiting a local care home that one of our regulars resides at. We sang hymns, played games, and did a craft with the residents.
- In 2025, we continued to support a missionary in East Asia. This included doing a gift day that raised a generous amount of money to launch new projects. His work alleviates poverty and shares the Gospel with people who have never heard it before.
- We continue to support the work of CRY who do brilliant work in alleviating poverty and proclaiming the gospel amongst young people across the world.
- We have also been regularly supporting Commission; the family of churches we are part of. They use their funds to spread the Gospel across the UK, India, Spain, Portugal and USA and into new regions. They also help alleviate poverty in those regions
- Our Pastor, Duncan Sills, uses some of his employed time serving Commission (part of New Frontiers) who seek to preach the Gospel and reach out across nations. On a monthly basis, he has been teaching theology to people across the South of England. This was the fifth year the course has run, and Duncan is responsible for leading the course, as we take our first steps as a charity into a more formal education setting.

We are so grateful to all our members and volunteers in the Church, who enable all this work to take place. Thank you to everyone who has played even a small role in what we did in 2025.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

2025 was another very encouraging year for us. Baptising 8 people really was a wonderful celebration. We saw positive growth and continued to impact the lives of people in Fareham in greater ways than in previous years. We have significant plans moving forward.

- We will run three town centre bandstand outreach events across 2026 as we seek to reach out more to the town of Fareham. These will precede Sunday events including Easter Sunday and International Sunday.
- We will run another Alpha Course in 2026. We also plan to run our first 321 Course. Both are aimed at engaging with people who are curious about Christianity or early on in their Christian faith.
- We will run a Charismatic Church Series. This seeks to encourage everyone at Christ Church Fareham to live in the fullness of what God has for everyone of us.
- We are planning to organise a Church Weekend away in the summer of 2026. This will allow us to spend quality time together as a Church family.
- We will continue looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. We will seek to work closely with Cams Hill School that hosts our Sunday meetings and Redlands School where lots of our children attend to explore ways of doing this.
- Our under 18s work will continue to grow and expand. In 2026, we are planning to launch a new team that provided Sunday morning support for children under 4 and their parents. We will continue to have two internal training lunches a year to equip volunteers, and to allow for feedback.
- We will continue to encourage Church members to engage positively with our wider family of Churches in Commission. This will be done by encouraging a group to go to the Leadership Conference in June, to consider signing up for training courses, and inviting guest speakers in.
- Most importantly, we are steadily growing our congregation and are excited for new people joining us in the future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees consider that principal risks faced by Christ Church Fareham have been:

Safeguarding

We are members of 31:8 and ensure all our under 18's workers are DBS checked to work with children. Our pastor, Duncan Sills, is also certified to work with vulnerable adults. We have a three-person safeguarding team in place with a DSO and two deputies.

Financial

We are grateful to God for his generous financial provision. The trustees protect the charity by preparing budgets each year; monitoring actual receipts and spend against budget; ensuring we have the funds to continue running the charity appropriately; and having the accounts independently checked each year. Three different people have access to the accounts and so ensure each other person is using finances appropriately.

Employment Policies

Since taking on a new member of staff, CCF have adopted several employment policies designed to protect our employees. These will need to grow and adapt over time.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

£195,092 income has been received in 2025, an increase of 91.55% (£101,849 in 2024) and payments made of £119,411, an increase of 8.47% (£110,083 in 2024). This brought total reserves to £123,823 all of which was being held in the bank. This is well above the require 3-month operating cost requirement.

Our giving to other charitable organisation and individuals increased 14.49% in one calendar year, which has enabled us to be more generous and do significantly more in the mission field. The overall surplus in 2025 was not budgeted for, as we employed a third member of staff part-time, and had budgeted an increase in expenditure due to an increase in numbers. However, regular giving increased significantly in 2025, and we received a sizeable one-off gift. We are encouraged by our financial position and give praise to God for the real generosity of church members.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ Church Fareham is a Registered Charity (No 1186046).

Christ Church Fareham is affiliated to Commission, part of the New Frontiers family of churches.

The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to Christ Church Fareham including deciding on how the funds of the charity are to be spent.

The trustees met 4 times during the year with an average attendance of 100%.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Christ Church Fareham now meets on Sunday mornings at Cams Hill School, Shearwater Avenue, Fareham, PO16 8AH. The correspondence address is 63 Hilson Drive, Fareham, PO15 6NP.

Trustees who have served at any time from the date of registration to the date of this report was approved are:

	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Duncan Sills	Oct 2019	
Jonathan Simmonds	Oct 2019	
Jeff Moss	Oct 2022	
Wendy Clark	Sept 2023	
Louisa Berger	March 2026	

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The trustees are hugely appreciative of the many volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community.

- Those who enable meetings to run smoothly – getting rooms ready, AV equipment, welcoming, serving refreshments, etc
- The musicians who play, sing, and record songs to help us worship
- Those who lead services, lead prayers, share or who read and preach from Scripture at services
- Those who prepare, teach and help with our children and youth on Sundays
- Those who host and lead midweek meetings and the various social and outreach events
- Those who give – often sacrificially
- Those who cover everything going on at Christ Church Fareham in prayer – in prayer meetings and in private prayer
- Those who take the time to thank and encourage one another here.

It is astonishing how much is being done, and by so many. We thank each one of you – and give thanks to God for you.

Approved by the trustees on 22 July 2026 and signed, on its behalf by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)



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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees seek to:

- Follow best practice and guidance provided by the charity commissioners
- Use suitable accounting policies consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- State and apply applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, and explain any areas of concern or deviation
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the Charity will not continue its operations.

Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the Charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper records which disclose and explain with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 2011 Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to ensure that:

- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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 statement below.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	112,056	0	112,056	78,218
Collections/One-off giving	53,845	5,110	58,955	6,146
Gift aid recovered	23,066	1,015	24,081	17,485
	188,967	6,125	195,092	101,849
Total receipts	188,967	6,125	195,092	101,849
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(65,400)	0	(65,400)	(60,031)
Church running expenses	(39,602)	0	(39,602)	(37,316)
Mission giving and donations	(9,284)	(5,125)	(14,409)	(12,736)
	(114,286)	(5,125)	(119,411)	(110,083)
Total payments	(114,286)	(5,125)	(119,411)	(110,083)
Excess of receipts over payments	**74,681**	**1,000**	**75,681**	**(8,234)**
Transfers between funds	4,304	(4,304)	0	0
	78,985	(3,304)	75,681	(8,234)
CASH AT BANK				
1 January	43,838	4,304	48,142	56,376
31 December	**122,823**	**1,000**	**123,823**	**48,142**

The restricted funds in 2025 were part of a specific collection to support a mission partner in South East Asia, funds received towards Duncan's overseas missionary work for the church, and one payment towards daytime prayer meetings.
The transfer from restricted funds represents payments in 2024 against the mission partner support fund.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	122,823	1,000	123,823	48,142
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid recoverable	2,058	0	2,058	1,423
Liabilities				
Global Giving	0	0	0	0
Independent examination	0	0	780	750
HMRC	0	0	0	0
Staff Pension Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0
	0	0	780	750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	59,040	53,772
Contribution to pension scheme	6,360	6,259
	65,400	60,031
Average number of employees	3	2

3. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	(13,647)	0	(13,647)	(11,701)
Operating costs	(19,702)	0	(19,702)	(18,094)
Publicity	(1,152)	0	(1,152)	(1,393)
New equipment	(5,101)	0	(5,101)	(6,128)
	(39,602)	0	(39,602)	(37,316)
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission gift	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	(2,400)
Other giving	(6,884)	(5,125)	(12,009)	(10,336)
	(9,284)	(5,125)	(14,409)	(12,736)

4. One trustee, Duncan Sills, received remuneration of £28,800 in salary and a further £4,200 in pension contributions during this year. (2024: £33,000 in salary and benefits)

   Three trustees received reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the charitable organisation in 2025. Wendy Clark received £573.11, Jeff Moss received £161.39, and Duncan Sills £1,021.93.

