CHRISTCHURCH
FINKIN STREET
GRANTHAM
NG31 6QZ
A Welcoming Local Ecumenical Partnership

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: ChristChurch Local Ecumenical Partnership (L.E.P.)
Charity number: 1187168

ChristChurch L.E.P. is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. It is part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit in the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and the East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church.

The members of the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) serve as the Managing Trustees of the charity. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Church's governing documents and include office holders, members elected at the Annual General Meeting, and a Circuit Representative.

Structure, Governance and Management

ChristChurch is governed by the Ecumenical Church Council, which meets regularly and is responsible for the strategic direction, financial oversight, and governance of the charity. Day-to-day activities are supported by volunteers and church officers acting under the authority of the Trustees.

Trustees receive information and guidance from both sponsoring denominations and take advice where appropriate to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory responsibilities.

Objectives and Activities

ChristChurch's objectives are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

In pursuing these objectives, the Church seeks to:

- Provide regular public worship that is stimulating, challenging and relevant
- Foster fellowship through study groups, fundraising activities and social events
- Make its premises available for community and church-related activities

- Support outreach and community engagement through the ChristChurch Community Project

In planning activities, the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

ChristChurch provides public worship open to all and makes its facilities available for a range of community groups and activities. Through its worship, fellowship, pastoral care, and community use of its premises, the Church seeks to promote spiritual, social and community well-being within the local area.

Review of the Year and Achievements

The year 2025 presented significant challenges due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and sustained inflation, which affected both the Church and its members. Despite these pressures, the Church continued its regular worship and activities and progressed planning for the ChristChurch Community Project, including the provision of a new toilet facility at the front of the church.

Encouragingly, the Church secured additional room lettings during the year, helping to support income generation. The Trustees were kept fully informed of the Church's financial position throughout the year and reviewed matters regularly.

Financial Review

Income

The Church's income is derived primarily from:

- Regular giving from church members
- Sunday collections
- Fundraising activities, including coffee mornings
- Income from room lettings

Income during the year was below expectations due to the loss of a number of members who had previously contributed significantly by direct bank payment. The Trustees are grateful for the continued generosity of the congregation, whose ongoing financial support remains essential to the Church's mission and sustainability.

Expenditure

The principal items of expenditure include:

- Assessments paid to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit
- Ministry and Mission contributions to the United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod

These contributions support costs met centrally, including ministerial stipends and manse expenses.

Additional expenditure during the year arose from the maintenance of a Grade II listed building over 175 years old, located within a conservation area. Further costs were incurred in relation to the provision of a toilet facility and the completion of a full Fire Risk Assessment.

Reserves Policy and Fund Balances

The Trustees are mindful of the need to maintain sufficient reserves to meet ongoing obligations and to manage unexpected expenditure, particularly given the age and listed status of the building. A Reserves Policy is available and up to date.

As at 31 December 2025, the following balances were held:

- HSBC Working Account: £39,936 (2024: £36,390)
- HSBC Kenwick Drive Account: £12,748 (2024: £7,497)
- HSBC Friends Account: £1,456 (2024: £1,431)
- Central Finance Board Account: £42,121 (2024: £64,965)
- Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) Account: £14,782 (2024: £14,782)

Total funds: 2025 £96,261 (2024 £125,065)

The Trustees note that the overall balance has decreased (by £28k) compared with the previous year, this is because of continued financial pressure, including the increased Assessment to the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Circuit, the provision of the toilet facility at the front of Church, and a reduced income as noted above.

In addition, funds of £5,938 (Last year £7,300) are held in the ChristChurch Community Project Account, which is administered separately, and £1,456 in the Friends of ChristChurch Account.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major risks facing the charity and take steps to mitigate these where possible.

During the year:

- Risk assessments were reviewed
- A full Fire Risk Assessment was completed
- Financial risks arising from increased energy costs were monitored

The Trustees consider that appropriate systems are in place to identify and manage risks.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees have identified several priorities for 2026:

- Progression of the next phase of the ChristChurch Community Project, including redevelopment of the rear of the church to improve accessibility and functionality

- Ongoing maintenance of the Grade II listed building, recognising that specialist work and advice can be costly
- Addressing outstanding matters identified in the 2022 Quinquennial Inspection Report, with work already underway and, where possible, to be integrated into the Community Project

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Basis of Preparation

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Methodist Church and applicable charity accounting requirements. Subject to review by the Independent Examiner, the accounts will be presented to the Church Meeting in April 2026 for approval.

The treasurer, Mr Chris Morgan, has acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.
Independent Examiner: Mrs Susan RADFORD, Screveton Road, Car Colston, Nottingham NG13 7ND
Investment Bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
Presented to ChristChurch L.E.P. Ecumenical Church Council meeting of January 2026 and was given full approval

Chris. Morgan, Treasurer, ChristChurch L.E.P. (January 2026)

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Treasurer:

Mr Chris Morgan

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

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			£	£	£		£	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		35,133		**35,133**		36,256	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		616		**616**		718	
a4	Lettings		20,379		**20,379**		20,475	
a5	Other receipts		14,429	3,397	**17,826**		34,220	
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**70,557**	**3,397**	**73,954**	**(a7)**	**91,669**	
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share				**11,028**		26,087	
b3	Donations							
b4	Repairs and Maintenance				**10,751**		11,404	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water rges, heating & lighting)				**20,582**		19,869	
b6								
b7	Other payments		47,287	4,775	**52,062**		34,624	
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**47,287**	**4,775**	**94,423**	**(b9)**	**91,984**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	23,270	(1,378)	**21,892**		(315)	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		132,476		**132,476**	**(c6)**	132,791	
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	155,746	(1,378)	**154,368**		**132,476**	
c4	Transfers and adjustments					**(c7)**		
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**155,746**	**(1,378)**	**154,368**	**(c8)**	**132,476**	**(c6)**

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**	£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	247		297
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			150
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			200
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**247**		**247**

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e1	**Community Project**	3,337		4,740		(1,403)			7,341		5,938	
e2	**Friends**	60		35		25			1,431		1,456	
e3												
e4												
e5												
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e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	3,397		4,775		(1,378)			8,772	(e11)	7,394	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**73,954**	(a7)	**94,423**	(b9)	**(20,469)**		(c7)	**132,476**	(c6)	**112,007**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**77,351**		**99,198**		**(21,847)**			**141,248**	(x)	**119,401**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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f4	Central Finance Board	64,965		42,277	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	14,782		14,782	
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f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**123,704**	(c6)	**104,614**	(c8)
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... Date 13/3/26

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 December2025 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, 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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name of Church ... ChristChurch L.E.P.

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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