HOMELANDS FREE CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Homelands Free Church
Charity number	1187674
Registered address	Garden Road Walton on the Naze Essex CO14 8SJ
Trustees	Rev. Michael Bradshaw Mrs. Carole Dean Mrs. Pat Jackson (term ended 31st December 2025) Mr. Eric Jones Mrs. Stella Lind Mr. Charles McCarthy Mrs. Bonita McPherson (Resigned February 2025) Mr. John McPherson (term ended 31st December 2025) Mrs. Ruth Mockler (Appointed 1st February 2025) Rev. Sarah Philpot (Minister) Mr. John Stacey (Interim Treasurer from 14.09.25. Mr Stacey was a deacon before that) Mrs. Pam Tuffnell (Returned from Sabbatical 1st October 2025) Mr. Ian Vygus (term ended 31st December 2025) Mr. Arthur Wells-Garrett (Died 14th September 2025) Mr. Brian Wood (Secretary)
Independent examiner	**Wendy Gregory**
Bankers	**Barclays Bank PLC** **Baptist Union Corporation Ltd**

Structure, governance, and management
The original governing document, a deed of trust, was drawn up in 1982 by founder members, the original having been lodged with the Baptist Union Corporation.

The new constitution was drawn up in 2022 when the charity became a CIO in line with Baptist Union guidelines and has been lodged with the Charity Commission. Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which normally requires them to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the constitution, deacons are elected from among the membership of the church and, for their time of service are considered trustees. Deacons are responsible under God, with the Pastor, for the pastoral leadership of the church. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

All Church attendees are encouraged to become members and thereby become eligible to vote and stand for election as trustees. The trustees also have maintenance responsibilities for the Church Building complex of Homelands Free Church, Garden Road, and the Church Manse.

PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the church shall determine.

In order to achieve the principle objective which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Worship Services

Central to the work and witness of Homelands Free church is the provision of weekly public services of worship on a Sunday morning at 11 am throughout the year and monthly on a Sunday evening which are open to all. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised in the church notices and on the church website at www.homelandsfreechuch.org. Age-appropriate activities and teaching for children and young people aged 0-11 are provided during Sunday morning services.

Home Groups

The Church runs a small number of home and study groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members and on church premises.

Chatterbox

Chatterbox has had a very buoyant year with around 30 children attending each week with their carers. It has been wonderful that Sarah is able to regularly attend and interact with the adults. We pray that we can encourage families to join the activities that Homelands will be putting on and more helpers would be welcome.

Hobby Pop-in

Hobby pop in is an outreach meeting every Tuesday afternoon with regular attendance ranging from 12-18 ladies

These consist of Christian and non Christian ladies of which some are now attending Sunday service

Prayer

Prayer must be key to all that we do in our church life, so it has been so encouraging to have various prayer times during each month. The prayer rota was set up at the beginning of the year, with various church members offering to lead each session. This has meant that there has been a variety of styles and ways of praying which have been both stimulating and rewarding. It's also a joy to enjoy breakfast together before our time of prayer once a month. Numbers vary from 10 to 20 but continue to pray that more of the fellowship will join in the vital part of church life.

Friendship Friday
We continue to thank God for all those who help at FF even though at times we struggle to find enough helpers especially on a 5 Friday month.
We had 3 new helpers but also lost 3 helpers.
Due to illness, the previous leaders were less available. We are extremely thankful to those who stepped up to take the lead during that time.

Numbers attending FF appear to fluctuate due to weather but overall did increase (especially on meal days) and we are encouraged that some regularly attend the monthly 15 min Bible study.

We have seen "strangers" become "friends" and there is a constant buzz of conversation. Some of the regulars share with us and know we will pray for them. They seem relaxed in the church building and have remarked they feel comfortable being there. Some came to the Christmas Tree event which they enjoyed

Community Lunch
Community Lunch has continued throughout 2025, successfully feeding some 35 - 50 people on the second Friday of each month in the church hall. It has been our privilege to head up a team of some 10/12 volunteers, each with their various roles. It's been wonderful to hear the buzz of conversation from around the tables as many who come spend so much time on their own are able to enjoy the company of others.

Women's Breakfast
Women's breakfast was started in the September and was bi- monthly after this. We enjoyed breakfast in the company of an average of 40 ladies from varies groups and ages within the church and invites for 'bring a friend' for neighbours, friends, who were unfamiliar with our church, the response was amazing. During this time, we invited a speaker to talk on different aspects of their life or job or something important to them, God was amazing in providing us with a catering team, speakers and of course all the ladies in this new venture for the church.

Sunday children's work
During the year we had a person that had prepared for any child that was attending church on a Sunday morning. There were four people who prepared on a rota for any Sunday. We had a 3/4 yr old child regularly every other week and did a series on Parables, Miracles, and different characters within the bible. They child/ren were able to engage with who was presenting that morning and taking part in the stories, craft and even preparing different food on occasions.

Sunday morning coffee and catering
We were able to with of a small team, have a rota to provide tea/coffee after the Sunday morning service. Two people would prepare before the service and serve after the service in the church to the congregation that stayed afterwards to talk with a newcomers to the church or catch up and just mingle with others.
The team also provided refreshments for the United Worship, where churches within the Walton Frinton area joined together to worship, before, during and after this event.
At Cafe style church a different type of worship which happened at different times of the year we were able to provide refreshments all through the morning worship.
Although the team for this year was small every event was covered, they either stepped in swapped or just helped when needed, we are blessed with this team, thanking God for their continued hard work.

During the year there were different times when were asked to cater or prepare for an occasion. There were several Thanksgiving services during the year, sometimes the families would provide the food, or we would buy the food, and the team would set it out, liaising with the family for their requirements. There were occasions when outside caterers were involved and we were there in an advisory capacity or providing the refreshments.
There were weddings during the year. The Team catered for one wedding and the others were outside caterers.

The catering team provided a BBQ and salads for the church BBQ after the Anniversary service, setting up outside the church, table and chairs on the grass and BBQ and buffet on the church car park, this was well attended and a great witness.

Frinton Christian Community Care
The church continues to provide office space on weekday mornings for Frinton Christian Community Care as part of our commitment to the wider community.

Achievements and performance
The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement, engagement with the community and deepening faith. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure.

2025 began with a positive feeling, attendance on a Sunday was increased slightly and there was a sense of God's presence, and signs of his work in individuals and in the life of the church.

The year began with a few days of prayer – although prayer events have not been well attended in the past, the regular attenders have grown during the year as the prayer life of the church has fallen into a pattern of weekly and monthly events.

An intentional pattern of teaching and preaching, coupled with outreach events and courses and events designed to help folks in their journey of faith was established in the year. In February, a café style Valentines' Day service brought in several folks who attended Hobby Pop-in and Friendship Friday.

In the spring, Homelands ran Christianity Explored, which was well supported and well attended. It brought several folk into attendance.

In the summer, several members volunteered with Frinton Mission, and more folks attended Life-Line every morning, being transported there by the church minibus. After the Mission, Homelands participated in the suite of Alpha courses run in the autumn, hosting one in the lounge on Thursday afternoons.

Four folks were baptized during the course of the year, each one being a cause for great celebration. There was also one wedding and a wedding blessing held in the church.

As Christmas approached, Homelands once again held a Christmas Tree festival which not only provided an opportunity for hall users and local businesses to participate, but brought many folks into the church on the Saturday just before the first Sunday in Advent.

At Christmas, the church once again held its service of carols, and a quieter, Longest Night service for those who find the usual noisy celebrations of Christmas difficult.

As of the end of the year, 31/12/25, there were 77 members on roll. Five new members were added during the year, and one was removed, either through death, resignation or because they moved away from the area. We continue to maintain the use of technology to contact and provide a high level of support to attendees. Our weekly Sunday services of Christian worship are made available to all via our YouTube channel. These services have remained on-line for folk to access at any time. The church's Facebook page is used to inform the wider community of our various current and forthcoming activities. We provide a transport service using the church minibus, and sometimes cars, to enable those who need this help to travel to church on Sundays.

Review of the year

The trustees met 11 times during the year for formal minuted meetings, with an average level of attendance of 79%. Formal church meetings met bi-monthly during 2025 (6 meetings). Attendance was 38% of membership. Elections for trustees and other officers took place at church meetings in accordance with our constitution.

In the first week of the year there was a schedule of prayer meetings to focus our minds on the year ahead and to ask God to lead us in all our activities for Him. In addition, during the year there was a regular pattern of prayer meetings that included a prayer meeting held each Sunday morning prior to the service. On weekdays there was a schedule of other opportunities for corporate prayer which included prayer breakfasts and various other meetings at different day/times each month.

On Sunday evenings there was a programme of occasional meetings for worship and teaching that included teaching videos from Keswick Convention and 'Be Still' sessions for contemplative prayer and reflection.

The wider community

Various Girl Guide groups, (Guides, Rangers, Brownies, and Rainbow sections) continue to use the premises for their weekly activities.

Stretch and Glow runs a variety of dance classes for the able-bodied and less able and Jazzercise meets weekly for the more energetic.

Home Instead has used the premises to provide an afternoon tea for retired folks.

The Church continues to have strong links with the nearby care home, with members visiting residents frequently, and activities such as a worship time often being led by Homelands members.

We have continued to maintain a strong commitment to being an environmentally aware church striving to work towards becoming a carbon neutral organization. Our carbon footprint during 2025 was mitigated by 'Carbon Offsetting.' Our recycling hub is fully up and running. We also use the area to store salt on behalf of the local authority for use by local traders should there be snow or ice outside their premises.

Premises maintenance and upkeep during 2025
The PAT (Portable Appliance Test) safety check was carried out in January.
The annual Fire safety inspection, including fire extinguishers, was carried out in February.
The Lincat water heater in the kitchen was de-scaled.
The annual boiler service for both the church and the manse was carried out in October. At this point it was decided to fit a new boiler in the church during 2026 and plans were set in place for this.

Water ingress from the roof and resulting stains were noticed to the wall dividing the sanctuary from the hall. Although the wall was repainted several times, the problem persisted, and it was decided to get a major repair to the roof between the hall and the sanctuary which hopefully will solve this problem. Plans were put in place for carrying out this work early in 2026.

At the same time as the roof repairs are to be carried out in 2026, it was also planned that there will be repairs to the two roof corners above the main front door and also the two supporting pillars at the front of the church.

Manse repairs and upkeep during 2025 included the fitting of a new heavy duty water pump and the finding and repairing of a leak with associated making of good of walls/holes.

Financial Overview
John Stacey was appointed as interim treasurer in September 2025 and we continue to seek a permanent treasurer.
The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the **Unrestricted Fund** is shown below, and the full accounts are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

		2025		**2024**
Balance Brought Forward		98,087		83,923
Receipts	107,805		93,244	
Payments	94,585		40,759	
Surplus for the year		13,220		52,485
Total		£111,307		£136,408
Transferred to Restricted Funds		£47-		£8,282-
Transferred to Designated Funds		£47,919-		£30,039-
Balance Carried Forward		£63,340		£98,087

Voluntary Income
The Church continues to raise funds to carry on its activities from voluntary contributions from within the membership, congregation and charges received from the use of our substantial premises by voluntary organisations.

The main source of income is the offerings from members and friends, made either weekly or monthly and in a variety of ways, i.e. using the envelope scheme, standing orders via the bank, or in cash. The offerings received are augmented by recovered income tax derived from those people who have registered for Gift Aid with the added ability to claim from the "small Claims Gift Aid tax" which added £13,924 in 2025.

Legacies were received from Keith Griffiths £12,760 and Myra Grainger £7,000 (2024 total legacies £12,401). Without the benefit of the legacies the deficit for the year was £6,540 (2024 Surplus of £40,084).

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

Reserves

The trustees examined the reserves and agreed £30,000 as an appropriate sum to cover 3 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure, in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost that may arise from time to time. This sum has been transferred to a designated fund.

The trustees are confident that all necessary actions have been taken to ensure that Homelands Free Church will continue as a going concern. God will continue to provide for our financial needs.

The trustees have also set aside the following as Designated Funds to ensure that sufficient funds are available for future replacements: -

	2025	2024
Minibus		
Balance Brought Forward	£3,000	£3,000
Contribution for the year	£3,000	£0
Balance Carried Forward	£6,000	£3,000

	2025	2024
Boiler		
Balance Brought Forward	£15,000	£0
Contribution for the year	£15,000	£15,000
Balance Carried Forward	£30,000	£15,000

To ensure safety and easy access to surplus funds our policy is to invest in deposit accounts. We have chosen the Baptist Union accounts as the Union uses these funds to support other churches.

Supporting Others

Homelands Free Church continued its desire to support other organisations by distributing one tenth of its unrestricted income. The organisations supported through our tithe were:-

	2025	2024
Baptist Home Mission	£4,800	£4,970
Baptist Missionary Society	£1,000	£1,000
FEBA	£850	£700
MAF	£750	£750
Open Doors	£500	£500
Tear Fund	£500	£593

In addition, organisations supported from restricted gifts received were:-

	2025	2024
Lupeni Orphanage	£7,759	£8,628
Romanian Camp		£773
Spurgeons Child Care	£200	£200
Tear Fund	£224	£207
Unevangelised Fields Mission		£240

Finally, Hobby Pop-in and Line Dancing Supported the following from their restricted funds:-

	2025	2024
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£1,000	
Luffs		£500
RNLI		£500
Salvation Army		£500
Spurgeons Child Care		£500

Pensions

The Church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

Independent Examiner

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Approved by the trustees of Homelands Free Church on 1st September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed_____ **Interim Treasurer.** **Date** 23/10/2026

John Stacey

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	See Note	2025 Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried Forward
Unrestricted Fund						
Unrestricted Receipts						
Offerings			64,286			
Bank Interest			4,871			
Gift Aid Received			13,924			
Legacies			19,760			
Miscellaneous			4,965			
Unrestricted Payments						
Church Administration				4,298		
Utilities				7,678		
Church Maintenance & Cleaning				7,283		
Maintenance - Special Works				13,785		
Ministry				46,370		
Outreach				885		
Subscriptions				1,783		
Miscellaneous				1,049		
Tithes				8,400		
Minibus				3,054		
Unrestricted Fund Balance Brought Forward		98,087				
Unrestricted Transfers					-47,966	
Total Unrestricted Receipts & Payments		**98,087**	**107,805**	**94,585**	**-47,966**	**63,340**
Designated Funds						
Minibus Replacement		3,000	0	0	3,000	6,000
Boiler Replacement		15,000	0	0	15,000	30,000
Reserve Fund		0	0	0	30,000	30,000
Community Lunch		81	0	0	-81	0
Total Designated Funds		**18,081**	**0**	**0**	**47,919**	**66,000**
Restricted Funds						
Artful Endeavours		0	4	0	0	4
Chatterbox		1,039	1,382	833	0	1,588
Christmas Tree Festival		0	200	200	0	0
Community Lunch		0	1,813	1,991	81	-97
Community Worker Fund		0	1,500	0	0	1,500
Discretionary Fund		1,149	0	350	0	799
ECO Fund		25	0	0	0	25
Flower Fund		107	0	0	0	107
Friendship Fridays		1,377	922	1,500	0	799
Hobby Pop In		336	678	792	177	398
Hobby Pop In 2		177	0	0	-177	0
Line Dancing		500	875	1,189	0	186
Minibus Fund		0	431	0	-431	0
Toilet Twinning		6	11	0	0	17
TTriangle Bookstall		50	300	240	0	110
Women's Breakfast		0	366	257	0	109
Brickyard		191	0	0	-191	0
Brickyard Xtreme		104	0	0	-104	0
MG2		72	0	0	-72	0
Chat N Play		216	0	0	-216	0
Harvest Appeal		0	0	0	85	85
Lupeni		0	7,667	7,759	894	802
Spurgeons		0	164	200	2	-35
Tear Fund		0	224	224	0	0
Total Restricted Funds		**5,348**	**16,536**	**15,535**	**47**	**6,397**
Total All Funds		**121,516**	**124,341**	**110,121**	**0**	**135,736**

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	See Note	2024 Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried Forward
Unrestricted Fund		£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Receipts						
Offerings			59,202			
Bank Interest			1,806			
Gift Aid Received			12,759			
Legacies			12,401			
Miscellaneous			7,074			
Unrestricted Payments						
Church Administration				6,436		
Utilities				7,015		
Church Maintenance & Cleaning				4,947		
Maintenance - Special Works				0		
Ministry				19,484		
Outreach				366		
Subscriptions				1,592		
Miscellaneous				918		
Tithes				0		
Minibus				0		
Unrestricted Fund Balance Brought Forward		83,923				
Unrestricted Transfers					-38,321	
Total Unrestricted Receipts & Payments		**83,923**	**93,244**	**40,759**	**-38,321**	**98,087**
Designated Funds						
Minibus Replacement		3,000	0	0		3,000
Boiler Replacement		0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Garden Maintenance		0	0	125	125	0
Building Fund		0	0	3,498	3,498	0
Building Projects		0	0	9,923	9,923	0
Community Lunch		134	1,875	1,928	0	81
Minibus		0	283	1,775	1,493	0
Total Designated Funds		**3,134**	**2,157**	**17,250**	**30,039**	**18,081**
Restricted Funds						
Chatterbox		1,039	0	0	0	1,039
Christmas Tree Festival		0	98	98	0	0
Discretionary Fund		1,276	0	128	0	1,149
ECO Fund		13	25	353	340	25
Flower Fund		115	0	8	0	107
Friendship Fridays		841	536	0	0	1,377
Hobby Pop In		715	660	1,040	0	336
Hobby Pop In 2		177	0	0	0	177
Line Dancing		1,050	1,010	1,560	0	500
Toilet Twinning		0	6	0	0	6
Triangle Bookstall		50	0	0	0	50
Brickyard		191	0	0	0	191
Brickyard Xtreme		104	0	0	0	104
MG2		72	0	0	0	72
Chat N Play		216	0	0	0	216
Birthday Scheme		0	305	305	0	0
Harvest Appeal		0	85	0	-85	0
Lupeni		0	9,112	8,628	-484	0
Open Doors		0	0	500	500	0
Romanian Camp		713	60	773	0	0
Spurgeons		0	702	700	-2	0
Tear Fund		0	207	800	593	0
Unevangelised Fields Mission		0	240	240	0	0
Baptist Home Mission		0	0	4,970	4,970	0
Baptist Missionary Society		0	0	1,000	1,000	0
FEBA		0	0	700	700	0
Mission Aviation Fund		0	0	750	750	0
Total Restricted Funds		**6,573**	**13,045**	**22,551**	**8,282**	**5,348**
Total All Funds		**93,630**	**108,446**	**80,560**	**0**	**121,516**

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Current Assets	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		
Community Account	3,172	9,572
Deposit Account	32,303	16,153
Cash in hand	0	22
Baptist Union 90 days	76,659	59,325
Baptist Union 7 days	23,602	24,302
Baptist Union 1 Year Fixed	0	13,705
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**135,736**	**123,077**
Accounts Receivable	0	-1,562
Total Current Assets	**135,736**	**121,516**

Current Liabilities		
Fund Balances		
Unrestricted Funds	**63,340**	**98,087**
Designated Funds		
Boiler Replacement - Balance	30,000	15,000
Minibus Replacement	6,000	3,000
Reserve Fund	30,000	0
Community Lunch	0	81
Total Designated Funds	**66,000**	**18,081**
Restricted Funds		
Artful Endeavours	4	0
Chatterbox	1,588	1,039
Community Lunch	-97	0
Community Worker	1,500	0
Discretionary Fund	799	1,149
ECO	25	25
Flowers	107	107
Friendship Friday	799	1,377
Harvest	85	0
Hobby Pop-in	398	336
Hobby Pop-in 2	0	177
Line Dancing	186	500
Lupeni Orphanage	802	0
Spurgeons Childcare	-35	0
Toilet Twinning	17	6
Triangle Bookstall	110	50
Women's Breakfast	109	0
Brick Yard	0	191
Brickyard Xtreme	0	104
MG2	0	72
Chat 'n' Play	0	216
Total Restricted Funds	**6,397**	**5,348**
Total Fund Balances	**135,736**	**121,516**

Non Monetary Assets held for the Church's use		
Based on Insurance Values	2025	2024
*Church Premises - Garden Road Walton-on-the-Naze	1,963,392	1,819,125
Church Contents	153,945	124,230
Minibus	18,000	11,219
*19 Blaine Drive - Frinton-on-Sea	672,625	476,060
Liabilities		
Short Term		
HMRC - Income Tax and National Insurance	0	1,169
Long Term		
No Long Term Liabilities	0	0

* The church is the beneficial owner (subject to relevant trusts) of these assets, the legal title to which is held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.

Notes -Detailed Analysis of Unrestricted Fund

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted Receipts		
1 **Offerings**		
Offerings Standing Order	7,630	6,785
Offerings Standing Order - Gift Aided	46,115	40,568
Offerings Weekly	1,196	1,150
Offerings Weekly - Gift Aided	1,395	3,715
Offerings Weekly GASD	7,950	6,984
Total Offerings	**64,286**	**59,202**
2 **Bank Interest**	**4,871**	**1,806**
3 **Gift Aid Received**	**13,924**	**12,759**
4 **Legacies**	**19,760**	**12,401**
5 **Miscellaneous**		
Miscellaneous	169	513
Grant ECC Bin Store	0	2,500
Use of Building- General	335	566
Use of Building - Hobby Pop In	192	160
Use of Building - Line Dancing	289	240
Use of Building Chatterbox	250	0
Use of Building - Stretch and Glow	1,440	1,500
Use of Building - Jazzercise	690	765
Use of Building Guides 2nd Frinton	980	320
Use of Building Brownies 2nd Kirby	120	60
Use of Building Friendship Friday	500	0
Use of Building Polling Station	0	450
Total Miscellaneous	**4,965**	**7,074**
Total Unrestricted Receipts	**107,805**	**93,244**
Unrestricted Payments		
6 **Church Administration**		
Stationery	125	72
Telephone	464	650
Bank Charges	39	0
Photocopying	831	665
Church Insurance	2,512	3,885
Other	205	1,043
Independent Examiner	120	120
Total Church Administration	**4,298**	**6,436**
7 **Utilities**		
Gas	4,969	4,369
Electricity	2,133	2,080
Water	576	566
Total Utilities	**7,678**	**7,015**
8 **Church Maintenance & Cleaning**		
Cleaning		
Church Cleaning	3,839	2,742
Window Cleaning	520	450
Waste Collection	1,782	1,526
Total Cleaning	**6,140**	**4,717**
Repairs and Maintenance	763	90
Boiler Service	108	0
Fire Extinguishers Service	147	140
Garden Maintenance	125	0
Total Church Maintenance & Cleaning	**7,283**	**4,947**
9 **Maintenance - Special Works**		
PA System	12,257	0
Visuals Upgrade	1,128	0
Quiet Room Decorate	400	0
Total Maintenance - Special Works	**13,785**	**0**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted Payments continued		
10 **Ministry**		
Stipend	39,181	6,061
Visiting Preachers	0	845
Other		
Books	12	0
Training	829	293
Travelling	586	231
Total Other	**1,801**	**3,919**
Manse Council Tax	2,558	245
Manse Boiler Service	135	0
Total Manse	**5,388**	**8,659**
Total Ministry	**46,370**	**19,484**
11 **Outreach**		
Outreach General	282	19
Frinton Mission	365	0
Triangle Bookstall (GP162)	0	116
Alpha	49	0
Christianity Explored	76	0
Easter Cards	83	140
Christmas Cards	30	90
Total Outreach	**885**	**366**
12 **Subscriptions**		
BU Subscription	414	413
Copyright Licence	920	766
EA Subscription	150	125
Accounting Software	50	0
Website Hosting	249	249
You Tube	0	39
Total Subscriptions	**1,783**	**1,592**
13 **Miscellaneous**		
Refreshments	1,046	899
Communion	4	19
Total Miscellaneous	**1,049**	**918**
14 **Tithes***		
Baptist Missionary Society Gift Tithe	1,000	0
FEBA Gift Tithe	850	0
Baptist Home Mission Gift Tithe	4,800	0
MAF Gift Tithe	750	0
TEAR Fund Gift Tithe	500	0
Open Doors Tithe	500	0
Total Tithes	**8,400**	**0**
15 **Minibus****		
Fuel & Oil	290	0
Tax	171	0
Minibus Insurance	1,091	0
MOT	50	0
Repairs & Maintenance (GP302)	1,451	0
Total Minibus	**3,054**	**0**
Total Unrestricted Payments	**94,585**	**40,759**
Net Excess of Receipts over Payments	**13,219**	**52,485**

Unrestricted Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	**98,087**	**83,923**
Net Excess of Receipts over Payments	**13,219**	**52,485**
Transfers to other Funds	**(47,966)**	**(38,321)**
Balance Carried Forward	**63,340**	**98,087**

* Tithes were processed as restricted funds in 2025

** Minibus was processed as designated funds in 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name: Homelands Free Church

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 | **Charity no (if any)** 1187874

Set out on pages 9 to 12 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025 1/12.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: WR **Date:** 22/10/26.

Name: WENDY GREGORY

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