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ANNUAL RETURN 2025

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RENEW CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS REPORT
FROM 1 JANUARY 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The accounts for the year have been submitted and examined by the independent company Luke Silver Accountancy & Taxation Services. Since an audit is not required, they have examined the accounts in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No. 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). The accounts have been examined in line with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, following the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

A copy of the Independent Examiners' Report is attached and dated 6th February 2026.

TRUSTEES

During 2025 there have been no changes to the Board of Trustees.

The accounts have been submitted to the Trustees for approval. They were accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Please note that as well as being an ex-officio Trustee, Jonathan Hollingsworth is also the Senior Pastor and therefore his annual salary and training requirements have been reflected as a 'Trustee Payment' as part of our annual return.

INCIDENTS

There had been no serious incidents that were required to be brought to the Charities Commission's attention.

CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Charity Commission Annual Report for Renew Church has been submitted online once again this year.

ACCOUNTS

2025 has seen another positive year with regards to the activities and services that we provide and has been another year of progress in maintaining our facilities through the completion of maintenance and building improvements. We are the official Foodbank for the Uttoxeter area and our food bank commitments have continued in this period as did our attempts to support those continuing to struggle within our community spiritually, emotionally and physically; We've also continued with our Warm Welcome Café, Toddlers Groups, seasonal events and weekly hot meals for the elderly; all of which we endeavour to provide free of charge.

- **Income**

  Overall, the total incoming resource in the period was £351,064 which has increased from 2024. This year we were fortunate to once again receive donations via legacy payments and grants; most of this money has been moved into our savings accounts to try and ensure that we are stewarding it well. We continue to have savings accounts with Kingdom Bank, Cambridge and Counties Bank, and Lloyds Bank,
  The charity continues to remain actively in control of its financial situation. Our policy is to hold most of our RESERVES in Higher Rate Savings Accounts and we regularly review the accounts to optimise high interest and monitor the FCA guarantee on each.

- **Expenditure**

  Overall, the expenditure in the period was £243,156; which is an increase of our expenditure amount in 2024. One of the main projects for this year has been to replace our fire exit steps to ensure that they are safe and operational. We have also begun to look at the possibility of replacing the aging church roof with a view for this project to commence in the next year or two; as part of this we are also reviewing the benefits of solar panels. We have continued with our charitable giving allowing us to be able to support and give to campaigns and organisations when needed as well as providing outreach activities in our local community.

- **Balance Sheet**

  The value of fixed assets remains positive and funds are continuing to be held in savings accounts as a contingency.

Richard Bullock
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

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THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

AIMS

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit: (a) The advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such ways as the trustees from time to time may think fit; and (b) To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time think fit.

We aim to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We believe that a personal belief in God should be exemplified, globally and locally, by Christians putting God's love into practice with worthy actions and honourable deeds that benefit the community at large. Consequently, we aim to have a positive effect on our community in Uttoxeter and the surrounding villages. We aim to support the local schools, supplement the education of children by offering a moral and ethical framework through the teaching of Christian principles. We aim to assist the spiritual wellbeing of people of all ages in our community. We provide regular wellbeing support through our Warm Welcome Cafe as part of our Uttoxeter Foodbank. The elderly also have access to the church for warm meals that are provided each week.

SAFEGUARDING AND TRAINING

Renew Church is committed to providing and safe and accessible space for all. As such we ensure that DBS checks are carried on those volunteering with children and vulnerable adults. We also provide numerous training opportunities throughout the year for our trustees, staff and volunteers from internal and external providers. First Aid training is also carried out for multiple volunteers to try and ensure that someone is available at each of the events and activities we provide.

IDENTIFIABLE BENEFITS FOR THE PUBLIC

Renew Church offers a venue for the public with positive activities for people of all ages. In line with increasing internet use, Renew maintains a website, www.renewchurch.co.uk, for access to further information about the Church by the general public. The Church continued to live stream services online via YouTube and Facebook. The Church endeavours to provide all our activities and groups free of charge so they are accessible to people from every social walk of life.

Our toddler group, Roar, ran sessions on a Wednesday morning and afternoon and is an asset to those in our local community providing a safe place for parents/carers and their children to come and chat, play and engage in a variety of other activities. We also continued our group for new parents with pre-walking children called Little Pups which gives a great opportunity for people to come and relax, chat and have a

drink with new parents/carers who may not feel comfortable in a larger setting with older children running around.

Renew Church continued with our Friday lunch club for the over 60s in our community. They are welcomed into the building for a warm meal, fun games and the ability to sit and talk with those their age in a caring environment. This is a group we are especially passionate about as for several of the elderly in our community this is the only time in the week that they can participate in something like this.

We have a dedicated room for the children and young people that is used on a Sunday morning for Sunday School and Friday evenings for a time when the youth can meet weekly for a fun evening of music, discussions, prayer and faith-based talks. Our young people are also taken annually to a Christian summer youth festival where they can meet and socialise with like-minded peers as well as take part in the activities, services and seminars provided.

Our Warm Welcome Café as part of our food bank on a Monday morning continues to be a huge success. This is a place where local families who are suffering from ill health and associated with poverty are temporarily assisted with food parcels and/or can sit and have a warm drink and slice of cake and talk with one of our volunteers. Referrals to other service providers are made when necessary to ensure that they are getting the all-round support that they need.

Renew Church holds regular Men's and Women's events throughout the year for members of the Church which also provide great opportunities to bring non-Church friends and family members to smaller gatherings and hear Biblical encouragement or stories from Church members. These range from breakfast's, afternoon sweet treats to games nights and meals at local restaurants. We aim to make most of these events and activities are free of charge if they happen in the Church building. This year we also started Men's and Women's fitness group

Renew Church has added to its number of very talented musicians. The group play various instruments and sing together providing the music during our services every Sunday throughout the year. They have regular practices together and are developing their talents and skills on an ongoing basis.

On Sunday's Christian religious services are held at Renew Church. These are open to all people of different ethnic backgrounds and all age groups. The services are generally times of joyful and exuberant praise and worship to God, but time is also allowed for reflection and prayer.

There is always a friendly welcome for people attending Sunday services. We have two sessions for our youngest members with 'Roar Sunday' group for ages 2-4 years as well as our Sunday School 'Tribe' for those ages 4-11 years old; in these sessions the children can play games, hear Bible based stories and do craft activities. The coffee-bar is open after the services where tea and coffee is provided and served free of charge.

Renew Church is also a base from which other activities take place to benefit the general public:

- Donations have been made to various charities throughout the year to support people in their times of need.

- Through our link with Places of Welcome, we have continued our evening Craft Group for the community which was very well attended.

- Local families who are having difficulties financially can come at various times within the year for our School Uniform Mornings where they can have a look through, and select free of charge, items of good quality, used uniform that have been donated to the Church for their children.

- The Church also held several free events including a Light Party in October, a Lunch with Santa event following our Christmas Carol Service and an Easter meal and hunt. All the events were well attended and great opportunities for members of the Church and local community to come engage with.

- A large group of people also attended Big Church Festival during the August bank holiday weekend, joining with thousands of other Christians and providing another opportunity to build community.

- Members of the Church went on mission trips to Romania to volunteer with an organisation there working with local children, vulnerable women in the community and to help with some practical needs, for example gardening and house maintenance.

Renew Church continues to work with the local agencies on an ongoing basis to identify the local needs where we can provide support and have a positive impact for the good of the local community.

RENEW CHURCH

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Accruals Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Renew Church

Registered Charity Number 1187890

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
  Have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *L A Silver*

Date: 6 February 2026

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

Independent Examiners Report to the Church Council

Introduction

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

Charity Law and Financial Regulations

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Signing of Accounts

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. Please advise me of any changes. **A spare copy is enclosed.**

Conclusion

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

Luke Silver

Date: 6 February 2026

RENEW CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

During the year the church continued to meet together, preach the Gospel, break bread, pray and share the Life of Christ with one another and the local community.

We also provided many important services to the various communities located in and around Uttoxeter.

TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The trustees and church council members during the year were as follows:

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STATEMENT

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Please print name: J. HOLLINGSWORTH Date: 2-6-26

Renew Church

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 31.12.25 £	Total 31.12.24 £
Resources Arising					
Donations and Incoming Resources		256,547	0	256,547	203,512
Activities for Generating Funds		0	0	0	0
Investment Income		3,887	0	3,887	5,639
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		9,857	0	9,857	14,242
Other Incoming Resources			0	0	0
Grant Income		30,773		30,773	652
Legacy		50,000		50,000	0
Total Incoming Resources		**351,064**	**0**	**351,064**	**224,045**
Resources Used					
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Cost of Generating Voluntary Income		0	0	0	0
Fundraising Trading Cost of Goods Sold		0	0	0	0
Investment Management Costs		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities		66,765	0	66,765	51,038
Governance Costs		145,034	0	145,034	130,430
Other Resources Used		31,357	0	31,357	23,436
Total Resources Expended		**243,156**	**0**	**243,156**	**204,904**
Net Movement in Funds		**107,908**	**0**	**107,908**	**19,141**
Fund Balances b/fwd at 01.01.24		**938,924**	**0**	**938,924**	**919,783**
Transfers		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Gains and Losses Building Valuation		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31.12.24		**1,046,832**	**0**	**1,046,832**	**938,924**

Renew Church

Balance Sheet	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Church Premises			612,726		612,726
Church Manse			0		0
Church Equipment			54,636		54,636
			667,362		**667,362**
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank & In Hand		379,470		271,442	
Accounts Receiveable		0		305	
Creditors: Due Within One Year		0		185	
Net Current Assets			**379,470**		**271,932**
Total Assets less current liabilities			**1,046,832**		**939,294**
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than a year			0		0
Net Assets			**1,046,832**		**939,294**
Capital and Reserves					
Income Funds:					
General Fund			1,046,832		938,924
Restricted Funds			0		0
			1,046,832		**938,924**