FREEDOM CHURCH WADDINGTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FREEDOM CHURCH WADDINGTON IS A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (NO. 1190778)

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FREEDOM CHURCH WADDINGTON
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name
Freedom Church Waddington

Registered Charity Number
1190778

Registered Office
Hall Cottage
Hill Top
Waddington
Lincoln
LN5 9RL

Charity trustees
Mr Jon Pape
Mr John Thorneycroft
Mr Efstratios (Gary) Tsagaris

Objectives and Activities

To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, public celebration or religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others about the Christian religion, providing pastoral care and carrying out outreach work in the community.

Freedom Church Waddington seeks to fulfil our purpose through the following activities:

- Gathering together
- Mission
- Discipleship
- Pastoral Care

We hope that as we carry out these activities, we move closer to fulfilling our vision which is to see people flourishing because they have found belonging and fulfilment in Jesus.

When planning our activities for the year, the leadership and trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Constitution adopted on 5th January 2020, amended and approved on 5th August 2020. Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection

Under the requirements of the Constitution, except for the initial trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. There shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of twelve trustees. Any person retiring as a trustee is eligible for reappointment.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring all legal requirements of the charity are met. The strategic and spiritual direction and pastoral oversight of Freedom Church Waddington is the responsibility of the church leaders.

The church was led on a day-to-day basis by Jon Pape. During the year a Core Leadership Team of Jon and three others was formed. Alongside them, a Wider Leadership Team was also formed of an additional five people. Jon is also supported by the leadership of Redeemer Church Chester-Le-Street (registered charity no. 1187165) and Gateway Church Northumberland (registered charity no. 1164586). The leaders of Freedom Church Waddington submit to apostolic oversight from Regions Beyond UK (registered charity no. 1152827).

The church has no employees, with all trustees, leaders and people within the church giving their time voluntarily to serve our community.

Policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
Safeguarding policy and procedures
Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries

Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 10 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 9 shows net incoming resources for the year end 2025 £45,807 (2024: £11,859). The church has continued to fund a variety of projects and activities, which are in line with its stated objectives. The level of activity for the year was satisfactory, and the trustees believe that this will continue for the foreseeable future. The cumulative balance on the unrestricted general fund at the year-end 2025 £98,635 (2024: £52,828).

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The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help; it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees' aim is to hold around £4,000 in reserves representing approximately three months' worth of expenses. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out.

Achievements and Performance

Gathering together

Freedom Church Waddington met in Waddington Village Hall each Sunday morning to worship together. This took the form of singing, praying, reading the Bible and teaching one another. Teaching was given in an age-appropriate way, with adults listening to a prepared sermon and children enjoying their own activities. Church members also gather during the week in life groups, where they have fellowship with one another, study the bible, and pray together.



Meeting together at Waddington Village Hall

Mission

The Community Growing Garden project, run in partnership with RAF Waddington continues to grow. The aim of the garden is to support military families, especially those where a member is deployed abroad, reducing isolation and loneliness, and encouraging community cohesion between military and church families. At least seven families living at RAF Waddington were involved, and we look forward to further growth of the project.


Community Growing Garden, RAF Waddington

We were also excited to send a group of young people to Newday youth camp again. All of them were inspired, challenged and encouraged in their faith, and the impact on the young people was evident in their enthusiasm for getting more involved in the life and work of the church, as well as in growing maturity in their personal faith.

At Christmas we held a joint carol service with St Michael's church and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service at Waddington Community Fire Station. This was well attended and gives us an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with people who are less keen to visit a regular church building.

Discipleship

Freedom Church Waddington provided discipleship through our mid-week life groups. Many members of the church also attended Together '25, a day of worship, teaching and prayer for the churches of the Regions Beyond northern hub, hosted by Emmanuel Church Durham. Freedom Church contributed £100 to the costs of the event.

Pastoral care

Freedom Church Waddington provided pastoral care to people within the church through our mid-week life groups and encouraging people to support one another. Additionally, one pastoral gift was made to a family in Freedom Church whose need became known to us.

Training

Richard and Charlotte Thorneycroft completed the Equip leadership training course, which led to a significant reduction in the amount spent on training in 2025. However, Jon and Jenne Pape continued to be supported to attend leaders' gatherings in Durham, Selby and York throughout the year.

Administration

Freedom Church Waddington's expenditure under this heading includes insurance, licenses to publish song lyrics that are under copyright, membership of the Evangelical Alliance (registered charity no. 212325), website costs, and safeguarding costs (membership of thirtyone:eight, registered charity no. 1004490).

Gifts to other ministries

Freedom Church Waddington makes a monthly donation to Regions Beyond UK. During the year we also made a significant one-off gift of £20,000 for Gift Day to the Regions Beyond global offering (via Regions Beyond UK).

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law 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 of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems according to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed…… Jon Pape …….. Dated 19 Oct 26 ……
Mr Jon Pape, Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Independent Examiners Report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 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 exam 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 ……. Dated …….
Sue Miller ACMA
66 Westcliffe Street
Lincoln
LN1 3TZ

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Receipts				
Donations – Regular Giving	33,795	0	33.795	22,791
Donations – Ad hoc Giving	18,366	0	18,366	2,804
Gift Aid	4,438	1,777	6,215	2,920
Other Income	14,254	7,440	21,694	0
Total Receipts	**70,853**	**9,217**	**80,070**	**28,515**
Payments				
Gathering Together	4,414	0	4,414	4,874
Mission	1,155	0	1,155	1,620
Discipleship	1,258	0	1,258	200
Pastoral Care	750	0	750	1,514
Training	797	0	797	2,277
Administration	1,239	0	1,239	1,349
Gifts to other Ministries	13,183	9,217	22,400	4,822
Equipment	1,775	0	1,775	0
Accountancy	475	0	475	0
Total Payments	**25,046**	**9,217**	**34,263**	**16,656**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	**45,807**	**0**	**45,807**	**11,859**
Cash Funds last year	**52,828**	**0**	**52,828**	**40,969**
Cash Funds this year end	**£98,635**	**0**	**£98,635**	**£52,828**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash Funds	**98,635**	**52,828**

Assets
Laptops x 2
PA Equipment

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Receipts
Donations Ad hoc Giving includes a one-off gift of £15,000.

Other Income includes two legacies total £14,254 and Gift Day total £7,440 with an extra £1,777 gift aid.

Payments
Gifts to other Ministries includes Gift Day total of £9,217, which was made up to £20,000 by the church.