# THE LIVERPOOL GOSPEL TRUST

## Annual Return 31st December 2025

## 1. Overview of the Charity

1. Name: THE LIVERPOOL GOSPEL TRUST

2. Charity Registration Number: 1191547

3. Registered Address:

Brabners LLP

Horton House

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4. Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document (SORP reference Para 1.17):

a. The advancement of the Christian religion as this is set forth in the doctrine of the Church of England for all those within the Diocese of Liverpool (or in such other places as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion decide from time to time), by supporting, through the making of grants or otherwise the following:

a. The provision and maintenance of facilities for public worship;

b. The provision of appropriately trained people for the conduct of public worship and provision of pastoral care;

c. Outreach and evangelism; and

d. The promotion of the awareness and understanding of the doctrine of the Church of England.

e. Any other exclusively charitable purpose or purposes (according to the Law in England and Wales) which the trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine from time to time.

5. Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts (SORP reference Para 1.17 and 1.19):

a. Income from donations rose to £86,360 in the year (2024: £30,902). In September 2025 the trustees received the Charity's first applications for grants, from St Philemon's Church, Toxteth (registered charity no. 1140013), for welcome signage and a portable speaker.

b. In December 2025 the Charity began taking advice on a possible building project, under which the Charity would acquire premises for use in furtherance of its objects.

c. In December 2025, donors confirmed their non-binding preferences regarding the use of their gifts. Having considered these preferences, the trustees designated the relevant funds for the purposes indicated, while retaining them as unrestricted funds of the charity.

d. £2200 was used to support the ministry of St Philemon’s. £318 were spent on running costs for the charity, primarily legal expenses.

6. Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (SORP reference Para 1.18):

a. The trustees continue to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance in What Makes a Charity (CC4), the Public Benefit Framework, Running a Charity (PB2) and Public Benefit: reporting (PB3).

7. Policy on grant making (SORP reference Para 1.38):

a. The trustees have not yet adopted a written grant-making policy. Grants are considered by the trustees on written application and recorded in the minutes. A policy is being drafted, including a proposal that grants over £1,000 be agreed by the trustees only at a meeting rather than by electronic communication. Since the year end, the trustees have prepared a revised Grant Application Form, together with an Asset Purchase Application Form and an Asset Usage Agreement for assets the Charity owns and lends to other charities. These are being circulated to the trustees for adoption.

## 2. Trustees and Governance

1. Trustees at the end of the financial year:

a. Thomas Atkinson (Chair as elected on the 06/05/2024).

b. Mark Cooper

c. James MacLeay

d. Genevieve Craze-Romero (Treasurer as elected on the 22/07/2024).

2. Resignations:

a. None in the period.

3. Type of governing document (SORP reference Para 1.25):

a. CIO "Foundation" Constitution.

4. How the charity is constituted (SORP reference Para 1.25):

a. CIO.

5. Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g., election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees (SORP reference Para 1.25):

a. The Charity's CIO Constitution provides for the appointment of first charity trustees for fixed periods of between 1 and 3 years, and for subsequently appointed trustees to be appointed for a term of three years by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting trustees for appointment, the trustees are required to have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. The trustees have identified a need to have represented amongst the trustees the following skills, namely,

i. Financial/investment,

ii. Property ownership and management,

iii. Ministry (teaching, leading),

iv. Governance/Legal and operational.

b. Since the year end, Thomas Atkinson was re-appointed for a further term of three years on 19 January 2026, and Mark Cooper and James MacLeay on 21 September 2026. The trustees are seeking a further trustee, preferably with a legal background.

## 3. Income and Expenditure

1. Total income for the financial year: £86,360

2. Total expenditure: £2,518

3. Reserves at the end of the year (SORP reference Para 1.22): £139,409, all unrestricted, of which £50,851 is designated by donors and £88,558 is held as free reserves

4. Major sources of income:

a. Donations: £86,360

## 4. Activities and Achievements

1. Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole (SORP reference Para 1.20):

a. Income from donations almost trebled, and the trustees received and considered the Charity's first applications for grants.

b. The trustees continued to develop the documentation needed to administer the funds responsibly, and began registering the Charity with HMRC so that Gift Aid can be claimed on eligible gifts.

c. Grant-making began in September 2025.

## 5. Financial Health and Reserves Policy

1. Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held (SORP reference Para 1.22):

a. The Charity has developed a reserves policy. The Financial Controls Policy is being revised to reflect the payment controls available through the Charity's bank.

## 6. Future Plans

1. In 2026 the trustees have approved grants to St Philemon's Church, including support for a ministry trainee, and the purchase of a stage, microphones and accessibility steps to be owned by the Charity and lent to the church.

2. The trustees are searching for premises for use in furtherance of the Charity's objects. They have appointed Jon Broome of Kingdom Bank as property adviser and Hitchcock Wright & Partners as commercial property agent. Any borrowing will be considered in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

3. The trustees also intend to adopt a conflicts of interest policy and a register of interests, obtain trustee indemnity insurance, complete the Gift Aid registration and launch a website.

## 7. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s):



Full name(s): Thomas Charles Atkinson

Position: Trustee and Chair

Date: 31.10.2026

# Appendix A: Receipts and Payments Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| The Liverpool Gospel Trust | 1191547 |
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# Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | 01/01/2025 | To | 31/12/2025 |
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## Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| **A1 Receipts** | | | | | |
| Donations | 86,360 | - | - | 86,360 | 30,902 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** *(Gross income for AR)* | 86,360 | - | - | 86,360 | 30,902 |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total receipts*** | 86,360 | - | - | 86,360 | 30,902 |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Expenses | 2,518 | - | - | 2,518 | 180 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | 2,518 | - | - | 2,518 | 180 |
| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total payments*** | 2,518 | - | - | 2,518 | 180 |
| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | 83,842 | - | - | 83,842 | 30,722 |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | 55,567 | - | - | 55,567 | 24,845 |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 139,409 | - | - | 139,409 | 55,567 |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### B1 Cash funds

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cash at Bank | 139,409 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | ***Total cash funds*** | 139,409 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

### B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

### B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

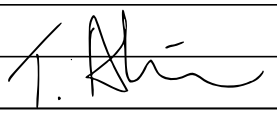
### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

### B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---|---|
|  | Thomas Atkinson | 31.10.2026 |
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# Appendix B: Independent Examiner's Report

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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| **Report to the trustees/ members of** | Charity Name<br>Liverpool Gospel Trust | | |
| **On accounts for the year ended** | 31 December 2025 | **Charity no (if any)** | 1191547 |
| **Set out on pages** | (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.

**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").

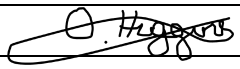
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.

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| **Signed:** |  | **Date:** | 28/04/2026 |
| **Name:** | Olivia Higgins | | |
| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | Chartered Institute of Certified Accountants (ACCA)<br>ACCA Reference 1659593 | | |
| **Address:** | 16 Teesdale Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3AS | | |
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| Section B | Disclosure |
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| | Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners). |
| **Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose**. | N/A |