Good News Church Hurstpierpoint

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	149 High Street Hurstpierpoint Hassocks BN6 9PU
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	CIO - association October 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1191622
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	David Lowries Lynn Cobbett Dickon Adams Mark Pyle
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jon Masters Downham, Brighton Road, BN6 9EF

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. The purposes of the church are:

* the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

* such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness, and the advancement of education.

Our church exists primarily for the worship of God. As such we rejoice that each week we gather on Sunday to worship our God together and to equip and encourage those there to worship God in all of life throughout the week. We are grateful for the freedom to do this and delight in meeting on Sundays as well as our mid-week gatherings.

Structure

The Membership of the church are able to vote on trustees who are ultimately responsible for the running of the charity however most decisions are made by the membership at our regular members meetings with the trustees involved.

Review of the charity's main activities and achievements

We rejoice that throughout 2025 we have been able to meet regularly on Sundays and midweek to encourage and build one another up as we worship God. Anyone is able to attend our services and we encourage others to come along that they might come to know our God.

We are a church that cares for one another. We share in both the joys of life but also the hardships which means we visit those struggling, to pray with them and practically care for them.

We are grateful to run three home groups where the bible is studied and members are encouraged in the Christian faith. We continue to rejoice in a good relationship with Holy Trinity church in the village with whom we run a term time weekly toddler group, supporting parents/carers with young children, and the Melting Pot café which seeks to provide community particularly for the Willow Way end of the village.

As a church we continue to run Senior Moments four or five times a year which provides a special morning for older people and a chance to engage with the Christian faith. Our weekly coffee morning hosting any who would like to meet for coffee and cake continues as does chairobics at the church which particularly seeks to help those who need support with mobility and balance.

We have a safeguarding policy that is up to date and DBS checks are carried out on the relevant people.

Financial review

During the year income was £36,606. Expenditure was £47,575. A large chunk of the deficit can be attributed to two leaks on our water supply one of which was only resolved in 2026. The church house also had a boiler replaced which was unexpected expenditure. We finished 2025 with £27,736 in unrestricted funds. If expenditure remains similarly high and income does not increase there is a substantial risk of running below our reserves policy in future years.

As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £37,900 to £38,700, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Financially we are grateful for God's provision to us. We thank God for the generosity of our regular congregation who give to resource the church. We are aware that there is a significant difference between our expenditure and income, however we continue to meet our reserves policy and are trusting to God to provide.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £20,000 (which equates to about 6 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £38,700 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Lowries

David Lowries

Date: 23/10/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Good News Church Hurstpierpoint ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

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.

Jon Masters

Jon Masters

Date: 23/10/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income Receipts						
Donations		29,765	-	995	30,760	28,256
Gift aid receipts		4,605	-	43	4,648	5,124
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		533	-	-	533	370
Interest		665	-	-	665	1,482
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		35,568	-	1,038	36,606	35,232
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	44,083	-	-	44,083	69,981
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,460	-	1,032	3,492	3,164
Total payments		46,543	-	1,032	47,575	73,145
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(10,975)	-	6	(10.969)	(37,913)
Transfers between funds	5	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,975)	-	6	(10,969)	(37,913)
Cash funds as at last year end		38,748	-	(43)	38,705	76,618
Cash funds as at this year end	A	27,773	-	(37)	27,736	38,705

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
A	**Cash funds**					
	Current account	2,958	-	(37)	2,921	1,512
	Savings account	24,759	-	-	24,759	37,118
	Petty cash	56	-	-	56	75
		27,773	-	(37)	27,736	38,705
B	**Other monetary assets**					
	Gift aid due to the charity	5,000	-	37	5,037	4,649
		5,000	-	37	5,037	4,649
C	**Liabilities falling due within one year**					
	Taxes due	337	-	-	337	310
	Pension due	-	-	-	-	155
	Fee for independent examination	100	-	-	100	912
		437	-		437	1,377

D	**Assets retained for charity's own use**	Purchase cost £	Value 2025 £
	Manse	67,929	
	Church and manse contents and equipment		40,997
		67,929	40,997

The manse is shown at purchase cost. The Charity London City Mission has an interest in this property. The trustees have used insurance values for the contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values - insurance values may differ materially from current values.

E **Guarantees and secured debts**

The Charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by David Lowries date 23/20/26

David Lowries

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a "true and fair" view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a "true and fair" view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	Note 4	29,019	-	-	29,019	28,011
Meetings and ministries		352	-	-	352	814
Church utilities		2,338	-	-	2,338	1,943
Church other property costs		1,975	-	-	1,975	5,426
Administration incl phone and sundries		541	-	-	541	447
Manse upkeep incl insurance	Note 4	4,514	-	-	4,514	4,070
Manse refurbishment		2,352	-	-	2,352	26,428
Subscriptions		792	-	-	792	792
Professional and legal fees		912	-	-	912	1,051
Catering and refreshments		318	-	-	318	165
Sundry costs		970	-	-	970	834
		44,083	-	-	44,083	69,981

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Open Doors			1,032	1,032	
Organisations < £ 1,000	1,500	-		1,500	2,204
Individuals	960	-		960	960
	2,460	-	1,032	3,492	3,164

4 Transactions with related parties

David Lowries served as a church leader and was paid £ 27,714 (2024 : £ 26,275) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee. These payments include pension contributions by the employer. These payments are permitted by the governing document of the charity.

The spouse of trustee Mark Pyle was paid £ 641 (2024 : £ 1,144 for her role as church cleaner. These payments are permitted by the governing document of the charity.

In addition, the charity incurred expenditure totalling £ 6,866 (2024 : £ 30,498) in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to David Lowries, who is a trustee, so that he could better perform his duties.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	38,748	35,568	46,543	-	27,773
	38,748	35,568	46,543	-	27,773
Restricted funds					
Mission day 2024	(43)	43		-	-
Mission day 2025	-	995	1,032	-	(37)
	(43)	1,138	1,032	-	(37)
Total funds	38,705	36,606	47,575	-	27,736

The Missionary fund relates to special appeals held during the year to further the charitable objectives of the church. The deficit relates to potential gift aid added to grant paid but not recovered until after the year end.