Trinity Church Chester

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2025

TRINITY CHURCH CHESTER

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	10 Lime Wood Close Chester CH2 2HD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution dated 20 November 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1192452
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Lourens du Plessis (resigned 16 Sept 2025) Jonty Rhodes Deiniol Williams Phil Andrews Joshua Heasman (appointed 06 May 2026)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 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 charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

a) To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the subordinate standard of faith as defined in the Book of Church Order of the International Presbyterian Church (BCO) applicable to the congregation in Chester and in other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes consistent with the BCO which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust.
b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said location and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

1. Events:
(a) A weekly Sunday service continued to be held, at which Communion was celebrated once per month. A parent-supervised crèche room continued to be available for parents with young children during the service, with a video relay provided to the room. Average attendance at the Sunday service was 50–60 during the year.

(b) A second weekly prayer meeting commenced in 2025. Prayer meetings were held in the homes of church members on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with the option of joining remotely.

(c) A Christmas carol service was held in December.

(d) Women's Bible studies and book groups were held informally throughout the year, hosted and led by church members.

(e) Several seminar series on church history, church membership and church doctrine took place.
(f) An evening service continued throughout 2025.
All of the above events were open to all. Information was publicised online through the website and social media, as well as through printed material and word of mouth. The trustees are grateful for the use of the Welsh Presbyterian Church on St John Street and would like to find a suitable permanent venue in the future. The building committee identified a suitable building and a full survey was conducted, incurring professional fees during the year.
2. A full-time minister continued in post. This enabled the above events to be organised and maintained, as well as planning to begin for further activities in 2025 and beyond.
3. An Assistant Minister was engaged on a 12-month contract that ended in July 2025. Specific fundraising was undertaken to cover this cost and is identified as restricted funding.
4. Further fundraising was undertaken to support the continuation and growth of the church.
5. Hardship within the church and the City of Chester was alleviated through voluntary acts of service by members of the congregation towards those in need.

The charity has achieved the following aims:
1. The opportunity to become more familiar with the teachings of the Christian faith, including those people in and around Chester who have not been to church before. This has taken place through regular activities which are open to all.
Typical attendance numbers on Sunday mornings are currently around 50, and up to 18 on Wednesday evenings.

2. Care and relief of suffering of those within the church itself and amongst the wider Chester community, through regular acts of service from members of the congregation towards those in need.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

In this financial period, receipts were £95,374 (2024: £116,164) and payments were £101,516 (2024: £67,249). As a result, cash held by the charity decreased by £6,142 (2024: increased by £48,915) to £89,860 (2024: £96,002), all of which was unrestricted and available for any charitable purpose. Income from grants from supporting churches was at a similar level to the previous year. Income from members' regular giving increased by 20%.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £15,000 (equivalent to approximately 2.6 months of 2025 unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £89,860 and was complying with its reserves policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees, by a majority vote. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Church and charity trustees shall hold to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Beliefs. The minister shall automatically (“ex-officio”) be a charity trustee, for as long as he holds that office.

Relationships with other charities and related parties
The church is part of the International Presbyterian Church, specifically the First IPC Presbytery of the United Kingdom.

Risk statement
The charity is exposed to various operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, take appropriate measures to mitigate them.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us, as trustees, to prepare financial statements for each accounting year that record the charity's receipts and payments 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:

Phil Andrews

Phil Andrews (Sep 23, 2026 09:10:19 GMT+1)

Philip Andrews

Date: Sep 23, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

TRINITY CHURCH CHESTER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Trinity Church Chester ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 6 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
2. 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.

Sarah Crispin
Sarah Crispin (Sep 23, 2026 16:30:41 GMT+1)

Sarah Crispin ACA

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Date: Sep 23, 2026

TRINITY CHURCH CHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income receipts					
Donations		52,559	4,218	56,777	84,790
Gift Aid		6,013	-	6,013	-
Interest		15	-	15	-
Founding grant from denomination and supporting churches		32,569	-	32,569	31,374
		91,156	4,218	95,374	116,164
Total receipts		91,156	4,218	95,374	116,164
Payments					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	69,917	31,599	101,516	67,249
Total payments		69,917	31,599	101,516	67,249
Net of receipts / (payments) before		21,239	(27,381)	(6,142)	48,915
Transfers between funds	4	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		21,239	(27,381)	(6,142)	48,915
Cash funds as at last year end		68,621	27,381	96,002	47,087
Cash funds at this year end	A	89,860	-	89,860	96,002

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access		89,860	-	89,860	96,002
Notice deposits		-	-	-	-
Petty cash		-	-	-	-
		89,860	**-**	**89,860**	**96,002**
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity		15,913	-	15,913	5,605
		15,913	**-**	**15,913**	**5,605**
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Pension contributions		185	-	185	378
Fee for Independent Examination		504	-	504	444
Total		**689**	**-**	**689**	**822**

D 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:

Phil Andrews
Phil Andrews (Sep 23, 2026 09:10:19 GMT+1)

Philip Andrews

Date: Sep 23, 2026

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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 donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. During the period, the charity had general unrestricted funds and restricted funds.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Employment costs (see note 3)	32,348	17,924	50,272	43,465
Ministry expenses	8,199	2,497	10,696	5,510
Conferences and events	217	-	217	53
Rent	20,405	-	20,405	14,187
Insurance	243	-	243	230
Mission & other Gifts	5,723	-	5,723	1,263
Returned grant	-	5,000	5,000	-
Re-directed donations	-	6,178	6,178	-
Independent examination	444	-	444	432
Office costs	2,188	-	2,188	880
Worship services - visiting preachers etc.	150	-	150	1,229
	69,917	31,599	101,516	67,249

3 Transactions with related parties

Deiniol Williams served as church leader and was paid £31,013 (2024: £30,484) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

In addition, the charity incurred expenditure totalling £11,067 (2024: £11,067) in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to Deiniol Williams, who is a trustee so that he could better perform his duties. These payments are also permitted by the charity's governing document.

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	68,621	91,156	69,917	-	89,860
	68,621	91,156	69,917	-	89,860
Restricted funds					
Assistant Minister Fund and Church Plant	27,381	4,218	31,599	-	-
	27,381	4,218	31,599	-	-
Total funds	**96,002**	**95,374**	**101,516**	**-**	**89,860**

Funds were raised to cover the full costs of an Assistant Minister on a one-year contract who would then lead a new church plant at Buckley, North Wales.