Annual Report and Financial Statements

affinity
gospel churches in partnership

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Affinity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registered charity number 1192455

Report of the Trustees

Members of the Trust Board have the pleasure of submitting their report and the independently audited financial statements of Affinity for the year starting on 1 January 2025 and ending 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the Provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts following the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published in October 2019 and comply with the charity's governing document and the Charities Act 2011.

Charity name:	Affinity
Registered charity number:	1192455
Charity's principal address:	PO Box 905, Haywards Heath RH16 9TJ

Constitution

Affinity was established in June 1969 as an unincorporated organisation but has operated under various names, including the British Evangelical Council (BEC), since 1952. In November 2020, it was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), retaining its original charitable purposes.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of Affinity is to promote the advancement of the Christian religion, as expressed in Affinity's doctrinal basis, by means of a fellowship of evangelical churches, agencies and individuals. Affinity exists to:

Promote gospel unity among us by engaging in activities that encourage mutual recognition, understanding and respect and that serve to strengthen each other and to help each other maintain and exhibit the highest standards of godly living and Christian discipleship.

Encourage all like-minded churches, agencies and individuals to identify themselves with Affinity. To demonstrate unity to the world by supporting and, where possible, promoting the evangelistic enterprises of Members and Associates. In particular,
to be committed to supporting the planting and restoration of Bible-centred, evangelical churches.

Represent our Members and Associates to governments, the media and those responsible for formulating policy and influencing public morality and social justice. To apply the Word of God to public life and join with others of like persuasion in making representation on these issues where this serves to advance godly, just and wholesome ends.

Engage in theological research and discussion to advance an understanding and acceptance of biblical Christianity. To promote biblical teaching on true ecumenism and to encourage its practice among Members and Associates.

Express our unity and fellowship with like-minded churches and evangelical agencies worldwide.

Governance

Affinity is governed by six trustees who make up the Trust Board. They are supported by the Advisory Council made up of representatives from Corporate, Church and Agency members. The Trustees meet with the Advisory Council twice a year to discuss matters of strategy and planning and to share information about the work of Affinity. Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

The Trust Board has considered the general guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and in particular, its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion

Members of the Trust Board

Rev Dr Thomas Brand (Chair)
Rev Paul Yeulett
Rev David Meredith
Rev Mark Thomas
Rev John Stevens
Rev Philip Swann (elected in September 2025)

Organisational structure

The Trust Board is responsible for the governance and policy for Affinity. The implementation of the policy and the day-to-day management is delegated to the Director, who is appointed by the Trust Board. Graham Nicholls has been in post as Director since 2016. The Director is supported in his responsibilities by two employees sharing the role of the Executive Assistant.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2025, Affinity continued to provide advice, support, and services to its member churches and associate agencies across the United Kingdom and Ireland, fostering cooperation, mutual encouragement, and a united gospel witness.

We delivered resources and advice to churches, agencies, and individuals through our website, events, and publications. We released two editions of the Social Issues Bulletin, one edition of the Foundations Journal and two editions of In Touch Magazine. Our podcast series continued with 8 episodes covering a range of topics: Christian Adoption and Fostering; Unlocking the Potential of Older Christians; The History of the Church in England; Evangelicals, the Cross and Misunderstanding the Trinity?; Toxic Masculinity vs Biblical Masculinity; Pornography, Addiction and the Church; Discussing Assisted Suicide with a Palliative Care Doctor; Sharing the gospel in schools. Our prayer calendar was also sent monthly, encouraging members to pray for each other.

Affinity's initiatives are enriched by teams of volunteers from member organisations, who contribute expertise in theological advocacy, public engagement, and social issues. We are deeply grateful for their collaboration, which enhances our publications and events.

Affinity's three employees, the Director and two people taking the role of the Executive Assistant, ensure efficient and cost-effective administration of our operations. The Director continues to raise Affinity's profile through local and national media appearances, advocating for evangelical perspectives on issues like religious freedom and social justice.

In 2025, we hosted our biennial conference 'Great God of Wonders' which was a wonderful opportunitiy to explore the doctrine of God. The next conference, scheduled for March 2027, will explore the theme 'Kingdom: Church in a Fractured World'. We look forward to hearing from speakers including Collin Hansen, Tony Watkins, Kenneth Harrod and Phil Swann on the subject of what it means to be kingdom people, living for God in this fractured world and so equipping members to engage deeply with this foundational topic.

Through these activities, Affinity supports the spiritual and intellectual growth of Christians, fostering a vibrant gospel witness that benefits communities across the UK and Ireland.

Financial Review

Affinity ended 2025 with a net expenditure of £18,804 (2024: surplus of £20,499). This figure was largely due to expenditure for the Theological Study Conference being paid in 2025, whilst the majority of the income came in 2024. We also did not receive any one-off grant payments in 2025. The finance reporting is slightly skewed due to the income and expenditure relating to the the Theological Study Conference being split over two financial years.

Income

Income dropped in 2025 to £73,117 (2024: £88,698), largely due to there being no one-off grant payments received in 2025. There were modest increases in donations from all our membership categories except our Church members, where donations reduced by £725 compared to 2024. We are deeply grateful to our member churches, agencies, and individual supporters for their ongoing financial commitment, which enables Affinity to deliver its ministry effectively. We also continue to welcome a growing number of evangelical Christian organisations affiliating as agency members.

Expenditure

Expenditure increased significantly in 2025 to £91,921 (2024: £68,722), primarily due to the costs for the biennial Theological Study Conference, which incurred significant venue expenses in 2025. Other expenses, such as charity management and communication costs, increased slightly to support rising costs and our growing activities.

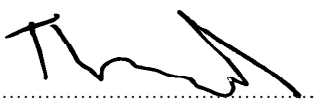
Reserves policy

Affinity aims to maintain free reserves (unrestricted funds less debtors) at a level sufficient to cover three months' general expenditure, allowing us to respond to unexpected developments. At the end of the year, unrestricted funds had reduced from the 2024 level, to £34,638 (2024: £52,398), equivalent to just over four months' general expenditure.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report for 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trust Board:



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Thomas Brand
Chair

Date: 21 October 2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

AFFINITY – Charity Number 1192455
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of AFFINITY

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2025 ,which have been provided to me through the medium of "Liberty Accounts"

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.

Name: Paul Yarnell

Address: 26, Ridgeway Road, Isleworth, Middx, TW7 5LA

Signature: 

Date: 14th October 2026

Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2025

Fixed Assets	
Tangible Assets	
Computer Equipment	
Computer Equipment Cost	1,779.00
Computer Equipment Depreciation	-667.73
Current Assets	
Debtors	
Customer Accounts Receivable	
Amazon	-4.70
Mark Thomas	-10.00
Other Debtors	
Gift Aid Pending	952.63
Cash At Bank And In Hand	
CAF Donate	555.90
Kingdom Bank – Reserves Savings Account	17,442.82
Lloyds Treasurers Account	16,054.42
Creditors	
Trading Creditors	
Supplier Accounts Payable	
Good Bear Digital Limited	-40.00
Other Creditors	
Addition of Assets	-1,779.00
Payroll Liabilities	
HMRC	-1,124.41
Pensions Owed to Provider(s)	-99.08
Wages & Salaries	10.60
Net Assets	**33,070.45**
Funds & Reserves	
Restricted Funds	
The Gospel Coalition UK	-1,568.02
Unrestricted General Funds	
General Fund	34,638.47
Funds Provided	**33,070.45**

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Approved by the trustees on: 21 October 2026

Signed on their behalf: .....

Thomas Brand
Chair

Statement of Financial Activities

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	*Prior Total**
Donations and Legacies	59,692.66		**59,692.66**	*73,987.15*
Charitable Activities	9,490.06	3,570.00	**13,060.06**	*13,837.99*
Investments	364.27		**364.27**	*533.15*
Other Incoming Resources				*340.00*
Total income and endowments	**69,546.99**	**3,570.00**	**73,116.99**	***88,698.29***
Charitable Activities	87,306.18	4,615.00	**91,921.18**	*68,722.11*
Total expenditure	**87,306.18**	**4,615.00**	**91,921.18**	***68,722.11***
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-17,759.19	-1,045.00	**-18,804.19**	*19,976.18*
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	-17,759.19	-1,045.00	**-18,804.19**	*19,976.18*
Exceptional items				
Transfers between funds				
Gains(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use				
Other gains(losses)				
Net movement in funds	**-17,759.19**	**-1,045.00**	**-18,804.19**	***19,976.18***
Total funds brought forward	*52,397.66*	*-523.02*	***51,874.64***	*31,898.46*
Total funds carried forward	**34,638.47**	**-1,568.02**	**33,070.45**	***51,874.64***

Notes to the financial statements

1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

1. Accounting principles

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the historic cost basis of accounting.

b) Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operaitional existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Charity management costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

2. Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Corporate Members	33,536	31,808
Church Members	3,498	4,223
Agency Members	10,475	9,345
Affiliate Members	5,567	4,270
Grants	0	10,00
One-Off Donations	3,397	13,151
Gift Aid	3,220	1,190
	59,693	**73,987**

3. Charitable Activities - Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sale of Resources	1,711	140
Conference and Events	11,349	13,013
Total	**13,060**	**13,153**

4. Other income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income received	364	533
Other income	0	340
Total	**364**	**873**

5. Charitable Activities - Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employee Costs	40,555	40,007
Publicity	6,141	7,325
Publications	3,214	1,453
Communications	8,979	8,783
Charity Management Costs	11,709	9,712
Charitable activites	230	273
Conference and Events	21,093	1,169
Total	**91,921**	**68,722**

5a. Employee Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payroll Costs	39,258	38,673
Pension Contributions	1,297	1,335
Total	**40,555**	**40,007**

6. Fixed Tangible Assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Costs Bfwd	1,779	1,779
Additions	0	0
Costs Cfwd at 31 December 2025	1,779	1,779
Accumulated Depreciation		
Bfwd	223	223
Charge for the year	445	445
Cfwd at 31 December 2025	668	668
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	1,556	1,556
At 31 December 2025	1,111	1,111

7. Restricted Funds

	Bfwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Cfwd
	£	£	£	£	£
The Gospel Coalition	(523)	3,570	4,615	0	(1,568)

8. Custodian & charity trustees' remuneration

During the period, 0 payments (2024 - £119.80) were made to trustees (2024 - 1 trustee) in respect of the reimbursement of travelling expenses incurred by trustees attending meetings or events on behalf of Affinity.

During 2025, 0 trustees (2024 - 0) received remuneration for speaking at an Affinity event.

The trustees received no other remuneration in their capacity as trustees of the charity.