City Church Wolverhampton

Accounts

For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

City Church Wolverhampton

Trustees Annual Report 2025

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Aims and Purposes of the Charity

As an independent, Bible-believing church, as per our statement of faith, City Church Wolverhampton's purposes are (as stated in the Church's Constitution) for the public benefit the advancement of the Christian faith in such ways as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of Him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve Him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.
2025 was a year of creating a firm foundation in leadership as well as seeing steady growth in terms of ministry activities and more people being engaged with our activities on both Sundays and throughout the week.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

To fulfil the aims and purposes of the Church as stated above, a variety of activities are provided for both the benefit of church members and for the benefit of members of the public. Our Sunday morning services continue to be held at Graiseley Family Hub (Pool St., Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, WV2 4NE) at 10 am. We seek to encourage attendance by members of the wider community by making these gatherings friendly, informal and joyful occasions. These services are recorded and broadcast later in the week on the church's website, although we firmly believe that meeting in person is critical to the practice of our faith. During Sunday morning services "Junior Church" for children aged 4-8 is run weekly and biweekly for 9-12s. These services are advertised electronically via our Facebook page and literature distributed in the local communities as well as word-of-mouth.

Our 3 midweek gatherings continue to meet in various homes around the city. These are for prayer and bible study, as well as meeting the need for people to live 'in community'. In September, our youth group (for 11-18 year olds) began meeting on Sunday evenings.

Our monthly men's and women's breakfast/brunch events are well attended and continue to provide opportunities for friendship for people who are part of the church as well as a place to invite other friends and acquaintances.

On Mondays we are regularly in the local community distributing Bibles, gospels and other Christian literature to those who are interested.

In August, we held our fifth annual holiday Bible club during the summer in a local park, gaining the necessary permissions from the local council in regard to health and safety regulations, first aid precautions etc. This again was well received by the wider community, being advertised through Facebook and fliers in the area. We hosted two visiting teams from other churches which allowed us to see a greater number of children and their parents participate in activities in Graisley Park.

We had the great joy of celebrating the baptisms of three people who had trusted Jesus personally in September.

One couple from our leadership team was transferred back to Scotland. As a result, four Elders presently serve the church in spiritual and pastoral care. We continue to identify and train future leaders and at present we are working to train a group of 3-5 men and their wives in church leadership.

We were invited back to the Mander Centre once again to hold a Christmas carol concert which was well received and held a second annual community carol service at Bob Jones Community Hub in partnership with St. Luke's Wolverhampton and CLC Wolverhampton, which saw roughly 500 people in attendance, including a good number from the local community.

We have offered from time-to time courses to all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith.

Individual pastoral and spiritual advice is offered to people living in the church's locality, both to those who attend our meetings and to those making inquiries electronically.

We have informal relationships with several other churches in the Wolverhampton area (Hope City Church, St. Luke's, and local FIEC churches) to be supported and to support them in our mutual endeavours to advance the Christian faith.

The Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for all matters of the CIO, both the finance and work of those who are designated as holding positions of spiritual responsibility. We hold insurance for events that we might have both regular and time to time and for the work that is done by individuals as to the propagation of the Christian faith.

The Trustees reviewed and modified a safeguarding policy and it will continue to be reviewed annually. The Trustees meet four times a year. These meetings are formally recorded, and

these records are available for inspection by the Charity Commission and the Independent Examiner.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its ministries only in numbers, including financial numbers, but in less tangible ways like growth of individuals in their Christian faith and in opportunities to the share the Christian gospel with members of the community. Such '"success" is difficult to measure, but the Trustees rejoice in another year when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been shared with the city of Wolverhampton. This year we have provided free literature in the City Centre and in the areas around Bantock Park and Graiseley. These include Bibles, booklets, and leaflets. These have proved popular, and hundreds of items have been taken. We are encouraged to find that they have not then been dropped in the street and have not contributed to littering.

Our morning attendance has risen to about 60 persons this year and includes people from multiple different ethnic backgrounds who live in the UK. Our three mid-week gatherings would be anywhere from 4 – 10 persons

Much of the work of the church was carried out by a large number of volunteers who, amongst other ministries, serve as musicians, Sunday hosts, hosts for mid-week, children's workers, literature distributors, AV technicians, set and pack down teams, and so on. We give thanks to the Lord for their faithful and fruitful efforts. Our Pastor, Timothy D. Berry and part time associate Andrew L. Berry led the majority of services whilst Timothy D. Berry has done the majority of contacting those in need of pastoral support. Andrew L. Berry chaired the Trustees and the other decision-making meetings. His experience with other Boards is invaluable to the smooth running of the Church. Mr. T. Paul Lindsay has provided vital leadership in much practical administration for the renting of the property, organising our Holiday Bible club and hosting one of our small group meetings. In addition, Mr. Best Edematie is also hosting a small group in his home on a bi-weekly basis. Mr. Andrew Berry continues with the duties of Safeguarding Officer until another suitable person can be found. We are equally grateful to another Trustee, who likewise has invaluable experience with other boards and is a qualified accountant, in dealing with the financial matters of the church: Mrs Lyn Towers. Mr Timothy Howard, with his experience as chief operating officer has proved equally invaluable in drawing up various documents and dealing with matters of insurance, risk registers and safety forms.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2025

Summary of the Year

By the end of the year a balance of £82.613 was held in the church's bank account, most of which was generated from offerings and donations and a grant of £15,000 in 2022. In 2024 a gift of £5,000 was also received to assist with the purchase of a building for church ministry. The expenditure of the church remains quite minimal and there is therefore a surplus of funds available. This position has given the financial security as the work of the church continues to grow and develop in 2026, particularly with increased costs of building hire and the ongoing possibility of purchasing a building for ministry. The church has established an account with Kingdom Bank where we hold funds that are reserved for a future building, including the grant and gift in previous years.

Other Causes

The Trustees have established the principle that City Church Wolverhampton will give proportionately to other organisations and people who are involved in Christian Gospel related programmes. During 2025 the church gave £20 to other such causes but looks to increase this giving in 2026.

Reserves Policy

The present reserves policy says that the church shall keep £2,000 in reserves. This policy is regularly reviewed, and the Church has that amount in reserve. The Charity Commission expects the Trustees to decide, publish, implement and monitor their charity's reserve policy so that they can comply with their legal duties.

Conclusion

The Church enters 2026 in a financially stable position, having grown both numerically and in terms of its activities, positively impacting the local community, and fulfilled its purpose of seeing the Gospel of Jesus Christ shared in our local community and across the City of Wolverhampton.

Structure, Governance and Management

City Church Wolverhampton is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

As such it is solely run by its Trustees (presently 4), with the desire of having 'covenant partners'. Currently the church doesn't have a process for formally recognising these persons, so the body of believers is considered to be those who attend regularly and contribute to the financial needs of the church.

The church is recognised as a church plant with the goal of being affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) in due course. As such we adhere to their doctrinal statement and to their other ethos statements which bring clarity to our life and ministry as part of that fellowship.

Administrative Information

City Church Wolverhampton has as its registered office at 11 Birches Barn Ave, Wolverhampton WV3 7BT and its website http://www.citychurchwolverhampton.com

City Church Wolverhampton's Charity Registration Number is 1193886.

The Trustees who have served during 2025 are as follows:

Andrew L. Berry (Chair)

Rev. Timothy D. Berry (Trustee)

Lyn D. Towers (Trustee & Treasurer)

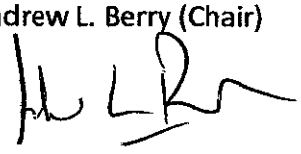
Timothy Howard (Trustee)

Declaration

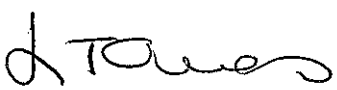
The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Andrew L. Berry (Chair)



Lyn D. Towers (Treasurer)



Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of City Church Wolverhampton on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Basis of independent examiner's report

We report on the accounts of City Church Wolverhampton for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Group's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Group's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to follow the general directions for the conduct of an independent examination
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions for an independent examination. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as a committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
   - to keep appropriate accounting records; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with applicable financial reporting standards

   have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Community Accounting Services

Community Accounting Services Ltd
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Shrewsbury
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Date: 21/09/2026

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Income & Expenditure Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	*Total Funds 2024 £*
Income				
Offerings & Donations	**22,955**	**-**	**22,955**	*25,134*
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	**5,707**	**-**	**5,707**	*4,489*
Grants	**352**	**-**	**352**	*1,677*
Total Income	**29,014**	**-**	**29,014**	*31,300*
Expenditure				
Running costs				
Travel expenses	**6**	**-**	**6**	*-*
Pastor hospitality	**641**	**-**	**641**	*244*
Repairs & Maintenance	**114**	**-**	**114**	*344*
Insurance	**188**	**-**	**188**	*179*
Room hire	**5,278**	**-**	**5,278**	*5,378*
Independent examiner	**325**	**-**	**325**	*-*
Legal & professional	**1,240**	**-**	**1,240**	*800*
Publicity	**509**	**-**	**509**	*629*
Computer costs & equipment	**1040**	**-**	**1,040**	*1,461*
Evangelism	**487**	**-**	**487**	*369*
Outreaches	**1,361**	**-**	**1,361**	*570*
Short Term Team	**225**	**-**	**225**	*986*
Sunday School	**-**	**-**	**-**	*36*
Youth Group	**354**	**-**	**354**	*-*
Young Adults	**84**	**-**	**84**	*-*
Speakers	**118**	**-**	**118**	*-*
Refreshments	**487**	**-**	**487**	*577*
Donations to other causes	**620**	**-**	**620**	*2,398*
Training	**2335**	**-**	**2,335**	*22*
Bank charges	**-**	**-**	**-**	*21*
General expenses	**434**	**-**	**434**	*197*
Total Expenses	**15,846**	**-**	**15,846**	*14,211*
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	**13,168**	**-**	**13,168**	*17,089*
Transfer Between Funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	*-*
Net Incoming Resources	**13,168**	**-**	**13,168**	*17,089*
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2025	**64,445**	**5,000**	**69,445**	*52,356*
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2025	**77,613**	**5,000**	**82,613**	*69,445*

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Assets
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Cash at bank	77,613	5,000	82,613

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Andrew L. Berry
Chair of the Trustees



Date 21-10-2026

Lyn D. Towers
Treasurer



Date 21/10/2026