NEW COVENANT CHURCH GRAVESEND

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended
1 January 2026

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 1 January 2026

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 1 January 2026

The legal name of the charity is: - **NEW COVENANT CHURCH - GRAVESEND**

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1194414.

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England & Wales. The governing document of the charity is the constitution of the CIO as approved by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW)

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were:

Mr. K.P. Ojo
Mrs. O.M. Smith
Mrs I. Oluwasegun

There were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

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Objectives and activities of the charity

The objectives of the church are set out in the CIO document:

1. To advance the Christian Religion for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and distributing literature on the Christian Faith to enlighten others about the Christian Religion.
2. To prevent and relieve poverty for the public benefit by providing funds, goods and services in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think.

Significant activities

The principal activities of the charity are Christian worship and involvement of various ministries and ministers of Religion in propagating the Christian Tenets of faith to members (and non-members) who seek to develop an understanding of the Gospel through the various meetings provided by the Church.

There is also an extension of the Christian Faith through other direct Community Outreach programmes.

Review of the year's activities

The Trustees of the Charity having due regard for the reporting of public benefit provided by the Charity in line with the Charities Act 2011, are pleased to report that the church was involved with community focused events and projects providing direct benefit for the public in the UK.

The Charity commits to the promotion of the Christian Faith by leasing on a weekly basis a place at Holy Family Church, Gravesend Kent, to provide the public with the ongoing opportunity to attend Church services enabling them to grow and develop in the Christian faith, teachings and Principles.

The worship activities make provision for Christian Worship Services, teaching sessions, discipleship classes and prayer meetings throughout the week. The Church also meets online via zoom on a weekly basis for bible study classes. This platform is open to non-members and provides an avenue to advance Christianity in the community on an informal basis.

Evangelism is a core value and outreach strategy of our Church to reach out to communities. We distribute Christian Tracts in the community, speak to people in parks and public places about the Christian faith, provide light refreshments in parks as we look to engage the community to drive forward the Christian faith. We also collaborate with local churches to promote picnics, BBQ outreach and summer family fun days where food and drinks are provided.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits in managing the activities of the charity.

Financial review
The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

In making the appointments, the CIO's governing document is checked to ensure that the new trustees are appointed in a proper and legal way.

Preferred candidates, with the required expertise and skill set, are identified and invited for interview to be a member of the charity's board of trustees. (Subject to formal vetting and approval by the full trustee board.) Potential trustees are vetted. Checks are carried out to ascertain candidates have not been disqualified from acting as trustees, and candidates are asked to confirm in writing that this is the case.

Candidates are asked to consider and declare any existing or potential conflicts of interest. Appropriate checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service are conducted. In the light of the checks and declarations, the trustees decide to go ahead and formalise the appointment of new trustees. Trustees meet and make a decision on the appointment of each new Trustee and the office they hold.

All new trustees are given a copy of the CIO's governing document and all relevant documents and guides from the Charity Commission. All new trustees are introduced to the church and the office they hold.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees works closely with the management team and other advisers who promote the objectives of the charity. The charity also collaborates with the New Covenant Church Charity Number 1004343 where our objectives align. The board of Trustees holds meetings throughout the year and directs the pastoral team to promote the policies, strategies, programmes and projects that are geared towards achieving the charity's objectives.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of New Covenant Church Gravesend

Report on the accounts for the year ended 1 January 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report on my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions issued 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me reasonable 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 those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, as applicable to Receipts and Payments accounts.

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.

Mr O. Arenyeka

Kent, United Kingdom

1 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

NEW COVENANT CHURCH GRAVESEND	1194414

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	02/01/2025	To	01/01/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	38,769	-	-	38,769	40,641
Interest Income	1,456	-	-	1,456	1,693
Other Income	5,411	-	-	5,411	102
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	45,637	-	-	45,637	42,436
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sales of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of investment	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,637	-	-	45,637	42,436
A3 Payments					
Rent	4,350	-	-	4,350	2,555
Charitable activities	4,408	-	-	4,408	3,525
Ministerial	20,604	-	-	20,604	17,828
Professional fees	598	-	-	598	400
Bank Charges	46	-	-	46	71
Sundry & Support expenditure	250	-	-	250	487
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,256	-	-	30,256	24,865
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset purchase	553	-	-	553	309
Investment purchase	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	553	-	-	553	309
Total payments	30,809	-	-	30,809	25,174
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,828	-	-	14,828	17,262
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	111,572	-	-	111,572	94,310
Cash funds this year end	126,400	-	-	126,400	111,572

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	35,226	-	-
	Savings account	91,174	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	126,400	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptops, projectors, screens and other equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture and fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Musical instruments	Unrestricted	-	-
	Microphones	Unrestricted	-	-
	Speakers	Unrestricted	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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