TRUSTEES REPORT for year ending 31st Dec 2025

GRANVILLE STREET EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The Trustees during the year to 31st Dec 2025, were as follows. All three trustees served for the entire period and remain in office at the date of this report.

David Wall	(appointed 23 March 2012)
Philip Richardson	(appointed 23 March 2012)
David Watkins	(appointed 30 Nov 1977)

All three trustees have served since the current CIO was incorporated on 17 Jun 2021 and were also trustees of the predecessor unincorporated charity.

Charity number 1194843 Registered in England and Wales

Registered office address

Granville Street Church
Granville Street
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
HP20 2JR

Governing document

Constitution registered 17 June 2021 on establishment of CIO. (Written with close regard to the previous trust deed, dated 31st March 1914.)

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

CIO Name: Granville Street Evangelical Church

Structure, governance and management

The CIO was incorporated on 17 June 2021, replacing the previous unincorporated charity (294636)

All trustees are volunteers. The trustees are in regular contact week to week as active members of the church and meet formally as trustees from time to time as required.

The existing trustees are authorised to appoint new trustees. The last change was on 16th January 2021, upon the retirement of a trustee.

The church is served, under the governance of the trustees, by a leadership team, who meet monthly, consisting of four deacons and two elders. The current elders are also trustees.

Public benefit statement

The CIO benefits the public by providing a welcome, pastoral care and spiritual encouragement through worship services, teaching, fellowship groups, prayer and community activities within the Aylesbury area, and by resourcing similar work locally and further afield.

Risk management

The CIO has health and safety policies relating to food safety, fire risk, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, first aid, and electrical appliances, as well as risk assessments for specific activities.

These policies are maintained and reviewed from time to time. One of the deacons has particular responsibility for health and safety and one of the trustees is the nominated safeguarding officer.

The church building and the charity's other assets and liabilities are adequately insured

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects
The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the statement of faith, in Aylesbury, throughout England and overseas for the benefit of the public mainly but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, religious ceremonies and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the community.

Principal activities
The principal activities of the charity include weekly worship services, including spiritual instruction and small groups offering fellowship and prayer each week. We run a monthly community group for dads and children, a monthly free lunch, and meetings in several local retirement homes. We maintain contact with mission partners elsewhere who we support through prayer and financial gifts. In partnership with other local churches we help to provide a town chaplaincy service and Street Angels project as well as an annual open air worship service and community event. We run a Sunday school for children, and, with other churches, we assist with a monthly youth café. Our building is let 3 days per week to a mental health charity who run a support group for vulnerable adults, and is also used from time to time by other community groups.

Main achievements in 2025:

During 2025 we continued to serve a committed informal membership and saw a number of new regular attenders join us. We maintained contact with the wider community through a number of activities, including a monthly lunch, and a dads and toddlers group with several regular attendees from outside the church fellowship. On Sundays we provided a varied program of teaching, including both visiting and internal speakers. At harvest we collected food and toiletries to support a local food bank, and we have maintained an active support of missionary work in the UK and abroad.

We seek to provide consistent high quality Bible teaching Sunday by Sunday and through more interactive mid-week study groups. This is greatly appreciated. We have a number of children attending regularly, and we ran a small but vibrant weekly Sunday school group overseen by a rota of 6-8 volunteers.

We continue to supply pastoral care through a network of informal and, in some cases, more focussed support, especially for older members. We had one death in the fellowship in 2025 and a funeral was conducted at the church.

In March 2025 the toilet, front porch and lobby areas of the building were re-modelled and re-fitted. This completes the programme of refurbishment work planned over the last several years. This work provides a permanent ramp for accessible access, gender neutral and disabled toilet facilities as well as a greatly improved modern entrance area, making the building more attractive and welcoming for the local community.

Financial review and reserves policy

The total income for 2025 was £45,064.78 (compared to £51,813 in 2024). Some of the fall in income is explained by the loss of rental income for 6 weeks during the refurbishment work.
The main sources of income were:

- Individual donations from church members – approx. 78%
- Rent from Mind Buckinghamshire (3 days per week) – approx. 20%

Total expenditure for the period was £105,559.55 (compared to £114,296 in 2024). In both the last two years our expenditure was substantially inflated by the one-off costs of refurbishment work (£68k in 2025), spent as planned from capital reserves, rather than annual income. If this exceptional outlay is excluded the residual expenditure in 2025 was £37,491.71.

Main areas of expenditure included:

- Toilet and entrance refurbishment (£68k)
- Gifts to mission partners (inc. local Christian organisations and overseas missionaries) (£18k)
- Utility bills
- Other building maintenance and repair
- Speaker's expenses and gifts
- Payments to cleaners
- Food, drink and cleaning products
- Equipment, children's materials and literature

Cash in the bank at 31st Dec 2025 was £50,324 (vs £109,974 previous year).

The CIO owns the church building and has no other property assets. The leadership team and trustees all serve on a voluntary basis and so the charity has no employees or salary costs. Church members (including the trustees) are reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with church activities. We employ the services of a cleaning company.

During 2025, as we had planned, we spent a significant portion of our reserves on the toilet and entrance refurbishment (approx. £68k), leaving a residual reserve of around £50k at the end of the year. We consider this to be a prudent level to hold in case of emergency, and are not planning any further significant capital expenditure at present.

The total income is under the current £500,000 audit threshold in the Charities Act 2011 and the Trustees have therefore agreed that the accounts should be independently examined rather than incurring the additional costs of audit.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees of the charity acknowledge their responsibility to maintain proper accounting records, to prepare Annual Accounts which show a true and fair view of the activities of the charity and to take appropriate measures to protect the assets of the charity from major loss.

This Report is made under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th May 2026 and is signed on their behalf by:



Philip Richardson (Trustee and Elder)

Granville Street Church P. Carpenter Treasurer

Balances December 2025			**Final Bank statements**		
Church Combined Account	£	50,324.40	CAF	£	33,804.42
Reserve including Deposit			Metro CIAA	£	11,123.44
			Metro	£	5,396.54
Restricted	£	-			
New Balance	£	50,324.40	**Total**	£	50,324.40
Reconcilliation	£	-		£	-

Combined Income		
SEPA return	£	844.76
Metro Interest	£	87.74
Andrews notes	£	165.52
CAF interest	£	95.02
BAMH Ltd (Wings) inv	£	9,150.00
Other Hire of building etc.	£	390.00
WLTDO	£	-
Offering/SO *	£	35,176.50
Gift Aid XN69231		
Total	£	45,909.54
Restricted Income Nil*	£	-
Total Income	£	45,909.54

Less SEPA return		
£ 45,064.78		
	-£	844.76

Special offerings and/or newly directed

Unrestricted & Combined Expenditure		
Bens Gutters	£	360.00
Church Cleaning (CCS)	£	2,941.16
CCLI renewal & Streaming	£	528.00
Webhost		
I&B Dark - Latin Link	£	500.00
Equipment, First Aid and security	£	70.00
Window Cleaning	£	114.00
Prison Fellowship	£	400.00
Thirty One Eight	£	150.00
Speakers	£	2,365.00
Toilet block update	£	68,067.84
Independent Review	£	540.00
Find a church listing	-£	22.00
Evangelical Alliance	£	120.00
CPO		
S&Y Wolfe	£	1,200.00
Fagaras Romania	£	1,600.00
Serb Romania	£	2,700.00
Castle Water	£	277.99
Tuesday speaker	£	320.00
Electricity	£	5,996.58
T&D Oprenov Bulgaria	£	2,400.00
Cards etc.	£	198.93

Bike Stand	£	40.00			
BYCC Parking management					
Aylesbury Town ATC	£	800.00			
Food - other	£	27.20			
WLTDO Dads & children Outreach	£	-			
Insurance	£	1,265.44			
Cavana Lyminge Ltd	£	22.60			
Suplies - various	£	348.26			
Aylesbury Fire Systems	£	420.00			
Good News Newspaper	£	61.00			
Churchfire security Ltd	£	170.46			
Gifts - other	£	300.00			
Church 70+ & needy gifts	£	300.00			
BYBCC car parking	£	-			
Printing	£	240.22			
Lunch food etc.	£	1,001.39			
Misc supplies	£	52.68			
Electrical checks	£	740.40			
AVYFC Monthly	£	8,400.00			
CAF fees	£	61.00			
Foreign payment charges	£	1.40			
Mission to Jewish people [CWI]	£	480.00			
Total	£	105,559.55			

Restricted & Gifted Expenditure

	£	-			
Total	£	-			
					Restricted
Total Outgoings	£	105,559.55	£	105,559.55	Balance
			£	-	£ -
	£	109,974.41			
2025 final balance	£	50,324.40			
			P&L		-£ 59,650.01

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Granville Street Evangelical Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1194843
Set out on pages	1 to 6		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

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 in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	Jdarbon	**Date:**	09/09/2026
Name:	Jane Darbon		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	6 Gurney Close Aylesbury, HP20 2XL		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	