Trustees' Report

King's Way Community Church, Harwich

Annual General Meeting – 30 September 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present this report to the members of King's Way Community Church for the year ending September 2026.

The past year has been a significant period for the church. Alongside our normal activities of worship, ministry and community, the Trustees have had to give considerable attention to governance, financial accountability, leadership and the overall stability of the church.

Our responsibility as Trustees is to ensure that the church is properly governed, that its resources are protected and used appropriately, and that the church operates in accordance with its charitable purposes, Constitution and legal responsibilities.

As Scripture reminds us:

> **"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."**
> **1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)**

Our desire is to be faithful stewards of everything God has entrusted to King's Way Community Church.

Governance and Leadership

During the year, the Trustees have worked to strengthen the governance of King's Way Community Church.

The adoption of the new **Constitution and Code of Conduct** has provided a clearer framework for the governance of the church, the responsibilities of those serving in leadership and the standards expected of individuals acting on behalf of the church.

The past year has also involved significant leadership transition. The Trustees have sought to manage this responsibly while maintaining continuity in the life and ministry of the church.

Scripture gives us an important principle for leadership:

> **"Let all things be done decently and in order."**
> **1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV)**

Good governance is therefore not separate from our Christian calling. It helps us ensure that leadership is exercised responsibly, transparently and in a manner that honours God.

As we look ahead, there is a need to continue developing the leadership structure of the church, including appropriate arrangements for Eldership, ministry leadership, administration and financial oversight.

Financial Governance

Financial governance has been a significant area of focus during the year.

The church has had to address historic financial matters which required careful consideration by the Trustees. These matters have also resulted in engagement with the Charity Commission and a renewed focus on the church's financial controls.

The Trustees have sought to ensure that church funds are appropriately protected, that access to church finances is properly controlled and that expenditure is appropriately authorised and recorded.

Scripture gives us a clear principle concerning the handling of resources:

> **"Providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."**
> **2 Corinthians 8:21 (NKJV)**

We recognise that financial accountability is not simply a legal or administrative requirement. It is part of our Christian witness.

The Trustees therefore believe that financial transparency, appropriate controls and accountability should be part of the normal operation of the church.

Going forward, we will continue to strengthen financial procedures, improve regular reporting and ensure appropriate separation of responsibilities between those responsible for administration, financial processing and oversight.

Charity Commission

During the year, the church has continued to engage with the Charity Commission in relation to matters that were formally reported to the Commission.

The Trustees have responded to requests for information and have sought to ensure that the church takes appropriate action in response to the concerns raised.

This process has reinforced the importance of maintaining proper governance, financial controls, records and accountability.

The Trustees remain committed to fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon them as charity trustees.

Our guiding principle is:

> **"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much."**
> **Luke 16:10 (NKJV)**

We recognise that faithful stewardship applies to every aspect of church life, including the resources entrusted to us.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains an important responsibility of the Trustees.

The church has a duty to provide an environment in which children, young people and vulnerable adults are treated with dignity and protected appropriately.

This reflects the heart of Christ's teaching:

> **“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”**
> **Matthew 18:5 (NKJV)**

Safeguarding is therefore not simply a regulatory requirement. It is part of our responsibility to care for people within our church community.

The Trustees will continue to ensure that appropriate safeguarding policies, procedures and responsibilities are maintained and reviewed.

Administration and Stewardship

The Trustees have also considered the administrative needs of the church.

As the church develops, it is increasingly important that administrative responsibilities are clearly defined and properly supported. This includes maintaining appropriate church records, supporting financial administration, managing communication, ensuring documentation is maintained and helping the church operate effectively.

The principle of stewardship applies here as well:

> **“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”**
> **1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)**

Every responsibility within the church should ultimately be viewed as an opportunity to serve God and His people.

Church Property and Resources

The Trustees remain responsible for ensuring that the church's buildings, equipment and other resources are appropriately maintained and used for the purposes of the church.

The church's physical and financial resources are valuable assets which have been entrusted to us for ministry. They therefore need to be managed responsibly and sustainably.

We recognise the principle found in Psalm 24:

> **“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness.”**
> **Psalm 24:1 (NKJV)**

Everything we have ultimately belongs to God. We are stewards rather than owners.

Looking Forward

The Trustees believe that the church is now in a position to build on the lessons of the past year.

Our priorities for the coming year will include:

- Strengthening governance and accountability
- Maintaining robust financial controls
- Developing the church's leadership structure
- Strengthening safeguarding arrangements
- Improving administration
- Supporting discipleship and ministry
- Encouraging greater participation by members
- Using church resources responsibly
- Supporting outreach and mission

We recognise that governance should serve the mission of the church rather than become an end in itself.

Our responsibility is to help create an environment in which the church can fulfil its calling to serve God, serve one another and make Christ known within our community and beyond.

Conclusion

The past year has not been without its challenges. However, the Trustees believe that those challenges have also provided an opportunity to strengthen the foundations of King's Way Community Church.

We are committed to learning from the past, improving where necessary and ensuring that the church is governed with integrity, transparency and accountability.

Scripture reminds us:

> **"Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it."**
> **Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)**

Our governance, our plans and our work must therefore remain submitted to God.

We thank the members and congregation of King's Way Community Church for their continued support, prayer and commitment.

Above all, we recognise that the church belongs to Jesus Christ.

Our responsibility is to be faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

As we move into the next year, we do so with a renewed commitment to **Courage, Community and Christ at the centre**.

> **"But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."**
> **1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV)**

On behalf of the Trustees of King's Way Community Church

Chair of Trustees: Ade Amoo-Peters

Date: 19th September, 2026

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I report on the accounts of King's Way Community Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 Unrestricted income funds £	2025 Restricted income funds £	2025 Total £	*2024 Total £*
Receipts				
Tithes & Offerings	44,456	-	44,456	*56,370*
Gift Aid Income	10,792	-	10,792	*14,662*
Coffee Morning	66	-	66	*92*
Bank interest	3,771	-	3,771	*5,031*
O Eradiri loan repaid	7,200	-	7,200	*10,523*
Employee loans repaid	0	-	-	*0*
Sundry Receipts	2,070	-	2,070	*0*
Total Receipts	68,355	-	68,355	*86,678*
Payments				
C Eradiri Net Salary	10,933	-	10,933	*16,061*
O Eradiri Net Salary	7,518	-	7,518	*11,047*
O Eradiri Loan Advanced	52,766	-	52,766	*15,000*
PAYE & NI	14,980	-	14,980	*14,736*
J Maxwell Net Salary	7,267	-	7,267	*7,335*
Treasurer Net Salary	5,439	-	5,439	*5,332*
Pension	1,581	-	1,581	*2,030*
Evangelism and Outreach	770	-	770	*3,850*
Telephone and Broadband	146	-	146	*129*
Council Tax	2,212	-	2,212	*3,532*
Church Utilities:				
Utilities	4,226	-	4,226	*3,438*
Insurance	1,714		1,714	*1,584*
Church Maintenance	4,024		4,024	*5,355*
Church Equipment	1,243	-	1,243	*1,483*
Audio Visual Equipment	0	-	-	*1,503*
Computer equipment	90	-	90	*995*
Printing & Stationery	2,549	-	2,549	*2,360*
Child Protection	173	-	173	*275*
TV Licence	175	-	175	*170*
School Initiative	0	-	-	*960*
Gifts & Donations	10,889	-	10,889	*7,935*
Welfare	406	-	406	*1,445*
Catering	1,690	-	1,690	*5,168*
Website	983	-	983	*1,477*
Computer expenses	545	-	545	*1,126*
Equipment hire	192	-	192	
Advertising	0	-	-	*185*
Accountancy	1,603	-	1,603	*173*
Legal & Professional Fees	4,632	-	4,632	*0*
Conferences and other travel costs	1,604	-	1,604	*3,144*
Planning costs	0	-	-	*0*
Bank Charges	39	-	39	*16*
Sundries	449	-	449	*50*
Total payments	140,838	-	140,838	*117,894*
	(72,483)	-	*(72,483)*	*(31,216)*
Transfer between funds			0	-
	(72,483)	0	(72,483)	*(31,216)*
Cash Funds brought forward at 1 January 2025	324,518		324,518	*355,734*
Cash Funds carried forward at 31 December 2025	252,035	-	252,035	*324,518*

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Cash funds				
TSB Current account	11,103	-	11,103	*4,157*
TSB Deposit account	156,667	-	156,667	*237,190*
Barclays Current account	84,265	-	84,265	*83,171*
	252,035	-	252,035	*324,518*

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Total £	*Total £*
Fixed assets retained for the charity's own use				
Audio visual and computer equipment	Unrestricted	31,200	31,200	*31,200*
Other assets				
Other Debtors	Unrestricted	60,566	60,566	*15,000*

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Cost £	*Cost £*
Liabilities				
Creditors and accruals	Unrestricted	577	577	*5,272*

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

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