ABBEY WOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Charity name: ABBEY WOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1198284

Trustee names: Austin IYEDE, Ryan JOHNSON, Jeff LAWS & Chris STATTER

BACKGROUND & GOVERNANCE

Abbey Wood Community Church (AWCC) was started in September 2016 by a few members of the Slade Evangelical Church. It received Charitable status by the Charity Commission in March 2022 and was affiliated with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) in October 2023. AWCC is led by four Pastors/Elders who are also the Trustees; Chris Statter who is employed part time by the church, Ryan Johnson who is supported financially by a range of churches in the USA, Jeff Laws is a retiree and former headteacher and Austin Iyede who is self-employed and the church/charity treasurer.

All the Trustees are DBS checked as are the leaders and helpers in the children's and young people's activities. This year Toyin Iyede was appointed as our Safeguarding Coordinator.

The Trustees meet at least twice a month to consider their own learning, discuss the work of the church, determine appropriate teaching, evaluate the various activities, pray about new opportunities, consider leadership issues and review the financial situation.

OBJECTIVES

In line with AWCC's Constitution (See 3.1.1 of the Constitution) and vision (***"to be a church family of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds who worship God and follow Jesus in the power of the Spirit according to God's word")***, AWCC has sought throughout 2025 to function for the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with its Basis of Faith, primarily but not exclusively within Abbey Wood and the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the church has sought to fulfil its other charitable purposes by seeking to put into practice the Christian faith consistent with its Basis of Faith, Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethics, (See 3.1.2 of the Constitution).

ACTIVITIES (and PERFORMANCE)

Sunday Services

The overall congregation is very diverse, with a wide range of ages, different backgrounds and nationalities who are keen to gather for worship and learn the Christian faith. Throughout most of 2025 the church held two back-to-back morning services at Lesnes Lodge in Lesnes Abbey Park, New Road SE2 0AX at 10:30am and 11:45am. In the autumn the times were changed to 10am and 11:30am which led to a more balanced attendance between the two services. These services/gatherings include the opportunity to sing and pray and include teaching on the Christian faith. There has usually been separate provision for primary school age children with experienced teachers who have DBS clearance. After 8 years of overseeing the Sunday school by Helena Statter, Rebbecca Goodman took over the role this year. We began a Sunday evening monthly church prayer meeting this year initially meeting at Seven Acres Social club before moving to Lesnes Lodge (this had previously run on a Friday evening in a home). On Sunday September 14th we held an open-air service in the Abbey Ruins as part of the Lesnes Abbey Woodland Festival community event.

Bible Studies

Some members and attendees of the church have met weekly in homes and online (Zoom) for Bible study in our 'Growth Groups' with one of the groups for couples with young children meeting occasionally at the weekend. We held a '321 course' for those Exploring Christianity, a baptism class for those baptised this summer, and two different Bible Overview classes (Fly through the Bible" & "The Bible Course') for those who wanted to understand better how the whole Bible fits together. There have also been separate women's Bible study groups meeting monthly throughout the year and weekly over the summer and a men's monthly Bible study following a course from Crosslands training.

Christmas

We had a stall at the Lesnes Abbey Christmas Celebration providing free Christmas craft activities & give away Nativity children's books on Saturday 3rd of December. We then held three very different guest Christmas services and events; putting put on our annual 'Nativity Walk Through' at Lesnes Lodge with four scenes from the Christmas story involving interactive acting that sought to both tell the Christmas story and bring out its relevance to today. We held an international service which included people representing various parts of

the world and on Christmas Eve we held a Carols by Candlelight service.

Youth

The youth have continued to meet every Sunday evening along with the young people from the Slade Church, which hosts the meetings. Some young people attended the annual 'Transform Camp' in partnership with the Slade.

Weekend Away

In June we held our second weekend away at Otford Manor which was attended by about 50 of the church family including young people and children. It was an opportunity for the church family to get to know each other better through having food & fun together, enjoying the countryside and exploring the subject of 'worship'.

Paint in the Park

Paint in the Park has been a monthly event for our local community, teaching painting and connecting a verse and sharing from the gospel giving others a glimpse into church at AWCC. With a regular group of about 25 people who come. Natasha, Karolyn and Sarah run the group and have been able to make good friendships. A woman and her family have come a few times to church on a Sunday, and another woman has been several times and even helped at our Christmas events.

Kids Craft Stall at Local Market

Once a month on a Sunday we provided free kids' crafts and free Christian children's books at a stall at the Lesnes Abbey Producers' Market held in the Monks Garden at Lesnes Abbey Woods situated alongside the Lodge where we meet. Many of the families return month by month and appreciate both the craft on offer and the opportunity to chat. As well as sourcing Christian books to give away, this year we have also produced some of our own give away bible story & colouring books.

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Money Coaching (CAP)

Members who had received training from CAP (Christians Against Poverty) in running money coaching courses in 2024, ran a pilot course 2025 with others from the church congregation and then a second course with people from the local community.

International Students at Greenwich University

We have continued to contribute to the support of Kirsten Wynn as she welcomes, supports & offers opportunities to international students to socialise with other students and study the Bible as a *Friends International* worker and chaplain at the University of Greenwich.

Prison Ministry

Peggy Reetun has partnered with Prison Fellowship in HMP Belmarsh and HMP Thameside providing support to bereaved prisoners and helping the chaplaincy team. Chris Statter has been working in HMP Swaleside and HMP Elmley in Kent as their free church chaplain. AWCC have sponsored the purchase of both gift Bibles for the general prison populations at Thameside and Swaleside and study Bibles for those regularly attending weekly Bible Study.

Manipur Relief

We were able to split our Christmas offering to help with ongoing support to displaced Christians facing persecution in Manipur (N E India). As it was the second year of displacement finances were used to help purchase crop growing resources.

Webber Street Homeless Centre

The other half of our Christmas offering was given to the work of London City Mission's Homeless Centre: Webber Street based near Waterloo station, providing relief from life on the streets, but also help people take steps out of homelessness.

India School Support

We continue to provide financial support to help towards the running of a Christian primary school in Andhra Pradesh in India that provides education, meals and clothes to children

from very poor and marginalised communities. We were able to receive a personal update from the director of the umbrella organisation on a visit to the UK in October.
Our plan is to be able to continue most of these activities and services to the local community throughout 2026. We would also consider other possible opportunities to serve the community and share the Christian faith in keeping with our charitable purposes.

FINANCE

Our finances come exclusively from the voluntary giving of church members and the wider congregation. There is an offering box and there is an information sheet detailing how to give through bank transfer. There is no other source of income.
Our expenditure includes employing staff and supporting mission, hiring premises, running community activities, marketing, purchasing teaching materials for adults, youth and children, subscribing to various media and administrative digital aids, and acquiring and maintaining equipment.
Due to consistent giving over the last few years, we have a savings account to prepare for the possibility of purchasing our own building one day. Please see the financial report for further details on Income and Expenditure.

Review of financial position

Please refer to the annexed account for the details of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2025.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are requested to:

• Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

• Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

• State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

• Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

The members of the trustees during the year were

- Mr Jeffrey Laws
- Mr Ryan Neal Johnson
- Mr Christopher David Statter
- Mr Austin Iyede

Approval

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 20 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

MR AUSTIN IYEDE DATE: 20/ 10/2025

Signed

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of "ABBEYWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH"

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

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 section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 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 Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.

Adeyemi Adegbola FCCA

Statement of Financial Activities

Reported in GBP (£)

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	—	—	—	—	—
Income from charitable activities	123,794	—	—	123,794	151,312
Other trading activities	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	**123,794**	—	—	**123,794**	**151,312**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	92,267	—	—	92,267	134,974
Total expenditure	**92,267**	—	—	**92,267**	**134,974**
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**31,526**	—	—	**31,526**	**16,338**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	**31,526**	—	—	**31,526**	**16,338**
Total funds brought forward	86,168	—	—	86,168	69,830
Total funds carried forward	**117,694**	—	—	**117,694**	**86,168**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	117,694	—	—	117,694	86,168

Balance sheet

Reported in GBP (£)

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year
Fixed assets		
	Total Fixed assets	**0.00**
Current assets		
	Metro	117,694
	Total Current assets	**117,694**
Liabilities		
	Total Liabilities	**0.00**
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	**117,694**
Reserves		
	Excess / (deficit) to date	117,694
	Starting balances	
	Total Reserves	**117,694**
	Represented by funds	
	Unrestricted	117,694
	Designated	—
	Restricted	—
	Endowment	—
	Total	**117,694**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Sound Equipment -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Computer Equipment -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fixtures and Fittings -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Depreciation - Sounds -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Depreciation - Computer -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Depreciation - F&F -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Metro - Main -	117,694	—	—	—	117,694	86,168
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	**117,694**	—	—	—	**117,694**	**86,168**
Current assets - Debtors						
Prepaid expenses -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Accounts Payable -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	**117,694**	—	—	—	**117,694**	**86,168**

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
General - Offering						
Unrestricted	—	123,794	92,267	—	—	31,526
Sub-total for General	—	**123,794**	**92,267**	—	—	**31,526**
ZReval - Revaluation reserves						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for ZReval	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total		**123,794**	**92,267**	—	—	**31,526**
Offering - Offering						

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

- Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

- Basis of preparation

Abbeywood Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS
102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

- Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

- Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

2. Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable, and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading those aggregate similar costs to that category.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

- **Charitable activities**

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.

- **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories

covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

- **Tangible fixed assets**

The charity did not procure any fixed asset in the financial year. However, the policy is that any individual item of fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

- **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	No depreciation
Fixtures and fittings	10% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Equipment	25% straight line

No depreciation is charged to freehold property (land and buildings) as the property is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

- **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade

discounts due.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

- **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

- **Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

- **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

- **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

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Analysis of income and expenditure

Reported in GBP (£)

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
Offering	123,794	—	—	—	123,794	151,312
Gift Aid	0	—	—	—	0	0
INCOME TOTAL	123,794	—	—	—	123,794	151,312
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Teaching & Ministry	9,641	—	—	—	9,641	10,903
Evangelism	7091	—	—	—	7091	9,213
Care	0	—	—	—	0	123
Mission	15,447	—	—	—	15,447	19,157
Designated Offering	600	—	—	—	600	0
Admin	1,990	—	—	—	1,990	5,055
Salaries & Expenses	45,737	—	—	—	45,737	81,163
Youth	1,132	—	—	—	1,132	0
Property	7,134	—	—	—	7,134	6,912
Music & Audio-Visual	3,495	—	—	—	3,495	2,035
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	92,267	—	—	—	92,267	134,974
SURPLUS	31,526	—	—	—	31,526	16,338