ANNUAL CHURCH MINISTRY REPORT 2025

CHURCH OF NEW CANAAN

Introduction

We give thanks to Almighty God for His faithfulness, grace and guidance throughout the year 2025.

This year, we have seen **not only spiritual growth but also numerical growth** within the Church of New Canaan. We thank God for adding to our fellowship and for giving us opportunities to serve Him, strengthen one another and reach out to the wider community.

Our vision continues to be **to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to be a Bible-centred church, to extend His Kingdom and to glorify His Name**.

Throughout 2025, our ministries have continued to provide opportunities for worship, prayer, discipleship, fellowship, leadership development and community outreach. We are grateful to God for every member, ministry leader and volunteer who has faithfully served and contributed to the life of our church.

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1. Sunday Service

Our Sunday service continues to be the heart of our church gathering.

Every Sunday, we come together as a **Spirit-filled community** for worship, prayer, testimonies and the preaching of God's Word. We have continued to emphasise **expository preaching**, seeking to understand God's Word faithfully and apply its truth to our everyday lives.

Our services provide an opportunity for the congregation to worship God together, hear His Word, share testimonies of His goodness and encourage one another in faith.

We are thankful for everyone who contributes to our Sunday worship through music, prayer, Scripture reading, testimony, preaching and practical service.

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2. Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry continued to meet monthly for **Bible study, discussion, sharing, encouragement and prayer**.

These gatherings have provided an opportunity for men to grow together in their relationship with Christ, strengthen their faith and build genuine Christian brotherhood.

An important focus of the ministry is to train and equip men to become godly leaders in their:

- Families
- Church
- Workplaces

- Community

We encourage men to live out their Christian faith through their example, character, responsibility and service.

Through Bible study, fellowship and prayer, the Men's Ministry seeks to strengthen men spiritually and encourage them to become faithful disciples and leaders for Christ.

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3. Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry continued to meet monthly for **Bible study, fellowship and discussion**.

These gatherings provide an important opportunity for women to study God's Word together, share their experiences, encourage one another and pray together.

The women of our church play a vital role in the life and ministry of the congregation. They are a great source of prayer, encouragement, service and support and are truly a **backbone of the church**.

We thank God for their commitment, faithfulness and willingness to serve both within the church and in the wider community.

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4. Youth and Young Adults Ministry

The Youth and Young Adults Ministry had an **inspiring and encouraging year**.

The primary focus of this ministry is to **train and equip young people and young adults for Christian leadership**.

Our young people have become increasingly involved in the life of the church, particularly in **praise and worship**. They have been given opportunities to lead worship during Sunday services, helping them develop confidence, responsibility and leadership skills.

One of the highlights of the year was the **Praise and Worship Night**, organised by our young people. This event provided an opportunity to connect with the wider community through music, worship and the message of God's Word.

We are thankful to God for the gifts and commitment of our young people. Our prayer is that they will continue to grow as committed followers of Jesus Christ and become future leaders who will serve God faithfully.

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5. Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry plays a vital role in **nurturing the next generation of believers**.

Sunday School is held weekly, with teaching focused on helping children understand biblical truths and develop a personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ.

Through Bible teaching, prayer, activities and fellowship, the children are encouraged to learn about God's love and His purpose for their lives.

6. Christmas Carol Service and Fellowship Dinner

Each year, we celebrate the Christmas season with a special **Christmas Carol Service**, which is open to the entire community.

This year, church members actively participated in inviting people from the surrounding area by distributing leaflets and personal invitations.

The Christmas Carol Service was a special evening of **music, carol singing, Scripture and reflection on the birth of Jesus Christ**. Following the service, we shared a fellowship dinner, providing an opportunity for church members, visitors and members of the wider community to come together.

In addition to the main Christmas Carol Service, we held an **outdoor Carol Service on Christmas Eve**, followed by fireworks.

We also gathered for a **New Year's Eve service**, followed by fireworks.

These special gatherings helped bring people together and brought a joyful Christmas and New Year atmosphere to our community, while providing opportunities to share the message of Christ.

We thank everyone who worked hard to organise these events and everyone who invited friends, neighbours and members of the wider community.

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7. Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Good Friday and Easter Sunday were important opportunities to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We held special services on both **Good Friday and Easter Sunday**, focusing on the significance of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Following the Good Friday service, members of the church went into the surrounding area to distribute **Gospel tracts**, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and inviting people to reflect on the message of Easter.

This outreach reminded us that the Easter message is not only for the church but is good news that we are called to share with the wider community.

We pray that the seeds planted through this outreach will bear fruit in people's lives.

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8. Overseas Ministry – Supporting Pastors and Communities in Sri Lanka

Our overseas ministry continued to support pastors and communities in Sri Lanka.

During the year, particularly following **Cyclone Ditwah**, we responded to the needs of people affected by the disaster.

Our support was not limited only to church families. We also reached out to and assisted **families from other faith backgrounds** who were affected in and around the **Nuwara Eliya area**.

Practical assistance was provided towards food and other essential items for those who were experiencing hardship as a result of the disaster.

This ministry reflects our belief that the love of Christ should be demonstrated through practical care, compassion and generosity. We are called to serve people in need regardless of their background or faith.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed towards this relief effort and enabled the church to respond to those in need.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, our desire is to continue growing as a **Spirit-filled, Bible-centred and Christ-focused church**.

We want to see continued spiritual growth alongside numerical growth. We want to strengthen our discipleship, equip our members to serve, develop our young people and children, encourage families and reach more people with the Gospel.

Our prayer is that every ministry will continue to grow in strength and effectiveness and that more people in our community will encounter the love, grace and saving power of Jesus Christ.

We remain committed to our calling to **preach the Gospel, make disciples, serve our community and extend the Kingdom of God**.

Conclusion

We give thanks to God for everything He has done through the Church of New Canaan during 2025.

As we look back, we can say with confidence that **"the Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."** (Psalm 126:3)

May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen our church leadership, bless every ministry, equip our members, protect our families and use Church of New Canaan to be a blessing to the local community and beyond.

May we continue to grow together in faith, love and service, keeping Jesus Christ at the centre of everything we do.

To God be all the glory, honour and praise.

Amen.

Trustees during the year 2025

Remigus Joseph Sooriakumar Christopher - Chair - Remained in post

Clement Diluckshan Kennedy Sabapathy - Trustee – Remained in post

Mithiran Atputharantnam - Trustee – Remained in post

Patrick David Niraj. – Trustee – Remained in post

Ramachandran Udayashankar. - Resigned 10th October 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

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					
Total Cash Inflow	17 669	-	-	17 669	24 246
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	17 669	-	-	17 669	24 246
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17 669	-	-	17 669	24 246
A3 Payments					
Total Cah Outflow	20 188	-	-	20 188	1 008
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20 188	-	-	20 188	1 008
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20 188	-	-	20 188	1 008
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2 519	-	-	- 2 519	23 238
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28 380	-	-	28 380	-
Cash funds this year end	25 861	-	-	25 861	23 238

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 & Cash	25 861	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25 861	-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MITHRAN ATPUTHARATNAM	MITHRAN ATPUTHARATNAM	28/10/2026