GATEWAY CHURCH

BRIDGEND VALLEYS

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

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GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Joshua Neil Matthews David John Burnell Anne Wilson Katie-Jayne Thomas Christopher John Goldring (from 19th October 2025)
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1199717
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Constitution dated 20th July 2022
Address for correspondence:	Bryn Road Chapel Bryn Road Tondu BRIDGEND CF32 9EF
Independent Examiner:	Paul Burnell ACMI C Management Services 69 Velindre Road Whitchurch CARDIFF CF14 2TF
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GATEWAY church

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st December 2025.

Objects of the Charity

The Object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

Structure, Governance and Management

Gateway Church Bridgend Valleys, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, is governed by a board of trustees, appointed by a properly convened meeting of the board of trustees. Trustees will meet at least two times per year to make decisions regarding the structure, governance, financial operations, and other relevant business.

The income of Gateway Church Bridgend Valleys is comprised of charitable giving by organisations and individuals, either by monthly standing order or individual, “one off” donations, and grants from interested entities (be they government, business, or otherwise).

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

We are required to:
1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Our Aims and Objectives

The advancement of the Christian faith in the Bridgend Valleys Gateway Area.

Activities this last year

The objective given above has been met by activities undertaken by Gateway Church - Bridgend Valleys. In particular:

- Sunday worship meetings. These have been taking place on a weekly basis in Bryn Road Chapel, our new venue. Generally, 30-40 people are in attendance which has been numerical growth. A kids club for Primary school-aged children is incorporated into the meeting.
- Mid-week meetings. During term time, these have been at 6 Highfield Place to nurture the congregation through Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship.
- Community breakfast. We have established a weekly Monday morning group that meets in Ynysawdre Community Hall that has enabled us to connect with, and support, people in the local area.
- Youth work with specific provision for Secondary school-aged children. We have established fortnightly meetings on Wednesday evenings to support and nurture this age group with Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship.
- Seasonal outreach. At Christmas we held a wreath-making worship, a special community breakfast, carol singing in an elderly residential home, open-air carols in the local park, an all-age Nativity service and a Christmas day service. At Easter we held a Good Friday service, a community egg hunt and an all-age Easter service.
- Biblical counselling. Our biblical counselling intern has been supporting local people and church ministers across South Wales.
- Parenting course. Our Families and Community worker has trained with Care for the Family to deliver the Positive Parenting course for children with additional needs. This has been run, alongside the original Positive Parenting course, in collaboration with Brynmenyn Primary School and Sarn Library.
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Public Benefit requirement

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in December 2008.

Financial Review

Finances are reviewed at each trustee meeting, with an annual review of accounts to be carried out at the end of year and submitted to the Charities Commission.

Plans for Future Periods

With the establishment of regular and seasonal activities, Gateway Church has made a solid foundation of trust and rapport with the immediate community. In the year ahead we plan to:

- Maintain and improve our regular and seasonal activities.
- Secure funding for the Senior Minister to be employed full-time.

- Expand our collaboration with Ynysawdre Community Hall and hire the space on Sunday mornings to increase capacity for our growing congregation, including the provision of space for an unmanned creche.

Independent Examiner

Paul Burnell of CMS was appointed as the organisation's independent examiner during the year.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 27th August 2026 and is signed on their behalf by

Joshua Matthews

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

GATEWAY CHURCH BRIDGEND VALLEYS

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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 144(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 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 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 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- 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.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI 27th August 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Receipts from generated funds	2	41,754	14,448	56,202	19,670
Receipts from charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-
Other receipts	4	-	8,000	8,000	8,687
Interest received		-	-		-
Total Receipts		41,754	22,448	64,202	28,357
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	36,979	14,323	51,302	35,513
Total payments		36,979	14,323	51,302	35,513
Net Receipts/(Payments)		4,775	8,125	12,900	(7,156)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	
Fund balances at 31st December 2024		31,587	1,000	32,587	39,743
Fund balances at 31st December 2025		36,362	9,125	45,487	32,587

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2025 £	2024 £
The value of assets owned are:		
Equipment	5,000	5,000
	5,000	5,000

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	45,487	32,587
	45,487	32,587

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
Assets		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	-	-
Liabilities		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	120	120
	120	120

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 27th August 2026

Joshua Matthews

The notes on pages 9-10 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Gift Aid donations	-	-	-	-
Other donations	41,754	14,448	56,202	19,670
Tax recovered	-	-	-	-
	41,754	14,448	56,202	19,670

3. Receipts from charitable activities				
Income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

4. Other Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants	-	8,000	8,000	8,500
Other	-	-	-	187
	-	8,000	8,000	8,687

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Employment costs	28,290	14,323	42,613	30,212
Ministry costs	4,242	-	4,242	1,895
	32,532	14,323	46,855	32,107
b. Support and Administration				
Premises costs	1,020	-	1,020	3,406
Insurance	2,994		2,994	
Admin expenses	433		433	
	4,447	-	4,447	3,406
c. Grants				
Hardship support	-	-		-
	-	-		-

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has three part-time employed staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any trustee during the period, nor to any person connected to them other than salary and pension payments to Kate Thomas and her husband Rhod Thomas totalling £27,785 and to Joshua Matthews totalling £15,069.

7. Restricted Funds

The Restricted Funds position at the end of the accounting period:

Building Fund –£1,000 carried forward - £1,000 remaining

Biblical Counselling – received £5,000 toward Josh Matthews' salary – nil remaining

Sola Trust – received £3,000 toward Josh Matthews salary - nil remaining

Restricted Donations – received £14,323 toward Josh Matthews salary - £8,125 remaining