Lighthouse Church Sidmouth

(Registered charity, number 1201103)

Financial statements

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31st December 2025

Full name	Lighthouse Church Sidmouth
Organisation type	Charitable incorporated organisation
Registered charity number	1201103

Principal address
1, West Park Road, Sidmouth, Devon. EX10 9DH

Trustees
Stephen Monk, Howard Maidman, Heike Wolfe (all elected 17th November 2022)
Simon Bates (elected 11th November 2023)

Independent examiner
Dean Barrow (Simon A Martin Accountants)

Governance and management
The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 17th November 2022.
New trustees are recruited and appointed by a majority of existing trustees for a term of three years.

Objectives and activities
The advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively within the county of Devon in accordance with the Statement of Faith for the public benefit mainly but not exclusively through the holding of prayer meetings, religious education, conducting religious ceremonies and to provide outreach and pastoral care for the local community.

Public benefit statement
Lighthouse Church Sidmouth meet for Sunday morning services and monthly prayer meetings as well as mid-week meetings in small groups for fellowship, prayer and support.
Lighthouse Church partner with a small number of other charities both locally and further afield to provide financial and prayer support to their own work.

Staffing
Lighthouse Church Sidmouth does not currently (and during the accounting period) have any paid staff and operates entirely with volunteers. We are however planning toward employing a Church Worker in 2026.

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Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Lighthouse Church Sidmouth meet for Sunday morning services in a local school at the heart of our community. We welcome visitors and make specific provision for children.

We hold monthly prayer meetings focused on intercession for individual personal needs, local community issues, national and global concerns.

Regular attendees meet mid-week in small groups for fellowship, prayer and support.

Lighthouse Church partner with a small number of other charities both locally and further afield to provide financial and prayer support to their own work.

All of our funds to cover administration costs and giving outside the church are met by discretionary donations from regular attendees, many of whom also give their time volunteering for other local charities working in the community.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

In line with our mission to promote the Christian faith, the church has continued to meet for services each Sunday where, typically, we have 30-40 adults and children in attendance at our morning service.

There have been special services through the year including at Easter and Christmas with particular focus on activities for families with children not already part of the church.

We hosted our first Alpha Course to introduce enquirers to the Christian faith and expect to repeat this in the future.

During the year we have further consolidated our financial position with a view to engaging our first employee to support and complement volunteer efforts.

Community, Ministry & Mission

The trustees believe the benefit to the community charities are in line with the stated objectives and our chosen charities align with the objectives.

During 2025 Lighthouse Church Sidmouth has continued supporting the following causes:

Gateway Sidmouth - Offering advice, support and practical help for people facing homelessness or indeed those that are already homeless.

The Lighthouse Community (Poland) - a fellowship of friends and pioneers, committed to preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and making disciples of Jesus across Central and Eastern Europe.

Transforming Lives for Good - a national Christian children's charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future to struggling children.

Wycliffe Bible Translators – bringing the Bible to all people in their own language.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31st December 2025 the church made an accounting surplus of £34,056

The charity's policy on reserves

Currently and during the account period, Lighthouse Church Sidmouth do not operate a formal reserve policy, however the trustees have recognised there may be a future need and this will be reviewed during the next accounting period. Currently we believe the risks are low with respect to this as the charity is run entirely by volunteers with no employees at present.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



9/10/26

Signed_____ Date _____

Stephen Monk

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lighthouse Church Sidmouth for the year ended 31st December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lighthouse Church Sidmouth (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Independent examiner's statement
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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  Date 06-10-2026.

Dean Barrow

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31st December 2025

2024 Total Funds £		Note	2025 Total Funds £
	Receipts		
48021.81	Donations & Gift Aid	1	56474.50
112.40	Bank Interest		209.50
48134.21	**Total receipts**		**56684.00**
	Payments		
6743.00	Rent & Room hire		6727.00
1430.24	Social media and website		2337.82
235.08	Safeguarding (DBS/ThirtyOneEight)		442.58
383.88	Subscriptions		390.00
252.67	Hospitality consumables		293.44
452.47	Events (Easter, Summer, Christmas)		1298.60
375.00	Speaker fees		1007.00
93.00	Bank fees		75.99
493.24	Kids work including printing costs		1162.79
5112.00	Donations paid (charitable giving)	**2**	7010.00
322.00	Licenses (CCL etc.)		332.00
150.00	Leaders conference		281.50
240.00	Accounts auditing		240.00
257.98	Audio IT & Worship		187.00
264.42	Insurance		281.87
23.10	Other, Sundry payments		560.07
16828.08	**Total Payments**		**22627.66**
31306.13	**Net receipts/payments**		**34056.34**
49581.43	Cash funds at start of this period		80887.56
80887.56	**Cash funds at end of this period**		**114943.90**

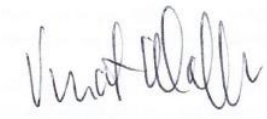
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Statement of assets and liabilities

at 31st December 2025

2024			2025
£		**Note**	£
	Cash assets		
106.00	Stewardship Account		23.01
	Shawbrook Bank		50141.15
66612.81	CAF Bank account		54326.99
66718.81			**104491.15**
	Other monetary assets		
14408.75	Debtors & prepayments	**3**	10692.75
14408.75			10692.75
	Assets retained for charities own use		
	IT equipment £528.52		
	Liabilities		
-240	Creditors	**4**	-240
-240			-240
Total **80887.56**			**114943.90**

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Date 06-10-2026

Vincent Wolfe
Treasurer, Lighthouse Church Sidmouth

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2025

1. Donations Received

The income has been entirely voluntary gifts from the congregation (and visitors to Sunday morning services). There has been no explicit external fund raising for the church.

2. Grants and donations paid

Lighthouse Church Sidmouth has continued supporting the following causes:

- Gateway Sidmouth; Offering advice, support and practical help for people facing homelessness or indeed those that are already homeless.
- The Lighthouse Community (Poland); a fellowship of friends and pioneers, committed to preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and making disciples of Jesus across Central and Eastern Europe.
- Transforming Lives for Good; is a national Christian children's charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future to struggling children.
- Wycliffe Bible Translators – bringing the Bible to all people in their own language.

There were further gifts to Rotary Club Sidmouth, Waffle House UK, Agape UK and to Sidmouth CoE Primary School.

Gateway Sidmouth	£2010
Lighthouse Community Poland	£600
Transforming Lives for Good	£510
Rotary Club Sidmouth	£500
Waffle House UK	£400
Wycliffe Bible translators	£900
Agape UK	£600
First Federation CoE School	£510
Various other local charitable giving	£980
Total	£7010

Note: The Lighthouse Community Poland are paid via a third-party Stewardship Giving Account.

3. Debtors & prepayments

Gift Aid for period ending 31st December 2025 totals £10,692.75 (to be claimed in 2026)

4. **Creditors**

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Other Notes:

Unrestricted funds

The church did not receive any donations which were restricted in the year.

Investment Policy

Lighthouse Church Sidmouth has no specific investment policy, rather using a higher interest savings account for a portion of funds.

Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are the amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: these are the funds given to the charity, subject to the specific restrictions set by the donor but still within the general objects of the charity.