# Cliff Park Community Church




# ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR CLIFF PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH, GORLESTON-ON-SEA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

# Cliff Park Community Church

**Aims and Purpose**

Cliff Park Community Church (CPCC) Leadership Team (LT) is responsible for co-operating with the Minister to promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Due to renting from Ormiston Academy Trust, there are no buildings, in which worship takes place, for which the LT have responsibility, but there are significant stored goods and materials, and a Shed, for which care and maintenance is the responsibility of the LT. Due to a generous donation from a previous member of CPCC, there is a house (147 Brasenose Avenue) for which the LT are the Landlords and which is managed on behalf of the LT by Darby & Liffen.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Cliff Park Community Church is a Local Ecumenical Partnership and is a Registered Charity, Registration Number 1201799. The administrative address is 283 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth NR31 6JW.

The method of appointment of membership is outlined in our constitution. LT members are either ex officio, elected by the Annual Church Meeting (ACM) or co-opted in accordance with the appropriate Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following served as members of the LT.

**Cliff Park Community Church Trustees (Leadership Team)**

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|---|---|
| *Minister* | The Rev Derek McClean – Chair of Trustees |
| *Elected Trustees (members)* | Ruth Pillar |
| | Bob Groome |
| | Justin Hanks (from May ACM 2025) |
| | Suzanne Coldman (until May ACM 2025) |
| | Sue Dyson (until May ACM 2025) |
| *Representative Deanery Synod* | Dr. Anthony Eka |
| *Church Administrator and Secretary* | Tracy Mayne |
| *Treasurer* | Steven Bullen |

**Ministries**

There are a number of Ministries which operate under the supervision of the LT. These include: KidzChurch; A Team; Q3; After 8s; Welcome Team; Prayer Ministry Team; Pastoral Care Team; Parish Nursing; House Groups; and Men's Breakfast.

**Church Attendance**

Number on the Membership Roll is, currently, 51
Average attendance at main Sunday morning service: Approx. 50-60 adults, and between 5-15 children.

**Financial Review**

This is the third year that Cliff Park Community Church is reporting its own accounts, we are reporting using cash accounting method.

**Review of 2025 - The Rev Derek McClean – Chair of Trustees**

2025 was a year in which we said a farewell to some of our members. Susie and Isaac left us to set up a home in a different part of Norfolk, but we were blessed to have them with us, and to celebrate their wedding with them. Sadly, we said the final farewell to Richard Lee. I had only known him as one visiting him at home, but they are fond memories that I will always treasure, and we continue to pray for the Lee family as they adapt to life without such a wonderful, loving, and warm man. We also remember with fondness David Dennis, who left us at the end of 2024, and continue to pray for the Dennis family.

Throughout the year, we consolidated how our various ministries work, but some changes have meant that there remain challenges in some of our ministries. Do continue to pray for our various ministries. There are plenty of opportunities to serve in CPCC, and a booklet of our ministries is available. At CPCC we have a strong, whole-hearted belief in 'every member' ministry. This is good, and Biblical. Please consider, and pray about, where God may be calling you to serve. Even if it's simply wishing to try a ministry, you are always welcome. Who knows what gifts this may bring to light in you.

For those who do serve us so faithfully, be assured of our heartfelt thanks: both in all you continue to do, and in your willingness to persevere, even when the occasional 'glitch' arises. Whether the 'visible' ministries (Worship Leaders; and Preachers); or the 'invisible' ministries of our set-up and tech. teams.

Whilst a Building Committee has been formed, there has been a little delay in fully exploring some aspects of this. Be assured that information will be given when it is appropriate, and we ask that you continue to pray for God's clear guidance in this area.

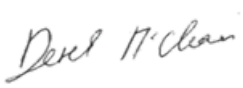
Having extended our Summer Clifftop Festival Service to be an invitation to all the local Churches to be part of it, this continued to be a great witness to the Lord, and we pray for even more to happen this year.

Our Christmas services followed the same pattern as 2024. This included a group walking around carolling instead of the Carols on the Green, and our annual Carols and Coffee at the Pavilion. Our Christmas Eve service was an experiment and reflected a response to the change in the numbers of Youth which we have (having seen a number of them move on to university (or similar)). We were encouraged by the response, and are reflecting on how we can continue to improve all of these for 2026.

As always, we are a praying community, and we have seen God answer prayers. Let us remain faithful in prayer, and see Him continue to work amongst us.

Once again, my deepest thanks to the Leadership Team, and to Tracy, for all their support and love during this last year.

With every blessing in Christ,



On behalf of the Leadership Team
Rev. Derek McClean (Rector)

# Cliff Park Community Church

# Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

Minister Rev. Derek McClean
Cliff Park Community Church
283 Lowestoft Road
Gorleston
NR31 6JW

Bank: Lloyds Bank
Great Yarmouth Branch
Norfolk
NR30 2BA

Independent Examiner: Chris Gould

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of** CLIFF PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH, GORLESTON.

**On accounts for the year ended** 2025 **Charity no (if any)**

**Set out on pages** 1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section ~~130 of~~ the Act or
- ~~the~~ accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** C. Gould **Date:** 12-4-2026

**Name:** MR. CHRISTOPHER GOULD

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** NONE

**Address:** 10 GREENLANDS WAY, SHERINGHAM,
NORFOLK.
NR26 8AT

## Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

NONE

Cliff Park Community Church

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025
Statement of Assets

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Other Funds £ | Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash Funds | | | | | |
| Bank Current Accounts | | 10,995.70 | | | 10,995.70 |
| Bank Deposit Accounts | | 29,993.52 | 10,071.90 | | 40,065.42 |
| | | 40,989.22 | 10,071.90 | - | 51,061.12 |
| Other Assets | | | | | |
| Investment | | | | 250,000.00 | 250,000.00 |
| | | - | - | 250,000.00 | 250,000.00 |

**Notes:**

1. The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. Have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Other Funds is a legacy which was given to purchase an Investment property to house a member of Cliff Park Community Church who are in financial difficulties.

3. Analysis of Restricted Funds

| | Balance B/Fwd | Receipts | Payments | Balance C/fwd |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benevolent Funds | 2,421.71 | 615.00 | - 1,100.00 | 1,936.71 |
| Donations | 328.81 | 1,695.50 | - 1,875.51 | 148.80 |
| Building Fund | 1,200.00 | 555.00 | - | 1,755.00 |
| House Rental | 7,034.99 | 6,883.20 | - 7,686.80 | 6,231.39 |
| | 10,985.51 | 9,748.70 | - 10,662.31 | 10,071.90 |

These are accumulated donations to be used for the following purposes:

| | |
|---|---|
| Benevolent Funds | for families, individual who are experiencing financial difficulties |
| Donations | for charitable appeals and other specific donations |
| Building fund | for acquiring new premises |

3. Analysis of Recipts and Payments

| Receipts | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds |
|---|---|---|
| a. All other voluntary receipts | | |
| Benevolent Funds | | - 485.00 |
| Donations | | - 180.01 |
| Building Fund | | 555.00 |
| House Rental | | - 803.60 |
| | | - 913.61 |

**CLIFF PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH**
**General Fund Receipts & Payments Account 2025**

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Other Funds | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | | 52,866.95 | | | 52,866.95 |
| Collections at services | | 3,396.21 | | | 3,396.21 |
| All Voluntary receipts | A | | 2,865.50 | 7,403.20 | 10,268.70 |
| Gift Aid Recovered | | 15,903.32 | | | 15,903.32 |
| | | 72,166.48 | 2,865.50 | 7,403.20 | 82,435.18 |
| Interest Income | | 1,922.00 | | | 1,922.00 |
| Other Receipts | | 72.18 | | | 72.18 |
| **Total Receipts** | | **74,160.66** | **2,865.50** | **7,403.20** | **84,429.36** |
| **Payments** | | | | | |
| Diocese Parish Share | | 45,000.00 | | | 45,000.00 |
| Minister & staffing costs | B | 14,939.02 | | | 14,939.02 |
| Church running expenses | C | 15,256.71 | | | 15,256.71 |
| Church Tithe & all other donations | | 8,600.00 | 2,975.51 | | 11,575.51 |
| House refurbishment costs | | | | 7,686.80 | 7,686.80 |
| **Total Payments** | | **83,795.73** | **2,975.51** | **7,686.80** | **94,458.04** |
| Surplus/Deficit | | - 9,635.07 | - 110.01 | - 283.60 | - 10,028.68 |
| Cash in Bank 1st January 2025 | | | | | 61,089.80 |
| Cash in Bank 31st December 2025 | | | | | 51,061.12 |

**CLIFF PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH**
**Analysis of Receipts & Payments** **2025**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Other Funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts - A** | | | |
| Donations | | 2,865.50 | 7,403.20 |
| | | 2,865.50 | 7,403.20 |
| **Payments - B** | | | |
| Church Administrator | 12,662.93 | | |
| Pastoral Co-ordinator | - | | |
| Parish Nursing | 603.85 | | |
| Minister work expenses | 1,672.24 | | |
| Total Minister and Staffing expenses | 14,939.02 | | |
| **Payments - C** | | | |
| Baptist Home Mission | 3,000.00 | | |
| School Hire | 5,849.00 | | |
| Bank Charges | 161.67 | | |
| Stationery, Office & other supplies | 733.19 | | |
| Insurances, Licences, Subscriptions | 3,255.55 | | |
| Children & Young People's Ministry | 391.71 | | |
| Pastoral Care Team (excl Benevolent | 52.93 | | |
| Fund) Outreach | 1,183.41 | | |
| Training | 54.50 | | |
| Capital Items | 481.81 | | |
| Publicity | 92.94 | | |
| Total Church running expenses | 15,256.71 | | |