The Lighthouse Church (Teign Estuary)

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2025

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for the year ended 31st December 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name:	The Lighthouse Church (Teign Estuary)
Charity Registration Number:	1205858
Date of Formation:	22nd November 2023
Principle address:	The Lighthouse Church Office Teignmouth Hub 10 Somerset Place Teignmouth Devon TQ14 8EL
Bankers:	Cooperative Bank
Independent Examiner:	John Meredith – Kairos Accountants

Trustees

Name	Position	Appointments/Resignations
Christopher David Barling		Appointed 26th August 2025
Benjamin Peter Neal	Chair	Appointed 26th August 2025
Beverley Ann Stockley		
Lynn Renouf	Treasurer	
Victoria Neal		Resigned 1st November 2025
Phyllis Golborne		Resigned 1st November 2025

Senior Leadership Team

Terence Neal
Beverley Briercliffe
Peter Twigg
Lynn Renouf
Charles Stockley

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Lighthouse Church (Teign Estuary) is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) and was registered as a charity on 22nd November 2023. The Charity was established under a Constitution dated 1st March 2023 which established the objectives and powers of the CIO.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the current trustees pray about who should be asked to become a trustee and invite those who they regard have the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Any new charity trustee will be provided with a copy of the Constitution and the charity's latest Trustees' Annual report and statement of accounts.

Organisational Structure

Day-to-day decision making and direction of the church are made by the Leadership Team of the church who meet monthly.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

Our Charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution are to advance the Christian faith in Teignmouth and its surrounds through:

- the provision of places of worship
- raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices
- carrying out Christian services on Sundays and other activities during the week
- carrying out missionary and outreach work

The Trustees do not consider that any detriment or harm would arise from its charitable purposes.
There are no paid staff, and all positions, roles and participants are volunteers who, where appropriate, have been DBS checked. Regular training sessions are participated in including First Aid and Safeguarding.

Summary of main activities, achievements and performance

The Lighthouse Church has held regular Christian worship gatherings, activities and outreach events.

The worship gatherings take place every Sunday, Alpha/The Bible Course or similar courses most weeks and home groups and prayer meetings are held weekly or bi-weekly. Church meetings where the direction of the church is discussed are held quarterly and other events such as outreach Sundays and meals occasionally.

Members of the church also support those in need through charitable giving and provide help to those requiring additional assistance. TLC works with young people and families directly through Bright Stars, RockKidz, with church members also providing people to support Teignmouth Hub in running a weekly Youth Hub and occasional other ventures.

TLC does not own a building but rents space at the Teignmouth Hub as and when needed. There is a regular agreement for office space, Sunday gatherings and weekly activities.

TLC has a Benevolent fund to provide resources to those in need. Gifts of money are also given regularly to local, national and international charities.

Plans for future periods

The Leadership team, in consultation with the Trustees, are in the process of considering joining a wider network of Churches, those presently under review are Vineyard and the Pioneer network, it is expected that a decision will be made by the end of September 2026. The leadership team, in consultation with the Trustees, are also considering employing a full or part-time leader to oversee the Church and continue within the current aims and objectives of the present constitution.

Public benefit

The charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe it's activities and future plans will further the charity's purposes for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £35,671 income in the year (2024: £32,446) predominantly through the regular giving of its members, it's principal source of funding. Charitable expenditure for the year was £19,731 (2024: £11,991). The surplus for the year was £15,940.

As at 31st December 2025, the Charity held Cash at bank of £36,395 (2024: £20,455).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the Charity should be appropriate to cover any staff redundancies and any other expenses which would need to be met should the church cease operating.

Current free reserves are £36,095. The high level of reserves enable the charity to facilitate the future plans of employing a leader to oversee the church.

Approved by the board of trustees on 27th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Lynn Renouf
Dated: 27/09/2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Lighthouse Church (Teign Estuary)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Lighthouse Church (Teign Estuary) for the year ended 31st December 2025 set out on pages 7-9.

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

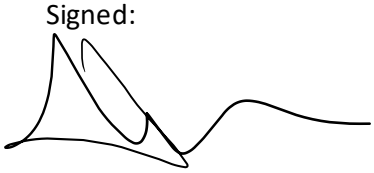
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mr John Meredith ACA

Kairos Accountants Ltd
13 Tristan Close
Exeter
EX4 9BT

Date: 1st October 2026

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH (TEIGN ESTUARY)
CHARITY NUMBER: 1205858

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Regular Giving	29,168	-	29,168	31,180
Collections	1,756	-	1,756	716
Gift aid received	3,639	-	3,639	-
Other Donations & Income	1,108	-	1,108	480
Total receipts	35,671	-	35,671	32,446
Payments				
Building Hire	8,697	-	8,697	5,484
Church operations	4,723	-	4,723	4,038
Charitable giving – Organisations	3,549	-	3,549	1,825
Charitable giving – Individuals	1,574	-	1,574	300
Outreach	1,188	-	1,188	344
Total payments	19,731	-	19,731	11,991
Net receipts / (payments)	15,940	-	15,940	20,455
Reconciliation of Cash funds				
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Funds brought forward	20,455	-	20,455	-
Total Cash Funds carried forward	**36,395**	**-**	**36,395**	**20,455**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Current Assets				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank	36,395	-	36,395	20,455
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	(300)	-	(300)	-
Total Assets less Liabilities	37,595	-	37,595	21,955

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf

Lynn Renouf, Trustee

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern
These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

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

2. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity.

2 Trustees were reimbursed a total of £373 of expenses in the year. These expenses related to the ongoing costs of church operations and the church's charitable giving.