Charity Registration No. 1206103

Woven Churches Joint Council

Trustees' Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Woven Churches Joint Council

Trustee and Charity Information

Full Name
Woven Churches Joint Council

Registered Charity Number - 1206103

Principle Address
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Trustee's
Revd Rich Atkinson (Chair)
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Bankers
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Independent Examiner
McJoy Nkhoma (Honorary Independent Examiner)

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Legal status and constitution
Woven Churches Joint Council is an unincorporated charity governed by the PCC (powers) measure 1956 and the Church of England representation rules. It was registered with the Charities Commission on 7 December 2023 and its registration number is 1206103. It acts as a Joint Church Council of its eight member churches.

Achievements and financial review
The charity generated income of £ 327,415 (2024: £236,349) during the year, derived primarily from contribution from member churches and grant income secured. Significant grant income has been received related to Church of England strategic development funds to support the development and growth of the eight churches of Woven, particularly with children's and youth work. Further grants have also been secured to further extend this work.

Total expenditure was £228,799 (2024: £222,910) and of this total £2,745 (2024: £15,124) was spent from unrestricted funds on the ordinary activities of the organisation and £226,054 (2024: £207,786) was spent from restricted funds, predominantly on work with children and young people; Social action; events and staff wages.

At the year end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £82,431 (2024: £34,021).

Structure, governance and management
The activity of the JCC is governed by the PCC (powers) measure 1956 and the Church of England representation rules.

All JCC members are trustees. JCC members are elected from the PCC's of member churches according to scheme rules set out on the formation of the JCC. Representation numbers from each church are calculated with respect to the size of the congregation at each church. All Trustees are required to complete and signa fit and proper persons' declaration.

In planning the activities of the charity, the Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that the activities of the charity in the period confirm their ability to provide current and on-going benefit to the public.

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of Woven Churches Joint Council (JCC) is "contending for revival". The main activity of the JCC is to act as a resource church in the family of churches called Woven and promote mission across northwest Nottingham and beyond, working with all age groups and abilities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- The activities of the JCC are those of the Church of England, namely: (1) proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, through Christian witness; (2) seeking to transform unjust structures in society; (3) seeking to safeguard the integrity of all creation.
- We engage with the local community through worship, mission, pastoral care and social activities.
- We undertake activities for children, young people and families, such as holiday clubs, term-time activities and organised trips and events.
- We are funded by donations, grants and fundraising.

Summary of main achievements during the period

- Our Joint Council comprises of eight member churches and a youth church
- We have held a weekly drama club for young people, enabling them to see and show.
- We have organised holiday activities for young people including a trip to an outdoor centre and a residential Christian festival.
- We have held weekly drop-in sessions for young people after school.
- We have supported member churches with ministry staff enabling local children's groups mid-week and during services.
- We have supported member churches with administrative support around the booking for occasional offices such as baptism, weddings and funerals.
- We held our annual Woven Together conference event for all member churches.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting regulations, and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves policy

The trustees have a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves at a minimum equal to 3 months expenditure, this policy was met at year end.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been, or will be, established to enable the necessary steps to be taken to lessen these risks.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees' on 18th May 2026

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Chris Willis

Trustee

Woven Churches Joint Council

Independent examiner's report to the trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Woven Churches Joint Council (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Charity

The trustees of Woven Churches Joint Council are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Respective responsibilities of the Examiner

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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

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:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

1. 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
2. that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
3. 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: 02/06/2026

McJoy C Nkhoma FCCA, FMAAT, CIPFA Dip (Honorary Independent Examiner)

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	General £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income	2				
Voluntary income		48,685	273,295	321,980	233,314
Activities for generating funds		-	235	235	369
Church activities		2,613	2,587	5,200	2,666
Total		51,298	276,117	327,415	236,349
Expenditure	3				
Church activities		-3,309	226,054	222,745	218,587
Running costs		6,054	-	6,054	4,323
Total		2,745	226,054	228,799	222,910
Movement of funds		48,553	50,063	98,616	13,439
Funds BF at 1 Jan				-	47,074
		48,553	**50,063**	**98,616**	**60,513**

The notes on pages # to # form part of these financial statements.
The Statement of Financial Activities contains all recognised gains and losses for the financial year.
The results for the year all relate to continuing activities.

Woven Churches Joint Council

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Motor vehicles	6	2,264		3,064	
			2,264		3,064
Current assets					
Debtors	7	64,497		4,346	
Cash at bank and in hand		107,953		57,262	
			172,450		61,608
Current liabilities					
Creditors due within one year	8	6,823		4,159	
			6,823		4,159
Net current assets			**165,627**		**57,449**
Net assets			**167,891**		**60,513**
Funds					
Restricted funds	9		85,460		26,492
General funds	10		82,431		34,021
Total			**167,891**		**60,513**

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

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Chris Willis
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

2 Income

	General	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
(a) Voluntary Income				
Planned giving				
Contribution from member churches	22,418	4,007	26,425	40,387
Covenants and pledges	-	-	-	1,000
Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-
Donations & miscellaneous	26,267	5,391	31,658	2,822
Grants (see note 5)	-	263,897	263,897	189,105
	48,685	273,295	321,980	233,314
				* restated fig
(b) Activities for raising funds				
Fundraising	-	235	235	369
(c) Income from church actvities	2,613	2,587	5,200	2,666
TOTAL INCOME	51,298	276,117	327,415	236,349

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
(a) Church activities				
Children and youth mission	1,123	9,578	10,701	16,072
Services and pastoral	282	239	521	59
Minibus	2,036	21	2,057	2,720
Social action	-	5,050	5,050	4,339
Events	1,341	5,630	6,971	1,263
Staff costs (see note 4)	-8,091	205,536	197,445	194,134
	-3,309	226,054	222,745	218,587
(b) Running costs				
Office facilities	5,170	-	5,170	3,199
Equipment	84	-	84	324
Depreciation	800	-	800	800
	6,054	-	6,054	4,323
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,745	226,054	228,799	222,910

4 Staff costs

	General	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,190	180,729	181,919	178,832
Social security	-10,424	18,632	8,208	8,642
Pension	28	3,523	3,551	3,788
Staff and clergy expenses	620	131	751	78
Staff training	495	2,521	3,016	2,794
	-8,091	205,536	197,445	194,134
Average number of employees				16

Social Security costs are charged to general funds, then re-charged to restricted funds at the end of the financial year to use restricted moneys provided.

During the year the JCC employed 4 youth workers, 6 children's workers, 4 administrative staff, 0 lay minister, 0 community minister and a number of sessional staff. (2024 = two, five, three, one, and one respectively)

The trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity.

No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year. One of the trustees was also employed by the charity as a youth worker and has received renumeration for this role.

5 Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
(a) Southwell Diocese				
St Martha's children's worker	-	13,777	13,777	13,582
SDF4 grant	-	109,437	109,437	50,774
SDF DIP grant (salaries)	-	106,801	106,801	-
Revitalisation fund grant	-	7,604	7,604	-
SDF3 grant (2024)	-	-	-	94,508
Growing Disciples grant (2024)	-	-	-	2,000
Minister in training grant (2024)	-	-	-	14,316
	-	237,619	237,619	175,180
				* restated fig
(b) other donors				
Blueberry Wellbeing	-	8,000	8,000	10,000
Staff retreat (Bishop's fund)	-	1,500	1,500	-
Bursaries for Focus	-	1,790	1,790	-
Lauderdale Trust	-	14,988	14,988	-
Other (2024)	-		-	3,925
	-	26,278	26,278	13,925
	-	263,897	263,897	189,105

6 Tangible fixed assets

Motor vehicles

		2025	2024
		£	£
Cost	BF 1 Jan	4,000	4,000
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	-	-
	CF 31 Dec	4,000	4,000
Depreciation	BF 1 Jan	936	136
	Charge for year	800	800
	Disposals	-	-
	CF 31 Dec	1,736	936
Book value	at 1 Jan	3,064	3,864
	at 31 Dec	**2,264**	**3,064**

The residual value of the minibus is estimated at £500 at the end of its five-year useful life

7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts receivable	64,381	4,330
Prepayments and other debtors	116	16
	64,497	4,346

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accounts payable	62	192
Deferred grant income	1,361	1,361
Funds due to member churches	-	-
Other creditors	5,400	2,606
	6,823	4,159

9 Restricted funds

2025	Balance BF 1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance CF 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£
SMX/SMC Kids worker fund	-	16,774	15,775	-	999
SDF4 fund	7,793	29,007	36,800	-	-
Staff retreat	500	45,074	37,027	69	8,616
Holiday club	550	-	83	-	467
Job club mentoring	500	-	-	-	500
Social action	96	-	-	-	96
Church revitalisation trust	7,054	7,604	651	-	14,007
Youth work funds	9,999	8,639	10,346	-943	7,349
CGP (Dip) Salary	-	147,664	101,611	-	46,053
SLB kids & youth worker	-	11,990	12,618	6,674	6,046
Focus	-	4,302	5,829	1,527	-
Staff Wellbeing	-	26	313	1,614	1,327
Events fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
	26,492	276,080	226,053	8,941	85,460

10 General funds

2025	Balance BF 1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance CF 31 Dec
General fund	31,598	48,867	11,158	-178	69,129
Woven together	779	2,467	2,088	-	1,158
Designated youth salaries	1,644	-	-10,500	-	12,144
	34,021	51,334	2,746	-178	82,431

11 Analysis of funds by net assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,264	-	2,264	3,064
Net current assets	131,606	34,021	165,627	57,449
	133,870	34,021	167,891	60,513