The Church of the Twelve Apostles, Eastleigh
Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Registered Name of Charity: The Church of the Twelve Apostles
Registered Address:10 Milne Street, Whitely, Fareham, PO15 7NZ
Charity Registration Number: 1206445
Date of registration: 9 January 2024
Trustees:

- Fr. Alexander Haig (Priest)
- David Watts (Treasurer)
- Tatiana Vystavkina (Safeguarding Officer)
- Jonathan Austen-Buchanan (Secretary)

The Trustees present their Annual Report for 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a Constitution, last amended 11 August 2023. Members of the charity are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be baptised Orthodox Christians in good standing aged 18 years or above.

Members of the charity compose its governing body, namely the Parish Assembly. The Parish Assembly reviews the work of the church, approves and publishes the annual accounts, receives notification of the budget of the Parish and elects Charity Trustees from among its membership. It meets at least once per year in an Annual General Meeting, as well as at Extraordinary General Meetings if required.

Trustees compose the Parish Council, the executive body of the charity, and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the church and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Parish Council meets multiple times a year as and when required and makes decisions on a consensus basis. All members of the charity are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Objectives and Activities

The principle objective and purpose of the charity is to advance, for the public benefit, the Orthodox Christian faith primarily by:

a) establishing, maintaining, and developing for the public benefit a church or churches to provide liturgical services, sacraments and pastoral teaching and care, according to the

traditions and canons of the Orthodox Church as preserved by the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch in general and the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland (registered charity number 1175538) in particular;
b) enabling parish constituents to express their faith in God through liturgical worship, education in the Faith, community events and philanthropic work; and
c) welcoming all who wish to participate in the life of the parish according to the traditions of the Orthodox Church.

To achieve these principal objectives, the church undertakes a variety of activities to benefit both its membership and the wider community.

Central to the work and witness of the church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These take place each weekend at 6:30 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday, in addition to occasional extra services which are held for special occasions such as Holy Week and Christmas. A meal is held after each Sunday service to which all present are invited to join. A weekly Bible study also takes place most Friday evenings via Google Meet.

The church has assisted with participation by its members in opportunities and events made available by our Archdiocese, such as a family retreat, a conference for young professionals, and lessons in Byzantine chant.

The church is exploring ways to provide support for others in the local community in adherence to the Christian teaching to love thy neighbour. The church provides a donation box for Eastleigh Basics Food Bank, and also operates a Community Pantry in conjunction with the charity FairShare, by which it receives surplus food and redistributes it for free each Sunday. Furthermore, each year the church fields a group of carol singers in the run-up to Christmas to sing for the residents of a local care home for the elderly.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service according to the policies of our Archdiocese.

Achievements and Performance

The Church of the Twelve Apostles continues to meet in the 3rd URC Scout HQ, a hall next to the closed United Reformed Church building on Kings Road, Chandlers Ford, as it has done since February 2024. The long-term goal of the church is to eventually own its own building, and various properties have been investigated with a view to consider purchasing them.

Average attendance at Sunday worship services gradually rose over the course of the year, steadily increasing from averages of just over 30 in January and February to just under 50 in November and December. However, the church does not measure the success of its objectives only in numbers, whether financial or of membership, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, community, and spiritual development. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2025 was a positive one in the life of the church.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 5 October.

Financial Review

Total income over 2025 was £51,761.44 and total expenditure was £39,674.58. The complete details of the financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial return.

The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The first of the most significant regular expenses of the church are payments to hire the hall in which services are conducted. The second is the expense incurred by the employment of Fr Alexander Haig as the church's parish priest, with a salary of £26,250 per annum and an annual salary increase each September in line with average earnings. This is the only paid position employed by the church. The church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of its activities, many of which run with little or no expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The church expressed its role in the life of the wider Church of which it is a part by making contributions of £5,591.42 to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland.

Charity Registration Number : 1206445

THE CHURCH OF THE 12 APOSTLES

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Trustees	Rev Alexander Haig David Watts Tatiana Vystavkina
Charity Number	1206445
Registered Office	10 MILNE STREET WHITELEY FAREHAM PO15 7NZ
Independent Examiner	Antoinette Le Peuple

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

Trustee's report and financial statements

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev Alexander Haig (Appointed On: 09/01/2024)
David Watts (Appointed On: 09/01/2024)
Tatiana Vystavkina (Appointed On: 09/01/2024)

Trustee's responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also the directors of Charity For The Church Of The 12 Apostles for the purpose of company law, 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).

Company Law 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

David Watts
Trustee

Date : **26 March 2026**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	50,452.25	50,452.25
Investments	3	1,309.19	1,309.19
Total		**51,761.44**	**51,761.44**
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	8,320.88	8,320.88
Charitable activities	5	30,536.52	30,536.52
Other	7	817.18	817.18
Total		**39,674.58**	**39,674.58**
Net income		12,086.86	12,086.86
Net movement in funds		**12,086.86**	**12,086.86**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward		40,228.19	40,228.19
Total funds carried forward		**52,315.05**	**52,315.05**

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	8	111.73
Total fixed assets		**111.73**
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	9	52,803.32
Total current assets		**52,803.32**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	600.00
Net current assets/(liabilities)		**52,203.32**
Total net assets		**52,315.05**
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	11	52,315.05
Restricted funds	11	-
Endowment funds	11	-
Total funds		**52,315.05**

For the year ended 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

David Watts
Trustee

Date : **26 March 2026**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	**Unrestricted funds**	**Total funds 2025**
	£	**£**
Donation and gifts	41,630.57	41,630.57
Gift Aid	8,821.68	8,821.68
Other	-	-
Total	**50,452.25**	**50,452.25**

3. Income from Investments

Analysis	**Unrestricted funds**	**Total funds 2025**
	£	**£**
Interest income	1,309.19	1,309.19
Total	**1,309.19**	**1,309.19**

4. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Analysis	**Unrestricted funds**	**Total funds 2025**
	£	**£**
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	5,340.00	5,340.00
Total	**5,340.00**	**5,340.00**
Support Costs	2,980.88	2,980.88
	8,320.88	**8,320.88**

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Bank charges	-	-
Cost of services	568.47	568.47
Employee costs	-	-
Printing and stationery	-	-
Wages and salaries	26,387.18	26,387.18
Total	**26,955.65**	**26,955.65**
Support Costs	3,580.88	3,580.88
	30,536.52	**30,536.52**

6. Support Costs

Analysis	Total funds 2025
	£
Support Costs	
Insurance	301.03
Travel Costs	69.30
Archdiocese Costs	5,591.42
Governance Costs	
Independent examiners fees	600.00
	6,561.75

7. Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Depreciation Charge for the Year - Fixtures & Fittings	111.33	111.33
Donations	567.65	567.65
Other Expenditure	138.20	138.20
Total	**817.18**	**817.18**

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings
	£
8.1 Cost or valuation	
At 01 January 2025	-
Additions	334.39
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2025	**334.39**
8.2 Depreciation and impairments	
At 01 January 2025	111.33
Charge for the year	111.33
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2025	**222.66**
8.3 Net book value	
At 01 January 2025	(111.33)
At 31 December 2025	**111.73**

9. Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis	**Total funds 2025**
	£
Cash at bank and in hand	5,625.91
Other	25,821.11
Savings Account	21,356.30
Total	**52,803.32**

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Analysis of Creditors	**Total funds 2025**
	£
Accruals and deferred income	600.00
Total	**600.00**

11. Charity funds

11.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Total	**40,228.19**	**51,761.44**	**39,674.58**	**52,315.05**

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13th October 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Church of the 12 Apostles.

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 2025 which consists of the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of the ICB.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Kind regards,



Antoinette Le Peuple

ICB registration number 436358