LifeSpring CHURCH

Whitehill & Bordon

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Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Trustees Annual Report

For Financial Year Ending 31st March 2026

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Overview

LifeSpring Church functions to provide a structure through which worship, pastoral, evangelistic and social care can be provided, for its members, and for the wider community of Whitehill and Bordon and surrounding villages in Hampshire.

As laid out in the constitution, the trustees work together with the church elders to fulfil the objectives of the church.

We also foster links of friendship with other churches both locally, in the UK, and abroad, whom we seek to encourage through inviting and sending visiting speakers and also, through financial support where we share similar goals, and as we are able.

Objectives and Activities

The Church seeks to encourage all people, regardless of age or nationality to develop their own relationship with God. We seek to express our faith in a church setting, through worship, and the teaching and discussion of the Bible (scripture) and prayer, but also in the work-place, encouraging excellence in all areas.
The Church also seeks to encourage all in opportunities to lead in various way. This might be in a main Sunday gathering, or in a smaller home setting.

In line with the Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, we provide occasions where we invite the community to join us – Christmas being our greatest opportunity. Once again our Christmas Carol Service on the 23rd December proved to be a popular event with the wider community.

The eldership of the church brings spiritual direction, and vision, which provides the focus for where, as a church we develop ministries. The last two years has seen the development of our children's work. Our part-time children and families worker has continued to lead our children's work which has grown over the last year, so much so that we are looking for someone else to head up a work for our children in secondary education.

Achievements and Performance

Worship

We continue to meet each Sunday at the local Community Centre for worship. This meeting largely consists of two halves: a time of sung worship, with opportunity for individuals to share good news, pray, read a scripture or otherwise contribute. The second half is teaching from the scriptures, with the children going to their own session, with some excellent age-appropriate activities.

Prayer & Midweek meetings

Not having our own premises prayer and midweek meetings are held in homes. Currently three groups in different homes and on different days meet across the town each week, meaning that at least one of the meetings will be relatively local to members.

Breakfasts

In addition, the church organises a men's breakfast and a separate ladies breakfast each month. This has proved a great way to build relationship with those who are on the fringe of the church, or are relatively new to the church.

Growth

Over the year we have, yet again, seen a small but encouraging increase in those attending, and also an encouraging diversity of nations represented. Most of the growth is from either people who have never previously been to church, or those moving into the area. Whitehill & Bordon has grown rapidly as a community as a result of land previously used by the army being developed for housing, and we are considering how to reach them, and make our presence known.

Special Offerings

This year we took up a two special offering for our friends in Ukraine. (The Religious Community "Emmanuil", Kiev). Emmanual Church cares for over 2000 residents of Kiev. The first gift of £2235 in April 2025, was to help with repairs following damage from drone attack. The second gift in January 2026 of £2105 was to assist toward making them independent of the soviet style regional heat source, which had been destroyed by a drone attack.

Safeguarding

We had reason to call on ThirtyOne:Eight, our safeguarding consultants to know how best to handle some potentially difficult situations. One of our valued cultures is that all should be able to attend Church and be safe, and so the advice from ThirtyOne:Eight was invaluable, which we followed as prescribed.

Plans for the future

As stated above, we would love to be able to recruit someone with a specific focus on the youth, as we expect this to be a growth area. This would be a pioneering work, as we are not aware of any other churches in the town employing a Youth Worker.
We are also continue looking for a suitable premises from which we can operate on a regular basis. This might not need to be large enough for our Sunday meetings, but somewhere we can run midweek teaching session, like Apha, or maybe a toddler and carer group.

Finally, looking to the coming year, we are also considering employing an associate pastor. This would be a large financial commitment, but both trustees and the elders consider this to be a wise for the church's future. This is based on the pastor's age, and desire to retire from the lead role within the next three years (at 71). Currently our financial situation is strong, but the addition of another wage would need an increase in giving from the church community.

Total receipts for the year to end of March 2026 was **£60,040**. (See page 5)
Out of that the following gifts were made:

- Monies were sent to Ukraine to repair the church building totalling £2235
- Monies were sent to Ukraine to help restore the heating ££2105

We also give to *Commission Global* (our Church family) totalling £300/month (£3600/year).

The two major operational costs were:

- The cost of employment for David Berry (Pastor) and Bisi Kennard (Children and Families Worker) £36,761.
- Rental of the Community Centre was £10,008

Total operation costs were £59,258, resulting in an operational surplus of £782.

Reserves Policy

Our aim is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equate to three months salaries, plus another thousand to cover emergency situations. That roughly equates to £10,000.
The year ended with £40,526 in the bank, so well above the target.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the many volunteers who give of their time and effort to make the church such a welcoming and vibrant place to be. In particular the elders: Slava Nod and Alan Matthews, the Life group leaders, the welcome, hospitality and setup teams, and all those who help with the children's work. Thank you too to all the trustees, but particularly Jess Nod who does all of the accounts and looks after our finances so well.

Administrative information

LifeSpring Church meet Sundays at the Forest Community Centre Bordon.
We are part of the Commission family of churches, which itself is part of NewFrontiers.

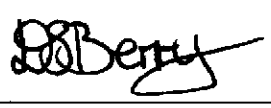
The Trustees for this period are:

- Mr David Berry – Pastor & Chair of Trustees (also a paid employee)
- Mrs Jess Nod – Administrator
- Mr John Walley
- Mrs Wendy Wally
- Mrs Mary Pryce-Thomas

The church elders are currently:

- Mr David Berry
- Mr Slava Nod
- Mr Alan Matthews

Presented and approved by the Trustees on 2nd September 2026 and signed on their behalf.



David Berry Trustee/Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
LIFE SPRING CHURCH WHITEHILL & BORDON
Registered Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Number: 1206846

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on the attached Receipts & Payments Account and the Statement of Assets & Liabilities on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees 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 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1) of the Act:
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 of 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

    have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE
18th September 2026

For the Period 31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026	2025
		£	£	£	£
Income from					
Donations and Legacies	1	58,790	-	58,790	78,217
Charitable activities	2	-	-	-	17,627
Other Income	3	1,250	-	1,250	-
Total Income		**60,040**	**-**	**60,040**	95,844
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	59,258	-	59,258	56,260
Total Expenditure		**59,258**	**-**	**59,258**	56,260
Net income/(expenditure)		782	-	782	39,584
Net movement in funds		782	-	782	39,584
Total funds brought forward		39,744	-	39,744	160
Total funds carried forward		**40,526**	**-**	**40,526**	39,744

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the Period 31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 £	2025 £
Assets:					
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Lloyds Bank		40,526	-	40,526	39,744
Debtors - HMRC		208	-	208	-
Debtors - insurance pre-paid		47	-	47	
		40,781	**-**	**40,781**	**39,744**
Liabilities					
Creditors		(500)	-	(500)	(804)
		(500)	**-**	**(500)**	(804)
Net currenyt assets		40,281	-	40,281	38,940
Total assets		**40,281**	**-**	**40,281**	38,940

CASH FUNDS		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 £	2025 £
Unrestricted/designated Funds	7	40,281	-	40,281	39,744
		40,281	**-**	**40,281**	39,744

Presented and approved by the Trustees at a committee meeting held on 2nd September 2026 and signed on their behalf.

David Berry Trustee

Notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of the accounts.

Notes to the Accounts

Basis of preparation
The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payment basis using historical cost conventions, applicable to UK Accounting Standards and Charities Act 2011.

Funds
General funds unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the CIO.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees, for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the Accounts.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the CIO, for particular purposes.

The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the CIO is responsible for in law.

Fixed Assets
No purchase under £1,000 is capitalised. If capitalised the asset will be depreciated over is useful life.

Short life assets will be depreciated over two years.

Long life assets 25% straight line method.

Income
Income is brought into account on receivable basis in the year in which it is received.

Intangible income
Intangible income in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc, is not included in the Accounts since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Expenditure
Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and is brought into account in the period in which it is paid. Costs are allocated to functional headings on the bases of direct costs on a fair and reasonable basis.

Reserve Policy
The CIO, aim to have adequate reserves to meet known commitments and designated funds for identified specific purposes.

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2026	2025
		£	£	£	£
Note 1					
Donations and Legacies					
General donations		5,387	-	5,387	5,415
Irregular donations		5,250	-	5,250	23,290
Regular donations		40,427	-	40,427	37,844
Gift Aid claim		7,726	-	7,726	11,668
		58,790	**-**	**58,790**	78,217
Note 2					
Charitable Activities					
Grant Jubilee Church		-	-	-	15,127
Grant other		-	-	-	2,500
		-	**-**	**-**	17,627
Note 3					
Other Income					
Other		1,250	-	1,250	-
		1,250	**-**	**1,250**	-
Note 4					
Charitable Activities					
Employment costs	5	36,761	-	36,761	38,820
Training and conferences		20	-	20	136
Books and resources		649	-	649	65
Running costs		37	-	37	210
Postage, freight, courier		-	-	-	1
Software, licences and subscriptions		1,441	-	1,441	1,274
Marketing and promotion		-	-	-	165
Commission tithe		3,600	-	3,600	2,700
FCC rent		10,008	-	10,008	7,767
Grants given		4,340	-	4,340	1,873
Guest speaker		292	-	292	-
Kids Church - Spring Up		81	-	81	127
Outreach		275	-	275	316
Governance					
Insurance		344	-	344	375
Professional fees		1,245	-	1,245	1,594
Safeguarding		165	-	165	837
		59,258	**-**	**59,258**	56,260

Notes to the Accounts

Note 5

Employment and Trustees	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**2026**	**2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Salaries	33,786	-	33,786	35,942
Employer pension	2,975	-	2,975	2,878
	36,761	**-**	**36,761**	38,820

There are no employees earning £60,000 or over.
Number of employees by head count 2. (2025:2)
During the year, the trustees received no remuneration, The total expenses reimbursed to the trustees amounts to nil (2025 :£nil)

Note 6
Tangible Fixed Assets
There are no fixed assets at present

Note 7

Unrestricted Funds	**Balance 01.04.25**	**Movement In**	**Movement Out**	**Transfers**	**Balance 31.03.26**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General Reserve	34,744	60,295	(59,758)	-	35,281
Designated - keyboard	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	39,744	**60,295**	**(59,758)**	**-**	**40,281**

Note 8

Restricted Funds	**Balance 01.04.25**	**Movement In**	**Movement Out**	**Transfers**	**Balance 31.03.26**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
	-	-	-	-	-

There are no restricted funds

Note 9
Related Parties
There are no related parities transactions during the year or in 2025.

Note 10
Ultimate Controlling Party
The CIO is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are shown in the Trustees' Annual Report.