Charity Registration No. 1207382

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 FOR River Church Wales

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name

River Church Wales

Status

The organisation is registered with the Charity Commission and its registered charity number is: 1050640. On the 07/10/2020 the charity name changed its name from Tab life Centre to River Church Wales.

Registered office

River Church

Tram Rd,

Pontllanfraith,

Blackwood, Caerphilly NP12 2JF

Management committee

The Trustees during the year were:

- Mrs Kerry Stockman
- Mrs Lisa Farqhuar
- Reverend David Thomas;
- Mrs Ruth Thomas;.
- Mr Stephen Waters

Independent examiner

Rebecca Walbeof ACA

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and a deed of trust dated 5th April 2007, which may be reviewed on request.

Board of Trustees

The charity is organised and policy implemented through the Board of Trustees who normally meet quarterly.

The Trust has Six trustees who are responsible for the oversight of the Trust's activities. In order for decisions to be made there needs to be a minimum of four trustees in place.

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Election to the Board

Trustees are recruited from within the church from a wide variety of backgrounds. They have typically been in the church for a number of years and therefore have a thorough understanding of the aims and objectives of the charity. They have often served in areas of responsibility and proven themselves to be caring, competent and capable and to act with integrity. Trustees are appointed and adopted by a majority vote of the Trustees.

The Chairman of the Trustees ensures that new Trustees are informed of their expectations and responsibilities.

Risk assessment

The charity has designed a series of policies in order to ensure that all risks are addressed and operations managed in an efficient manner. These are regularly reviewed in light of the changing statutory environment.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world but especially in Blackwood and the surrounding area. Principally, this includes:

- Advancement of the Christian Faith;
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of focus, goods or services including counselling and support;
- To advance education and training.

Summary of the main activities taken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In order to achieve its main objectives the church provides a variety of activities and events for both its members and the community. The aim is to consistently demonstrate the love of Jesus in word and action, thereby bringing people into a closer relationship with God.

Central to the work and witness of the church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These are held each Sunday at 10.30am, in Pontllanfraith and 6pm in Tredegar There are other services as announced on the church notice board and via the church website at www.riverchurch.wales. The Church has a number of small bible study/prayer groups that meet fortnightly, and there is a whole church prayer meeting fortnightly also.

The church has an extensive children’s and youth program which operates for children from age 4 – 18 years. This includes provision during our services but also age specific clubs and activities mid-week. This provision is accessed by children and young people from the local community. The church lead assemblies and lessons in two local primary schools on a regular basis and release the pastor to serve as a governor at them both. The church also provides a flourishing Toddler group every Wednesday providing a welcoming environment for mums and their preschool children to meet and socialise.

The church operates a foodbank, and a Pantry providing emergency food, support and advice to people in the community, and the Pantry provides a community shop.

The church operates procedures and protocols to ensure the safeguarding and wellbeing of vulnerable children and adults that it works with. Including properly vetting and checking volunteers through the disclosure and barring service (DBS).

The Trustees have read the Charity Commissions document on public benefit, and is satisfied that the activities outlined above are clearly demonstrating that the charity is providing benefit to the public.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2024 has been an incredibly eventful year at River Church Wales. One of the main things is that the Church and subsequently the charity, has planted a new church in Tredegar. We are in the process of changing to a CIO.

Church Development
Sunday services have been well attended throughout the year; The new plant in Tredegar although in its early days is taking off well. We are becoming part of the community and are making good links. We have a youth section on a Sunday evening and are looking to replicate all the great services we have in Pontllanfraith, so we have a very busy year ahead.

Foodbank
Our Pantry has been very successful, and we have had visitors coming to look at the model so they can replicate in their churches. The food bank has been busy and will continue to be busy. We are blessed with donations from other local churches of food.

Children and Youth
The Toddler group continued to be very popular with the community.

The children's department worked so hard to keep our children engaged through the year. With lots of glitter, crafts and plenty of fun.

The youth department has been very pleased to get back together and there has been quite a bit of change splitting ages so that the topics and fun fit better.
As part of Pastor Dave's pastoral role he has continued to serve on the governing body of the local primary school, and it has been a privilege to offer support and care during this time.

Missions
Our Primary support has been to support another local church's Pastor and the Plan in Tredegar.
In November, , we also sent a one-off gift to the Merendero Project in Argentina. The project provides bread and milk for families living in extreme poverty in Argentina.

Local Hub
The church has links with other churches locally and nationally through an Assemblies of God Hub which meets on a bi-monthly basis. This ensures that the church receives excellent guidance, and a wider perspective, enabling us to respond more readily to needs locally, nationally and internationally.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary financial position

The charity recorded an operating surplus of £25,616(2024: -£4270). Unrestricted reserves at the end of the year were £995418(2024: £1028861).

Statement of policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds to cover six months

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Statement of Assets date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funding sources are Tithes and Offering, Lottery funding for 2 full time wages and tax rebates on deeds and covenants and Gift Aid.

Investment policy

Under the trust deed the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying Financial Statements.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on ……18/03/25…….. and signed on its behalf by:

D Thomas	**K Stocman**
……..	**……..**
Reverend D H Thomas – Trustee	**Mrs Kerry Stockman – Trustee**

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	Charity Name River Church Wales
On accounts for the year ended	2025
Charity no (if any)	1207382
Set out on pages	8-13 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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 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 in connection with the examination 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.

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

Signed:	R Walbeoff	**Date:**	01/03/2025
Name:	Rebecca Walbeoff		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	BCA, ACA		
Address:	63 Duffryn Terrace New Tredegar NP246DG		

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Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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. 2

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2025 Total £	*2024 Total £*
INCOME		
Tithes and offerings	**222,969**	*172288*
Grant income lottery rf	**70,320**	*4,0825*
Total	**293,289**	*213,113*
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Donations	**8,463**	*32,076*
Administration	**259,210**	*185,307*
Total	**267,673**	*217,383*
Net (income)	**25,616**	*(4,270)*
Other Recognised gains		
Revaluation of fixed assets		
Net movement in funds		
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	**969802**	*974072*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	995418	969802

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Notes	**2025 Total funds**	2024 Total funds
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	995418	969802
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		79306	59059
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		79306	59059
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NET ASSETS		1074724	1028861
TOTAL FUNDS		1074724	1028861

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on …30/03/2026…… and were signed on its behalf by:

D Thomas ……..

Reverend D H Thomas – Trustee

K Stockman ……...

Mrs Kerry Stockman – Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

- Freehold land and buildings - No depreciation
- Fixtures and fittings - 20% reducing balance
- Computers - 25% per annum on a straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted friends can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Reverend D H Thomas was paid remuneration of £48,740 (*2024: £44,264*) in relation to his role as Senior minister of the Church.

Trustees' benefits

No trustee received remuneration.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2025.

3. STAFF COSTS

	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	**135742**	*95480*
Social security costs	**-**	*-*
Pensions	**9254**	*8432*
	144996	*86015*

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 4 (*2024:3*)

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.2 full time employees are paid by the national lottery.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land £	Freehold Building £	Fixtures and fittings £	Van £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2020	115,000	784742	49,131	10525	959398
Additions (building revalued)	-		-		957
At 31 December 2020	115,000	784742	49,131	10525	960355
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2020	-	-	41,999	900	42899
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	2586		1344
At 31 December 2020	-	-	39413	900	44243
Net Book Value					
At 31 December 2019	115,000	789,012	7,132	9625 -	916499
At 31 December 2020	115,000	784742	9718	9625 -	916112

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1028861	972082	995418
TOTAL FUNDS	**1028861**	**972082**	**995418**

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	293289	(267673)	8,390	25616
TOTAL FUNDS	**293289**	**(267673)**	**8,390**	**25616**

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party disclosures in the current or prior year that require disclosure.