

THE LIGHT CHURCH

Annual Accounts and Trustees Report

2025

The Light Church Network (registered charity in England and Wales No.1208194)

Trustees annual report for the period ending 31 December 2025

The Board of Trustees present their reports for The Light Church Network for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The Light Church Network, acting under the name of The Light Church, is a new Anglican Church which launched for public worship at Easter 2025. Our charity objectives are set in our Constitution , which was agreed by the Board of Trustees in May 2024 and amended on 13th January 2025. The Light Church is a church plant from Pattern Church in Swindon to Royal Wootton Bassett, serving Bassett and also Lyneham, Calne and the surrounding area.

The Board of Trustees is committed to advancing the Christian faith through playing our part in:

- The evangelisation of Wiltshire
- The revitalisation of the Church
- The transformation of our communities

This frames the Charity's ongoing activities, primarily through the provision of church services, courses, social impact projects, and planting churches.

The charitable objective is to advance the Christian faith across Wiltshire, and in other places that the trustees may from time to time determine, for the benefit of the public in accordance with the doctrines, policies, practices, and patterns of worship of the Anglican Church by furthering its pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical activities.

On 26th September 2024 the Bishop of Ramsbury, in the Diocese of Salisbury, issued a Bishop's Mission Order to The Light Church. The objects of the Order are all in accordance with our charitable objectives. The objectives of the Bishop's Mission Order are:

- Build a vibrant worshipping community centred around a life of prayer, worship, discipleship, evangelism and service that exists for the benefit of those outside the Church. Its people will seek to be generous, creative, and expectant in all they do
- Aim to connect primarily with those that are unchurched or dechurched. In so doing it will help address the challenges identified in the diocesan vision and strategic priorities of Making Jesus Known and engaging with younger and more diverse generations.
- Be an effective agent of the Christian witness and service contributing to the common god through working for justice, both in partnership with others and leading its own work.
- Actively to pursue positive relations and co-operation within the Calne Deanery Chapter and the wider Archdeaconry and Diocese, helping to encourage mission-minded values of audacious faith, generosity, love, courage, and humility.
- To plant new congregations under the direction of the Diocese.

Achievement and Performance

2025 saw the launch of The Light Church. At the beginning of February Pattern Church commissioned a team to go and join Revd Tom Morgan in establishing this new worshipping community in Royal Wootton Bassett. In the same month the Bishop of Ramsbury held a public commissioning of Tom and the team, from which point on we began to meet on Sundays in preparation for our formal launch on Easter Sunday. We are very grateful for the active support of our Diocese and Pattern Church, as well as The Well Church, Freshbrook Church and Gateway Church (all in Swindon) who all commissioned members of their congregations to come and be part of our planting team. We continue to receive encouragement and training from the Revitalise Trust. As part of this link, the leadership team attended the Summit Conference and the Alpha Leadership Conference in 2025, and a group from the Light Church were encouraged by attending FOCUS 2025.

Regular Sunday worship took place throughout the remainder of 2025, and the congregation grow throughout this period. One of the challenges facing us is how we continue to grow in our current meeting space. In November 2025, average Sunday attendance was 90 (69 adults, 21 under 16s). A significant challenge is helping people move from being occasional attenders to serving members of the congregation. In 2025 we ran three Alpha Courses, all small in number but with great group dynamics.

In late Spring 2025 we began borrowing St Michael and All Angel's Church in Lyneham to hold monthly Worship Nights, designed to serve not only our own congregation but also the wider area. On a number of occasions we saw a number of soldiers joining us from neighbouring MOD Lyneham. In addition to this, we are joined on Sundays by a small core of military personnel. Serving local military personnel is an area we are continuing to explore in 2026. In 2025 we launched Little Lights Toddler Group, which meets at the Community Centre at MOD Lyneham.

Tom continued to build relationships with local schools in 2025, volunteering weekly in the pastoral system at Royal Wootton Basset Academy and taking assemblies at Broad Town Primary School. Children and Young People will remain a focus into 2026 - during 2025 we launched Sunday Groups for 2-5 year olds, 5-11 year olds, and also for Youth. We are very grateful to those involved in serving in these ministries, and to those involved in the process of safely recruiting volunteers.

We are still learning how to be an effective church community without a building - there are thousands of churches in the UK without their own building but all of our planting team are used to having their own church buildings to invite people into. Factoring in storage of equipment and set-up time needed for each service has been a learning curve, and we are very grateful to our team of volunteers who make this possible.

Financial Review

Total income in 2025 came to £75,068 (2024 £32,812) and expenditure came to £56,602 (2024 £3,868) leading to a closing balance of £47,410 (up from £28,944 in 2024) all of which was unrestricted.
The details behind all these figures are shown in the attached financial statements.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees are aware of the need to maintain sufficient reserves. The Trust aims to hold free reserves of at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. Thanks to the generous grants and giving received in 2024 and 2025 the church is able to start 2026 with a healthy balance of funds of £47,410 which represent over 6 months of budgeted 2026 expenditure.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents

The Light Church Network is governed by a Constitution dated 10th May 2024 and amended on 13th January 2025.

Structure

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance and management of the church.

The responsibility for leadership of the church's activities, development of its spiritual life and its daily management has been delegated to the senior leadership team. The Board of Trustees retains final decisions over policy, employment of staff and finance, and takes responsibility for all matters of legal and regulatory compliance.

Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no financial benefit from the charity. Trustees are according to the Constitution of The Light Church Network.

Decision Making

All financial and strategic decisions over £5,000 are taken by the entire Board of Trustees. Any financial and strategic decisions over £1,000 are taken by the senior leadership team. The organisational implementation of the strategy is carried out by senior leadership. The Revd Thomas Morgan fulfils the key day-to-day senior management role.

The salary of the key management role is paid by the diocese in accordance with the agreed salary structure of ordained personnel in the Church of England.

People

The Light Church will lead and run principally by a large team of people who give their time voluntarily.

In accordance to FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts. All staff, volunteers and trustees undergo a formal recruitment, safeguarding and selection process.

Safeguarding

The Light Church follows the safeguarding procedures of the Church of England and recognise our duty of care to staff, volunteers and stakeholders and seek to safeguard those at risk of abuse, protect and support those who have been abused and promote the welfare and safety of all.

The Board of Trustees have adopted the Diocese of Salisbury's safeguarding policy relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults. We have a Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Administrator..

The trustees are committed to the principles of best practice in relation to safeguarding and comply with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 in respect of having due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The guidance can be read in full on the Church of England official website.

Key risks and uncertainties

The principle risk to the charity are financial (although income has been good but will need to grow in order to meet growing outgoings in 2026 and 2027), maintaining healthy teams by encouraging new members of the church to join teams and the potential lack of space to grow on Sundays.

The Board of Trustees responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

Charity law requires the trustees, who are also directors, to prepare a statement of financial activities and statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of its financial activities for that year and adequately distinguishes any material special trust or any other restricted fund of the church. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether policies adopted are in accordance with appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the church will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the church, and to enable them

to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice, the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name:	**The Light Church Network**
Other names the charity uses:	**The Light Church**
Registered Charity Number:	**1208194**
Charity's principal address	**The Light Church Network** **18 Lancaster Square** **Lyneham** **Chippenham SN15 4AD**

Names of Trustees:	Revd Thomas Morgan (chair)	(appointed May 2024)
	Mrs Carys Nurcombe-Pike	(appointed May 2024)
	Mr Joshua Nurcombe-Pike	(appointed May 2024)
	Revd Joanne Winson	(appointed May 2024)
	Mrs Deborah di Martino	(appointed Jan 2025)
	Mr Jonathan Saunders (Treasurer)	(appointed March 2025)
	Mr Ian Powell	(appointed Sept 2025)
	Mrs Hannah Kirkwood	(appointed May 2025)

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Revd Thomas Morgan

Chair of the Trustees

Date: 14th September 2026

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Light Church Network

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Certified Accountants

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters that I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to any other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report or for the statements that I have made.

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

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act ; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Accounts Regulations and the 2011 Act

  have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 16th September 2026

Derek Rodwell FCCA

Impact The Future, 117 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6DP

THE LIGHT CHURCH NETWORK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM:							
Donations	2	**73,395**	**0**	**73,395**	**32,812**	**0**	**32,812**
Income from Charitable Activities	3	**1,673**	**0**	**1,673**	**0**	**0**	**0**
TOTAL INCOME		**75,068**	**0**	**75,068**	**32,812**	**0**	**32,812**
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	4						
Sundays and worship		**17,356**	**0**	**17,356**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Children & Youth		**1,238**	**0**	**1,238**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Activities & Events		**5,920**	**0**	**5,920**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Mission giving and pastoral		**7,876**	**0**	**7,876**	**3,000**	**0**	**3,000**
Central Costs		**24,213**	**0**	**24,213**	**868**	**0**	**868**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**56,602**	**0**	**56,602**	**3,868**	**0**	**3,868**
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		**18,466**	**0**	**18,466**	**28,944**	**0**	**28,944**
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**18,466**	**0**	**18,466**	**28,944**	**0**	**28,944**
Total brought forward		**28,944**	**0**	**28,944**	**0**	**0**	**0**
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		**47,410**	**0**	**47,410**	**28,944**	**0**	**28,944**

NOTE

The Light Church Network was registered as a Charitable Incorporared Organisation on the 10th of May 2024.
The comparatives therefore for 2024 only cover the period from that date to the end of the year in which the transactions were minimal

THE LIGHT CHURCH NETWORK

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	31ST DECEMBER 2025 £	£	31ST DECEMBER 2024 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	5,760	5,760	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Sundry Debtors	6	3,595		1,039	
Cash at bank		40,544	44,140	28,405	29,444
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within 12 months	7	(2,490)	(2,490)	(500)	(500)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			41,650		28,944
NET ASSETS			47,410		28,944
STATEMENT OF FUNDS	10,11				
Restricted funds			0		0
Unrestricted funds			47,410		28,944
TOTAL FUNDS			47,410		28,944

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,

Full Name Thomas Morgan

Signed 

Dated 14th September 2026

THE LIGHT CHURCH NETWORK

Notes to the accounts

For the period ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 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.

The Light Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees are confident that the church is a going concern. Therefore, the trustees have prepared these accounts under the historical basis of accounting. Budgets and cash flow forecasts have been prepared for the period to the end of 2025 and funds are currently more than adequate to cover budgeted expenditure for well over 12 months.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the church. Restricted funds are those donated for specific purposes.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Donations and other income are recognised when received and an estimate of income tax recoverable is recognised when the related donations are recognised.

Grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the church is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the church is probable.

Fixed assets

Additions and improvements to the church premises are written off as incurred. Individual assets costing over £1,000 are capitalised. Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis as follows:

Plant and machinery: 5 years
Fixtures and Fittings: 5 years
Computer and worship equipment: 3 years

Current assets

Amounts owing to the church at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income such as gift aid are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
2 VOLUNTARY INCOME						
Planned giving	47,178	0	47,178	7,543	0	7,543
Gift aid	9,878	0	9,878	269	0	269
Grants	10,000	0	10,000	25,000	0	25,000
Cash and card donations	6,340	0	6,340	0	0	0
	73,395	0	73,395	32,812	0	32,812
3 OTHER INCOME						
Funerals	468	0	468	0	0	0
Wreath making	298	0	298	0	0	0
Alpha income	365	0	365			
Other	542	0	542	0	0	0
	1,673	0	1,673	32,812	0	32,812

4 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Sundays and Worship						
Sundays - Venue hire	11,265	0	11,265	0	0	0
Sundays - Refreshments	1,365	0	1,365	0	0	0
Sundays - Special Services & Christmas	1,330	0	1,330	0	0	0
Sundays - Other	1,294	0	1,294	0	0	0
Worship- equipment costs and depreciation	2,102	0	2,102	0	0	0
	17,356	0	17,356	0	0	0
Children & Youth						
Children	1,049	0	1,049	0	0	0
Youth	189	0	189	0	0	0
	1,238	0	1,238	0	0	0
Activities and events						
Activities - Alpha	2,310	0	2,310	0	0	0
Activities - Outreach	132	0	132	0	0	0
Activities - Focus	696	0	696	0	0	0
Activities - midweek venue hire	2,443	0	2,443	0	0	0
Activities - Community events	339	0	339	0	0	0
	5,920	0	5,920	0	0	0
Mission Giving & Pastoral						
Mission Giving (see below)	6,780	0	6,780	3,000	0	3,000
Pastoral	1,096	0	1,096	0	0	0
	7,876	0	7,876	3,000	0	3,000
Central Costs						
Office costs	1,724	0	1,724	0	0	0
Licences	1,098	0	1,098	19	0	19
Advertising and website	1,097	0	1,097	349	0	349
Insurance	314	0	314	0	0	0
Team Training	1,256	0	1,256	0	0	0
Accounting and related	1,078	0	1,078	500	0	500
Banking and other fees	396	0	396	0	0	0

Parish Share	17,250	0	17,250	0	0	0
	24,213	0	24,213	868	0	868
Mission Giving analysis						
St John's Church Haydon Wick	0	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
Melksham Church - Children and young people	2,780	0	2,780	0	0	0
Salisbury DBF - Nadiangere Appeal	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
Swindon Night Shelter	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
	6,780	0	6,780	3,000	0	3,000

4 SALARIES

The Light Church had no staff on the payroll in 2024 or 2025.
The key management role was performed by the Revd Tom Morgan who received his stipend from the Diocese. He received no salary or benefits from the Light Church Network

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS 2025

	Plant & Machinery	Total Assets
Cost of assets		
Opening balance- 1/1/25	0	0
Purchases	6,887	6,887
Closing cost balance 31/12/25	6,887	6,887
Depreciation		
Opening balance 1/1/25	0	0
Depreciation charge	1,127	1,127
ClosingDepreciation balance 31/12/25	1,127	1,127
Opening assets 1/1/25	**0**	**0**
Closing assets 31/12/25	**5,760**	**5,760**

6 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Owed by HMRC for gift aid	2,262	269
Prepayments	1,116	770
Accrued income	217	0
	3,595	1,039

7 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued expenditure	2,440	500
Accounts payable	50	0
	2,490	500

10a STATEMENT OF FUNDS (2024)

	2025 Opening Balance £	2025 Incoming resources £	2025 Resources expended £	2025 Transfers £	2025 Closing Balance £
Unrestricted Funds	28,944	75,068	(56,602)	0	47,410
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	28,944	75,068	(56,602)	0	47,410

10a STATEMENT OF FUNDS (2024)

	2024 Opening Balance £	2024 Incoming resources £	2024 Resources expended £	2024 Transfers £	2024 Closing Balance £

Unrestricted Funds	0	32,812	(3,868)	0	28,944
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	0	32,812	(3,868)	0	28,944

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	5,760	0	5,760	0	0	0
Current assets	44,140	0	44,140	29,444	0	29,444
Creditors due within one year	(2,490)	0	(2,490)	(500)	0	(500)
NET ASSETS	47,410	0	47,410	28,944	0	28,944

12 RELATED PARTIES

No trustees or related parties received any remuneration during the year.
None of the trustees or related parties were reimbursed for expenses relating to services provided to the charity as trustees. Expenses incurred by trustees on behalf of the Trust were reimbursed against receipts
In the period ended 31st December 2025 £11,138 was given to the church by the trustees (2024 £1,843).

13 INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Included in central costs (accounting) is an accrual of £900 for the preparation and examination of the 2025 accounts.