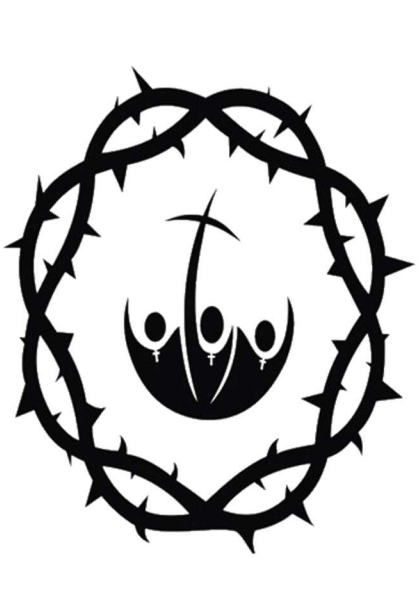


EKKLESIA
HULL

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Registration Number:

1209330

Charity's Principal Address:

166 Hawthorn Avenue,
Hull
HU3 5PY,

Legal Structure:

Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO)

Trustees

Kwabena Okai-Tweneboah	Chair
Oyindamola Anuoluwapo Alabi	Trustee
Natalie Anane Addo	Trustee

Bankers

NatWest Group plc
36 St Andrew Square
Edinburgh, United Kingdom
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Trustees Annual Report for the Period

1st March 2025 – 28 February 2026

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

A) Governing Document

Ekklesia Hull is a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO), registered in England. It is governed by its Constitution, which was last amended on 1st May 2024. The constitution follows the foundation model, where the only voting members are the charity trustees.

B) Structure of the Charity

The charity is led by a board of charity trustees who have general control and management of the administration of the Church. The trustees are also the members of the charity. The constitution permits the appointment of the following individuals as trustees, in accordance with the Church Rules:

- Minister
- Elder
- Deacon
- Treasurer
- Church Secretary

There must be at least three trustees in post at all times, with no upper limit on the number that may be appointed.

C) Trustee Appointment and Induction

Trustees are appointed based on their holding of one of the recognized offices listed above. Upon appointment, new trustees receive a copy of the Constitution, the latest annual report, and financial statements. This helps them understand their legal obligations, the vision and mission of the Church, and the current operational context.

D) Decision Making

The trustees meet at least four times a year to oversee the charity's work and make strategic decisions. Decisions are made by a simple majority vote at properly convened meetings. In the case of a tie, the resolution is not passed. Some matters may be delegated to committees or individuals, although the overall responsibility remains with the trustees.

E) Conflict of Interest

All trustees are required to declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest and are required to withdraw from discussions or decisions where a conflict exists. This is in line with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

F) Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

In accordance with the Constitution, no trustee receives payment for their role as trustee. However, trustees or connected persons may receive reasonable compensation for specific services or roles if it is clearly in the charity's best interest and authorized under the terms set out in the governing document. Such arrangements are carefully documented and approved by the board, ensuring transparency and adherence to charity law.

G) Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Risk assessments are carried out and regularly reviewed, and appropriate policies and procedures are in place to mitigate identified risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Ekklesia Hull exists to glorify God by making disciples and advancing the Christian faith in Hull and beyond. Our core objectives include gospel proclamation, discipleship, pastoral care, and active community outreach. Each year comes with its own challenge, but 2025 has been a fruitful year and as an organization, we have been about to grow and serve our community better.

Our main objectives are:

- Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Discipling believers and building community
- Offering pastoral care and practical support
- Engaging with the wider Hull community through outreach

Key highlights include:

- Major achievements:
- Starting the Children's Ministry and setting up the safeguarding avenue
- Starting a food bank to aid the community
- Had our first member baptism
- Commencing a fundraising initiative for purchasing our long-term building
- Setting up the church podcast
- Commencing the life group system
- Incorporating our mission and vision statement into our Sunday service

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We give thanks to God for an impactful and fruitful year filled with spiritual growth, fellowship, outreach, and meaningful community engagement. In addition to our weekly Sunday services and regular online meetings, the church organized a range of spiritual, social, and educational activities throughout the year that strengthened the faith of members and deepened our connection with the wider community.

Below is a summary of key activities and highlights from the year.

Spiritual Growth and Worship

The year began with a period of intentional spiritual focus through a 14-day fasting and prayer programme. Members gathered daily to seek God in prayer, reflect on His Word, and align their hearts with His purpose for both the ministry and their personal lives. This time of devotion set the spiritual tone for the year.

During the year we also celebrated an important milestone as members publicly declared their faith through baptism, marking a joyful moment of commitment to Christ within the church community.

In August, the church hosted the Word Alive Conference, a powerful time of spiritual renewal. Invited ministers of the Gospel shared Christ-centred messages while the congregation engaged in vibrant worship and prayer. The conference also created an opportunity to invite and fellowship with other churches in the community.

Later in the year we held our Perfected Praise Concert, a vibrant worship gathering celebrating the Lord through music. Choirs from neighbouring churches joined us in ministry, strengthening our relationships within the wider faith community.

Children's Ministry Development

A significant step forward this year was the launch of the Ekklesia Children's Ministry. Volunteers from within the church responded to the call to help nurture the spiritual lives of our young members and ensure that strong biblical foundations are established early.

Safeguarding processes were implemented through third-party safeguarding support to ensure that all activities involving children were carried out in a safe and well-managed environment.

In November, the children were given the opportunity to lead parts of the service during Ekklesia Kidz Sunday. It was a heartwarming moment for the church as the children demonstrated confidence, growth, and enthusiasm in serving.

Community Support and Food Bank Ministry

Serving the practical needs of our community continues to be an important part of Ekklesia Hull's mission. Throughout the year, the church operated its Food Bank and Community Support Programme, providing essential food supplies and support to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship.

Each week, approximately 20 dedicated volunteers generously give their time to help run the programme. These volunteers assist with receiving donations, organizing food parcels, welcoming visitors, and ensuring that those who come for help are treated with dignity, kindness, and compassion.

The food bank has become a place not only of practical support but also of encouragement and community connection. Many who access the service receive not just food assistance but also conversation, prayer, and signposting to additional support where needed.

This ministry reflects the church's commitment to demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways by responding to the needs within our local community.

Through the faithful service of volunteers and the generosity of donors, Ekklesia Hull continues to provide hope, support, and care to those facing difficult circumstances.

Social and Fellowship Activities

Throughout the year, the church organized a number of social events designed to strengthen fellowship and build deeper relationships among members.

Our Love Feasts (Valantine's Day Activity) focused on themes such as Serving *God in Relationships and Act Like a Man, Think Like a Lady; Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man*. These gatherings created space for open conversations about relationships while celebrating unity and love within the church family.

Creativity and connection were encouraged through a Sip and Paint event, where members enjoyed a relaxed artistic environment together.

We also had movie nights which provided opportunities for wholesome entertainment and fellowship.

Members and newcomers also enjoyed a Nando's Dinner and Bowling Night, which created a welcoming and relaxed setting for building friendships.

A Bring and Share & Invite a Friend Sunday encouraged members to extend hospitality by inviting guests to experience fellowship within the church community.

Families also came together through a Family Barbecue organized in collaboration with a sister church, creating a joyful atmosphere of bonding, laughter, and shared fellowship.

This collaboration continued with our annual Bridlington Beach Day, where members and families enjoyed a day of relaxation and fun together.

The year concluded with a Family Hangout, Carols by Candlelight, and Awards Night. The Carols by Candlelight service created a reflective atmosphere as we celebrated the birth of Christ through worship and song. The Dinner and Awards Night recognized members who demonstrated exceptional dedication, service, and faithfulness throughout the year.

Educational and Career Development

The church also hosted several programmes designed to support members in their personal and professional development.

An informative session on Global Talent Visas and Shortage Occupation Roles provided guidance on career opportunities and migration pathways. Legal professionals were

invited to explain changes in UK immigration law and help increase awareness among members.

We also hosted “Time with the Managers,” a career-focused session where professionals shared insights on workplace growth, leadership, and professional excellence.

Another workshop on Job Hunt Strategies equipped members with practical skills in CV writing, interview preparation, and networking.

During the year, the church also revamped its website, enabling members and visitors to stay informed about upcoming events and view photos and highlights from church activities.

Evangelism and Community Collaboration

Evangelism remained central to the church’s mission throughout the year. Monthly outreach activities were organized where members shared the Gospel and engaged with the local community.

The church also joined other congregations across Hull in Pray for the City, standing together in unity to pray for spiritual revival, peace, and transformation within the city.

Final Notes

This year has been marked by spiritual growth, community impact, empowerment, and joyful fellowship. We are grateful for God’s faithfulness and for every member who contributed their time, gifts, and resources.

As we look forward to the coming year, we remain committed to building a Christ-centred community, impacting lives, and advancing God’s Kingdom.

To God be all the glory.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the period was £93,822.00, while the total expenditure amounted to £26,497.00. This resulted in a net surplus of £67,325.00.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain reserves equivalent to at least three months of operating costs to ensure financial stability.

Public Benefit Statement

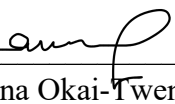
The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Plans for the Future

In the coming year, Ekklesia Hull plans to:
- Secure a permanent worship facility
- Continue developing leadership and discipleship programs
- Expand community outreach efforts

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorized Kwabena Okai-Tweneboah to sign on their behalf.

Signed: 
Name: Kwabena Okai-Tweneboah
Position: Chair of Trustees
Date: 25th March 2026.

Receipts and Payments Account

EKKLESIA - HULL			
Receipt and Payment for the period 1st March 2025 - 28th Febuary 2026			
	Notes	**2025**	**2026**
Receipts			
		£	**£**
Donations - Online Giving		1,928.00	5,759.00
Donation - Offerings		15,242.00	35,491.00
Gift Aid	**1**	-	7,086.00
Donation - Project	**2**	-	44,799.00
Donation - Community Food Hub	**3**	-	500.00
Other Income			
Interest Received	**4**	-	187.00
Total Receipts		**17,170.00**	**93,822.00**
Payments			
Refreshment		717.00	1,657.00
Hospitality and Events		-	1,050.00
Office Costs		1,019.00	144.00
Rent		4,050.00	11,124.00
Web Hosting		(6.00)	264.00
Office Equipment		(45.00)	308.00
Printing		298.00	229.00
Stationery		62.00	-
Advertising and Promotion		15.00	41.00
Depreciation Expense	**5**	702.00	-
Legal and Professional Fees		150.00	1,635.00
Souvenirs		-	237.00
Charitable Donations		110.00	200.00
Insurance		101.00	101.00
Repairs		-	336.00
Subscriptions		-	520.00
Travel		-	5,336.00
Internet & Telephone		-	339.00
Sundries		-	
Miscellaneous Costs			1,000.00
Total Admintration Expenses		**7,173.00**	**26,497.00**
Total Payments		**7,173.00**	**26,497.00**
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		**9,997.00**	**67,325.00**

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Gift Aid

Gift Aid represents amounts reclaimed from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of eligible donations made by Uk taxpayers. Ekklesia Hull received £ 7,086.00 from July 2024 to June 2025. These receipts relate to claims submitted and processed within the financial year, including amounts relating to donations made in the current and prior periods.

Note 2: Building Project

During the year, a dedicated account was created to receive donations specifically for developmental projects. A total of £44,799.00 was received. These funds are monitored internally to track donations towards the building project and to support the planning and development of the building.

Note 3: Donation - Community Food Hub

Ekklesia Hull operates a community food Hub to provide grocery and food assistance to individuals and families in need. During the year, donations totaling £500.00 were received from Aldi to support this course. These funds were used for subscription to Fareshare, food purchases and distribution costs for the community food hub.

Note 4: Interest Received- Investment Account

An investment account was opened during the year to hold amounts not intended for operational activities. An interest of £187.00 was received between 16th January 2026 and 28th February 2026.

Note 5- Depreciation Expense

During the prior financial year, a depreciation expense was incorrectly included as payment in the Receipt and Payment Account. Depreciation is a non-cash item and should not be recorded as payment under the Receipt and Payment Basis. No adjustment has been made to prior year's figures for filing purposes. The current year's accounts have been prepared correctly with non-cash items such as depreciation excluded.

EKKLESIA - HULL - Balance Sheet as at 28 Feb 26			
		2025	**2026**
	Notes	**£**	**£**
Non- Current Assets			
Computer Equipment & Other Capital Asset		7,102.00	13,852.00
Accumulated Deprecriation		(1,724.00)	(3,181.00)
Net Book Value		**5,378.00**	**10,671.00**
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	**7**	22,775.00	83,185.00
Current Liabilities		-	-
Net Current Assets		**22,775.00**	**83,185.00**
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		**28,153.00**	**93,856.00**
Surplus of Receipts over Payments	**8**		
Accumulated Funds		**28,153.00**	**93,856.00**
Notes to Balance Sheets as at 28th February, 2025			
Note 1- Non-Current Assets			
		2025	**2026**
		£	**£**
Computer Equipment Brought Forward		1,261.00	1,261.00
Other Capital Asset Brought Forward		560.00	5,841.00
Additions			
Computer Equipment Purchase		-	5,057.00
Other Capital Asset Purchase		5,281.00	1,693.00
Total Non-Current Assets		**7,102.00**	**13,852.00**
Note 2- Accumulated Deprecriation			
		2025	**2026**
		£	**£**
Computer Equipment Depreciation Brought Forward		(204.00)	(518.00)
Other Capital Asset Depreciation Brought Forward		(355.00)	(1,206.00)
Computer Equipment Depreciation In Year		(314.00)	(444.00)
Other Capital Asset Depreciation		(851.00)	(1,013.00)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		**(1,724.00)**	**(3,181.00)**
Notes 7: Cash at Bank		**2025**	**2026**
		£	**£**
Business Current Account		22,775.00	2,815.00
Project Account			182.00
Investment Account			80,187.00
Total Cash at Bank		**22,775.00**	**83,185.00**

Independent examiner's report for the period 1st March 2025 to 28th February 2026

EKKLESIA HULL

Charity number: 1209330

Charity name	Ekklesia Hull
Charity registration number	1209330
Reporting period	1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026
Accounts examined	Receipts and payments accounts for the period ended 28 February 2026

Independent examiner's statement

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ekklesia Hull (the charity) for the period ended 28 February 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity, 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 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 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.

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.

Date: 15/09/2026

Name: Rebecca Acquaye MSc Finance / MCICM