BOURNEMOUTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1209493

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1209493
WORKING NAME	Bedford Christian Fellowship
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	01.04.2025
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31 March 2026
TRUSTEES SERVING DURING AND AFTER THE YEAR	Daniel Malan Arthur Dyer Timothy McKenzie Shaun Botha Current charity trustees will select new trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation- registered on 07 August 2024
OBJECTS	To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in the schedule here to in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit.
REGISTERED ADDRESS	Kinson Community Centre Pelhams Park Millhams Road Bournemouth BH10 7LH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Zita Derbak Independent Examiners Ltd The Grain Store Hills Barns Appledram Lane South Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7EG

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

Objectives and achievements
To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of faith appearing in our constitution in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees of the charity may from time to time think fit.

Achievements and Performance
Main Activities Undertaken

Weekly Worship Services
Worship services were held every Sunday morning, alongside monthly midweek evening gatherings for the whole church community. Our second year of operating as a registered charity has been greatly encouraging, with continued growth in the congregation and increasing engagement in the worship and service of Christ.

Midweek Discipleship Bible Studies
Weekly small-group Bible studies were held across four locations: Ringwood, Bournemouth (two separate locations), and Southbourne. This year, we added a new home group in Southbourne to accommodate our growing congregation. These groups have been instrumental in fostering closer relationships within our local communities and encouraging spiritual growth through in-depth Bible study, fellowship, and prayer.
We also host a fifth Bible study group via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person.

Sunday School and Youth Ministry
We were encouraged by the growth of our teaching team, which expanded by one member during the year. Children's attendance regularly ranged between 20 and 30 each week, covering ages 2–11.
Our youth and teen group welcomed between 6 and 10 participants at its fortnightly meetings. Many of these young people have demonstrated spiritual growth and a desire to serve in various church activities. Some also had the opportunity to attend a summer youth camp in France.

Young Adults Ministry
The Young Adults Ministry continued to grow steadily, providing a supportive and engaging environment for those aged 18–30 to connect, grow in their faith, and serve within the church. Regular meetings and activities encouraged spiritual development, fellowship, and outreach.
This ministry remains an important bridge between the youth and the wider church community, encouraging young adults to take active roles in leadership and service.
In January, we also hosted a successful Young Adults Convention with visiting minister Peter McKenzie from our CTMI partner church in Florida, USA. The event welcomed approximately 60 delegates from France, the Netherlands, and various parts of the United Kingdom.

Veterans (Over-60s Group)
Launched during the COVID-19 period, our online prayer and fellowship group, Veterans, serves those aged over 60 within the church. The group continues to flourish, meeting twice monthly via Zoom and occasionally gathering in person for fellowship. It remains a valuable source of encouragement and spiritual support.

Men's Breakfast Outreaches
This outreach initiative has seen strong engagement, with regular attendance ranging from 20 to 45 men and newcomers attending most meetings. These gatherings provide opportunities not only for outreach but also for relationship-building, fellowship, and discipleship among the men in our church.

Ladies' Tea Outreaches
Our Ladies' Tea events have continued to grow in popularity, attracting between 20 and 60 attendees depending on whether the event is held during the week or on a Saturday. These events frequently welcome newcomers and provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship and outreach.
Our most successful series this year was The Lost Stories of England.

Community Outreach – Coffee and Tea Mornings
We hosted monthly free tea and coffee mornings on Saturdays (weather permitting) at the community centre where we meet. Refreshments included tea, coffee, cookies, and doughnuts, along with a small free food pantry for those in need.
These events typically attracted between 15 and 30 attendees and provided valuable opportunities to demonstrate the church's commitment to serving the local community while engaging in meaningful conversations about the Christian faith.

Evangelism
Throughout the winter months, a team conducted outreach in Bournemouth town centre every four weeks on Saturday mornings. Team members engaged in conversations about the Christian faith with those who were interested and had many opportunities to pray with people facing various challenges and needs.

Baptisms
We had the great joy of baptising seven members of our congregation, many of whom had only recently come to faith in Christ.

Family Camps
During the year, members of the church participated in two family camps: one held in Florida, USA, in May, and another in Le Mans, France, in August. These events helped strengthen family relationships and foster deeper connections with fellow Christians from other churches and nations.

Leadership Development
Members of our eldership team had the opportunity to attend leadership conferences in Tanzania and Egypt, contributing to their ongoing development and strengthening relationships with church leaders internationally.

Church Plant
We were delighted to establish a new group of Christians in Bedford as an official fellowship operating under the charity.

Media and Communications
Following considerable planning and development work, we successfully launched a new church website and introduced a refreshed visual identity, including a new logo.

Livestreaming and Social Media
Our online ministry continued to expand throughout the year. Regular Sunday service livestreams attracted over 200 viewers per service, while special visiting ministries streamed through our channel received between 600 and 1,000 views.
We also remained active on social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, experiencing encouraging levels of engagement and growth. These digital platforms continue to provide valuable opportunities to share the Gospel and communicate the love of Jesus Christ to a wider audience.

International Ministry Visits
We were privileged to host ministers and missionaries from Kenya, the USA, Réunion Island, and Mauritius. Their ministry enriched our local church community and helped strengthen connections with other Christians and churches who attended these special events.
In addition, some of our elders had the opportunity to minister in Eindhoven, Netherlands, further strengthening relationships with churches overseas.

Pastoral Care
The pastoral team continued to provide pastoral support through home visits, counselling, prayer, and practical care for those in need, including the sick, elderly, and individuals seeking spiritual guidance and discipleship.

Conclusion
The trustees are pleased to report that all donations and gifts received during the year were applied responsibly and effectively towards advancing the charity's aims and objectives. Through the faithful support of donors, volunteers, and church members, the charity has continued to fulfil its mission of promoting the Christian faith, serving the local community, and supporting spiritual growth both locally and internationally.

Financial Review and Reserve Policy

•Total income: £153,271 (2025: £57,203)
•Total expenditure: £68,870 (2025: £44,888)
•Net incoming resources: £84,401 (2025: £12,315)
•Closing reserves: £114,728 (2025: £30,327)

The unrestricted year end balance was £30,868 which is £10,971 more than the previous year. This variance is primarily due to an increase of Gifts & Donations. The charity aims to maintain reserves equivalent to 3 months of expenditure, totalling approx. £17,500. At year end, reserves stood at £25,499.

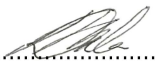
The Church transitioned from a Limited Company to a Charity CIO on 07.08.2024. Starting assets transferred to the CIO totalled £18,012, being made up of £17,145 (unrestricted funds) and £867 (restricted funds).

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees .........., Trustee.

Print name: D.MALAN

Date: 01/10/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Bournemouth Christian Church on the accounts for the 8 months period ended 31st March 2026 set out on pages 8 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO, 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

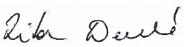
Independent examiner's statement

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Sign: 

Date:07.10.2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS :	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	**Total 2025 £**
Voluntary Receipts	2a	79,241	750	73,280	153,271	57,203
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**79,241**	**750**	**73,280**	**153,271**	**57,203**
PAYMENTS :						
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	68,270	600	-	68,870	44,888
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**68,270**	**600**	-	**68,870**	**44,888**
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		**10,971**	**150**	**73,280**	**84,401**	**12,315**
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds at last year end		19,897	-	10,430	30,327	18,012
Cash Funds at current year end		**30,868**	**150**	**83,710**	**114,728**	**30,327**

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	**31-Mar-26 Total £**	**31-Mar-25 Total £**
ASSETS						
Cash Funds:						
Bank Accounts		30,868	150	83,710	114,728	30,327
		30,868	**150**	**83,710**	**114,728**	**30,327**
Assets retained for the Charity's own use:						
Equipment		**647**	**-**	**-**	**647**	**-**
LIABILITIES						
Independent Examiners Fee		1,068	-	-	1,068	1,020
		1,068	**-**	**-**	**1,068**	**1,020**

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

Approved by the Trustees on 01/10/2026 and

Signed on their behalf by ....., Trustee.

Print name: D.MALAN

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. RECEIPTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	**Total 2025**
a) Voluntary Receipts		£	£	£	**£**	**£**
General Donations	5	63,448	150	-	63,598	46,595
Building fund donation	4	-	-	73,280	73,280	10,430
Interest received		1,239	-	-	1,239	178
General Donations (CTMI support)		4,640	-	-	4,640	-
Other income		2,771	-	-	2,771	-
Gift Aid Receipt		7,143	-	-	7,143	-
Media Fund Donations		-	600	-	600	-
		79,241	**750**	**73,280**	**153,271**	**57,203**

3. PAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2026**	**Total 2025**
a) Costs of Charitable Activities	£	£	£	**£**	**£**
Rent	14,650	-	-	14,650	7,718
Ministry Support	7,960	-	-	7,960	6,951
Salaries - Subcontractors	25,940	-	-	25,940	20,560
Insurance	-	-	-	0	604
Flights, Fuel, Transport and Parking	8,976	-	-	8,976	4,669
Phone, Broadband, zoom	558	-	-	558	429
PPS	148	-	-	148	491
Legal and Professional	-	-	-	0	2,735
Bank Charges	102	-	-	102	90
Repair and Maintenance	-	-	-	0	475
DBS	403	-	-	403	-
Office Expenses	749	-	-	749	-
Media Costs / Sound Equipment 5	2,746	600	-	3,346	-
Hosting Costs	300	-	-	300	-
General costs	4,718	-	-	4,718	166
	68,270	**600**	**-**	**68,870**	**44,888**

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS	**Balance at 01.04.2025 £**	**Receipts £**	**Payments £**	**Transfer £**	**Balance at 31.03.2026 £**
Building Fund	10,430	73,280	-	-	83,710
	10,430	**73,280**	**-**	**-**	**83,710**

	Balance at 07.08.2024 £	**Receipts £**	**Payments £**	**Transfer £**	**Balance at 31.03.2025 £**
Donation to Africa*	867	-	-867	-	-
Building Fund	-	10,430	-	-	10,430
	867	**10,430**	**-867**	**-**	**10,430**

* **Donation to Africa:** opening balance of £867 was part of the legacy assets transferred from Bournemouth Christian Church Limited (06834040).

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS	**Balance at 01.04.2025 £**	**Receipts £**	**Payments £**	**Transfer £**	**Balance at 31.03.2026 £**
Bedford Church	-	150	-	-	150
Media Cost fund	-	600	-600	-	-
	-	**750**	**-600**	**-**	**150**

6. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

Three trustees received a total of £4,989 (2025: two trustees received £4,050) in the financial period for their out of pocket expenses related to flight, accommodation and fuel costs that occurred while fulfilling their pastoral roles.

7. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.