TELUGU CHURCH UK

Report and Financial Accounts for the period 23 August 2024 to 31 December 2025

The Telugu Church UK was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 23 August 2024 under CIO registration number 1209733

Trustees	Richard Gough	Chairman
	Benji Karra	Minister
	Sandya Karra	Associate Minister
Secretary	Johnny Valagapalli	
Treasurer	Deena Bandaram	
Safeguarding Officer	Sirisha Chava	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc	
Charity registered address	18 Granville Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1JP	

These accounts cover the initial accounting period from incorporation 23 August 2024 to 31 December 2025. Subsequent accounting periods will run from 1 January to 31 December each calendar year.

Charitable objects

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit, to advance the Christian Religion in the United Kingdom for those who speak the Telugu language, in particular but not exclusively through the holding of worship services, prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others about the Christian Religion, providing pastoral care and outreach work in the local community.

Report of the Trustees

This is the first Trustees' Report. During this period, Telugu Church UK developed its ministry across **four locations: Leicester, Coventry, Birmingham and Northampton**, serving mainly Telugu-speaking people in the UK, including families, international students and others living away from their wider family networks.

Pastor Benji Karra, Minister, and **Pastor Sandya Karra**, Associate Minister, continued to provide pastoral leadership, preaching, Bible teaching, prayer and pastoral care. Local deacons and volunteers supported the leadership and practical running of the congregations, while **Mr Richard Gough** served as Chairman of the CIO.

Regular weekly services were held across all four locations, with approximately **200–250 attendances in a typical week**, representing approximately **10,400–13,000 attendances over a full year**. Services include worship, preaching, Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship, with free meals regularly provided following services in Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham and at many special events.

Preaching and teaching the Word of God remained central to the ministry. Pastor Benji Karra preached regularly across the four congregations, amounting to approximately **180–200 sermons and Bible messages in a typical year**. The Church also welcomed **two guest speakers from India, Pastor Nehemiah and Pastor Jacob** and many other guests; local and international speakers spoke in our Church services.

Other activities included weekly Wednesday online Bible studies; one-to-one **biblical counselling, pastoral care and prayer**; home prayer meetings; Christmas carol visits; church anniversaries; Easter and New Year celebrations; **40 days of fasting and prayer during Lent**; and a monthly all-day **Prayer Revival** (attended by approximately **100 people each month**)

The Church also organised a **Bible Seminar in Coventry on Saturday 18 October 2025, attended by approximately 60 people**, a biblical educational visit to the **British Museum by hired coach**, and a group visit to the **God Loves You Tour** Christian event. **Four people were encouraged to undertake further biblical education through Coventry Bible College**, attending monthly classes and studying online, and the Church paid the **Bible College fees for one student**. During the reporting period, **two people were baptised** following their profession of Christian faith.

The Church provided practical assistance to people experiencing need, particularly international students living away from their families. This included **financial assistance to unemployed students, one-off groceries and financial help for students experiencing hardship**, and other support where appropriate. The Church also supported **two missionaries in India**, and **Victor, a musician serving the Church and a self-supported missionary in the UK**, regularly supported two orphaned children, provided Christmas clothing assistance for five orphaned children, and gave regular financial assistance towards the care of a child living with cerebral palsy.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day celebrations across the four locations together recorded approximately **1,200 attendances**, with worship, preaching, music, Christian cultural presentations and shared festival meals.

The Church welcomes Christians, people exploring Christianity and people from other faith backgrounds. Through the preaching of the **life-changing Word of God**, biblical counselling, prayer, fellowship and pastoral ministry, the Trustees have witnessed significant spiritual growth. Some have come to faith in Jesus Christ, others have deepened their Christian commitment, and many are growing as faithful disciples of Jesus.

The Trustees give thanks to God for the growth and spiritual impact of Telugu Church UK and remain committed to strengthening the four congregations, making disciples, developing leaders, teaching the Word of God, providing pastoral care, supporting students and families, and serving people through Christian hospitality and practical assistance in accordance with the charitable objects of the CIO.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Richard Gough

Chairman Dated: 8 September 2026

Independent Examination

The income of the charity is below the threshold of £25,000 in this accounting period so there is no requirement for independent examination of the accounts.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 24th August 2024 to 31st December 2025

Income	**Note**	**Unrestricted Funds** (£)	**Total Funds (£)**
Donations and Legacies	2	6,259.49	6,259.49
Other Income – Transfers Received	3	12,620.38	12,620.38
Other Income – Reimbursements Received	4	220	220.00
Investment Income	5	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		**19,099.87**	**19,099.87**

Expenditure	**Note**	**Unrestricted Funds** (£)	**Total Funds (£)**
Ministry	6	4,790.46	4,790.46
Mission & Church Activities	7	2,468.21	2,468.21
Upkeep of Church Premises	8	3,838.70	3,838.70
Administration	9	1,861.34	1,861.34
Transport	10	2,053.51	2,053.51
Other Expenditure	11	2,403.13	2,403.13
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**17,415.35**	**17,415.35**
Net income / (expenditure)		**1,684.52**	**1,684.52**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the accounting period. All income derives from continuing activities.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	Note	**2025 (£)**
Current Account		1,684.52
Deposit Accounts		-
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		**1,684.52**
Assets retained for church use	12	766.47
Debtors		-
Liabilities		-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**2,450.99**

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Notes to the Accounts
for the Period 24th August 2024 to 31st December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting: The financial statements have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis, in accordance with applicable UK charity guidance.

b. Income Recognition: income consists primarily of voluntary donations and church offerings. Card and bank transfer giving income is recognised when received.

c. Expenditure Recognition: expenditure is recognised when incurred and includes ministry activities, operational and administrative costs.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £
Church Offerings	6259.49
Tithes and Donations	-
Special Contributions	-
	6,259.49

3. Other Income (Transfers Received)

	Unrestricted Funds £
Transfers Received from Members	12620.38
Internal Transfers Received	-
Other Contributions Received	-
	12,620.38

4. Other Income (Reimbursements Received)

	Unrestricted Funds £
Expense Reimbursements Received	220.00
	220.00

5. Investment Income

Description	Unrestricted Funds £
Bank Interest Received	-
Investment Income	-
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6. Ministry Expenses

	Unrestricted Funds £
Minister Reimbursement Expenses	4114.26
Ministry Support Payments (Paid to keyboard player)	270.00
Minister Christmas Purchases	406.20
	4,790.46

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7. Mission & Church Activities	Unrestricted Funds £
Food & Drinks	1111.60
Ministry Food & Drinks	649.73
Refreshments	323.92
Church Event Supplies	382.96
	2,468.21

8. Upkeep of Church Premises	Unrestricted Funds £
Building Rent / Hall Hire	3838.70
Council Charges	
Utilities and Services	
	3,838.70

9. Administration Costs	Unrestricted Funds £
Website & Hosting	1140.75
Design Software	220.91
Streaming Services	192.01
Card Processing Fees	169.45
Bank / FX Charges	5.24
Church Equipment	132.98
	1,861.34

10. Transport Costs	Unrestricted Funds £
Fuel	1532.49
Parking	521.02
	2,053.51

11. Other Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £
Members / Volunteers Repaid	2188.99
Other Expenses(Wellbeing)	40.40
Convenience Charges	48.71
Internal Transfer Costs	125.03
	2,403.13

12. Assets Retained for Church Use	Unrestricted Funds £
Church Curtains	88.00
Dance Costumes / Christmas Dress	400.00
Card Reader	228.47
Offering Box	50.00
	766.47