This year has been another year of ups and downs. We have lost much loved members of our congregation over the year – Janet Ford, Dawn Buckle, Stephen Wilde and Elaine Booth. Dawn and Janet both worked tirelessly for our Chapel over their lifetimes and we miss them greatly. On the upside we now have a thriving Sunday Club which meets twice a month. They have joined in our special services and we look forward to seeing them grow in the next 12 months. The Chapel Council has continued to meet regularly, although it was agreed this year to reduce our number of meetings to once every two months. This has so far been successful. We managed to maintain our regular fund raising activities, and our Hall continues to be used regularly by 2nd Dukinfield Scouts and Unity Stage School. We have had other outside bookings occasionally during the year, and it would be great if we could use the Hall more during the day.

Our Chapel life has continued with services each week, our special services being quite well attended. We did manage to open for Heritage Open Day again this year in September and we welcomed a few very interested visitors. We have joined with the other churches in Dukinfield again for the World Day of Prayer, Dukinfield Songs of Praise and we continue to host our Whitsuntide service.

We have completed our work in converting our Charitable status to CIO which will now protect our Trustees from personal financial liability.

Although our numbers in Chapel each week are small, we must thank our Minister Andrew and all our visiting ministers and lay preachers for their services. They are always much appreciated. Barry Shaw our organist and Worship secretary needs a special thank you – it isn't the easiest of jobs to fill the pulpit each week. Jennifer Moody has worked tirelessly throughout the year booking bour Rites of passage, and we thank her for her hard work. It can be a difficult job especially when enquiries come either very early or very late in the day. Over the year we have held 12 baptisms, 2 funerals and 2 weddings in Chapel.

The cleaning of our buildings up until recently have been looked after by Paul Whitehead, but unfortunately Paul had to step back from these jobs due to his knee operation which he had in the later part of the year. We thank him for his work done over the past few years. We have been fortunate however to have Joe Cole who has stepped into the role of Hall and Chapel Keeper. We are most grateful to have him in these roles now and he is becoming very much a part of our community here in Chapel.

We are still very conscious of our reducing numbers in the congregation, and no one has a foolproof solution. However, we remain hopeful that we can maintain a Unitarian presence here in Dukinfield in the future. As to how this will look will be a conversation for our congregation in the not-too-distant future.

Bronwyn Lowe Correspondent Secretary

DUKINFIELD OLD CHAPEL UNITARIANS

Charity no. 1210375

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS

	2024	Chapel		2025
£	1,661.82	Autumn Fair	£	2,256.92
£	410.00	Baptisms	£	590.00
£	6,513.60	Donations (1)	£	9,042.89
£	-	East Cheshire Union		
£	2,548.00	Envelope Scheme	£	2,418.00
£	125.00	Funeral	£	500.00
£	-	Membership	-	
£	571.65	Offertory	£	776.90
£	449.60	Porch Box	£	590.10
£	8,136.63	Inland Rev Gift Aid	£	-
£	2,070.00	Weddings	£	1,385.00
£	**22,486.30**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**17,559.81**

		School Hall		
£	-	Collection	£	169.00
£	6,002.25	Room Hire - Unity	£	5,868.75
£	1,000.00	Room Hire - other	£	600.00
£	600.00	Room Hire - Domain Care		
£	**7,602.25**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**6,637.75**

		Other Contributions		
£	500.00	Charitable Collections/Grants	£	900.00
£	-	Pantomime Society	£	7,000.00
£	-	Repayments		
£	20.00	Whitsuntide Band	£	150.00
£	**520.00**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**8,050.00**

		Misc Income		
£	-	Inquirer/The Unitarian		
£	-	Transferred from Gold Account		
£	-	Transferred from COIF		
£	9,188.00	other (note 2)	£	3,196.31
£	**9,188.00**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**3,196.31**

£	**2,968.56**	**Interest (COIF into CAF)**	**£**	**3,016.26**

£	**362.38**	**Interest**	**£**	**335.84**

£	**43,127.49**	**TOTAL INCOME**	**£**	**38,795.97**

PAYMENTS

	2024	Minister		2025
£	9,648.67	Student / Minister	£	11,177.52
£	**9,648.67**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**11,177.52**

		Buildings - Chapel		
£	-	Chapel Yard		
£	1,214.01	Electricity	£	1,134.19
£	2,759.44	Gas	£	4,093.33
£	1,042.88	Water	£	261.41
£	-	Repairs & Maintenance	£	222.00
£	**5,016.33**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**5,710.93**

		Buildings - Hall		
£	1,061.76	Gas	£	2,260.14
£	42.19	Water	£	921.59
£	4,357.60	Electricity	£	2,364.46
£	237.66	Electricity (Stage)	£	267.10
£	1,101.11	Repairs & Maintenance	£	876.33
£	**6,800.32**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**6,689.62**

		Chapel Expenses		
£	2,310.00	Chapel Keeper	£	2,430.00
£	1,190.00	GA Quota	£	-
£	340.00	GA Delegates	£	-
£	-	Inquirer/The Unitarian	£	-
£	1,668.00	Organist/Tuning	£	1,380.00
£	248.35	Postage	£	151.27
£	696.66	Printing and Stationary	£	406.54
£	1,396.35	Pulpit Supply	£	980.00
£	-	Whit Sunday	£	-
£	2,258.08	Other (3)	£	570.00
£	**10,107.44**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**5,917.81**

		Hall Expenses		
£	3,080.00	Cleaner	£	4,160.00
£	67.21	Cleaning Expences	£	40.39
£	771.25	Licences	£	-
£	1,105.67	Other (4)	£	1,052.31
£	**5,024.13**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**5,252.70**

		Misc - Expenses		
£	49.49	Donations To Charities	£	-
£	-	Tranfer to Other Account	£	2,216.92
£	1,611.99	Other (5)	£	530.22
£	**1,661.48**	**TOTALS**	**£**	**2,747.14**

£	**38,258.37**	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	**£**	**37,495.72**
£	4,869.12	Excess Receipts	£	1,300.25
£	**43,127.49**		**£**	**38,795.97**

		Cash Funds 2025 Balances 31 Dec 2025		
£	2,197.53	CafCash c/a	£	3,521.60
£	17,630.97	CafGold a/c	£	17,879.85
£	112,952.55	COIF	£	112,952.55
£	**132,781.05**		**£**	**134,354.00**

Note 1	Donations	£	8,574.39
	Magazine	£	120.00
	Flowers	£	313.50
	Minibus	£	5.00
	Christmas Greetings	£	30.00
		£	**9,042.89**

Note 2	Godley Trust & other	£	1,196.31
	Legacies	£	2,000.00
		£	**3,196.31**

Note 3	Weddings/Baptism	£	420.00
	DBS Checks	£	150.00
		£	**570.00**

Note 4	Telephone/Broadband	£	901.80
	Misc - Sunday School expences	£	150.51
		£	**1,052.31**

Note 5	Bank Charges	£	60.00
	Sage	£	108.00
	Training Costs	£	189.60
	Misc Expenses	£	172.62
		£	**530.22**

Notes:

Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Accounts of Dukinfield Old Chapel and Sunday School for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner

The Treasurer of the Dukinfield Old Chapel and Sunday School Trust is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trust consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts. My current job role involves the preparation of accounts and VAT returns for a small organisation. I am in charge of all accounting aspects for the company. I am not a qualified accountant so would class myself as a non-professional examiner but deal with accounts / financial management on a daily basis.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

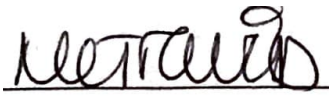
For my examination I have:

- Completed a review of the accounting records kept by the trust
- Made a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seek explanations from the Treasurer concerning any such items

Independent Examiner's Statement

After reviewing the accounts I can confirm that:

No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause for concern.

Signed:  Date: 01.03.2026

Miss Natalie Travis, 5 Store Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, OL7 9QA
Non-professional Independent Examiner