CHRIST CHURCH LINCOLN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

CHRIST CHURCH LINCOLN IS A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (NO. 1211436)

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CHRIST CHURCH LINCOLN
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31St March 2026.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name
Christ Church Lincoln

Registered Charity Number
1211436

Registered Office
Christ Church Lincoln
c/o Boundary Street Hub
Lincoln
LN5 8NJ

Charity trustees
Edward Rowett (elder)
John Eatherton
Tim Houghton (elder)
Matthew Roberts (elder)

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian religion, in accordance with the doctrinal standards of the IPC, primarily but not exclusively within Lincoln and the surrounding area. Secondly, to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby, and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the elders, further the work of the Church.

To this end we hold regular worship services on Sunday mornings that are open to the public, in which we offer prayer and praise to the Triune God and listen to him speak to us, as the Bible is preached and the sacraments are celebrated. This is our main weekly event and the principal means by which we bring and offer the good news of Jesus Christ and his gospel to the world. We actively work to make these services clear and intelligible to people who are unfamiliar with Christianity. We baptise those who confess faith in Jesus Christ and their children and share the Lord's Supper with baptised Christian believers.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Constitution adopted on 18th October 2024. Christ Church Lincoln is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) formed on 17th December 2024. Christ Church Lincoln is a congregation of the International Presbyterian Church and is a member of the First IPC Presbytery of England. The government of the church is Presbyterian.

Trustee Selection

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the activities of the Trust. New elder trustees are appointed effective from their date of ordination, installation or licencing to this church by the presbytery. Charity trustees who are not Elders may be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, provided that such appointment does not result in such non-elder trustees constituting 50% or more of the trustees. Edward Rowett, John Eatherton and Tim Houghton were the founding trustees of the CIO. Matthew Robberts was appointed a trustee ex-officio when he was called as a loan elder on 5th March 2025.

In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. There shall be a minimum of 3 trustees.

During the year, Edward Rowett was employed full time as Minister of Christ Church Lincoln.

Policies

Financial policy and procedures
Safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults
Data protection policy
Paying staff policy
Anti money-laundering, terrorist financing and bribery policy

Financial Review

The financial statements on pages 9 comply with statutory requirements.

The Income and Expenditure statement on page 9 shows net incoming resources for the year end 2026 £105,783 This is because the church has received substantial grants for the years 2025 and 2026, particularly from the First IPC Presbytery of England to aid it in its founding.

The church is dependent upon the continued receipt of donated income. At the year end the financial position of the church was satisfactory. The church receives a certain amount of voluntary help; it is not possible to quantify the value of the time given. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers who help the church and its various activities to run smoothly.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees' aim is to hold around £16,000 in reserves representing approximately three months of routine operating costs. This should allow the Trustees time to take the necessary corrective action to gain funding should current income sources dry out. Current funds are sufficient to meet this requirement.

Achievements and Performance

By the 31st March 2026, 15 adults and 14 children had become members of the church, 3 of the children through baptism. The average Sunday morning attendance from the first year of our meetings was 47 people and the average Sunday evening attendance was 24.

The church gathered for worship each week throughout the reporting period. The church complied with all its legal obligations.

Outside of Sunday worship the church held weekly prayer meetings with a meal beforehand which all are welcome too. The church also ran regular meetings of a group to study historic Christian texts, a group for ladies to study the bible together, a group for young people to come, be welcomed, have fun and learn more about the teachings of Christianity as well as a similar group for students. The minister of the church continued to provide pastoral support to the congregation and others in the community. We regularly pray for the work of the church in other parts of the country and world. Our regular donation to the First IPC Presbytery of England funds was made as planned.

Volunteers play a substantial role in the life of the church, supporting the full range of objectives and activities including leading Bible Studies, Sunday School lessons, playing music for the services, providing lots of hospitality to both regulars and visitors. The church family have also been involved in assisting house moves, assisting with transport, distributing food and painting rooms at the Hub where we meet for the benefit of the users of the hub. There is money set aside in the church budget to help those who are in need, but sadly there were no requests made for use of this fund in the first year. Our hope is soon to be able to appoint Deacons in the future who will have responsibility to help meet the material needs of those within the church and those the church comes into contact with. The office of deacon is a voluntary position.

The Trustees are aware of their duty, set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. They therefore

ensure that the church's activities are in line with its purposes. By advancing the Christian religion, we teach people the high ethical standards of Jesus Christ and the enormous benefits to themselves, their friends and family, and society as a whole, which flow from them. There have been tangible benefits in personal and family relationships as a consequence of the application of Christian teaching. We also see helping those in material need as an important Christian duty.

Future plans
The church has continued its commitment to advancement of the Christian religion to the glory of God. The future plans of the church remain the same as ever: in God's grace and under his sovereignty, to continue to preach the word of God faithfully, to pray continually that his will would be done and to seek his kingdom.

It is intended in the next year for the church to take on at least one intern to aid the work of the church. We also hope to ordain a local ruling elder, and if possible, a deacon.

Fundraising
The charity has not employed any professional fundraisers or commercial participators during the year. No complaints have been received on the subject of fundraising practice. The charity did not monitor the fundraising activities of any person acting on its behalf, since no need was identified to do so. The fundraising approach of the church is that giving is a voluntary act as God moves each person to do be generous with what he has given them, and this is regularly reinforced when the topic of financial giving is discussed in the church. The trustees are satisfied that no undue pressure has been put on any person to give money or any other financial asset, nor has there been any unreasonable intrusion on any person's privacy, nor unreasonable persistence.

Trustees
No trustee has received renumerations during this financial year.

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Internal control and risk management

The Trustees continue to monitor the major risks to which the charity is exposed and to keep under review the adequacy of the systems according to the size of the charity and the nature of its operations.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.
Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Signed..... Dated 23/09/2026..
Edward Rowett, Chair of Trustees

CHRIST CHURCH LINCOLN
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Independent Examiners Report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 exam of the Trust'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.

Signed ..... Dated 23RD SEP 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 Unrestricted Funds £	2026 Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £
Receipts			
Internal offerings	32,524	0.	32,524
External offerings	31,847	0	31,847
Gift Aid	7,600	0	7,600
Grants	71,396	0	71,396
Other Income	300	0	300
Total Receipts	**143,667**	**0**	**143,667**
Payments			
Staff costs	35,009	0	35,009
Ministry	244	0	244
Evangelism	275	0	275
Governance & Legal costs	672	0	672
Publicity	491	0	491
Visiting Preachers	450	0	450
Admin & Venue costs	121	0	121
Travel	178	0	178
Equipment	402	0	402
Bank Fees	42	0	42
Sundry	0	0	0
Total Payments	**37,884**	**0**	**37,884**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	**105,783**	**0**	**105,783**
Cash Funds last year	**0**	**0**	**0**
Cash Funds this year end	**105,783**	**0**	**105,783**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

Cash at Bank	**£105,783**