**Jesmond United Reformed Church**
**Trust Funds and Property Held in Connexion Therewith**
**Registered Charity No. 242567**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year January 1st 2025 to December 31st 2025**

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

## Administrative information

Jesmond United Reformed Church is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and is a member church of the Northern Synod of the Church.

Jesmond United Reformed Church is situated at
Burdon Terrace,
Jesmond,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE2 3AE
Tel: 0191 281 4676
Email: office@jesmond-urc.org.uk

The Church Office is normally open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 4.00pm, and on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Trustees during the period of this report were:

Revd Ryan Sirmons (Chair of Trustees)
Mrs Moira Copeland
Miss Jean Degenhardt
Mr Chris Hodder
Mrs Helen Hodder
Dr Alison Shiel

The appointed independent examiner is Mr David L. Kilner FCA, 7 Eldon Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7JG.

The church buildings and Haldane House (formerly the Manse) are vested in the Northern Synod Trust of the URC as trustees and held for the benefit of Jesmond URC in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document is the Trust Deed dated 5th February 1955, which concerned the house at 33 Clayton Road, Jesmond, purchased as the manse for Jesmond Presbyterian Church.

## Objectives and Activities

The Trust Deed provides (paragraph 4) for the sale of this house and the use of the proceeds to purchase another manse. It also provides (paragraph 3) for the manse to be let and the net rental income to be used to meet the housing costs of the minister, and (paragraph 7) gives the congregation of Jesmond Presbyterian Church the power to appoint Trustees. Between 1955 and 1999 the individual trustees had been replaced by The United Reformed Church (Northern Province) Trust Limited and the property held as the manse had become the flat in Haldane House (known as 51 Burdon Terrace).

This trust exists to support the work of Jesmond United Reformed Church (Jesmond URC). (Jesmond Presbyterian Church became Jesmond United Reformed Church as a result of The United Reformed Church Act 1972),

The activities of Jesmond United Reformed Church are overseen by the Trustees within the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and supplemented by the rules of the Church. The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers, and by promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

**Achievements and performance**

Jesmond United Reformed Church is part of the Northwest and Central Newcastle Joint Pastorate of the URC Northern Synod, along with St Andrew's Kenton, St James's, and West End URCs, with the Revd Ryan Sirmons as Minister of the Pastorate.

The Elders' Meeting continues to work hard to develop mission and outreach activities, and to develop relationships with other local churches.

The Manse flat is let at a market rate. The net rental income is applied firstly for the maintenance of the flat, and then to pay a housing allowance to the minister or, during any vacancy, for the promotion of the religious work of the congregation.

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to the Trust. They insure Haldane House, of which the Manse forms part, arrange regular gas and electricity inspections, and employ an agent to oversee the tenants. In any year without rental income, the reserve would permit continuing maintenance expenditure with no housing allowance payable to the minister.

**Financial review**

Copy accounts period end 31 Dec 2025 attached

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|---|---|
| Receipts | £37040 |
| Payments | £65412 |
| Deficit | (£28372) |

The deficit in 2025 is due to the cost of carrying out repairs and improvements to the building, as identified in the URC Northern Synod's Quinquennial Inspection.

**JESMOND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1137613**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Designated Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | This Year 2025 Total £ | *Previous Year 2024 Total £* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RECEIPTS** | | | | | |
| Fund raising and donations | 31,934 | 1,914 | 1,460 | 35,308 | *34,281* |
| Programme activity income | 2,455 | | | 2,455 | *1,540* |
| Monies raised for outside causes | | | | | *11,398* |
| Gift Aid tax repayments | 7,705 | 517 | 834 | 9,056 | *11,911* |
| Property: church/hall lettings | 52,503 | | | 52,503 | *53,961* |
| Property: church flat lettings | 7,200 | | | 7,200 | *7,200* |
| Property: Haldane House lettings | 58,086 | | | 58,086 | *56,124* |
| Grants and Reimbursements Received | 2,430 | | | 2,430 | *854* |
| Bank interest and investment income | 17,454 | | | 17,454 | *14,969* |
| Received from Manse Fund | | | | | |
| **Total receipts** | **179,767** | **2,431** | **2,294** | **184,492** | *192,238* |
| **PAYMENTS** | | | | | |
| Ministry & Mission Fund | 20,320 | | | 20,320 | *23,551* |
| Ministry/Group expenses | 2,927 | | | 2,927 | *2,435* |
| Church running costs | 102,429 | | | 102,429 | *88,010* |
| Haldane House running costs | 1,534 | | | 1,534 | *1,333* |
| Programme activity costs | 3,941 | 3,800 | | 7,741 | *3,494* |
| Support of outside causes | 10,863 | | 3,780 | 14,643 | *18,965* |
| Other expenditure | | 750 | | | |
| Maintenance of church buildings | 9,823 | 245 | | 10,068 | *6,122* |
| Maintenance of Haldane House | 1,908 | | | 1,908 | *1,148* |
| **Total payments** | **153,745** | **4,795** | **3,780** | **162,320** | *145,058* |
| **NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)** | **26,022** | **(2,364)** | **(1,486)** | **22,172** | *47,180* |
| **TRANSFERS between funds** | - 20 | 20 | - | - | - |
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| **Other assets** | | | | | |
| Investments at market value | 102,224 | - | - | 102,224 | *107,372* |
| **Assets used for church purposes** | | | | | |
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