CHARITY NUMBER: **247509**

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the year: 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025

Section A Reference and administrative details

Charity name: Sheffield Christadelphian Ecclesia
Charity number: 247509
Charity's principal address Christadelphian Hall
Cemetery Road
Sheffield
S11 8FP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Robert Michael Baynham	Secretary		
Trevor John Radbourne	Assistant Secretary		
Peter Hardy	Committee member		
Nader Rahimi Hosein Abnavi	Committee member		
Zanier Sarseifi	Committee member		

Names of the trustees for the charity (custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Official Custodian for Charities	

Names and addresses of advisors

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Virgin Money	Fargate Sheffield S1 2HE
Treasurer	Rachel Howe	13 Twentywell Road Sheffield S17 4PU
Independent examiner	Yvonne Evans BSc FCA	Apt 14 Eden House Lloyd Crescent Coventry CV2 5NY

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members
None

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
Constitution Rules adopted on 11th and 26th April 1938 and subsequent amendments.

How the charity is constituted
An unincorporated association. A self-governing, not for profit religious body with a membership of 159 at the beginning of the year, rising to 164 by the end of the year. We are managed by a committee of arranging brethren who are elected by the Church membership.

Trustee selection methods
Elected by ballot in the Autumn for the following calendar year.

Additional governance issues
The charity is organised so that the trustees meet at least monthly to manage its affairs.

The committee communicates regularly with the members by circulating copies of trustee meeting minutes and by quarterly business meetings and at church services.

Members have the opportunity to approve the minutes, raise issues / propositions and vote at the quarterly meetings.

The charity has no paid employees.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity may face on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

No specific major risks are identified.

The trustees hold investments using the general and restricted funds of the charity, but no investments other than interest bearing bank accounts are presently held.

The trustees have a Duty of Care and Corporate Responsibility.
In operating their responsibilities they are mindful of the Biblical command: "Love thy neighbour".

They have implemented recommendations by the Insurers in formulating policy.

They have the following policies

1 Health and safety
2 Safeguarding
3 Data protection

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales require 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. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
(c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
(d) 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 accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity's objectives and principal activities are to promote Christadelphian Bible teaching and the relief of hardship, in particular but not exclusively in the Sheffield area.

The charity tries to promote the gospel as written in the Bible so that people can come to God through Jesus Christ, live godly lives and find salvation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the benefit in relation to these objects

The charity has been active in preaching the gospel as taught in the Bible in the Sheffield area and in promoting the welfare of its members and contacts. It also supports similar activities throughout the country. Throughout 2025 we have held a hybrid live and zoom Breaking of Bread service on Sunday mornings to ensure that as many of our members as possible can join in. One of our members has been unable to attend meetings in person or via zoom and we have provided them with weekly updates and copies of exhortations.

The activities of the Sunday School and Youth Group were suspended with the onset of COVID-19 lockdown, and subsequently the Youth Group ceased to function in 2020 due to a reduction in the number of children and young people who might be able to attend. Both the Sunday School and Youth Group promote Christadelphian understanding of Bible teaching in addition to leisure activities for members' and others' children and young people and we will try to reinstate them when possible in the future.

The charity has been active in both time and monetary resources in supporting Christadelphian sponsored overseas preaching and welfare activities through organisations such as the Christadelphian Bible Mission.

This year the charity has again received a large number of Iranian asylum seekers who are wanting to convert to Christianity. We have organised translated classes to help them and provide simultaneous translation in our Sunday Services where possible. 6 have been baptised into our fellowship during the year. We have also provided supporting letters for Home Office interviews.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Work with children and young people
The Sunday School was suspended at the onset of lockdown and has not yet been reinstated. We are beginning to have members and visitors with their families (including children) and are considering ways to provide Bible teaching for them.

Work with the elderly
Our welfare coordinators continued their visiting and monitoring of elderly and vulnerable members.

Distribution of funds to various charities
We contributed to the following funds which provide support for people overseas, many of whom are not in our fellowship. We receive annual reports (where available) and other information via newsletters to enable us to assess the benefit of our donations. Donations are reviewed annually:
•Christadelphian Meal-a-Day Fund £1,016
•Christadelphian Samaritan Fund £694
•Christadelphian Bible Mission Welfare £230
•Christadelphian Shunem Home (India) £137
•Refugee Clothing Relief £97

We contributed to the following funds which provide support for people in the UK who are not in our fellowship. These are all well known charities, locally or nationally, and we are familiar with their work and achievements:
•Christadelphian Aid for Refugees and Asylum Seekers £180
•St Luke's Hospice £85
•Marie Curie £75
•Cathedral Archer Project £25

Preaching the Gospel

We carried out weekly preaching activities on Sundays, including a class for Farsi-speaking asylum seekers who came to learn about our beliefs. We also ran a midweek Bible Seminar translated into Farsi. These continue to be carried out on zoom because those who attend are geographically widely dispersed in and around Sheffield.

We have contributed to the following funds which support preaching activities locally, throughout the UK and internationally:

The Christadelphian Auxiliary Lecturing Society (ALS) £1,157
The Christadelphian Bible Mission (CBM) £1,575
Christadelphian Bible Mission Projects £607
The Christadelphian Magazine and Publishing Association £303

This year the charity has again received a large number of Iranian asylum seekers who are wanting to convert to Christianity. We have organised translated classes to help them and used simultaneous translation in our Sunday Services. 6 have been baptised into our fellowship during the year. We have provided them with Farsi Bibles and our services include readings and prayers in Farsi. We have also received 1 new member from another ecclesia and have transferred 4 members to ecclesias in other towns and cities. We have also readmitted one person to our fellowship after interview.

Other

We held a Spring Study Evening and an Autumn Fraternal meeting. These are both on Zoom only, resulting in increased attendance from a wider geographical area. We also had an outing to Filey which was partly funded by the CARA charity. We also arranged financial support from the Christadelphian Benevolent Fund to help some members with fuel and water costs. Our midweek Bible Class has continued on zoom, meeting fortnightly instead of weekly.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All collections for external organisations are paid out in full usually the same week so balanced zero accounts are expected. Internal restricted funds are managed to ensure a balance is maintained appropriate to the planned expenditure. These are topped up as necessary from the general fund so these funds never go into deficit. The general fund is monitored, aiming to keep sufficient reserves to meet any unexpected building maintenance expenditure such as flat roof repair.

Details of any funds materially in deficit
There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details
The trustees review the finances monthly with reports presented to the membership for approval at the quarterly business meetings.

Funds
The charity's income funds fall into two main categories, being unrestricted (for the general purposes of the charity) and restricted (being assigned for specified purposes). Collections for other than the general fund are collected for specific purposes and are therefore restricted.
The designated fund is represented by the charity's fixed assets.

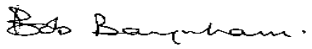
General Review
The charity continues to have a sound financial position.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full Name Robert Michael Baynham

Position Secretary

Date 07 September 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sheffield Christadelphian Ecclesia.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by S28 of the Charities Act 2006 does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts (under s43 of the Act, as amended):
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended): and
3. to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met with the requirements to ensure that:

proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with s41 of the Act); and
accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act;
or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yvonne Evans BSC FCA
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Coventry
CV2 5NY

7 September 2026

SHEFFIELD CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Designated fund	Restricted funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income		**43,093**	**-**	**15,066**	**58,159**	27,934
Activities for generating funds		**790**	**-**	**-**	**790**	442
Investment Income		**1,319**	**-**	**-**	**1,319**	1,635
Total incoming resources	**3**	**45,202**	**-**	**15,066**	**60,268**	30,011
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable activities	**5**	**13,861**	**6,014**	**14,624**	**34,499**	37,562
Governance costs	**6**	**454**	**-**	**-**	**454**	335
Total resources expended		**14,315**	**6,014**	**14,624**	**34,953**	37,897
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers and capital expenditure		**30,887**	**(6,014)**	**442**	**25,315**	(7,886)
Gross transfers between funds		**(528)**	**-**	**528**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**30,359**	**(6,014)**	**970**	**25,315**	(7,886)
Total funds brought forward		**60,727**	**216,057**	**10,473**	**287,257**	295,143
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**91,086**	**210,043**	**11,443**	**312,572**	287,257

There were no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT: 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	**8**		**210,043**		216,057
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	**9**	**102,529**		71,200	
Current Liabilities	**10**	**-**		-	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**102,529**		71,200
NET ASSETS			**312,572**		287,257
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	**11**		**11,443**		10,473
Designated Fixed Asset fund			**210,043**		216,057
Unrestricted funds			**91,086**		60,727
			312,572		287,257

Approved by the trustees on

7 September 2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A Basis of preparation of accounts

Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)

B Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Fixed assets are capitalised and depreciation is calculated appropriate to the anticipated life of the asset.

Fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful life:

Land and buildings (at valuation)	Over remainder of lease (but see note 8)
Equipment (at cost)	25% on the reducing balance

The trustees consider that the residual value of fixed assets at the end of their estimated useful life will be insignificant.

The balance of fixed assets is represented by an equivalent balance in the designated fund.

Note: The buildings were erected in 1967 and 50 years from then is 2018. This is unrealistically soon, so the trustees consider the life of the building will be 50 years from the beginning of the financial year 2010. The buildings would then be fully depreciated at the end of 2059.

C Balances on restricted funds.

The balance on restricted funds represents the accumulated surplus or deficit of incoming resources over resources expended, on an accruals basis.

D Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

E Corporation tax

The charitable activities of the charity are exempt from corporation tax.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025 *continued*

2 ACCOUNTANCY

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Independent examination	-	-	-	-

3 GRANTS AND OTHER INCOME RECEIVABLE BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income				
Donations and collections	**7,895**	**13,481**	**21,376**	25,235
Bequest	**34,148**	**-**	**34,148**	-
Tax credit	**1,050**	**1,585**	**2,635**	2,699
	43,093	**15,066**	**58,159**	27,934
Activities for generating funds	**790**	**-**	**790**	442
Interest (gross)	**1,319**	**-**	**1,319**	1,635
	45,202	**15,066**	**60,268**	30,011

The charity claims from HM Revenue & Customs gift aid calculated on the net donations from basic rate taxpayers of those who sign up to the scheme. The repayment is 20/80 of eligible income.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025 *continued*

4 GRANTS AND DONATIONS PAYABLE

			Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £
To Institutions					
Category	**Body**	**Purpose (if not self-explanatory)**			
Welfare	Bible Mission Welfare		-	**230**	
Welfare	Isolation league		-	**510**	
Welfare	Various rest/nursing homes		-	**1,934**	
Welfare	Central Benevolent fund		-	**395**	
Welfare	Refugee Clothing		-	**97**	
Welfare	St Luke's Hospice		-	**85**	
Welfare	CARA	Asylum seeker support	-	**180**	
Welfare	Shunem		-	**137**	
Welfare	Samaritan		-	**694**	
Welfare	Meal a day		-	**1,016**	
Welfare	Marie Curie			**75**	
Welfare	Cathedral Archer Project	Homeless in Sheffield		**25**	
			-	**5,378**	**5,378**
Preaching	Bible Mission		-	**1,575**	
Preaching	Appeals	Christadelphian premises (worldwide)	-	**-**	
Preaching	C.A.L.S	Preaching coordination and materials	-	**1,157**	
Preaching	Bible Mission Projects			**607**	
Preaching	Christadelphian office	Preaching	-	**303**	
			-	**3,642**	**3,642**
All the items above are paid over straightaway, equal to the amount collected					**9,020**
The items below are paid according to needs as determined by the committee					
To individuals					
	Hardship relief		-	**3,719**	**3,719**
	In memory		-	**1,048**	**1,048**
			-	**13,787**	**13,787**

The majority of grants made are in accordance with members wishes: that is, grants are made equalling contributions received. The number of grants per body is governed by the number of specific collections. Relief to individuals is decided by the committee.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025 *continued*

5 COSTS: CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted funds £	Designated Fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Direct						
Grants and donations payable	note 4	-	-	13,787	13,787	16,857
Preaching, worship and welfare:						
Members		1,514	-	737	2,251	4,983
Children and young people		-	-	100	100	-
		1,514	-	14,624	16,138	21,840
Support costs						
Premises (including building work)		11,405	-	-	11,405	8,846
Equipment and refurbishment		295	-	-	295	229
Printing, post, phone and internet		483	-	-	483	460
Depreciation		-	6,014	-	6,014	6,019
Bank charges		164	-	-	164	168
		12,347	6,014	-	18,361	15,722
		13,861	6,014	14,624	34,499	37,562

6 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Certification fees	-	-	-	-
Licence and searches	329	-	329	335
Training costs to support charity policies	125	-	125	-
Independent examination	-	-	-	-
	454	-	454	335

7 TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

	2025	2024
Paid employees by the charity	none	none
Expenses paid to trustees	none	none
Related party transactions with any trustee	none	none

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025 *continued*

8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	
	£	**£**	**£**
Valuation			
As at: 31 December 2024	300,000	27,712	327,712
Added	-	-	-
As at: **31 December 2025**	**300,000**	**27,712**	**327,712**
Depreciation			
As at: 31 December 2024	84,000	27,655	111,655
Charge for year	6,000	14	6,014
31 December 2025	**90,000**	**27,669**	**117,669**
Net Book Value			
As at: **31 December 2025**	**210,000**	**43**	**210,043**
As at: 31 December 2024	216,000	57	216,057

Valuer: Paul Sheppard FRICS, September 2011. Basis: existing use.

Note: Property based on historical cost

	£	
At cost	27,621	
Depreciation	(17,226)	58/93 years from 1967-2059
Net book value	10,395	

9 INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash on deposit with Skipton building society	9,075	8,834
Cash on deposit with Mansfield building society	58,026	56,948
	67,101	65,782

These figures are included in cash and bank balances on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED: 31 December 2025 *continued*

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Accruals	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

11 COMPONENTS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Welfare Fund	Youth Activities Fund	Other Preaching Fund	Local Preaching Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
As at: 31 December 2024	3,758	1,946	-	4,769	10,473
Surplus/(deficit)	**252**	**(84)**	**-**	**802**	**970**
As at: 31 December 2025	**4,010**	**1,862**	**-**	**5,571**	**11,443**

Welfare funds consist of several sub-funds. These fall into 2 categories:
1. Raised by collection for a specific cause, these are paid over in full when the collection is complete.
2. Collected from time to time as a reserve.

The balance on the welfare fund represents the balance of donations held after hardship relief payments and is a reserve against future hardship relief payments arising. Its use is at the discretion of the committee.

All the "Other Preaching" funds are collected and paid over as soon as practicable to the intended cause.