ELEPHANT & CASTLE PARISH

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF **CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, ELEPHANT AND CASTLE PARISH**



Sunday, 25th October 2026

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AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE**
   a) Venerable Superior Evangelist Samuel Idowu – Shepherd [Parish Holding Trustee]
   b) Venerable Superior Evangelist Olugbenga Akande – Chairman [Parish Holding Trustee]
   c) Honorary Evangelist Ayo Ogunsami – Secretary [Parish Holding Trustee]
   d) Assistant Venerable Superior Senior Evangelist Akin Kupoluyi – Treasurer [Parish Holding Trustee]
   e) Mother Celestial Victoria Adegbemisoye – 1st Deputy Chairman [Parish Holding Trustee]
   f) Superior Senior Evangelist Sheyi Shebioba – 2nd Deputy Chairman [Parish Holding Trustee]
   g) Senior Woleader Solomon Jinodu – 1st Assistant Secretary
   h) Superior Senior Leader Segun Fakorede – 2nd Assistant Secretary
   i) Senior Leader Ayo Adewumi - Secretariat
   j) Prophetess Tayo Coker – Assistant Treasurer
   k) Superior Senior Evangelist Samuel Olumuyiwa – Financial Secretary
   l) Lace Superior Senior Elder Sister Susan Osiguwa – Assistant Financial Secretary
   m) Venerable Superior Evangelist Samson Nejo – Welfare Officer
3. **THE PRESENTATION**
   a) The Shepherd's Address
   b) The Chairman's Address
   c) The Secretary's Address
   d) The Treasurer's Address (Oral)
   e) The Welfare Officer's Address
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   a) Report of The Trustees for the Year ended 31st December 2025
   b) Independent Examiner's Report: Bradley Suckling, Turpin Barker Armstrong
   c) Statement of Financial Activities
   d) Balance Sheet
   e) Notes to the Financial Statements
   f) Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
5. **RESOLUTIONS**

   a) Resolution to accept the accounts:

   "Upon the proper presentation of the accounts for the year ending the 31st of December 2025, by the accountants, we the members of the Elephant and Castle Parish of the Celestial Church of Christ accept the accounts as presented."

   b) Resolution on appointment of the Auditor for the coming year:

   "The Executive Committee of the Parochial Committee, having consulted with Turpin Barker & Armstrong, would like to recommend the said firm of Chartered Accountants and Auditors as the Parish Accountants and Auditors."

   c) Resolution on amendments to Sections D and E of the Parish Constitution regarding the composition, election, and term of office of the Parochial Committee and Executive Officers. Specifically:

   i. "The Parochial Committee shall consist of up to thirty-three (33) members, including the Shepherd (who is an automatic member).
   ii. Twenty-one (21) members shall be elected by the congregation.
   iii. Eleven (11) members – five (5) male, six (6) female - shall be nominated by the Shepherd.
   iv. The Executive Officers shall consist of:
      - Chairman, and two (2) assistants
      - Secretary, and two (2) assistants
      - Treasurer, and two (2) assistants
   v. The congregation shall no longer directly elect the Executive Officers.
   vi. The Parochial Committee shall elect the Executive Officers.
   vii. The duration of office of the Parochial Committee shall be three years.
   viii. Ex-Officio (Ordinary) members can be re-elected indefinitely.
   ix. Executive Officer can only serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms."
6. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE**
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
9. **CLOSING PRAYER**

THE SHEPHERD'S MESSAGE

Beloved members of Celestial Church of Christ, Elephant and Castle Parish, I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I give all glory and honour to Almighty God for His faithfulness, protection and guidance throughout the year. Through changing circumstances and the challenges of maintaining and developing our Parish, He has continued to uphold us. Truly, "Thus far the LORD has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).

Celebrating Fifty Years of God's Goodness

This year marks a remarkable milestone in our history: the 50th Anniversary of CCC Elephant and Castle Parish. We thank God for sustaining us through five decades of worship, fellowship, service and spiritual growth. We remember with gratitude those who founded and nurtured this Parish, whose prayers, sacrifices and commitment have laid the foundations upon which we stand today.

Our Golden Jubilee reminds us that our history is a testimony to the wonderful works of God. Yet this anniversary is not simply an opportunity to look back. It calls us to consider what we will pass on to our children, young people and future members.

Passing the Baton to the Next Generation

Consider a relay race. The first runner trains, perseveres and runs their part of the race before reaching the changeover point and passing the baton to the next runner. The outgoing runner must be ready to release it, while the incoming runner must be prepared to receive it and continue the race. The success of the team depends on both.

The Church is much the same. We stand on the prayers, sacrifices and service of those who came before us. Their contribution is not diminished when they hand over responsibility; rather, their legacy lives on through those they have prepared to continue the work.

Our young people are not merely the Church of tomorrow; they are part of the Church today. We must give them opportunities to serve, contribute ideas and develop their leadership, while sharing with them the wisdom and experience of older



generations. Equally, those receiving responsibility must be willing to learn, serve humbly and build on the foundations already laid.

As we celebrate fifty years, let us ask ourselves: Am I preparing someone to carry the baton after me? Am I ready to receive it when God calls me to serve? Our responsibility is not only to preserve what we have inherited, but to pass it on stronger and more fruitful.

Every Member Has a Part to Play

Think of a Sunday service that runs smoothly. The choir leads the congregation in worship, the children receive their teaching, the building is ready, the sound system works, the finances are managed and someone is available to support a member in need. We may notice those at the front, but much of this work happens quietly behind the scenes.

If everyone assumed that these responsibilities belonged to someone else, the life of the Parish would suffer. Our twelve ministries each have a role to play, and every member has gifts that can contribute to the work of God.

Not everyone is called to preach, sing or lead. Some are gifted in pastoral care, evangelism, teaching, prayer, finance, administration, technology or practical maintenance. Consider the member who

arrives early to check the sound system. When everything works, few may notice; when it fails, everyone does. Yet that quiet service is valuable because it helps others worship without distraction.

The same principle applies to every ministry: no gift offered sincerely in God's service is insignificant. As Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

I encourage every member to find a place to serve. Speak to a ministry coordinator, offer your skills and, where possible, encourage others to join you. Those with experience should mentor others; our younger members should bring their energy, ideas and talents. Let us move beyond asking only, "What can the Church do for me?" and also ask, "What can I contribute to the Church?"

The Church is not simply a place we attend; it is a community in which we all have a part to play.

Unity, Stewardship and Our Future

Our Parish brings together people of different ages, backgrounds and perspectives. This diversity can strengthen us when we approach one another with patience, humility and love. We must continue to uphold the values that define our Parish: justice, equity, peace and fairness. These principles should guide our decisions, our relationships and the way we resolve disagreements.

We must also remain responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Rising living costs and the expense of maintaining our facilities require careful financial management and generosity balanced with prudence. Our buildings and equipment support worship, teaching and outreach, but our greatest strength remains our faith in God and our care for one another.

As we look towards the next fifty years, let us build a Parish that is spiritually vibrant, welcoming to those seeking God, compassionate towards those in need and committed to developing future leaders. May the next generation inherit not only our buildings and institutions, but also a living faith and a culture of service.

Appreciation to the Parochial Committee and Executive

I extend my sincere gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Venerable Superior Evangelist Olugbenga Akande, and members of the Parochial Committee Executive for their service over the two consecutive two-year terms concluding this year.

Church administration requires time, patience, sound judgement and personal sacrifice. It involves balancing competing priorities, managing resources and making decisions for the good of the Parish. I recognise the commitment this responsibility demands and thank the Executive and all members of the Parochial Committee for their contribution to the administration and development of our Church. I also recognise that collective service can involve difficult discussions and differing opinions. I pray that the experience gained will continue to benefit the Parish. As responsibility passes to the next administration, let us appreciate those who have served and support those who take up the baton. A successful handover is not simply a change of officeholders; it is the continuation of our shared commitment to God and His Church.

Looking Forward with Faith

Beloved brethren, our Golden Jubilee is not the end of our story, but a landmark from which we move forward with renewed faith and purpose. Scripture assures us: "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

May the blessings of this Jubilee year bear lasting fruit in our families, ministries and wider community. May God grant us deeper faith, stronger unity and a renewed willingness to serve, so that those who follow us will have even greater reason to give thanks.

Thank you for your prayers, service and continued commitment to our Parish. May Almighty God bless you and your families, guide our incoming leaders and sustain CCC Elephant and Castle Parish throughout the next fifty years and beyond.
May all glory be to God. Amen.

Venerable Superior Evangelist Samuel O. Idowu
Shepherd, CCC Elephant and Castle Parish

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I greet all members of Celestial Church of Christ, Elephant and Castle Parish, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and thank God for His faithfulness throughout this administration's tenure.



I assumed leadership of the administrative arm of the Parish on Sunday 31 July 2022, succeeding my mentor, (at that time) Superior Senior Evangelist Benjamin Ade Aina. I undertook to bridge the generations, maintain financial transparency and preserve the values of justice, equity, peace and fairness that have long characterised our Parish. As this administration concludes its second two-year term in October 2026, it is appropriate to reflect on the progress made, the challenges faced and the work that remains.

Our tenure has coincided with the continuing effects of the pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, rising energy prices and higher operating costs. These pressures have affected both our members and the Parish's finances. Nevertheless, God has remained faithful, and we give thanks for the commitment and generosity of our congregation.

Bridging the Generations and Strengthening Our Community

From the outset, the administration sought to ensure that all members—young and old, founding and new—would be acknowledged, respected, listened to and encouraged to contribute to the life of the Parish. In a multicultural society, bringing together different generations, traditions and expectations requires patience, tolerance and a willingness to work together.

Our Youth Ministry has continued to play an important role in the development of the Parish. Youth representation on the Parochial Committee and across our ministries has helped create opportunities for younger members to contribute to decision-making and prepare for future leadership. We must continue to listen to our young people while guiding and encouraging them to uphold the Christian values and standards upon which the Parish was built.

The administration has supported ministries and programmes while seeking to balance competing needs and available resources. Initiatives during the tenure have included marriage and relationship seminars, safeguarding training for ministry heads, retreats for the Prophetic and Youth Ministries, and the first Christ Castle Bible Institute retreat for tutors and students. The choir has benefited from improvements to its sound system, additional equipment and the appointment of a new choirmaster. Its recordings have included Jesus – The Price.

Community engagement has also developed through the introduction of NoelFest, immigration advice surgeries and continued prayer and financial support for sister parishes, including those in Canada and Nigeria. Significant events during the period included the 20th Berachah Conference in 2024, the Women's Ministry Conference in 2025 and the hosting of the International Management Committee Conference in 2025.

The Fountain Children Centre (FCC) has remained an important part of our wider Parish community. In April 2025, Lace Superior Senior Elder Sister Abi Akinkuolie took over as Chairperson following the long stewardship of VSE Osho. We recognise the challenges faced by the Centre, including the impact of rising costs, and thank those who have contributed to its continued operation and development.

Development of Our Facilities and Projects

Throughout the administration's tenure, work has been undertaken to improve our worship facilities, supporting infrastructure and communications. Improvements have included rewiring and upgrading the church sound system, training those

responsible for its operation, updating multimedia cameras, installing cooling fans, re-tiling sections of the roof and refurbishing the gallery. A building committee was re-established to support ongoing infrastructure planning, and options for increasing worship space, including a possible roof-space extension, have been explored.

Internet connectivity was upgraded for the church and vicarage, benefiting the Sunday School, and the Parish website was improved. Further developments included a media facility in the vicarage for Sunday School, additional basement storage, improved baking facilities and a trial interpretation system to support our multilingual congregation. The shared use of the FCC kitchen for hospitality was also agreed, alongside improvements to the kitchen. Transport arrangements were reviewed, leading to the leasing of a replacement minibus, and a point-of-sale system was introduced to make giving and transactions more convenient.

The Bexleyheath development has been an important project during this period. Demolition and excavation work commenced, but delays and cost considerations led consultants to recommend increasing the proposed development from four flats to five. An in-principle agreement was also received from a funding organisation for the trustees to guarantee a loan for the project.

A valuation of the church building and vicarage was commissioned for accounting purposes. The valuation reported at the time was approximately £3 million for the church building and £1 million for the vicarage. These are historical figures and should not be regarded as a current valuation.

Financial Transparency and Responsible Stewardship

Financial transparency, accountability and prudent management have remained central to our approach. I am grateful to the Treasury team, the ministries that submitted budgets and members who have continued to support the Parish through tithes, collections and donations.

Rising energy and operating costs have required difficult choices and careful prioritisation. The administration has sought to support ministries and cost centres while maintaining financial discipline. Welfare requests have also increased, reinforcing the importance of applying our Welfare Policy fairly and consistently. The Welfare and Pastoral Ministry has continued to support members aged over 70 and others in need, including through Christmas packages for registered families, subject to available resources.

Our commitment is to remain financially prudent, transparent, innovative and charitable, ensuring that we act as responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us and meet our obligations as a registered charity.

The Elephant Way

Whether a founding member or someone who has joined more recently, every member contributes to the identity and future of our Parish. From its beginnings, the Parish has sought to build a reputation for justice, equity, peace and fairness. These principles—the values we have come to call the Elephant Way—must continue to guide our conduct and decisions.

We recognise that decisions will not always satisfy everyone, particularly when resources are constrained or priorities differ. Nevertheless, we remain committed to listening to constructive criticism, explaining decisions openly and encouraging all members to use their gifts and skills in the service of God and His Church.

Acknowledgements and Conclusion

I thank our Shepherd, Venerable Superior Evangelist Samuel O. Idowu, for his leadership and direction; the elders for their spiritual support; the heads of our ministries for their dedication; and the Executive and Parochial Committees for their work, discussions and commitment to the progress of the Parish. I also thank every member for your prayers, service, generosity and continued support.

As I said in my first report, CCC Elephant and Castle Parish is not the personal property of any individual. It is a church founded on love, and that love must remain at the heart of all we do. Our differences and debates should never obscure our shared calling to serve God and one another.

As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee year and look towards the next chapter of the Parish's history, may we continue to build on the foundations laid by those who came before us, work together across generations and remain faithful to the values that have sustained this Parish.

May God continue to guide, strengthen and bless His Church. Amen.

Venerable Superior Evangelist
Olugbenga Akande
Chairman, Parochial Committee

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of the Secretariat Team, I extend warm greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Beginning and the End of all things, our unfailing Rock and Fortress.



Before proceeding, permit me to express profound gratitude to the Shepherd of this great parish for his love, support, and guidance. Words are insufficient to convey our appreciation to our fathers, precious mothers, and the entire membership of this parish for your observations, corrections, feedback, and words of encouragement. Everything we have been able to deliver in the past year has been made possible by God and by you. From the depths of our hearts, we say **thank you**.

I hereby present an overview of the parish's activities covering the period from September 2025 to October 2026.

The month of September began with preparations for our 49th Adult Harvest Thanksgiving Service, celebrated on Sunday, September 14, 2025. During that week, we commemorated the 25th and 40th Remembrance Anniversaries of the transition of our spiritual fathers: Reverend Prophet Pastor Founder Samuel Bilehou Joseph Oshoffa and Reverend Pastor Alexander Abiodun Bada. Shortly afterwards, MC Adesanya marked her 75th birthday, followed by MC Toyin Soyinka's 70th. The Shebioba family held a double remembrance in honour of our late Shepherd, AVSE Julius (five years), and LSSES Iyabo Shebioba (twenty-five years). In this same period, CES Adufe Asoore joyfully joined the 40s club.

On November 9, Leader Samson Odugbesi celebrated his 60th birthday, and the 5th Remembrance Service was held for LSES Bukky Talabi. The Oguntona family marked the 20th anniversary of the transition of their mother, LSES Oluyinka Oguntona. An Elders' Retreat took place on November 15 the first since 2019. The Ogunlaja family held a thanksgiving in honour of our late founding father, Superior Senior Evangelist Samuel Ogunlaja. MC Adebote was laid to rest on November 28. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

December 13 witnessed the Annual General Meeting of the Fountain Children Centre, followed later that day by a spectacular Noel Praise Fest delivered by the Choir. On December 28, MC Ijishakin celebrated her 80th birthday, and the Parochial Committee held its final sitting of the year.

The year 2025 opened with a powerful seven□day prayer session, committing the year into God's hands. Our university students across the UK were honoured and blessed. On January 10, Christ Castle Bible Institute held its graduation ceremony at Harris Academy, Peckham and Christ Castle Parish, Lagos. Prospective students were encouraged to enrol. The parish also held its first Home Office Surgery of the year.

February began with the first Elders' Meeting on February 1. On February 6, members joined LSES Joyin Jolaoso in celebrating the life of her late mother. As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, the Evangelical Ministry hosted a Question & Answer session addressing various questions from members. On February 28, *Empowering Black Graduates* took place at Church Court Chambers, equipping our young ones with tools and tips for life after graduation.

March 1st marked a historic milestone as we celebrated the parish's 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. On March 5–6, we joined the Oguntona family for the service of songs and burial of the former Head of Ushering Ministry, Sup Evang John Oguntona; a man who served tirelessly and cared deeply for everyone he encountered. Palm Sunday was celebrated on March 29th. On March 26th, Cape Elder Sister Mary Giwa embarked on the journey of holy matrimony with Pro Mathew Aiyebo. May God bless and sustain their union.

April 5 was a glorious Resurrection Sunday. On Easter Monday, April 6, the Omigade twins were christened. On April 19, the Thomas family offered thanks in remembrance of their late father, Senior Evangelist Josiah Thomas, marking ten years since his transition. May his soul continue to rest in the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ. On April 20, Assistant Evangelist Soba and Sister Elizabeth Falola were joined in holy matrimony. May God continue to uphold and prosper their union. The Parochial Committee met on April 19th.

May 3 witnessed a successful Home Office Surgery. On the same day, Cape Elder Sister Funmi Adesanya joined the 40s club. On May 10th, Sup Evang Olusegun Ajimuda celebrated his 80th birthday. The annual baptismal exercise took place on May 10, and the Women's Ministry held its Annual Conference on May 16 with the theme *Handling Difficult Conversations*. Our children completed their annual Sunday School Test on May 17. The Junior Ministry held *Testimony of Praise* on May 25. During the month of May, Prophetess Olaniran joined the 60s club. As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, the Sunday School children visited the Science Museum on May 27. On May 31, Sup Evang Abayomi James (Baba 805) left this sinful world. This parish will forever remain grateful for his numerous contributions to our growth.

June 5 saw Mother Celestial Adeshola Omotosho celebrate her 70th birthday. Our children delivered an exceptional Juvenile Harvest performance on June 7. On June 14, LSES Joke Olawuyi and Prophetess Ufuoma Oputu celebrated their 60th and 70th birthdays respectively. On June 18, Sup Snr Ldr Adekunle Abimbola Adesanaya transitioned to glory. On June 18–19, the service of songs and burial of MC Adepeju Ajayi took place. On June 21, Christad Foundation, in partnership with the Operational Research Society UK, launched the Math Club. On the same day, MC Florence Osho joined the 70s club. On June 28, Mother Celestial Raji celebrated her 85th birthday.

July began with MC Aina Dieyi celebrating her 75th birthday on July 5. On July 10, the 22nd Berachah Interdenominational Crusade titled *Proclaim Freedom* took place. On July 12, family and friends gathered to celebrate Mother Celestial Bakare's 90th birthday. AVSE Nejo and AVSE Akinfala were officially robed as Venerable Superior Evangelists. On July 19, CES Gemma Long joined the 30s club. On the same day, Sup Evang Yemi Coker transitioned to glory. The grand finale of the 6th Baba Shebioba Memorial Bible Quiz was held on July 25. On July 26, MC Deborah Olubisi Olatunji celebrated her 70th birthday. The burial ceremony of Sup Evang Abayomi James (Baba 805) took place on July 23 and 24. During this month, VSE Ade Aina was elevated to his new spiritual rank.

August witnessed an exceptional Youth Impact Festival, culminating in a power□packed Lord's Day Service on August 9. The service of songs for SSL Adekunle Adesanya took place on August 20, and burial on August 26. Sup Evang

Emmanuel Soyemi Coker was committed to earth on August 23. The second edition of the Christad Foundation Math Club was held on August 23. The Women's Ministry delivered another outstanding Family Fun Day. Our children enjoyed a summer trip to Southend Adventure Park & Beach. The Elders' Meeting took place, and Hon Evang Gboyega Adekanmbi celebrated his 50th birthday.

The Choir hosted the parish to a memorable 50th Golden Jubilee Musical Jamboree. The Women's Ministry held its 50th Anniversary Symposium themed Fruitful in Every Season. We celebrated the parish's 50th Adult Harvest Thanksgiving Service a harvest that will remain a positive reference point for years to come. We say thanks to the organising committee chaired by Superior Senior Leader Akinpelu, Evang. Akinfala, MC King, and MC Adebisi. In the same season of joy, the Kolade family celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary. On October 2nd, James and Deborah Ogunyale tied the knot. We wish them smooth sailing on their journey into married life. The Kupoluyi and Akande families celebrated their 46th and 25th wedding anniversaries respectively, and the Soares and Adekanmbi families celebrated their 50th and 17th wedding anniversaries, on October 4th.

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

As I bring my tenure as Secretary of this great parish to a close — after three years of service as Assistant Secretary and five years as Parish Secretary — my heart overflows with gratitude to God. In all sincerity, I would never have taken up this assignment on my own. I was overwhelmed by my limitations and held back by self-doubt, but God had a bigger and better plan. He warned me ahead, strengthened me, and carried me through.

Over the past few months, I have reflected deeply on this eight-year journey, and all I can say is: **THANK YOU, FATHER**. He is truly a covenant-keeping God. Through this assignment, He restored hope to many. He established marriages. He kept the feet of those who were ready to walk away from the church. He brought back those who had sworn never to return to the Celestial Church of Christ. He renewed the hope of the discouraged and restored confidence to those who no longer believed in themselves. He reunited families, strengthened the weak, and touched lives in ways words cannot fully capture. I owe Him an eternal debt of gratitude for choosing to use me as a vessel.

I also owe Baba Julius Oladipo Shebioba an eternal debt of gratitude for believing in me even when I did not believe in myself for entrusting me with sensitive and demanding responsibilities at a time when I looked down on my own abilities. His confidence in me changed the trajectory of my life and service.

I must also express my deepest appreciation to my wife, Sis Ruth Ogunsami, and to my children. Their patience, understanding, and unwavering support over the past eight years made this journey possible. I am profoundly grateful for the sacrifices they made behind the scenes.

My years in the Secretariat have taught me a powerful truth: the growth and strength of this parish do not rest solely on the Shepherd or the elders they rest on all of us. We are co-labourers, stewards, and builders of this great church. I encourage every member to continue placing this parish at the centre of your commitment. We are more than a congregation; we are a vibrant, resilient, spiritually grounded community.

And to anyone whom I may have offended, hurt, or fallen short with in any way during my years of service, I humbly ask that you find a place in your heart to forgive my shortcomings. Nothing was ever done with malice, and if my actions or decisions caused you pain, please accept my sincere apology. My desire has always been to serve with integrity, compassion, and love. I also wholeheartedly state that I bear no grudge against anyone. Every experience, pleasant or painful, has

shaped me, strengthened me, and prepared me for what God has ahead. I release everyone with joy, and I pray that grace will speak louder than any imperfection for us all.

To the incoming Secretary: your role is far more than making announcements — that is the smallest part of the task ahead. **You are responsible for these members**. Treat them as your family, even those who misunderstand you. Laugh with them when they rejoice; cry with them when they are broken. Lift them when they fall. When they are heavy□laden, work with them to make the journey easy; be present in their most vulnerable moments. Listen when they simply need someone to hear them, and do not judge. When they are lost and seeking direction, seek God on their behalf and guide them gently. When they entrust you with their deepest secrets, protect them with honour. Care for the elderly with tenderness and be gentle with the children — their prayers will sustain you.

To my esteemed colleagues in the Secretariat — thank you for your loyalty, diligence, and partnership. Serving alongside you has been a blessing.

Senior Woleader Solomon & Cape Elder Sister Jinodu — Your consistency and reliability have been a pillar of strength. Thank you for always ensuring we were positioned for success.

Leader Segun & Sister Shanique Fakorede — Your readiness to go the extra mile has been invaluable. I deeply appreciate your commitment.

Leader Ayo & Cape Elder Sister Imoleayo Adewumi — Your thoughtful and constructive feedback has sharpened our work and strengthened our output. Thank you for your insight.

Sister Anna Kuforiji — The only lady in the house, yet the quiet force behind so much. Thank you for your grace, resilience, and tireless support. God bless you richly.

To our Shepherd, the Chairman of the Parochial Committee, our fathers, mothers, and the entire congregation — thank you for the trust you placed in us. Serving you has been an honour we hold with deep respect.

Evang Ayo Ogunsami
Parish Secretary

PASTORAL AND WELFARE MINISTRY REPORT

We thank Almighty God for His grace, faithfulness, and guidance throughout the year. We also thank our shepherd VSE (Professor) Samuel Segun Idowu, the Chairman and member of the Parochial Committee, members of Pastoral and Welfare Ministry and the entire church members.



The Pastoral and Welfare Ministry has continued to fulfil its mandate of providing spiritual care, emotional support, and practical assistance to members of our parish and the wider community.

Our mission remains centred on demonstrating the love of Christ through compassionate service, pastoral care, and welfare support to those experiencing various life challenges.

Pastoral Care Activities

Throughout the year, the ministry provided spiritual oversight and support through:

- Individual counselling sessions
- Family and marriage counselling
- Hospital visitation and prayer ministry
- Home visitation programmes
- Bereavement support and comfort ministry
- Prayer and follow-up ministry
- New member integration and discipleship

Spiritual Growth and Development

The ministry continued to nurture spiritual growth through:

- Weekly worship services
- Bible studies and discipleship classes
- Prayer meetings and vigils
- Leadership development programmes
- Evangelism and outreach activities

Testimonies

During the year, many members testified to:

- Spiritual growth and maturity
- Healing and restoration
- Family reconciliation
- Employment opportunities
- God's faithfulness in difficult circumstances

We give all glory to God for these testimonies.

Welfare Support

The Welfare Ministry continued to help members and families facing various challenges in the areas of:

- Medical assistance
- Food support
- Emergency financial assistance
- Bereavement support
- Educational assistance
- Care for elderly and vulnerable members
- Crisis intervention and counselling support or emergency relief.

Community Outreach

In fulfilment of Christ's command to serve others, the ministry carried out community outreach programmes including:

- Food parcel distribution
- Clothing donations
- Support to widows, widowers and vulnerable

households
- Hospital outreach
- Community prayer and encouragement visits

These initiatives strengthened the church's impact in the local community.

Funancial Report

Our income and expenditure could be found in the treasurer's account statements. However, welfare income sources are from church allocation, special donations, fundraising activities and other contributions.

Welfare expenditure include medical support, bereavement assistance, food and relief support, educational assistance, community outreach, emergency relief and sometimes administrative costs.

Achievements

By God's grace, the ministry was able to:

- Provide consistent pastoral care to members.
- Support families during times of need.
- Strengthen fellowship and member engagement.
- Expand welfare assistance programmes.
- Reach vulnerable individuals within the community.
- Promote spiritual growth and emotional wellbeing among members.

Challenges

Despite the successes recorded, the ministry encountered some challenges including:

- Increasing welfare demands.
- Rising costs of welfare support services.
- Limited financial resources.
- Growing need for counselling and pastoral interventions.
- Need for more male volunteers and welfare workers with cars.

Recommendations fir the Coming Year

The ministry recommends:

- Increased welfare budget allocation.
- Establishment of a dedicated welfare fund.
- Expansion of pastoral visitation teams.
- More volunteer training programmes.
- Development of sustainable community support initiatives.
- Strengthening counselling and family support services.

Appreciation

We sincerely appreciate:

- God Almighty for His faithfulness.
- The parish leadership for their guidance and support.
- Ministry workers and volunteers for their dedication.
- Donors and partners for their generosity.
- The entire congregation for their prayers and commitment.

Finally, let me appreciate the dedicated pastoral and welfare officers starting from our Shepherd, Sup. Snr. Evang. Arowoselu, Sup. Snr. Evang. Olawuyi, MC Ojelade, MC Adegboyega, MC Raji, MC Oteh, MC Soyinka, MC Apelogun, MC Akinte, and LSSES Adenuga.

Conclusion

The Pastoral and Welfare Ministry remains committed to caring for the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of God's people. We thank God for all that has been accomplished this year and look forward to greater opportunities to serve in the coming year.

Galatian 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

To God Be All the Glory! Amen

VSE SAMSON NEJO
(CHAIRMAN PASTORAL
AND WELFARE MINISTRY)

Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Financial Statements

31 December 2025

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Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish
Charity registration number	280611
Principal office	187 Glengall Road London SE15 6RN
The trustees	A Kupoluyi B Aina KC O Akande Dr S O. Idowu PhD S Ogunsami V Adegbemisoye J Shebioba
Independent examiner	Bradley Suckling BSc (Hons) FCCA For and on behalf of turpin barker armstrong Allen House 1 Westmead Road Sutton Surrey SM1 4LA

Structure, governance and management

Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management
The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and activities

To advance the Christian religion by propogating the doctrines of the Celestial Church of Christ throughout the UK and Ireland, as espoused by our lord Jesus Christ.

Achievements and performance

Details of performance in the year can be found on page 4.

Financial review

Details of the charity's financial position can be found on pages 4 and 5.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 19 July 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A Kupoluyi - Treasurer
Trustee

O Akande - Chairman
Trustee

Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Bradley Suckling BSc (Hons) FCCA
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Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 **Total funds £**	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	**4**	368,024	368,024	439,857
Charitable activities	**5**	10,800	10,800	38,000
Total income		378,824	378,824	477,857
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	**6**	442,292	442,292	440,113
Expenditure on charitable activities	**7,8**	206,220	206,220	190,249
Total expenditure		648,512	648,512	630,362
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(269,688)	(269,688)	(152,505)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,933,911	2,933,911	3,086,416
Total funds carried forward		2,664,223	2,664,223	2,933,911

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**14**	2,599,070	2,667,568
Current assets			
Debtors	**15**	47,268	101,111
Investments	**16**	5,053	5,053
Cash at bank and in hand		191,290	329,157
		243,611	435,321
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**17**	113,996	44,071
Net current assets		129,615	391,250
Total assets less current liabilities		2,728,685	3,058,818
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**18**	64,462	124,907
Net assets		2,664,223	2,933,911
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		2,664,223	2,933,911
Total charity funds	**20**	2,664,223	2,933,911

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

A Kupoluyi
Trustee

O Akande
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form part of these financial statements

Celestial Church of Christ Elephant & Castle Parish

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 187 Glengall Road, London, SE15 6RN.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Freehold property is included in the financial statements at 31st December 2024 at open market value as assessed by the trustees. An external property valuation was carried out in May 2023 by external valuers and a range of values was provided. The trustees have been conservative / prudent and revalued the properties to the lower end of the range until the values can be confirmed further.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	4% straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Equipment	-	25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are recognised in the statement of financial position as assets and liabilities at the lower of the fair value of the assets and the present value of the minimum lease payments, which is determined at the inception of the lease term. Any initial direct costs of the lease are added to the amount recognised as an asset.

Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. Finance charges are allocated to each period so as to produce a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations / collections	368,024	368,024	391,838	391,838
Donations - gift aid	–	–	48,019	48,019
	368,024	368,024	439,857	439,857

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from non-investment property in furtherance of the charity's objects	10,800	10,800	38,000	38,000

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	442,292	442,292	440,113	440,113

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Support costs	206,220	206,220	190,249	190,249

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs £	**Total funds 2025 £**	Total fund 2024 £
Donations	206,220	206,220	190,249

9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs Donations £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Premises	14,205	14,205	10,808
General office	30,331	30,331	15,738
Finance costs	29,354	29,354	3,504
Governance costs	5,797	5,797	4,337
	79,687	79,687	34,387

10. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	148,892	163,989

11. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	1,500	1,500

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	66,786	55,561

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2024: 8).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

One trustee, Dr S Idowu, received remuneration during the year ended 31st December 2025.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Equipment	**Total**
	£	£	£	£	£	**£**
Cost						
At 1 Jan 2025	2,590,000	15,408	163,780	36,840	292,081	3,098,109
Additions	–	–	–	80,394	–	80,394
At 31 Dec 2025	2,590,000	15,408	163,780	117,234	292,081	3,178,503
Depreciation						
At 1 Jan 2025	103,600	15,408	157,067	35,364	119,102	430,541
Charge for the year	103,600	–	1,678	369	43,245	148,892
At 31 Dec 2025	207,200	15,408	158,745	35,733	162,347	579,433
Carrying amount						
At 31 Dec 2025	2,382,800	–	5,035	81,501	129,734	2,599,070
At 31 Dec 2024	2,486,400	–	6,713	1,476	172,979	2,667,568

15. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	8,543	7,972
Other debtors	38,725	93,139
	47,268	101,111

16. Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Other investments	5,053	5,053

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	30,029	17,776
Trade creditors	32,665	14,817
Accruals and deferred income	5,357	5,357
Social security and other taxes	15,945	6,121
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	30,000	–
	113,996	44,071

18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	14,068	124,907
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	50,394	–
	64,462	124,907

19. Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The total future minimum lease payments under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	30,000	–
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	50,394	–
	80,394	–

20. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	**At 31 December 2025 £**
General funds	1,120,298	378,824	(648,512)	850,610
Property revaluation	1,813,613	–	–	1,813,613
	2,933,911	378,824	(648,512)	2,664,223

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	1,272,803	477,857	(630,362)	1,120,298
Property revaluation	1,813,613	–	–	1,813,613
	3,086,416	477,857	(630,362)	2,933,911

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Tangible fixed assets	2,599,070	2,599,070
Current assets	243,611	243,611
Creditors less than 1 year	(113,996)	(113,996)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(64,462)	(64,462)
Net assets	2,664,223	2,664,223

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,667,568	2,667,568
Current assets	435,321	435,321
Creditors less than 1 year	(44,071)	(44,071)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(124,907)	(124,907)
Net assets	2,933,911	2,933,911



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