ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2026

Clitheroe Community Church

Centred in CHRIST

Connected in RELATIONSHIP

CALLED TO Community

Challenged to GROW

Our PURPOSE

The charitable purpose of the Clitheroe Community Church Trust is the **advancement of the Christian Faith, in particular by the provision and maintenance of a church in Clitheroe for public worship**. A variety of activities have helped the church to achieve its purpose over the year for the benefit of members, the local community, and others in the UK and abroad.

In planning these activities, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been taken into account.

We believe that advancing the Christian faith is of benefit to individuals and to society as a whole by providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual development, and by promoting Christian values and service by church members in and to their communities.

ACTIVITIES and ACHIEVEMENTS

Prayer has continued to underpin everything else that we do.

- A week of prayer and fasting to begin the year, joining with a national initiative, 'Turn the Battle'
- 'First Tuesday' monthly prayer and fasting
- Sunday prayer before the main meeting and intercession led by a varied team
- Online prayer updates for specific needs
- Joining 24/7 Prayer initiatives at Turret House and Pray 4 Lancashire.



A pastor's sabbatical enabled time to pray, visit and plan for strategy moving forward. Check out the 'Moving Forward' section of this report for more details. Mark continues to lead a 'hub' for other local Assemblies of God (AoG) ministers, and he shared about this at an AoG regional day — these **equipping events** have been attended by CCC leaders and those sowing into the life of the church.



CCC Kids has expanded with a new group for 2-5s. The Toddler Zone continues to provide a family-friendly area during the main meeting, along with the choice of a separate crèche area.

Seasonal specials at Easter and Christmas provided a family-friendly format to engage children, and also something for adults to think about.

Messy Church began in June 2025 as a way of connecting with families who may be less able to access Sunday mornings. Around 30 adults and children regularly take part in activities, prayer stations and a celebration. Tea afterwards enables the development of meaningful relationships.



We've continued with our **community outreaches to meet local needs**.

- Warm Welcome: a social space with a free lunch, Wi-Fi, etc.
- Holiday Fun: free activities and lunch for local families who may struggle more when schools are closed.
- The Ark toddler group: a place for local families with young children to access play and activities, and to develop a network of relationships.

At all three, guests can access practical, pastoral and spiritual support. Information points around the centre provide Christian booklets alongside help leaflets from other local support organisations. As a result of interest from guests at these community events, an **Alpha** course ran in summer 2025.

We continued to participate in **joint 'Love Clitheroe' outreach** with other churches. Alongside Warm Welcome and Holiday Fun, this included a Carols at the Castle and a town barbecue, which engage with large numbers of local people.

A variety of **small groups** have provided opportunities for building relationships, prayer ministry and help with putting the Bible into practice. These include weekly Life groups, groups specifically for women and ad hoc young adults' events.

The **worship team** have met for regular practices with both the band and tech team.

In addition to church groups and events, **our facilities have been used** for local community groups, diabetes prevention courses, jobseekers' support, nursery presentations and as a polling station. They also provide a low-cost children's party option for local families. In special cases of need which provide benefit to the local community, we've given free use of the centre. There was a **marriage** and a **baptism** during the year.

The trustees wish to place on record their thanks to the many **volunteers** who enable the ongoing work of the church and service to the community.



The Ark toddler group

Managing RISK

The trustees are aware of potential risks to staff, volunteers, members and visitors, and to the organisation as a whole. They have put in place measures to manage these risks, which include the following.

- The condition of buildings and equipment is kept under review. A refurbishment programme has continued over the financial year, including replacement of faulty lighting installations and upgrading all lighting units to LED. A freestanding support rail has replaced the faulty rail in the main centre disabled-access toilet.
- All boilers are professionally serviced annually and a Gas Safe certificate obtained.
- Regular inspections of electrical equipment and electrical installations take place.
- Fire safety installations/equipment are regularly inspected and maintained. A fire safety risk assessment is reviewed regularly and in the event of relevant changes.
- Annual review completed of the financial controls.
- The church operates a safeguarding policy, which is reviewed annually.
- All children's/youth workers, trustees and elders have Enhanced Disclosures from the Disclosure and Barring Service, updated every three years. They receive safeguarding training and a copy of our safeguarding policy.
- The pastor attended a Thirtyone:eight safeguarding seminar for pastoral work.
- Food safety training is provided for those preparing/serving food or refreshments.
- Data protection and security procedures are in place, and privacy information is communicated on our website.
- Other policies/procedures have been reviewed and updated as appropriate. Copies are made available on the church Google Drive and the literature stand.
- The church holds public/employer's liability Insurance and copyright licences.
- Anti-virus protection and backups are in place for church computer equipment.
- PCs which could not be upgraded to Windows 11 have been replaced following the withdrawal of support for Windows 10.

Finance REVIEW

The annual accounts show the finances for the year. The trustees are satisfied that they are sound and were prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations and guidance.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income is largely derived from free-will giving, mostly from church members. Tax refunds via the Gift Aid scheme supplement this, and grants have supported our Warm Welcome and Holiday Fun community provision. Room hire payments contribute towards running costs and building refurbishment.

The trustees work closely with the elders to establish spending priorities. Quarterly and ad hoc board meetings, aided by treasurer's reports, allow the trustees regularly to make judgements about allocating available funds. We ensure that at least 10% of our income goes to support other ministries who have similar aims, alongside using funds for the relief of poverty and special needs.

In addition to our regular support, there were special donations for disaster appeals in Jamaica and Myanmar, and for the work of the local Salvation Army emergency food pantry, a Christian ministry student and NXT Move Europe, which supports work with teens and young adults.



Ongoing maintenance and refurbishment continues to be managed in-house, significantly reducing costs. Spending priorities were upgrading lighting and PCs. Feedback on the facilities from church groups and hirers continues to be very positive.

RESERVES POLICY

The level of reserves is reviewed regularly by the trustees. They are satisfied that the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Our PARTNERSHIPS

We have partnered with a number of other organisations and groups for greater effectiveness in specialised work. Some of these partnerships involved the church as a whole and others were through links with individual church members. Support took the form of volunteer help, prayer and/or donations. Financial support is detailed in the annual accounts.

Ribble Valley Foodbank
Together with Trussell

christians against poverty
CAP

Clitheroe Christians in Partnership

Compassion

CHARIS
MINISTRIES AFRICA

NXT MOVE
EUROPE

Impact
TWENTY FIVE FORTY

LIGHT
OF THE GOSPEL
MINISTRIES

AOG
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
GREAT BRITAIN

GOOD NEWS
for Everyone!
formerly known as GideonsUK

LOVE
CLITHEROE

evangelical alliance

MOVING forward

HEALTHY CHURCH



The leadership team are continuing to use Assemblies of God materials to prayerfully and practically engage with a 'church health' process.

This is feeding through into changes already put into practice (see 'Activities & Achievements) and into the plans explored here for the coming year.

DISCIPLESHIP

Supporting everyone to move forward on a journey with Jesus is a thread that runs throughout the year's plans. The following overview gives an insight into the direction of travel for 2026/27.

- Enabling people in the wider community to **make connections** with Christians through the Ark toddler group, Messy Church and Holiday Fun.
- Providing opportunities to **find out more about Jesus** through Alpha and Messy Church.
- Running Insight sessions to help those **new to faith or new to CCC** to find their place in the body of Christ.
- Arranging opportunities for **baptism** for those ready to take that step.
- Reviewing how our small groups can best support people to **live authentically as a Christian**.
- **Teaching on key topics** through sessions and the Resource Hub.
- Facilitating **encounters with the Holy Spirit**, including in-house ministry times, speakers' invitations and accessing outside equipping resources.
- Creating pathways for people to be **empowered and released in ministry roles.**
- Communicating well **how everyone can make progress** on their discipleship journey.

MOVING forward

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



We'll continue to develop CCC Kids to meet the needs of children and families on Sunday mornings.

Messy Church is regularly reviewed to ensure that it's fulfilling its purpose in the most effective way.

We're exploring options for youth engagement.

OUTREACH

Groups such as the Ark toddler group and Holiday Fun will continue to provide opportunities for community engagement and service by church members. We regularly review how these groups are working.

We're exploring possibilities for ministry to older people and those struggling with loneliness.

We're also continuing to work with Love Clitheroe on town-wide community events, such as Carols at the Castle, Live at the Castle and Church at the Castle.

In addition to planning coordinated outreach opportunities, we also aim to equip individual members in passing on the good news about Jesus. Options are being considered which will complement the rest of the church plans.

PRAYER AND FASTING

Fasting is a strategic move to position us to receive from God. We're encouraged by answers to prayer and by church commitment to prayer. This will continue to underpin everything else we do.

PRACTICAL EQUIPPING

To equip our teams, we'll be running training for food safety, first aid and safeguarding.







CHARITY information

Name of the charity	The Clitheroe Community Church Trust
Registered charity number	701869
Principal office	Clitheroe Community Church, Millthorne Avenue, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2LE
Charity trustees	Paul Cowen, Richard Douglas, Andrew Piercy, Gillian Whitfield

GOVERNANCE

The charitable trust was established by a declaration of trust on 29 June 1989. The trustees are to be four in number and they may appoint additional trustees, provided they accept the statement of faith in the declaration of trust. In October 2024, the declaration of trust was reviewed and updated in line with Charity Commission guidance.

The trustees cooperate with the elders in furthering the object of the trust. The primary responsibilities of the elders are spiritual, pastoral and for the ministries of the church. The trustees are mainly responsible for financial, legal and property-related matters. Both groups meet regularly and require unanimous decisions from a quorum. A register of interests is kept, where trustees declare any potential conflicts of interest. New trustees receive support from an existing trustee sponsor, and all trustees are provided with information from the Charity Commission.

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SCAN ME!

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report was approved by the trustees and signed on behalf of the board by

Richard Douglas ..... (Richard Douglas)

on 21 April 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Clitheroe Community Church Trust	701869

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/02/2025		31/01/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Legacies	59,184	497	-	59,681	70,800
Gift Aid	15,707	-	-	15,707	16,472
Grants	-	1,900	-	1,900	1,092
Other	10,342	-	-	10,342	7,963
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	85,234	2,397	-	87,631	96,326
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,234	2,397	-	87,631	96,326
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	96,573	893	-	97,466	92,747
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,573	893	-	97,466	92,747
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,573	893	-	97,466	92,747
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,339	1,504	-	- 9,835	3,579
A5 Transfers between funds	- 149	149	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,404	- 350	-	34,054	30,476
Cash funds this year end	22,916	1,303	-	24,219	34,055

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Virgin Money	23,162	851	-
	Cash In Hand	206	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,368	851	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Land & Buildings	Unrestricted	354,473	169,386
Equipment Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	36,685	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Richard Douglas	RICHARD DOUGLAS	21/04/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Clitheroe Community Church Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31/01/2026	**Charity no (if any)**	701869
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2026.

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 examination 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:	J. Williams	**Date:**	27/04/2026
Name:	Joel David Williams		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	The Association of Charity Independent Examiners		
Address:	1 Montrose Avenue Stretford Manchester M32 9LN		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	