

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Light of the World Gospel Hall
Community Church**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

TRUSTEES	J E Lawrence N J S Campbell L Green
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	Light of the World Gospel Hall Gaythorne Road Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 7ES
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	701987
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	KJA Kilner Johnson Ltd Woodland House Woodland Park Bradford Road Cleckheaton BD19 6BW
OTHER OFFICERS	Rev S C Sangster, Founder P Nelson, Deaconess K A Trought, Pastor E A Smith, Elder

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities:

Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Church is a Christian fellowship who feel called both to worship God and to demonstrate his love for the world by providing care and activities for the local community.

We have complied with the guidance supplied by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit, and applied this when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Light of the World Gospel Hall Community Church is continuing to thrive in its efforts to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The congregation also continues to thrive and meet for worship in line with the terms of our constitution.

The projects of the church are run by members of the congregation on a voluntary basis as a means of reducing cost, as we pray and plan ahead towards the planting of another church.

A newly appointed evangelism team goes out each week with the good news of Jesus Christ, and it has benefited many people who need a word of comfort, and to know that Jesus cares and the church cares.

The Feed the Hungry project was started by the church volunteers, and is continuing to provide free hot meals for the vulnerable people of Bradford. The project runs every Wednesday evening and caters for over 100 people each week. The church works in partnership with other groups who are involved in supporting the hungry and the homeless in the district.

The church will continue its outreach project to children and families for the Sunday school.

It is anticipated that the annual church thanksgiving celebrations that were postponed because of the Covid restrictions will resume in the near future.

The church will continue to explore ways to develop a newsletter and an information booklet as a means of promoting outreach, while raising awareness of our presence and purpose in the city of Bradford through the organisation's website.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves are held to ensure the continuity of the activities of the Church. Reserves of twelve months unrestricted expenditure are required for this purpose, equivalent to £140,488 based on the expenditure for the year to the 31 March 2025.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2025 were £1,182,106 (2024: £1,241,987). It is the Trustee's intention to utilise these accumulated funds to build and develop a new Church in another inner city Community, engaging in similar Ministry of Community building and education. The Church Council expect that a sum in the region of £800,000 will be required to seed the new Church.

Under the constitution the Church has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit. The Trustees currently invest the Funds of the church with Barclays Bank, utilising both current and deposit accounts.

FUTURE PLANS

The small but vibrant and dedicated Church congregation continue to support the future planting of another Church and helping the Community. We are also considering the setting up of youth accommodation for young Christians who might otherwise be living on the street.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The church is governed by its constitution adopted 6 October 1999 and constitutes an unincorporated Church.

All trustees are appointed on a voluntary basis. Most of the workers do not receive any remuneration for their time, though a stipend is paid to Rev. S C Sangster as Senior Pastor and founder of the organisation. This is disclosed in the church accounts.

The Church is overseen on a day to day by Rev. S C Sangster, as founder of the organisation, with all decision making being undertaken by the church council members who make recommendations to the full membership of the fellowship in open meetings. The Council members are elected at the Annual General Meeting each year by the full membership.

The Church has established a trading charity, Light of the World Community Centre Limited, to run the Community Centre and Nursery from 1 April 2009. The limited company was registered 7 August 2008, company number 06666862, and became a Charity on 4 February 2009, Charity number 1127877.

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

The Church ensures the safety of Children and vulnerable adults by developing a Safeguarding policy for this purpose.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J E Lawrence - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Light of the World Gospel Hall
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Light of the World Gospel Hall Community Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light of the World Gospel Hall Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

S Hutton

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Date:

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	29,432	-	29,432	40,212
Investment income	3	35,400	-	35,400	35,400
Total		<u>64,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,832</u>	<u>75,612</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activity	4	118,364	-	118,364	133,976
Other	5	6,349	-	6,349	6,512
Total		<u>124,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,713</u>	<u>140,488</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(59,881)	-	(59,881)	(64,876)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,241,987	115,440	1,357,427	1,422,303
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,182,106</u></u>	<u><u>115,440</u></u>	<u><u>1,297,546</u></u>	<u><u>1,357,427</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	350,042	115,440	465,482	471,831
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	77,915	-	77,915	137,296
Cash at bank and in hand		757,214	-	757,214	751,361
		<u>835,129</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>835,129</u>	<u>888,657</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,065)	-	(3,065)	(3,061)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>832,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>832,064</u>	<u>885,596</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,182,106</u>	<u>115,440</u>	<u>1,297,546</u>	<u>1,357,427</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>1,182,106</u></u>	<u><u>115,440</u></u>	<u><u>1,297,546</u></u>	<u><u>1,357,427</u></u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				1,182,106	1,241,987
Restricted funds				115,440	115,440
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>1,297,546</u></u>	<u><u>1,357,427</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
J E Lawrence - Trustee

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019), Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	25% Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance
Signage	10% Straight line
Freehold property	1% Straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	24,047	33,165
Gift aid	5,385	7,047
	<u>29,432</u>	<u>40,212</u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	35,400	35,400
	<u>35,400</u>	<u>35,400</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable Activity	36,262	80,000	2,102	118,364
	<u>36,262</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>2,102</u>	<u>118,364</u>

5. OTHER

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	6,349	6,512
Support costs	2,102	2,539
	<u>8,451</u>	<u>9,051</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year a stipend of £21,000 (2023: £18,000) was paid to Rev S C Sangster for her role as Pastor of the church.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	22,000	21,000
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Pastor	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	40,212	-	40,212
Investment income	35,400	-	35,400
Total	<u>75,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,612</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity	133,976	-	133,976

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Other	6,512	-	6,512
Total	140,488	-	140,488
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(64,876)	-	(64,876)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,306,863	115,440	1,422,303
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,241,987	115,440	1,357,427

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	586,181	120,281	13,000	719,462
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	116,300	118,460	12,871	247,631
Charge for year	5,862	455	32	6,349
At 31 March 2025	122,162	118,915	12,903	253,980
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	464,019	1,366	97	465,482
At 31 March 2024	469,881	1,821	129	471,831

10. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,168	7,047
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Due from group undertakings	72,747	130,249
Aggregate amounts	77,915	137,296

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	1,200	1,200
Accruals and deferred income	1,865	1,861
	<u>3,065</u>	<u>3,061</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,241,987	(59,881)	1,182,106
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	115,440	-	115,440
	<u>1,357,427</u>	<u>(59,881)</u>	<u>1,297,546</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,832	(124,713)	(59,881)
	<u>64,832</u>	<u>(124,713)</u>	<u>(59,881)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,306,863	(64,876)	1,241,987
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	115,440	-	115,440
	<u>1,422,303</u>	<u>(64,876)</u>	<u>1,357,427</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	75,612	(140,488)	(64,876)
	<u>75,612</u>	<u>(140,488)</u>	<u>(64,876)</u>

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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity has charged Light Of The World Community Centre Limited £30,000 (2024: £30,000) for its use of the premises.

The charity made a grant of £80,000 (2024: £100,000) to Light Of The World Community Centre Limited.

At the balance sheet date the amount due from Light Of The World Community Centre Limited was £72,747 (2024: £130,249).

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	24,047	33,165
Gift aid	5,385	7,047
	29,432	40,212
Investment income		
Rents received	35,400	35,400
	64,832	75,612
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	22,000	21,000
Rates and water	295	219
Insurance	2,078	2,038
Light and heat	6,261	5,631
Telephone	1,576	1,091
Sundries	4,052	1,458
Grants to institutions	80,000	100,000
	116,262	131,437
Other		
Freehold property	5,862	5,862
Fixtures and fittings	455	607
Motor vehicles	32	43
	6,349	6,512
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	120	120
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,982	2,419
	124,713	140,488
Total resources expended		
	124,713	140,488
Net expenditure	(59,881)	(64,876)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements