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The Trustees of the Cheddar Valley Community Church present their annual report on the affairs of the Charity, together with the financial statements and Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Trustees

All those named on the page headed 'Reference & Administrative information' served as Trustees throughout the year.

The Trustees are also the Directors of the Company. The minimum number of Trustees is four. Trustees must also be a Member of the Charity (which has the meaning given in section 112 of the Companies Act 2006). The Trustees have power to appoint a Trustee at any time but only from amongst Members of the Charity. An individual may only be admitted to Membership of the Charity if they are also appointed as a Trustee at the same time. They must also sign a declaration of eligibility and willingness to act as a Trustee before appointment.

Individuals eligible to be appointed as Members (and therefore also as Trustees) must be aged 16 years or over, be current Church participants, subscribe and adhere in belief and lifestyle to the Statement of Faith set out in our Articles of Association, agree to be appointed as a Trustee as they become a Member, not be disqualified as a charity trustee by any rule of law or order of any court or decision of any other body with relevant powers to disqualify individuals as charity trustees.

There must always be at least four Members of the Charity who are also Trustees. A Trustee's office automatically terminates if: they cease to be a Member of the Charity; are disqualified under company law from acting as a director; are otherwise disqualified under charity law from acting as a charity trustee; are incapable of managing their own affairs; are absent without notice from four consecutive trustee meetings and are removed by a majority decision of the other trustees; resign; or die.

Investment Powers

The Charity has power to do anything lawful in pursuit of its charitable purposes, subject to any applicable requirement of the Charities Act 2011 or other applicable statutory provision. The Trustees have control of the Charity and its funds and assets and are responsible for the management of the Charity's activities. They may exercise all such powers of the Charity as are not, by the Companies Act 2006 or by its Articles of Association, required to be exercised by the Members of the Charity. Subject to that, the Trustees have power to invest funds as they see fit.

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The Charity is a Christian Church which is controlled by its Articles of Association and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined in the Companies Act 2006. It was incorporated on 20 April 2016 and registered as a charity by the Charity Commission on 4 May 2016. Its charitable purpose is to advance the Christian religion.

The Charity advances the Christian religion through, for example, various religious activities and helping those in need. As such, it continues the work done by the former charitable trust of the same name which began in the 1980s and was formally closed by its trustees on 31 October 2020.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit; and that the Charity benefits the general public, including families, children, young people, elderly and disabled people and

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other charities. It does this by providing buildings, services and human resources. It also provides advocacy, advice and information, and gives gifts to individuals and organisations including other charities and churches.

Development, activities and achievements

Overview

Thanks to our volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the Charity during 2025. Without their help, very many of the Charity's activities would not have been possible. We are blessed to have a strong team of volunteers who assist with running group activities, helping with youth and children's work, welcoming people to our services, setting up events and more. Our worship and leadership teams are also formed of volunteers, and we are grateful for their time and commitment to the Charity.

Sunday evening meetings

We fulfil our charitable purpose by introducing people to Jesus and encouraging everyone to grow in their relationship with Him through worship, communion and teaching. Providing support and encouragement to those in need is also an important aspect of the Christian faith, so we seek to be outward looking by helping those in this category, both at home and abroad.

Sunday services are important in taking these things forward. So during 2025 we continued to meet on Sunday evenings at Draycott Memorial Hall, in one of villages close to Cheddar. We have found that our early evening meetings remain popular, particularly with families having children involved in Sunday morning sporting activities.

Our Sunday meetings are also available online by using the Zoom video conferencing technology. That has been particularly helpful for those unable to get to meetings in person for whatever reason. Numbers attending Sunday meetings or watching on Zoom tended to fluctuate during the year, but we generally had between 40 and 50 people present in person or virtually, and were delighted to welcome new people with children.

We began 2025 with one of our monthly family services at which a bring-and-share light tea is provided. At the January one, though, we were treated to a talk about how Christmas is celebrated in Ukraine from those we have been helping make their life here. And they also provided samples of the foods that are eaten. These monthly family services continued to be very popular by mixing food and the opportunity to fellowship with one another. We have also increasingly been able to involve the children in these and our other meetings.

We had been working with the "Emmaus Project" with the aim of us becoming more evangelistic. This was organised by Share Jesus International ("SJI", <https://www.sharejesusinternational.com/emmaus/>). Although our formal link ended during 2025, we continued to stay connected with those who had been helping us and invited them to speak on several occasions during the year.

We began a teaching series in February on 'Getting to know God better'. This was a practical series of talks looking at how we could deepen our relationship with God in many different ways. After Easter, we followed this with a series on 'Journeying from Easter to Pentecost'. Then, over the summer, we followed the 'Life Explored' course together. This focused on helping us realise what we are really living for, how God can meet our deepest desires for happiness, the different ways we try to find happiness, and whether they bring the satisfaction we long for (<https://www.christianityexplored.org/courses/life-explored/>).

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In the autumn we looked at 'Jesus The I Am'. This involved going through John's gospel and considering the various 'I Am' themes. Many of our Sunday teaching sessions were provided by members of our congregation, but we also continued our practice of welcoming some guest speakers to provide outside input and expertise.

A number of different Sunday meetings were also held, some of which are described below. And we had a specific Safeguarding Sunday where we had talks and discussions to help make sure everyone – including children – understood the importance of safeguarding, and what to do if they had any concerns.

As in previous years, the Christmas season enabled us to invite visitors to our Christingle, Carol and Christmas Day services, all of which were well attended. The headteachers at Cheddar's First and Middle schools came to our Carol service and, like us, enjoyed seeing the fruits of our efforts to involve the children in meetings more as many of them took an active part in the services.

Their involvement was particularly pleasing because during the year we had investigated how other churches had adapted to make themselves more family friendly. We built on that learning by, for example, moving from chairs in a semi-circle to having chairs around tables so that families and friends could sit together more easily. And each week putting themed materials on the tables such as wordsearches and scenes to colour in that children (and adults) could use if they wished.

We also introduced near the beginning of each meeting something specifically for the children, which in many cases involved them going to the front to do something. So building on that we found that some children were readily volunteering to do things including welcoming people to meetings. We also, of course, continued our practice of taking out the younger children for appropriate teaching during talks aimed at the adults.

Wider church meetings

'Church' is much more than a building or a meeting on Sundays. It is in fact the community of believers in Jesus, wherever they are gathered. Accordingly, we met together in a variety of different contexts, some of which were as follows:

House groups

Although fewer in number than in previous years, we had four smaller group gatherings at different times which provided opportunities to explore faith in Jesus in more depth than can be done at a Sunday meeting and which helped strengthen relationships. The groups followed particular courses, utilised talks from recent conferences as a basis for exploration and discussion or looked in depth at Bible passages or topics. Some also provided a social function with, for example, visits to the local garden centre making it easy for newcomers and friends to join.

Prayer meetings

Prayer is vital to the life of any church. It helps us connect with God and to see his purposes fulfilled on earth. Prayer was therefore a key component of many of the meetings we held but specific meetings also took place where prayer was the focus.

These were on Sunday mornings with a focus on intercession prayer for the needs of the world, the nation, and our local community. We continued our monthly mid-week prayer meetings at which we were joined sometimes by Christians from other churches. We hosted three contemplative prayer sessions on Saturday mornings spread throughout the year. These were attended by people from within and outside our Church who were keen to explore this method of quiet prayer. Our two prayer station services on a Sunday evening also afforded the opportunity for people to pray for local, national and international matters. And in September we held a day of Prayer as part of a 24/7 international Day of Prayer, which focussed on drawing closer to God and praying for the nations, including our own.

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CAMEO (standing for Come and Meet Each Other)

This group was set up to support those who are elderly, lonely or find it hard to get out and about. The volunteers who run this provided a much-needed opportunity to socialise with others over a freshly baked cake or scone.

Synergy

These meetings ended during 2025, but until then they had provided opportunities for fellowship for those who found themselves alone for whatever reason, usually over a meal.

Parenting teenagers

Five informal evening sessions beginning in September provided a great opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other and hear, through video teaching, experiences and guidance from professionals who work with teenagers. These were relaxed evenings over a drink and nibbles with take away tasks to consider during the week and implement what had been learnt. Feedback was that participants found the sessions helpful.

Children and young people

Working with children has always been important to the Church and we were able to grow this work during the year. Our Youth and Children's Leader, who is a member of our volunteer Leadership Team, provided direction and support to a team of about ten volunteers. Together they put flesh on the bones of our aims by working with the children during the week and on Sundays.

This work is important because the children and young people are an integral part of the Church, and are likely to provide its future leadership. So we were pleased to be able to recruit a part time Children's Worker who began work in late April. Filling this position was possible only because of a legacy that had been left to the Charity by a longstanding member, for which we are very grateful. This addition to our employees enabled us to increase our involvement with children during the year and we are sure that will continue to grow in 2026 and beyond.



Praying for the new Children's Worker (centre of picture in yellow top)

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Nonetheless, because we continued to rely heavily on volunteers, we felt a need for some professional help. Accordingly, we were grateful when a former children and youth specialist with Scripture Union agreed to provide consultancy help. They have done this by providing mentoring and coaching, helping us to develop our strategy and level of skills. She provided great encouragement to the team with prophetic and spiritual insight. And also assisted us with our Summer Festival.

Over the years, and with varying success, we had tried to develop good relationships with the three schools in Cheddar. Our new Children's Worker has been able to take that forward with the First School in particular and hopes to be involved in assemblies and to lead a lunchtime group in the 2025/26 academic year. Links with the Middle School (Fairlands) have continued to grow and we now have a good relationship with the School and weekly contact. And at the Senior School (Kings of Wessex (KoW) Academy) we have continued to help fund the Chaplain who works closely with the children, pray for and with her weekly and involve her in some events. We also led two assemblies at the school every half term which, along with others in the Churches Together group, meant that collectively we provided around six visiting speakers every half term. The various churches also, of course, contain parents with children in these schools and those who work in them.

We had two main groups available for young people in 2025. During our Sunday evening meetings we ran a group for those children and young people who wanted to join that rather than stay in the main meeting for a talk. These Sunday evening children's groups were a mixture of games, activities, craft and teaching. Where possible everything was related to what the adults were being taught. We also had a specific item for children near the beginning of our Sunday meetings. And as the number of young children present in our Sunday meetings grew, it was good to see them rush forward to take part in activities, including reading the Bible aloud.



This greater willingness to be involved enabled us to present a 'scratch nativity play' at our December Carol service. Children and adults had been encouraged to dress accordingly but did not know what the play's text was until they actually played in it. Our performance is unlikely to make it to London's West End! But there was a great atmosphere and everyone enjoyed either playing a role or watching.

Wildfire was a group for children aged 10 to 13, of which we had 12-15 each week in 2025. These consisted of children from families involved in the Cheddar churches and others with no church background. We had four leaders and used various resources to help the young people engage with their faith through games, activities and a 'faith slot'. Latterly, we have been using Scripture Union's "So, what next – living the Jesus way" to try and help them understand more about the Bible and what it means to follow Jesus. This has included encouraging them to read the Bible and pray aloud.

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We also took the young people to a Bristol theatre to see a performance of C S Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". This was complemented by going through the story beforehand at the weekly Wildfire meetings picking up on issues such as being tempted (Edmund with the Turkish delight), Jesus the Light of the World (the lamp post that helped the children find their way home), true friendship (Lucy & Mr Beaver) and taking punishment for another person (Aslan and Edmund / Jesus and us).

And we continued to organise free monthly youth events during the year called "*Infinity & Beyond*". These events were for all young people in school years 5+ and involved helpers and children from several churches. A team of six leaders from across the different local churches welcomed young people from all the churches and from none. Occasional meetings were also held entirely outside, such as a walk through the Cheddar Gorge with stops along the way for teaching about Easter.



Each session had a different theme, for example, a disco party with chocolate fountain, pancake night and a pumpkin light party. In this way we sought to provide opportunities for young people from across the churches to meet together and to realise that faith and fun could be mixed and that they were not as alone as they might feel. Each event also contained a short message encouraging the young people to consider matters relating to the Christian faith. However, the number of young people attending declined over the year so we reviewed the future of these events at the end in 2025.

Although not exclusively for children and young people, when we held our July camping "Summer Festival" weekend we ensured that there was a full programme of activities for children. We did this by splitting into two groups: *Wildfire* age children and *Sparks* for those aged 2 to 10. The *Wildfire* age group was led by our Youth and Children's Leader and the *Sparks* group by our Children's Worker. Most of the children involved in our Wildfire and Sunday evening meetings came, and several brought friends. Overall, we had about 30 children at the Summer Festival.

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The overall theme of the Festival was “soaring” based on Isaiah 40:28-31. But both children’s groups used the life of Joseph to illustrate trusting God and soaring despite life’s difficulties. The children were kept fully occupied with things such as: challenging exercises (like taking a (pretend) casualty over an imaginary 100 foot wall and crossing imaginary dangerous ground using only two lengths of wood each), a mindfulness walk, seeing and hearing about an owl and two hunting birds with opportunities to hold one of them, a light trail (laid by *Sparks* and followed by *Wildfire*), shelter building and campfires. We also had a dedicated prayer marquee for everyone to use with specific slots reserved for the children. It was particularly pleasing to see how the children enjoyed using the prayer marquee.



‘Joseph’ with a keen listener



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The Festival was fully catered and although we asked for a contribution to costs from everyone, this amount was heavily subsidised by the Church and no one was refused entry for lack of payment. Again, we relied very heavily upon a wide range of people to plan this event, set up the marquees and tents and run activities. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered for this and it is no exaggeration to say that we could not have held the Festival without so many willing helpers. Not all of whom came from within our Church. We are also grateful to the landowners who allowed us to use their field and who provided a lot of logistic and other support before and during the Festival. Thanks also need to go to our former member for her legacy as that enabled us to subsidise the Festival's costs.

Other activities

"Cheddar Valley Churches Together"

Leaders of the various churches meet monthly to provide support to each other, pray and consider ways of working together. We played a full part in those meetings including hosting them at times on a rolling venue basis. The collective aim is to reach and support our communities more effectively. To that end, various joint events were held, including a pilgrimage walk from Cheddar to Wells Cathedral with various stops to pray, and carol singing together around the Cheddar village.

An event called "Finishing Well" was also a joint activity with support from different churches. This was organised for the 2nd year running in October. Attendees heard brief presentations from a GP, hospice nurse, funeral director and local minister, as well as from a carer from our Church which had been included in response to feedback from last year's event. The focus of the events is on equipping people with information to make informed choices around their own or another's death and to encourage open conversations in table discussion and beyond the event.

The Churches also worked together to participate in "Thy Kingdom Come 2025" from 2 to 6 June. This is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invited Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It started in 2016 as a specific invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England but had grown since then into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. People met at the different churches each morning for a week to pray.

Ukrainian refugees

It is no secret that the war in Ukraine was continuing at the end of 2025, with the inevitable humanitarian crises that war brings. We continued therefore to host a Ukrainian family in our Church Flat. Families in our Church and other churches in the area also hosted refugees in their homes, although some of them were able to graduate to living independently during the year. Some of these Ukrainian adults and children also continued to join us for Sunday meetings and to volunteer and participate in our other activities. As mentioned earlier, these included leading the January meeting in which we learned more about a Ukrainian Christmas and were able to pray for the country and its people.

Hardship fund

In common with many localities, people in the Cheddar area have many financial challenges. As an expression of our Christian faith we sought to provide some practical support. This included grants from our Hardship Fund to individuals, and grants from our general funds to the Cheddar Food Bank and "The Space" a local service supporting children, young people and their families with their emotional wellbeing.

New Wine

A group of women from the Church attended a New Wine Ladies' Day in Bristol. At this they were able to worship, pray and to hear about women who are fulfilling their calling, whether that was ministering in the church, their families, in charities or in business. And a New Wine summer camp held locally enabled

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those attending to hear about what God is saying to the UK church at this time and about the growth that is taking place within the wider church in many parts of the UK, particularly in urban areas.

Ekklesia March 2025

A significant number of Leaders and Trustees from the church attended the Ekklesia event in London. The event was organised by Andy Frost, from Share Jesus International (SJI), who the church has been journeying with for a couple of years, considering how the church can be more effective and focused in reaching out to friends, family and the wider community and sharing the life of Jesus. The event had a number of themes looking at innovative ways that people and churches have effectively reached out to their communities, e.g. through social media, and also some of the amazing initiatives worldwide which are having a major impact, e.g. the work of Tearfund with churches and communities in Africa. There was a good deal of time spent in discussion around tables and also in prayer and reflection. A number of leaders and trustees are also going to attend the 2026 event which is at the same location in London.

Walks

As a follow up to the Festival, we organised some family friendly walks about the area. These provided opportunities for people, including children, to get to know each other better and the locality. Walks for different abilities were held.

100% proof

Over three sessions starting in February, this event looked at "Can we find evidence of God in the universe and can we prove God's existence without the bible?". It was intended for Church members to invite friends and family to and to give them the chance to look at big questions. These included: Why Christianity? Why not Atheism? What about the other religions? Although numbers attending were limited, considerable discussion took place about these and other questions. In essence, attendees were invited to ask the questions people can shy away from for fear of 'rocking the boat'.

Because Christian witness in so many countries abroad is lacking or struggling, the Charity has for many years sought to support some of those on the front line. In addition, therefore, to donations to organisations supporting the persecuted church, the Charity has supported churches in France, Türkiye, and Bulgaria for many years. Our support to particular churches has been both financial and by visiting them. Members of our Leadership Team, for example, visited the Church in St. Malo to renew links with them and took opportunities for eating together and preaching.

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A former leader of the Charity has a particular calling to this ministry and we were able to continue supporting him in visits to France, Türkiye and Bulgaria. These trips always involved intensive one-to-one sessions with individuals to help them grow in their ministry; teaching groups of leaders in particular areas; and preaching in their Churches.



Preaching, with interpretation

Where practicable his visits involved others enabling them also to develop further links made in previous visits and online. We were also pleased to be able to welcome to the Church a couple from Türkiye to whom we provide some support financially, enabling both a better understanding on our part of their challenges and for them a chance to deepen links with people they may have seen only on a screen.

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Financial Review & Reserves Policy

The Trustees and Leadership Team closely monitor the Charity's financial position and take appropriate action if there is deterioration.

As explained previously, towards the end of 2024 we had benefited from a legacy left to us by a former Church member. This has enabled us to do many things that had been on our heart for some while. These included expanding our ministry to children and families by recruiting a new employee and holding the Summer Festival. We also continued our practice of not taking up offerings at meetings and not making appeals to our members for money unless that was for specific purposes. This was because we wanted to avoid newcomers feeling under any pressure to give and thereby perhaps being put off from coming again. There were only two such specific appeals in 2025, which were to help a Church in Türkiye towards their goal of buying their rented building and towards the costs of printing Christian literature by the same Church.

Perhaps because of this and the economic climate we found that unrestricted offerings to the Church were less than our budget at the beginning of the year by about £4,600. But, we are very grateful for the commitment and generosity of those who meet with us and donate despite hard times, and we do not take such commitment for granted.

Our policy on Reserves sets out the main financial risks we see, possible coping strategies and the minimum amount we consider it necessary to hold. This is:

- a) six months' staff and associated redundancy costs;
- b) three months' expected non-staffing costs excluding Charity donations to others as in item d below;
- c) no allowance for items supplied to the Charity under long-term contracts such as our energy contracts. We considered it unlikely that we would have to terminate any of these contracts. And although such contracts contained penalty clauses in the event of default, the amounts would be reduced to zero as time passed. We recognised that this issue would have to be looked at again if the Charity's finances became tighter.
- d) similarly with moral commitments to donate money to some churches and to others which we consider afresh each year as part of our budget process. The total amount varies from year to year but would reduce as each year progresses and the donations are disbursed. This too would need to be reviewed, though, if the Charity's available money fell near to the Reserve figure.

With rounding, the calculable figure for our Reserve agreed by Trustees for 2025 came to £48,000. This amount is made up from all the funds held by the Church in net current assets that are not legally committed (even though they might be notionally committed via the setting of a budget). The amount does not, of course, include any restricted fund money that we might be holding.

By God's grace we were more than able to meet this Reserve figure and have additional money for operating purposes as our net unrestricted current assets were £178,477 at 31 December 2025 (2024: £206,901).

The amount available for us to make donations varies from year to year because we have committed to channel funds into missions and community activities equal to at least 15% of the Church's unrestricted income in the previous year. In addition to that, though, we also set aside an amount equal to a further 5% of the previous year's unrestricted income, specifically for mainly local situations. Overall, then, our commitment is 20% of the previous year's unrestricted income.

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2025's donations' budget depended therefore on our unrestricted income in 2024, and came to £42,500 with undonated money carried forward from 2024. This enabled us to continue, for example, providing additional funding for the Schools' Chaplain so she could spend time helping the children in the KoW Academy and elsewhere. Assistance and support were also provided (as explained earlier) to churches in France and Türkiye.

We were able also to help some individuals in financial hardship. Overall, since setting up our separate Hardship Fund several years ago and inviting contributions to it, we had given around £5,000 to those in need by the end of December 2025. Over 70% of these recipients did not at the time join us for worship or had done so only in the previous 12 months. Some still do not join us, but we are all right with that as God is incredibly generous to everyone without asking or expecting anything in return.

Included in that percentage is money we committed to help parents at Fairlands School purchase school uniforms. We did this in co-operation with the Head Teacher by providing £500 to the local school uniforms supplier, which will be accessed via recommendation from the Head Teacher. In many ways we see this as an experiment and we will need to review in 2026 whether it has been beneficial.

Receipt of the legacy in 2024 had enabled us then to improve drainage in Gadd's Lane, which provides rear access to our premises. Because this Lane has not been adopted by the Council, upkeep is the responsibility of all the residents with 'frontage' onto it. With a small donation from one of the residents, for which we were grateful, in 2025 we paid for tarmac to be laid up to the final access point to our buildings. This has made a significant improvement for everyone who uses the Lane. And there is now much less risk of slips and trips for those coming to our meetings there or of our premises being flooded from the rear. In doing all this work, though, we made clear that we were not thereby assuming any overall responsibility for this part of Gadd's Lane.

As will be evident from the report, the legacy money made a significant difference to what we could achieve in 2025. It also, however, complicated calculation of our 20% to give away as the money is being spread over several years, projects and recipients (including staffing costs). As anticipated last year, this meant that we missed our donations target in 2025. Our commitment remains unchanged, though, and unspent donations money has been carried forward in our 2026 budget.

Finally, we want to record again that none of what we have achieved in this and previous years would have been possible without the generosity and commitment of individuals in the Church whose regular donations make up a significant majority of the Charity's usual income; and that the Charity also benefitted from an unquantified but very considerable amount of volunteer support from our people without which it could not operate effectively. We are very grateful to them for that, particularly to those who undertook several roles, and formally thank everyone who continued or began helping during the year.

Future development

In 2024 as we looked ahead to 2025, we were encouraged by the signs of a "quiet revival" taking place across the wider Church, particularly in the lives of young people. This chimed with what God had spoken to us prophetically in previous years about our calling to serve and bless children and youth. It seemed, though, that the Cheddar Valley was unlikely to see things happening in the same way as in the cities. Nonetheless we committed to improving our investment in children and young people using, not least, the legacy we had received.

That commitment bore some fruit in 2025. But we are hoping and planning for more fruit in 2026. We will, therefore, start a new weekly group for children who are not old enough for our Wildfire group. This group,

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called “*Rooted*” will begin in January 2026 and cater for ages 9 to 11. We will be helped in the running of this group not only by our own volunteers – including one young person from Wildfire - but also by the Chaplain at the KoW Academy, who is one of the clergy at the local Anglican Church. We are excited by this cooperation as it could mean we reach a wider range of children than would be possible on our own.

After a review though, we have decided to pause *Infinity & Beyond* as numbers attending have been variable. We will therefore focus on the Wildfire and Rooted groups as ways of reaching out to children and young people in our locality.

And whilst we will not be running our own summer camp this year, we will be looking to provide subsidised attendance at events hosted by others such as South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) June “Spree” event for 8 to 17 year olds. And we will continue to invest in families who attended our 2025 Festival who are now meeting with us despite having minimal or no previous church connection.

Our Children's Worker will develop still further her role at the First School with the intention of taking assemblies on a regular basis and setting up a lunchtime group for children. Simultaneously, our Youth and Children's Leader will continue to develop her links with Fairlands and the KoW Academy. Our aim through these connections is to share God's love more meaningfully with families across our community.

Where we can, we will continue to support some of those in financial difficulty through our Hardship Fund and we will continue to build upon our increasing links with schools to identify and prioritise recipients.

In March 2026, several of our leaders and Trustees will attend the Ekklesia Conference, referred to in Other activities, above, which this year is looking at the topic of discipleship. The conference will again be run over 2 days and will include a significant amount of time for round-table discussions and reflection.

We will begin 2026 with a month of prayer. Our plan is for everyone to receive insightful daily emails on aspects of prayer and daily prayer meetings for those that can manage that. Our Sunday meetings in January will also focus on prayer. After January we will be running a series on “Going deeper with God” which will continue until Easter. The series will look at the principles of how we go deeper with God from the early chapters of Genesis and then will consider how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus enables us to experience that much deeper relationship with God. The series will then look at how the establishment of the church in Acts supports the practical ways for us to go deeper with God as a community, including worship, communion, teaching (including wider resources) and fellowship. We also aim to set up activities to help people participate more in the life of the church and to explore these areas further, including worship evenings, a book club looking at books which have had a particular impact on individuals and are relevant for going deeper with God, and varied social gatherings.

Our commitment to international mission will continue in 2026. We are hoping that people from the church in France will visit us in the spring. And we will continue to support churches in Türkiye and Bulgaria.

And, again using some of the legacy money, we plan to refurbish areas of our main building, ensuring our space is well-equipped to serve the community in the years to come, and to improve accessibility to the toilets in our Gadd's Lane meeting hall.

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



Made by children during one of their Sunday evening meetings

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Cheddar Valley Community Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 30 August 2026..... and signed on their behalf by:

Colin Evans

Colin Evans, Chair of Trustees

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity information for the year ended 31 December 2025

Trustees	J Cainey C Evans S Hall P Hart A Mehlig R Timm
Charity Offices	The Oasis Tweentown Cheddar Somerset BS27 3JB
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston BSc., FCA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower 5 Farleigh Court Old Weston Road Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 1UR
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Kingdom Bank Ltd Media House Padge Road Beeston Nottingham NG9 2RS Lloyds Bank pic 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN Monmouthshire Building Society Monmouthshire House John Frost Square Newport NP20 1PX
Registered Numbers	1166903 (Charity) 10135450 (Company)

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cheddar Valley Community Church ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Joshua Kingston

Joshua N Kingston BSc., FCA
Burton Sweet Chartered Accountants
The Clock Tower
5 Farleigh Court
Old Weston Road
Flax Bourton
Bristol BS48 1UR

Date: 30 August 2026.....

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	69,656	5,566	75,222	215,133
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	60
Investments		4,178	65	4,243	3,011
Other Income		25	-	25	100
Total income		73,859	5,631	79,490	218,304
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	97,469	11,437	108,906	75,594
Total expenditure		97,469	11,437	108,906	75,594
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	5	(23,610)	(5,806)	(29,416)	142,710
Transfers between funds	12	(5,135)	5,135	-	-
Net movement in funds		(28,745)	(671)	(29,416)	142,710
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	12	534,042	2,479	536,521	393,811
Total funds carried forward	12	505,297	1,808	507,105	536,521

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

Prior year comparatives are set out in note 8.

The notes on pages 22 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Company Number: 10135450

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		326,820		327,141
Current assets					
Debtors	10	3,950		3,467	
Cash at bank and in hand		181,115		210,273	
		<u>185,065</u>		<u>213,740</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(4,780)</u>		<u>(4,360)</u>	
Net current assets			180,285		209,380
Net assets			<u>507,105</u>		<u>536,521</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	13		505,297		534,042
Designated funds	13		-		-
Restricted funds	13		1,808		2,479
Total funds	13		<u>507,105</u>		<u>536,521</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30 August 2026..... and are signed on their behalf by:

Colin Evans

Colin Evans
Chair of trustees

The notes on pages 22 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

(b) Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is entitled to the resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is shown gross and with the associated costs shown

(c) Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Charitable activity expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the fees and costs linked with the strategic management of the charity. They have been included within charitable activity costs.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets held by the Church which are brought forward were brought into the accounts at an estimated value as at April 2014, and this was taken as the deemed historic cost. Assets held at this time, and assets valued at more than £1,000 acquired at a later date are depreciated according to their estimated useful lives as shown below. That policy was subsequently reviewed and it was decided to increase this limit to £1,500 from 1 January 2023. Land and buildings have also been given a deemed cost and are not depreciated. It is the Trustees' policy to maintain buildings held for charitable use in such condition that their useful economic life is indeterminate. The trustees are therefore of the opinion, that this policy, and the location of the property means that the current residual value of the property is not less than the carrying value in the accounts, and consequently, no depreciation is charged.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

Office Equipment is depreciated at 20% per annum on a straight line basis.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Cash and bank balances

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

h) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects 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 note 12 of the financial statements.

2 Income from Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations	52,741	5,143	57,884
Gift aid tax refunds	11,915	423	12,338
Grants received	5,000	-	5,000
Legacies	-	-	-
	<u>69,656</u>	<u>5,566</u>	<u>75,222</u>

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	53,176	4,668	57,844
Gift aid tax refunds	10,955	249	11,204
Grants received	6,800	-	6,800
Legacies	139,285	-	139,285
	<u>210,216</u>	<u>4,917</u>	<u>215,133</u>

Total donations received from Trustees, key management personnel and related parties in the year were £40,283 (2024: £37,499).

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

3 Income from Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Use of Church rooms	-	-	-	60
	-	-	-	60

All charitable activity income in the prior year was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<i>Direct costs</i>			
Donations	21,380	3,065	24,445
Youthwork and worship ministry costs	4,033	6,709	10,742
Missionary costs	1,349	-	1,349
Church staff costs	31,069	-	31,069
<i>Support costs</i>			
Establishment costs	25,995	56	26,051
Equipment hire cost	-	895	895
Professional fees	278	-	278
Equipment leasing	352	-	352
Licensing and subscriptions	5,870	-	5,870
Administration costs	1,190	-	1,190
Miscellaneous costs	1,447	712	2,159
Depreciation	321	-	321
Independent examiner's fee (see note 5)	4,185	-	4,185
	97,469	11,437	108,906

CHEDDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Prior year comparative

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<i>Direct costs</i>			
Donations	14,468	5,370	19,838
Youthwork and worship ministry costs	4,320	-	4,320
Missionary costs	1,304	-	1,304
Church staff costs	20,852	-	20,852
<i>Support costs</i>			
Establishment costs	16,717	-	16,717
Professional fees	576	-	576
Equipment leasing	733	-	733
Licensing and subscriptions	5,771	-	5,771
Administration costs	781	-	781
Miscellaneous costs	685	-	685
Depreciation	597	-	597
Accountancy fees	3,420	-	3,420
	<u>70,224</u>	<u>5,370</u>	<u>75,594</u>

Donations

Included in donations above are the following:

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants to institutions		
Compassion UK	200	663
Centre Chrétien Église Baptist de St Malo	1,450	1,320
Foundation of Unified Protestant Churches (UPCF), Turkey	1,602	1,425
Protestant Churches Foundation (PCF), Turkey	5,450	4,950
Kütahya Kilisesi, Turkey	5,250	1,180
LiberateUK CIC	-	506
Love Enterprise CIC	50	-
Open doors	1,000	100
Umut Kilisesi, Bulgaria	-	1,000
Cheddar Food Bank	1,000	-
The Kings of Wessex Academy	4,300	3,900
Share Jesus International	800	1,000
The Space	1,000	-
Grants to individuals	1,843	893
Grants to individuals from Hardship fund	500	800
	<u>24,445</u>	<u>17,737</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

5 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	321	597
Independent examiner's remuneration		
- For independent examination	2,733	2,516
- For accounts preparation	1,347	1,240
- Prior year's over accrual	105	(336)
Trustees' expenses	136	65

No remuneration was paid to Trustees during either the current or prior year.

6 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,694	20,626
Pension contributions	375	226

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

During the year, the average headcount of staff was 2.5 (2024: 2). The average number of full time equivalent employees in year was 0.9 (2024: 0.6)

The Trustees consider key management personnel to consist of individuals (their spouses and close relations) who served as a Trustee and / or on the Church Leadership team, employees and those with specific statutory responsibilities.

The total employment benefits received by key management personnel during the year were £31,069 (2024: £20,852).

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

8 Fund Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations/Legacies	210,216	4,917	215,133
Charitable activities	60	-	60
Investments	2,903	108	3,011
Other income	100	-	100
Total income	213,279	5,025	218,304
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	70,224	5,370	75,594
	70,224	5,370	75,594
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	143,055	(345)	142,710
Transfers between funds	400	(400)	-
Net movement in funds	143,455	(745)	142,710
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	390,587	3,224	393,811
Total funds carried forward	534,042	2,479	536,521

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	325,000	14,274	6,774	346,048
At 31 December 2025	<u>325,000</u>	<u>14,274</u>	<u>6,774</u>	<u>346,048</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	12,133	6,774	18,907
Charge for the year	-	321	-	321
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>12,454</u>	<u>6,774</u>	<u>19,228</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2025	<u>325,000</u>	<u>1,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,820</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>325,000</u>	<u>2,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,141</u>

10 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	2,995	2,555
Gift aid	955	912
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>3,467</u>

11 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	584	555
Accruals and deferred income	4,080	3,756
Taxation and social security	116	49
	<u>4,780</u>	<u>4,360</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

12 Movement in funds

	As at 1 January 2025 £	Total Income £	Total Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2025 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	534,042	73,859	(97,469)	(5,135)	505,297
Designated fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>534,042</u>	<u>73,859</u>	<u>(97,469)</u>	<u>(5,135)</u>	<u>505,297</u>
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
UPCF	150	1,733	(1,988)	-	(105)
Gadd's Lane	-	500	(500)	-	-
Hardship fund	2,329	59	(500)	-	1,888
Infinity and Beyond	-	100	(100)	-	-
Wildfire Theatre	-	188	(188)	-	-
Karaali - books	-	502	(502)	-	-
Festival 25	-	2,524	(7,659)	5,135	-
Karaali Purchase Building	-	25	-	-	25
	<u>2,479</u>	<u>5,631</u>	<u>(11,437)</u>	<u>5,135</u>	<u>1,808</u>
Total Funds	<u>536,521</u>	<u>79,490</u>	<u>(108,906)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>507,105</u>

Prior year comparative

	As at 1 January 2024 £	Total Income £	Total Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2024 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General fund	362,738	213,279	(70,224)	28,249	534,042
Designated fund	27,849	-	-	(27,849)	-
	<u>390,587</u>	<u>213,279</u>	<u>(70,224)</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>534,042</u>
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
UPCF	153	1,422	(1,425)	-	150
Hardship fund	3,071	58	(800)	-	2,329
LiberateUK offering	-	506	(506)	-	-
Summer Camp	-	1,250	(850)	(400)	-
Ekklesia Conference	-	178	(178)	-	-
Soyak, Turkey	-	150	(150)	-	-
	<u>3,224</u>	<u>3,564</u>	<u>(3,909)</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>2,479</u>
Total Funds	<u>393,811</u>	<u>216,843</u>	<u>(74,133)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>536,521</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

12 Movement in funds

Restricted funds relate to amounts donated for the purpose of funding youth and other works and for the purpose of overseas missions.

The designated fund was abolished on 8 October 2024 and the balance was transferred to general funds.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>			
General fund	326,820	178,477	505,297
Designated fund	-	-	-
Restricted funds	-	1,808	1,808
	<u>326,820</u>	<u>180,285</u>	<u>507,105</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>			
General fund	327,141	206,901	534,042
Designated fund	-	-	-
Restricted funds	-	2,479	2,479
	<u>327,141</u>	<u>209,380</u>	<u>536,521</u>

14 Related party transactions

There are no transactions with trustees or other related parties other than those disclosed as required by the SORP elsewhere in the financial statements.