

Inverclyde Christian Initiative

Scottish Charity No SC036983

**Annual Report and Financial Statements For
the Year Ended 30 November 2025**

Trustees' Annual Report For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 30 November 2025.

Reference And Administrative Information

Charity No

SC036983

Address

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Greenock
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Current Trustees

Rev Francis Murphy
Mr Alistair McAlees
(Resigned 1st
March 2026)
Miss Mary Pollard
Mr Chris Jewell
Rev Andrew Lunn

Independent Examiner

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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Inverclyde Christian Initiative is an unincorporated association and its purpose and administration arrangements are set out in the Constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

All existing trustees are reappointed at our annual general meeting. New trustees can be appointed at any time throughout the year.

Management

The Executive Management Team, the governing body as determined by the Constitution, is referred to as the Trustees in this report.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Our purposes, as set out in the Constitution, are to promote and provide for the dissemination and exchange of knowledge and information; to take part in and/or conduct educational and training programs, courses, seminars and events of all kinds directed towards the acquisition or development of skills which are relevant to the group and its objects.

Achievements and Performance

Inverclyde Christian Initiative was set up as a registered charity to implement a number of public outreach activities desired by those within the original prayer group, Inverclyde Intercessors, and since its operation it conducted a number of public activities including outreaches of various types. In more recent times this has included the introduction of Healing Rooms in 2007, a 10-day outreach with members of Times Square church in New York in 2009, Street Pastors in 2010 and Rail Pastors in 2017.

We undertook a further Civic Prayer event on 13th March 2025 in the Greenock Town Hall Saloon which once again was very well received and another will be held in May 2026

Our Street Pastor activities continue, and we hope this will increase as new trainees come forward. We have been able to continue the shorter day patrol at lunchtimes in Greenock town centre which have been well received. We also started weekly lunchtime patrols around Inverclyde Academy with the permission of the school and these have gone well. Our Rail Pastor service continues with success and is valued by both ScotRail and Network Rail. Notably, we learned of a 14 year boy's suicide intention from bullying was averted after speaking with one of our volunteers.

A strong focus for our Trustees remains young people. A monthly prayer time continues for young people led by Inverclyde Youth for Christ and a number of volunteers were trained in Scripture Union's Bible Alive presentations which we hope to introduce in two or more local primary schools.

The Trustees remain grateful to God for His continued faithfulness and encouragement to us in this ministry in Inverclyde. We were very sad to lose the services of our Chairperson and also our Street Pastor Coordinator, Alistair McAlees in March 2026, after 20 years as a Trustee and 15 years as our Street Pastor Coordinator. The trustees want to record their great appreciation to Alistair for his commitment and the strengths he brought to both roles. Chris Jewell was subsequently appointed Interim Chairperson and Interim Street Pastor Coordinator.

Financial Review

The charity generated income of £3,320 (2024: £2,145) through grants and donations and met charitable activity costs of £5,438 (2024: £6,237), incurring a net deficit of £2,117 (2023: £4,091).

Reserves Policy

As at 30 November 2025 the initiative had total reserves of £429 (2024: £2,547). These reserves in opinion of trustees, are sufficient to continue our operations in 2025-26 along with continuing fundraising activities and a further grant agreed by Inverclyde Council of £2,000.

Plans for the future

The charity will continue with its regular outreaches and activities with added emphasis on young people.

As mentioned, we hope to introduce Scripture Union Scotland’s resource called Bible Alive in two or more Inverclyde Primary schools as a test and then to roll out to more primary schools. Our Street Pastors patrolling at Inverclyde Academy’s nearby food outlets will continue with a view to introducing School Pastors within the school. In addition to our weekly stand in the local shopping mall, we are keen to widen to include a weekly presence in a local coffee shop assuming permissions and adequate resources.

We will work hard to recruit additional Street, Rail and School Pastors to provide our existing and these additional services.

Approved by the Trustees on..... and signed on their behalf by

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Chris Jewell Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to state, on the basis of my examination, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date:

Statement of Receipts and Payments For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

	Notes	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts			
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>		£	£
Donations	5	2,820	1,285
Grants	6	500	860
		<u>3,320</u>	<u>2,145</u>
Payments			
<i>Cost of Charitable Activities</i>			
Fundraising Costs		1125	-
Gifts		-	-
Heat and Light		-	-
IE		480	480
Insurance		457	699
License Fees		400	800
Outreach Expenses		1,423	1,773
Post & Distribution		34	490
Print and Promotional		899	778
Repairs and Maintenance		-	99
Rent		360	600
Street Pastor Costs		260	518
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Surplus/-Deficit For The Year		<u>5,438</u> <u>-£2,118</u>	<u>6,237</u> <u>-£4,092</u>

Statement Balances as at 30 November 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash at bank and in Hand-1 December 2024	2,547	6,639
Surplus/Deficit for the year	(2,118)	(4,092)
	429	2,547
Cash at bank and in hand-30 November 2025		

Current Assets

Bank	69	2,295
Cash in hand	360	252
	429	2,547

All funds are unrestricted

The Notes on page 8 and 9 form an integral part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

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Chris Jewell Trustee

Date:

Notes to the Accounts – For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. General Information

Inverclyde Christian Initiative ("the charity") is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution dated 19 November 2005. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC036983) on 19 November 2005. Its registered address is 43a Esplanade, Greenock, PA16 7RY.

3. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

4. Donations

Donations comprise:

	2025	2024
Gift Aid	474	684
Individuals	2,346	601
	2,820	1,285

6. Grants

Grants comprise:

	2025	2024
Inverclyde Council	-	-
Police Scotland	<u>500</u>	<u>860</u>
	<u>500</u>	<u>860</u>