



Trustee's Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the period ending 31st March 2026

Gateway Church Glasgow



Report and Financial Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2026

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Gateway Church Glasgow

(Formerly known as “Champion Life Church”: to the 23rd January 2017)

TRUSTEE’S ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the financial year ending 31st March 2026

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name : Gateway Church Glasgow
Charity Number (OSCR) : SC039354
Charity Number (HMRC) : CR61594
Principal Address : 231 Dalmarnock Road, Bridgeton, Glasgow G40 4NB Scotland
Constitutional form : Unincorporated Association
Constitutional form date : 1st March 2008
Accounting reference date: 31st March

Website : www.gatewaychurchglasgow.co.uk

Charity Trustees Andrew Smith (Chair)
Lois Smith (Treasurer)(Resigned 15/9/2025)
Kenneth O’Donnell (Secretary)(Appointed 28/4/2025)
Ronald Edwards

Bankers : Clydesdale Bank. 135 Almada Street, Hamilton. ML3 0EX

Senior Staff member responsible for day-to-day management of the charity: Pastor Andrew Smith

The charity has income below £250,000, and as such is eligible to prepare its accounts on a “Receipts and Payments” Basis. The governing document does not require the charity to prepare fully accrued accounts and neither does it require an audit. The charity has prepared these accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity has had the accounts independently examined by Peter Hall, 131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline, KY11 4JU

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT

Governing document: The Trust is administered in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. The Charity is registered with the “Office of Scottish Charity Regulator”.

Organisational structure and decision-making process: The Trustees are the managerial arm of the charity. They meet regularly and make decisions for and on behalf of the church. Major decisions of a managerial and financial nature are minuted.

How trustees are appointed and recruited: Appointment and removal is in accordance with the Trust Deed which requires that appointment is approved by unanimous agreement of the existing trustees and removal of any trustee by the unanimous agreement of the others.

Risk Management: The Trustees actively review operational and financial risks facing the charity and are satisfied that appropriate procedures and safeguards are in place to mitigate identified risks where reasonably practicable.

Affiliations and connections: The charity is affiliated with the “Assemblies of God, Great Britain”. (“Assemblies of God” is a company limited by guarantee (No. 2873415) registered in England, having its registered office at “Gf/F12 No. 1-2 The Cottages, Deva Centre, Manchester, England, M3 7BE” and is also a registered charity (No. 1032245)).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Purpose of the charity as set out in the governing document: The purpose of the charity is the advancement of religion; provision of assistance to those in need through age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. The church building is located in the heart of the east end of Glasgow and is a central focal point for the local community.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes:

- ✓ continual weekly meetings; Sunday morning, Tuesday evening.
- ✓ children’s programme on Tuesday evening for children in the community from deprived homes.

Volunteers: The church would not be able to function without the help of volunteers in the areas of supervision of children, music, serving and cooking, teaching, maintenance & administration. The Trustees would like to thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution to the life of the charity. The Trustees acknowledge that the public benefit would not be possible without these volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees are pleased to report another active and encouraging year in the life of Gateway Church Glasgow. Throughout the year, the Church continued to advance its charitable purposes through the advancement of religion, practical community support, pastoral care, youth and children’s ministry, and both local and overseas mission engagement.

Gateway Church remains committed to serving the Bridgeton and wider East End Glasgow community through worship, discipleship, hospitality, outreach and compassionate support for those experiencing hardship or isolation. The Church building continued to operate as a vibrant community hub throughout the week and was regularly utilised for worship services, prayer meetings, small groups, youth activities, children’s ministry, community outreach, leadership development and pastoral support initiatives.

Worship, Teaching and Spiritual Development: Regular public worship services continued each Sunday alongside weekly prayer meetings, small groups and discipleship gatherings. During the year, the Church undertook a number of teaching series including studies through the Psalms, Elijah and Elisha, Nehemiah, and the small group programme “Goliath Must Fall”, focusing on overcoming issues such as fear, rejection, addiction and personal struggles.

The Church also continued monthly prayer and fasting gatherings throughout the year as part of a wider commitment to spiritual growth and discipleship. Trustees noted increased participation in worship and prayer activities, with a growing emphasis on creating opportunities for spiritual encounter and pastoral support.

The Church welcomed a range of guest speakers and ministries during the year including Daniel Sutherland (Apex Church, Peterhead), Kevin Peat, Barry Woodward, Clem Ferris (USA), Chris Greenhalgh (Open Doors), and Pastor Sean Mullarkey during a leadership development day held at Westerwood Hotel.

Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Children’s and youth ministry remained central to the Church’s activities during the year. The weekly Junction Kids Club continued to provide food, teaching, activities and pastoral care for over 50 primary school children from the local community each week. Many of the children attending come from areas of deprivation and social need within the East End of Glasgow.

The Church also continued its Community Café ministry, providing meals, hospitality and support to members of the local community.

One of the highlights of the year was the continued development of the Connect Kids Camp at Lendrickmuir. Approximately 80 children and leaders attended the second annual camp weekend involving worship, Bible teaching, activities and outdoor instruction. Trustees noted the significant spiritual and social impact the camp had on many young people attending from the local community.

Gateway also participated in the Magnitude Youth Festival at Lendrickmuir, where around 2,000 young people from across Scotland gathered for worship and teaching. Young people from Gateway Church attended and benefited greatly from the experience.

A new youth ministry for P7–S2 age groups was launched during the year under dedicated leadership teams, with encouraging attendance levels from local young people. The Church also continued developing ministry opportunities for young adults.

Community Outreach and Public Benefit: The Church remained heavily engaged in practical community outreach throughout the year. Significant partnership work continued with the Celtic Charitable Foundation and Islamic Relief Foundation through large-scale food distribution projects supporting local schools and families in need. Several tonnes of food were distributed within the local community during organised outreach events.

Additional practical support included:

- distribution of Asda vouchers to families experiencing hardship;
- community feeding initiatives;
- support for vulnerable individuals and isolated residents;
- Christmas Day meals for those who would otherwise have spent the day alone;
- hospitality events and community engagement programmes;
- support for families affected by crisis situations.

Following a serious house fire near the Church premises, the congregation provided financial assistance and practical support to the affected uninsured family.

The Church also hosted a “Back to School” style outreach initiative supporting children and families within the local area.

Missions and Overseas Support: Gateway Church continued its longstanding commitment to overseas missions, particularly through its partnership with Ron and Joanna Domingo and ministry activities in Tondo, Manila, Philippines.

Financial support continued to be provided towards feeding programmes, children’s work and missionary activities overseas. The Church also prepared a short-term missions team to travel to the Philippines for ministry activity involving youth work, feeding programmes, church ministry and practical assistance projects.

Fundraising activities during the year included a successful curry, quiz and auction night which raised over £5,000 towards overseas mission work and travel costs.

Although international conflict and travel disruption later resulted in cancellation of flights connected with the missions trip, the Church remains committed to overseas mission involvement when circumstances allow..

Pastoral Ministry and Church Life: The Church continued to provide pastoral support to members and attendees throughout the year. This included hospital visitation, bereavement support, counselling, family support and pastoral care during difficult personal circumstances.

During the year:

- babies were dedicated;
- adults were baptised;
- funeral services were conducted for long-standing church members;
- special seasonal services and outreach events were held during Christmas and Easter periods.

The Trustees recognise the faithful work undertaken by staff, volunteers and ministry leaders across all areas of church life.

Leadership & Governance: The Church continued strengthening its governance structures during the year. Kenneth O'Donnell was appointed as a Trustee during the year following a transition from the Senior Leadership Team into formal governance responsibilities.

The Trustees also implemented further improvements to administrative systems and financial processes, including increased digitalisation of financial records and delegated processing arrangements to improve governance, accountability and operational resilience.

Leadership & Governance: The Trustees continued to invest responsibly in maintaining and improving the Church property to ensure the facilities remain safe, welcoming and suitable for ministry and community use.

The Church premises continue to be heavily utilised throughout the week and remain an important resource within the local community.

The Trustees give thanks to God for His continued faithfulness throughout the year and remain encouraged by the ongoing growth, ministry opportunities and community impact of Gateway Church Glasgow.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income Overview

Total income for the year amounted to £193,095 (2025: £186,181). The majority of income continued to arise from voluntary donations and Gift Aid contributions from members and supporters of the church.

General donations totalled £144,969, with additional designated and restricted donations received for specific ministry purposes and overseas mission activity. The Church also received grant income of £24,000 from the Celtic FC Foundation in support of community and outreach initiatives. HMRC Gift Aid recoveries amounted to £23,589.

The Trustees remain grateful for the faithful financial support of the congregation and external supporters which has enabled the Church to continue and expand its ministry activities throughout Glasgow and overseas.

Expenditure Overview

Total expenditure during the year was £202,745 (2025: £222,202). The reduction in expenditure compared to the prior year reflects lower one-off property and infrastructure costs following significant expenditure in the previous year on the church boiler and related building works.

Key expenditure areas during the year included:

- Salaries and wages: £76,668
- Overseas and local missions: £20,794 (includes Philippines Mission trip payments)
- Outreach ministry and hospitality including the Community Café: £15,586
- Children's ministry: £13,896
- Utilities: £9,556
- Repairs and maintenance: £17,328

The Trustees consider these expenditures to be in furtherance of the charity's charitable objectives and consistent with the Church's ongoing commitment to ministry, discipleship, outreach, pastoral care and community engagement.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds carried forward at the year end totalled £8,599. These funds relate to deposits received from church attenders towards a planned short-term missions trip to the Philippines. Flights were cancelled due to international events. Accordingly, the Trustees have continued to treat these monies as restricted funds held for their original designated purpose.

Financial Position and Reserves

At the year end, the charity held total funds of £36,659 (2025: £46,309), comprising unrestricted funds of £28,061 and restricted funds of £8,599.

The net deficit for the year was £9,650. The Trustees consider this deficit manageable within the context of the Church's current reserves position and ongoing income levels.

The Trustees continue to monitor cash flow carefully and maintain a prudent reserves policy to ensure the Church can continue operating effectively and respond to unforeseen expenditure requirements.

Analysis of movement in funds:

	Balance 1.4.2025	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in funds	Transfers	Balance 31.3.2026
Unrestricted						
General fund	46,309	160,497	202,745		24,000	28,061
Restricted						
Café		24,000			(24,000)	-
Philippines		8,599				8,599
Missions trip						-
Total funds	46,309	193,095	202,745			36,659

There were no outstanding grant or loan applications at the balance sheet date.

The financial effect of significant events: No significant financial events other than what is noted in this report.

Investment policy & objectives set: Should funds be available, the Trustees will seek financial advice.

Charity's policy on reserves: The Trustees ensure that the balance of the bank account does not fall below a balance of £1,000. This will ensure cash is available for any unforeseeable circumstances. The Trustees review the reserves policy each Trustees meeting.

Going Concern: The Trustees have reviewed cash flow forecasts, current financial resources, and expected future income. On the basis of this review, the Trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and are satisfied that the Church has adequate resources to continue its operational activities for the foreseeable future.

Public Benefit: In planning and carrying out the activities of the charity, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator ("OSCR").

The Trustees believe that the charity continues to provide clear public benefit through the advancement of religion and through practical support to the local community.

Activities are open to members of the public regardless of background, faith, age, ethnicity or financial circumstances.

Public benefit provided during the year included:

- regular public worship services and prayer meetings;
- pastoral care and counselling;
- youth and children's activities;
- community café and hospitality initiatives;
- food distribution and practical assistance to individuals and families in need;
- support for isolated and vulnerable individuals;
- overseas mission support and charitable giving;
- community events, outreach programmes and family support initiatives.

The Church building is used throughout the week for charitable and community-focused activities and serves as a welcoming and accessible resource within the East End of Glasgow.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the year were consistent with its charitable purposes and delivered tangible public benefit.

Environmental Statement: The Trustees recognise the importance of responsible environmental stewardship and seek to manage the Church premises and activities in a manner that is environmentally responsible and sustainable where reasonably practicable.

As owners of the Church building at Dalmarnock Road, the Trustees continue to invest in the maintenance and improvement of the property to enhance operational efficiency and preserve the long-term usability of the premises. During the year, attention continued to be given to heating efficiency, building maintenance and responsible management of utilities.

The Church seeks to minimise waste through increased use of electronic communication, digital record keeping and reduction of unnecessary printing where possible. Recycling facilities are utilised where available and volunteers are encouraged to use resources responsibly.

The Trustees acknowledge that environmental responsibility forms part of good stewardship and will continue to consider practical and financially appropriate measures to reduce the environmental impact of the Church's activities over time.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for future periods: More ministry is planned throughout the year.

The Trustees believe that this report is a fair, balanced and an understandable review of the charity's structure, legal purposes, objectives and activities, financial performance & financial position.

The Trustees would like to thank all those volunteers to help make it possible for Gateway Church Glasgow to function.

The Charity Trustees declare that they have approved the report above. Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees.



Date : 23rd June 2026

Full Name : Andrew Smith
Position : Trustee/Chair/Pastor

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF "GATEWAY CHURCH GLASGOW"

Scottish Registered Charity SC039354

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 13 to 16.

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state 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 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 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts 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.



Peter Hall
Fellow Certified Public Accountant
131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline. KY11 4JU

Date: 2nd July 2026

Gateway Church Glasgow
Statement of Financial Activities
12 months ending 31st March 2026
Scottish Registered Charity
SC039354

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2025 total funds	Further Details
	£	£	£	£	
Receipts from:					
Donations & Legacies	144,969	24,000	168,969	159,621	1
Charitable Activities					2
Other Trading Activities					
Investments	537		537	1,585	
Other	14,990	8,599	23,589	24,974	3
Total	160,497	32,599	193,095	186,181	
Payments on:					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	202,745		202,745	222,202	4
Other					
Total	202,745		202,745	222,202	
Net Receipts/(Payments)	(42,248)	32,599	(9,650)	(36,021)	
Transfers between funds	24,000	(24,000)			
Reconciliation of funds					5
Total funds brought forward	46,309	-	46,309	82,330	
Total funds carried forward	28,061	8,599	36,659	46,309	

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities	Note	2026	2025
Income & Endowments			
<i>Income from Donations & Legacies</i>			
General donations	1	144,969	152,121
Grants (Celtic Football Club Foundation)		24,000	7,500
<i>Income from Charitable Activities</i>	2		
<i>Other Income</i>			
HMRC Gift Aid payments	3	14,990	24,974
Investments – Bank Interest		537	1,585
Expenditure			
<i>Expenditure on Charitable Activities</i>	4	202,745	222,202
All costs to further charity's aims			
Reconciliation of funds	5		
Main Account. Clydesdale bank, Cambuslang.		27,986	38,802
Project account		8,674	7,507

Gateway Church Glasgow
Scottish Registered Charity SC039354
Receipts & Payments (detailed)

Year ending 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
<u>Receipts</u>		
Designated Donations	34,551	21,822
Donations Received - Gift Aid	85,173	98,401
Donations Received -Non Gift Aid	22,745	30,998
Grants	24,000	7,500
Interest	537	1,585
Missions	2,500	900
Other Income		
Tax Reclaimed	23,589	24,974
Total Income	193,095	186,181
<u>Less: Payments</u>		
Advertising	45	99
Bank charges	1	
Charitable Contributions	3,700	3,100
Cleaning	600	
Conferences	2,498	6,960
Donations & Gifts	8,508	7,550
Electricity Gas Water	9,556	15,298
Honorarium	6,385	5,755
Insurance	4,294	4,185
Kitchen Requisites	334	968
Licenses & Permits	580	779
Literature & Resources	397	253
Ministry Expenses - Children	13,896	12,687
Ministry Expenses - Women	57	400
Ministry Expenses – Youth	672	211
Missions - Overseas	19,858	21,481
Missions - Local	936	
Office Supplies	77	
Outreach Ministry & Hospitality incl		
Café	15,586	11,194
Outreach – Community Pastor	1,316	3,664
Printing & Stationery	334	249
Professional Services	3,400	3,400
Repairs & Maintenance	17,328	39,970
Repairs & Maintenance – Comm. Café	825	
Salaries & Wages	76,668	68,327

Software	1,131	1,092
Sound equipment		
Subscriptions & Memberships	5,904	4,959
Telephone & internet	1,867	1,829
Travel & Accommodation	5,992	7,794
Total Payments	202,745	222,202
Net Receipts (Payments)	(9,650)	(36,021)

Statement of Balances	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	2025
Cash & Bank balances at start of the year	46,309		46,309	82,330
Surplus/(deficit) shown	(18,248)	8,599	(9,650)	(36,021)
Cash & Bank balances at end of the year	28,061	8,599	36,659	46,309

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Our prayer is the motto of the city:

'Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of His Word and the praising of His name'