

INSPIRING FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS

STORIES OF LIVES CHANGED, FAITH
DEEPENED, AND COMMUNITIES
EMPOWERED.



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WELCOME

Welcome to our BRF Ministries Impact Report for 2025. We marvel at all that God has made possible in and through our ministries over the past year.

The following pages will give you a flavour of the impact our ministries have had on individual lives, churches, and whole communities. Some of our particular highlights from 2025 include:

- The first Anna Chaplain commissioned in **Northern Ireland** and the continued growth of the Anna Chaplaincy network.
- The **600th** person to complete our Anna Chaplaincy training course.
- The **1,800th** Messy Church to register on our online directory.
- The fourth Messy Church conference involving **160 delegates** from 14 countries, including our first participant from Ghana.
- The development and launch of the Grandparenting for Faith course in collaboration with CYM.
- The launch of **two major collaborations with the Church of England** for the Parenting for Faith and Messy Church teams.
- The steady stream of emails and letters each week from those who read and use our books, Bible reading notes, and other resources, reflecting how much these are valued and appreciated.

Each year we work with around 2,000 churches across a range of denominations and traditions, and across the breadth of the UK. We're so thankful for all that God has enabled us to do through BRF Ministries during 2025, and we want to thank all the individuals, churches, and charitable trusts whose generous support makes it all possible.

Richard Fisher
Chief executive



Jules Morgan
Deputy chief executive



WHO WE ARE

Inspiring people of all ages to grow in Christian faith

This is at the heart of what we are committed to do at BRF Ministries and below you'll find why this is so important to us:

- Inspiring** because we're all looking for new ways to explore and embrace Jesus.
- People of all ages** because it's never too late and never too early to find faith.
- Grow** because life is all about moving forwards.
- Christian faith** because we're truly proud to be doing God's work.

We believe our work makes a lasting difference to people's lives.

Whatever their age, wherever they are on the journey towards God, our desire is to see more people...

-  Growing in understanding of the Bible
-  Encountering God and experiencing vibrant Christian faith
-  Equipped to exercise gifts in leadership and ministry



ANNA CHAPLAINCY

What an exciting year this has been for Anna Chaplaincy: once again, the team have seen God's Spirit at work, calling women and men to this sensitive ministry of presence in their communities. High numbers of enquiries and conversations with prospective Anna Chaplains are held every month. Anna Chaplaincy is becoming increasingly well-known as an established voice in older people's ministry across most church denominations and by other charities and organisations.

The rate of growth is humbling: at the end of 2024, 415 individuals were serving as Anna Chaplains or in equivalent roles across the country, typically with seven or eight volunteers (often known as Anna Friends) supporting each chaplain's ministry. The network has grown to 474 (December 2025), but an additional 120 people have retired or stepped aside from the ministry in the last ten years. From network data collected, Anna Chaplains and their teams collectively

offer approaching one million encounters with older people, their carers and families every year.

Highlights of this year include the launch of Anna Chaplaincy in Northern Ireland through collaboration with Belfast Central Mission, and the annual gathering in Hertfordshire, which saw 50 members of the network draw together for two amazing days of shared wisdom, training, and fellowship. While there, the national team were delighted to outline new initiatives that offer support in ministry, focused upon pastoral facilitation, increased opportunities for reflective practice, and new training modules that allow for deepening specialist ministry. In the coming year, growing in both depth and breadth as a network is anticipated.

Debbie Ducille
Anna Chaplaincy
ministry lead





**474 Anna
Chaplains**



**1,500 blog
subscribers**



**120
alumni**



**1st Anna Chaplain
in Northern Ireland**

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‘Anna Chaplaincy is a prophetic call to the church in the UK to take seriously the spiritual needs of our senior citizens.’

Nigel Tween Director of Elim UK Chaplaincy Association



‘It has been inspirational to see to see how many people are involved [in Anna Chaplaincy in Kent], and all coming at the issue in different ways in response to different needs and contexts.’

David Jefferys Mayor of Bromley and licensed lay minister



‘I believe Anna Chaplaincy is a profound, prescient, and prophetic sign for our age. Isolation, alienation, and loneliness are among the biggest challenges we face in our time... So Anna Chaplaincy – in seeking out the elderly, the lonely, and the isolated – does exactly what Jesus would have us do: and in so doing, we might challenge and transform our contemporary society.’

Martyn Percy Church pastor and long-time supporter of BRF Ministries



‘People are getting older, but that doesn’t mean they’re not able to serve anymore or that they can’t find new meaning and purpose at this stage of life. By listening, being present, we’re giving them the opportunity to look at what they can do. I’ve never felt it a hopeless ministry at all. I get such a lot of joy and I think the people we spend time with also get a lot of joy out of the conversations, or even just sitting quietly without talking. And we have a lot of fun, in the various activities as well as in the conversations.’

James Anna Chaplain

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church is a welcoming, Christ-centred way of being church for all ages, built on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. Meeting monthly in diverse locations, Messy Churches adapt to suit their local communities and come in all shapes and sizes.

The BRF Ministries Messy Church team celebrates stories of transformation – like a South East London Messy Church feeding 500 people monthly, whole-family baptisms on a council estate, and even a Messy wedding for a couple who found faith through the ministry.

With over 100 new Messy Churches launched in the past year, the network reached 1,800 in August 2025. Remarkably, 55% of attendees have no prior church connection, offering fresh opportunities to encounter Jesus.

BRF Ministries supports this growing movement through training, resources, and initiatives like Messy Church Goes Wild and Messy Momentum, which engages young people. Their free ‘Starting a Messy Church’ masterclass in March welcomed 21 participants from 17 churches, resulting in six new Messy Churches and one joining Messy Momentum.

Katie, who attended the masterclass and the fourth Messy Church Conference in June, hosted her first Messy Church in September. She shared, ‘I can’t believe how helpful everyone has been!’

The conference was a joyful global gathering of 161 people from 14 countries. Pastor Francis, inspired by the event, launched Ghana’s first Messy Church in July, welcoming 45 people from eleven families.

Thanks to generous funding from the Church of England, we can offer a support package to Church of England churches in areas of need wanting to start a new Messy Church. We can offer microgrants of £250 to purchase resources for a new Messy Church, a bundle of Messy Church books worth over £50, and training and ongoing support in the form of an online learning community of Messy Church leaders ministering in areas of need.

Aike Kennett-Brown
Messy Church ministry lead





MESSY CHURCH



122 new registrations

78,000 Messy Church attendees



1,859 Messy Churches



11 microgrants approved



161 conference Delegates

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‘For many of the children, to sit at table with their parents, do a project, and eat together was strange and lovely, and they look forward to more of such opportunities.’

Pastor Francis



‘Messy church is wonderful. There’s just a presence you can feel and you can’t say it’s anything but the Holy Spirit. There’s a peace, but there’s also an excitement, and people feel it’s a safe place for them. Whatever they’ve been through, whatever difficulties they’re facing, whatever the different emotions, Messy Church is a safe place for people in a way that a traditional church might not be. That’s why they come; friendships have developed, and it’s just like a family.’

Deborah



‘The “Starting a Messy Church” masterclass was a very useful session, really good to hear practical tips and advice. Although I have run Messy Church sessions for a number of years, the session gave me lots of ideas and things to explore further – thanks!’



‘Holly was quite isolated. She doesn’t have a lot to do with her family anymore and when she started coming along to Stay and Play and then Messy Church she found a lot of support. Sharing food is always part of the Messy Church welcome and for Holly that’s been really helpful. She lives with a number of chronic illnesses which means she can’t work and sometimes depends on the local food bank. So she’s found the practical support really wonderful, as well as the friendships and the company for herself and Lily. Sharing a meal at the beginning of Messy Church is a real experience of “family” and Holly said in her testimony that she’s found Messy Church so welcoming that she’s not just made friends but found a family for herself and Lily.’

PARENTING FOR FAITH



2025 has been a year of growth, encouragement, and deepening impact for Parenting for Faith. As part of BRF Ministries, we continue to equip parents, carers, and church leaders to nurture children and teens in their relationship with God in the ordinary moments of daily life. We teach the five Key Tools and how to adapt them to any child, family, or context so that all parents and carers can have the confidence to help their kids meet and know God in the day to day, whatever life looks like and whatever they come across.

It was a particular privilege to partner with CYM to produce the Grandparenting for Faith course this year to encourage the grandparent generation to help grow faith in the children and young people in their lives.

We have reached people through the five courses (the original course, babies and toddlers course, teens course, parenting as a church leader course and grandparenting for faith course). Many people have accessed them online alongside several courses being run in and by local churches.

In 2025 we released a new book *An A-Z of Parenting for Faith*. This book is a key resource for giving people concise and helpful information on 52 different Christian parenting topics and signposts to dig deeper if they want to.

We have continued to equip leaders and churches to be the supportive community around churches.

My personal highlight of this year has to be seeing the impact of Parenting for Faith on children's, youth and family leaders at The Forge gatherings both online and in person. I love seeing and hearing how the ministry has made them feel valued, supported, and equipped but also

hearing the stories of transformation that using the tools is having with the families they are working with.

We have been incredibly blessed to gain three new staff members in September, who bring invaluable experience and skills to the team. We are already seeing the impact of their work in enabling Parenting for Faith to grow and reach many more people and are excited to see that continue in 2026.



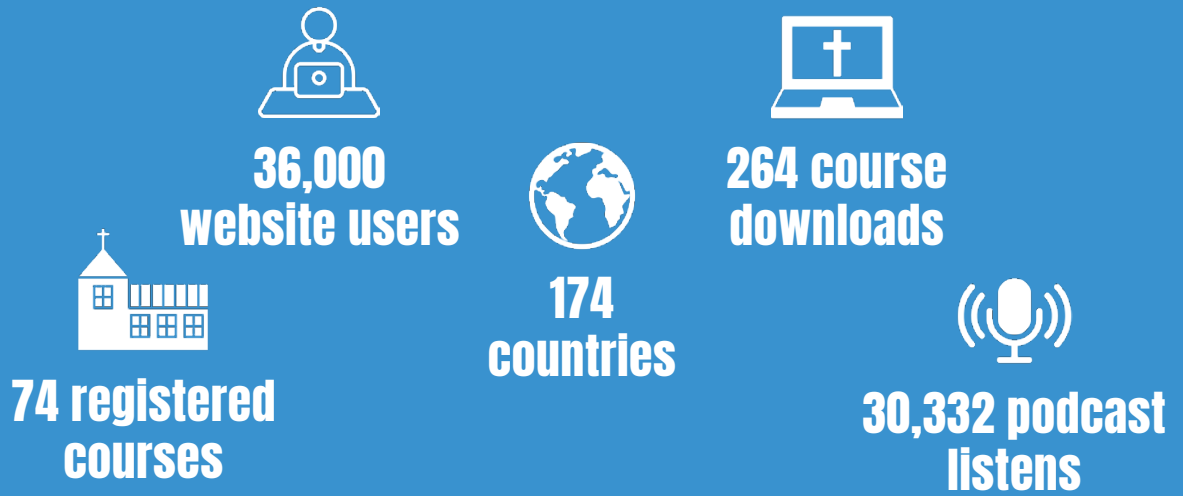
As we look back on 2025, we give thanks for the countless stories of faith sparked and nurtured through Parenting for Faith.

Anna Hawken

Parenting for Faith ministry lead



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'I went into an environment where Parenting for Faith was already well embedded and I saw the positive impact that it had on that whole church community, in that it gave a language – and almost a trellis, if that makes sense – on which to build discipleship.'

Jennifer

'Hands down the most interesting, insightful, inspirational, relevant, useful course I have ever done. I have already started to put some of what I have learnt into practice in my church role and can see it bearing fruit immediately. I am so grateful.'

'The whole ethos of Parenting for Faith is reflected in all our children and families work.'

Denise

'I was looking for support in my role as children and families worker and happened to come across some material that Rachel Turner had written, and thought, "Oh, my goodness, this is absolutely fabulous!" And then I found The Forge retreat for children and families workers. I loved that and I still go on those even now, and still find it to be a source of support and challenge and equipping.'

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books sold**



**74,669 Bible
reading notes sold**



16 new titles



23 authors



4 new editions



38 reprints



**15 issues of
Bible reading notes**



**94 Bible reading notes
contributors**

BRF RESOURCES

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‘The work BRF Ministires does is a wonderful example of God working through people to help others in so many ways. I particularly use New Daylight and read some of the books you publish and find these resources very useful. The work BRF Ministries does with Anna Chaplaincy, Messy Church, and Parenting for Faith is so valuable.’



‘I have been taking notes from BRF Ministries for decades and value your work and the way the organisation has grown and diversified to include so many walks of Christian life.’



‘I have found it invaluable as part of my daily devotional practice and cannot thank you enough. Thank you for the skilled enabling of it all. Keep up the brilliant work!’

Guidelines reader



‘I have been so positively impacted by a couple of your publications recently that I wanted to write and encourage you and the team who work so hard to meet needs in this generation... God bless you as you seek ways to communicate the reality of the gospel to people during these days.’



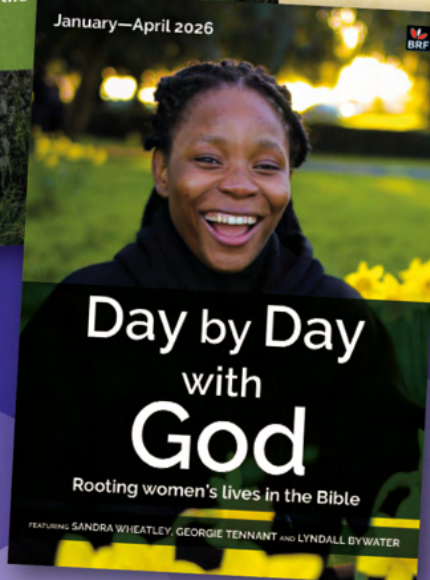
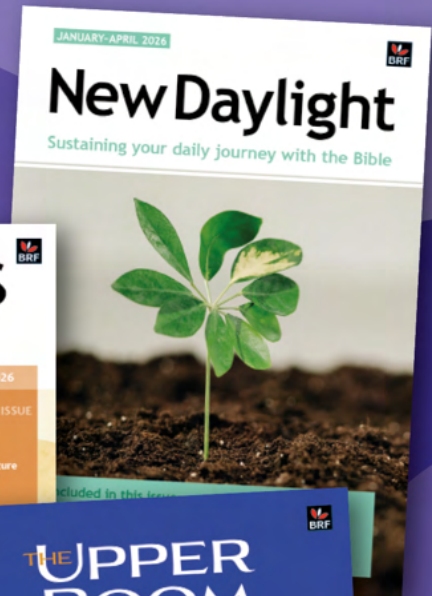
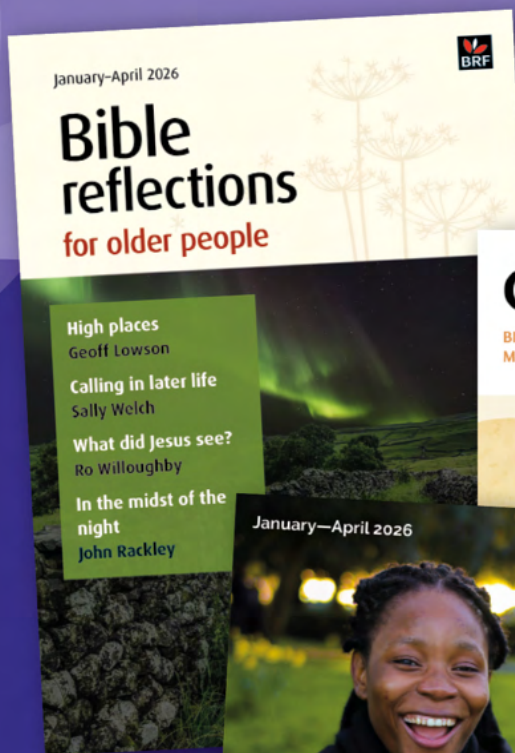
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FINANCE

It's an absolute privilege to watch what God can do with what we give back to him! Such a diversity of ministry requires financial resources and we are continually amazed and grateful for our supporters who give faithfully and regularly.

Total income for the year reached £1.92m, driven primarily by the generosity of our supporters who provided £1.18m in donations, grants, and legacies. This included £568.5k in individual donations, £592.5k in grant funding, and £22k in legacies, alongside £705.6k from charitable activities and £38.6k from interest, dividends, and other income.

These funds enabled sustained impact across our core ministries. BRF Resources remained our largest area of expenditure at £923.6k, supporting publications, digital materials, and faith-nurturing resources for churches and individuals.

Investment in key programmes included £278.8k for Anna Chaplaincy, supporting spiritual care for older people; £338.3k for Messy Church, helping families explore faith creatively; and £282.8k for Parenting for Faith, equipping parents and carers to nurture children's faith. Fundraising activity totalled £148.4k, ensuring future stability and growth.

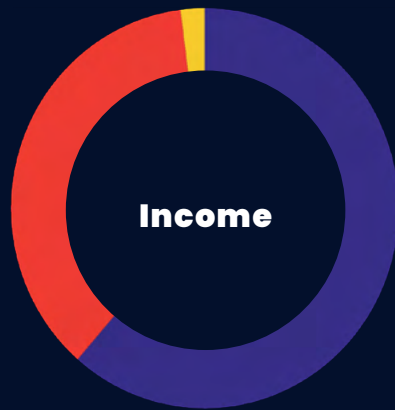
This year's financial picture reflects a strong commitment from supporters and a purposeful use of resources to extend BRF Ministries' mission. As we continue to reach new areas, we need to expand our donor base. We are deeply grateful to every individual, church, trust, and partner who gives so generously. Your support enables this ministry to flourish and makes everything we do possible.

Thank you.

Penny Clarke
Head of finance



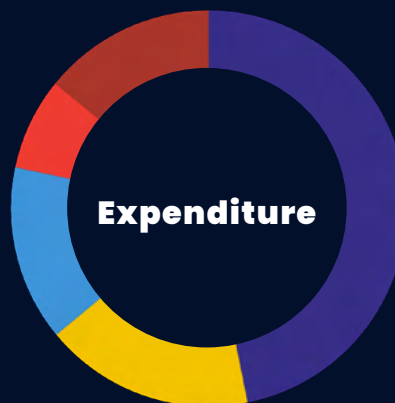
REPORT



- Donations, grants, and legacies **£1.18m**
- Charitable activities* **£705.6k**
- Interest, dividends, and other income **£38.6k**

Total: £1.92m

* sales of resources, events, and training



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These figures are for the financial year running from April 2024 – March 2025.

EVERY AGE EVERY STAGE

BRF Ministries is here for **every age** and **every stage** of the Christian life – and together we can shape a future where people of all generations grow in Christian faith. We are reliant upon fundraising and gifts in wills to deliver our ministries and your support helps us enable people of all ages to explore Christianity and grow in faith.

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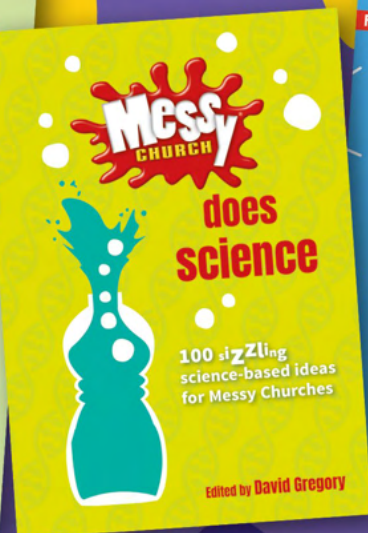
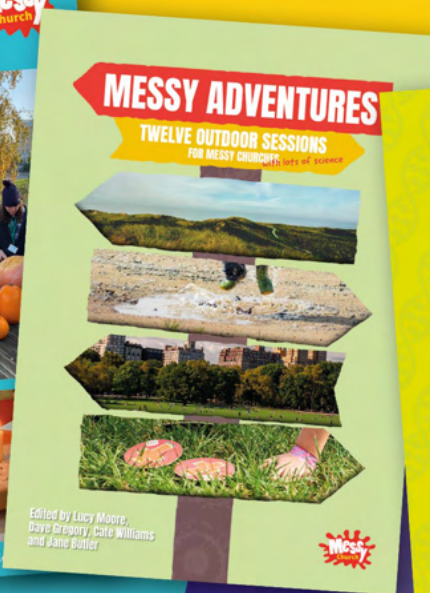
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spiritual care among older
people, whatever their
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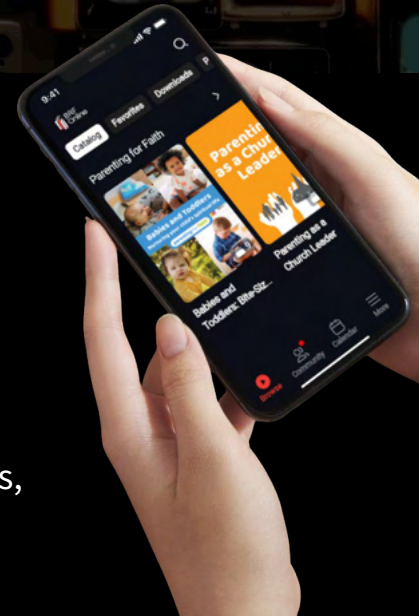
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THANK YOU

In 2025 we were privileged to work alongside a wide range of organisations who share our heart for helping people of all ages grow in Christian faith. Each partnership, formal and informal, has enabled us to extend our reach, deepen our impact, and serve churches and communities more effectively.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the organisations who have helped us to inspire people of all ages to grow in Christian faith.

- 40Acts
- AtaLoss
- Benefact Turst
- The Bishop Radford Trust
- Brendan Research
- The Charles Plater Trust
- Christians on Ageing
- Christians Together Against Loneliness forum
- The Church of England
- Fresh Expressions
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