



**Support:** Our service is intended to be different, helping you establish best practise both biblically and legally.



**Experience:** We recommend solutions to issues that less experienced examiners may miss, often identifying cost savings or recovery in the first year.



**Christian experts:** We understand the unique challenges that churches and Christian charities face.



**Full service:** Our service includes examination of accounts as well as the preparation of end of year accounts, where requested.

If you're a growing church or charity, much of your time and energy will be focused on developing areas of ministry. Spending time on accounts compliance can feel like a drain on these valuable resources.

Stewardship offers an accounts examination service for churches and charities with an annual income of £25,000 to £1,000,000.

Staffed by qualified accountants, our service includes examination of accounts as well as the preparation of end of year accounts where requested. We have the knowledge and expertise to ensure that you comply with accounting regulations. Our team currently work with more than 300 churches and Christian charities in the UK.

Accounts will be prepared in a form acceptable to the Charity Commission and will incorporate an Examination Certificate.

To comply with current accounting regulations, Churches or charities with an annual income between £25,000 and £1,000,000 are usually required to have their accounts examined by an independent examiner. Independent examiners must have no connection with the trustees which would potentially inhibit the impartial conduct of the examination. This excludes anyone closely involved in a church or charity's administration.

## what makes Stewardship different?

### our mission

As a mission-focussed Christian charity, our objective is to strengthen the clients we work with. We want to help strengthen financial health, protect reputation and provide support where it is needed. Our accounts examination service goes into far more depth than that of normal commercial providers and our mission manifests itself clearly in how we approach deadlines, communication and fees.

Stewardship has been recognised nationally for its award-winning professional services team as well as its biblical generosity challenge *40acts*.

### our approach

Our professional team is staffed by trained accountants, all of whom have experience in Church finance. Our clients regularly express the value they find in their partnership with us. We offer both the biblical perspective together with the experience and technical knowledge of church operations and charity issues.

### our fees

The charge we quote is calculated on the estimated time involved and the complexity of the case.

- Our basic fees are, on average, between 50%-70% the cost of what commercial providers charge for similar levels of qualification and expertise.
- Where our clients face problems, our priority is to see their needs met. This can often mean that we do extensive work without fully charging for the 'extras' that are necessary.
- We provide discounts to church plants as standard in the initial years.

### receive a quote

1. Complete and return the customer enquiry form available at [stewardship.org.uk/accounts-examination](https://stewardship.org.uk/accounts-examination)
2. We will then call you to provide a quote and offer further details about the service.
3. If you would like any further information, please contact our Accounts Examination Team on 020 8502 8570 or email [accountexamination@stewardship.org.uk](mailto:accountexamination@stewardship.org.uk)

Due to high demand, we are unable to provide this service to all who apply. New clients are accepted on a case by case basis.

★★★★★ Our service has been rated 4.5 out of 5 stars on average for the past decade.

*"We love using Stewardship. The team is incredibly professional. It's great to work with a Christian charity knowing they hold the values which we share. Stewardship have saved us money, time and lots of hassle since they do such a good job. That frees us up to do what we need to do at church.*

**Gary Reid,**  
**Christian Life Centre**