

Thornhill Baptist Church

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2025

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Thornhill Baptist Church

Charity Number: 1126884

Charity Address: Thornhill Baptist Church
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Trustees: Rev Astrid Vaswani

Rev Paul Vaswani

Sandy Ainslie

Karen Clarke

Gina Crowcroft

Kerstin Goodall

Anne-Marie Lee-Cann

Dr Sara Sealey

Eve Carter (Resigned 30/06/2025)

Key Management Personnel: During 2025 the church was run on day-to-day basis by the Ministry Team which consisted of:
Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister
Community and Pastoral Minister
Children, Youth and Families Worker

The Children, Youth and Families Worker was appointed in July 2025 with the post having been vacant since September 2024.

The Ministry Team are accountable to the Trustees. The Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister and the Community and Pastoral Minister are also Trustees.

Name &
Address of
Primary Banker: Lloyds Bank PLC
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Southampton
SO14 7DT

Independent
Examiner: Jason Foxwell FCCA FCIE
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Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are as below and set out in more detail in the Governing Document.

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

The mission statement accurately reflects the activities that encompass the fulfilment of the charity aims. The mission statement is: "Ordinary people, making an extraordinary God known. Come as you are. Join in. Be transformed."

The Trustees confirm that they have taken into account the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the mission, purpose and objectives and in carrying out the Church activities. They have concluded that the Church operates in compliance with these guidelines.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

As a church it is not our practice to either set or focus on quantifiable expressions of performance. Instead, we prefer to describe progress in terms of largely qualifiable expressions such as the transformation of individuals' lives as they learn more about the love of Jesus and start to want to follow His example in the way they live. Any degree of change is dependent on the viewpoint of the observer. However, with this in mind we focused in 2025 on encouraging people to think of where and what their Frontline was. This included thinking through how and where each person could actively share the love of God both in tangible and intangible ways. This theme will be continued during 2026 with a strong focus on personal discipleship and helping to disciple others.

In addition to Sunday services, both in person and online, and associated children's provision the wide range of midweek activities have continued to embed and flourish. Many of these activities are open to anyone from our local community, irrespective of whether they would consider themselves to be affiliated with the church or not. As well as the regular weekly activities for children and young people we also ran our annual Youth Weekend Away event, an Easter Holiday Club for primary aged children, a Family Fun Day and facilitated young people in attending Christian Summer Camps.

We were excited to have Ella Morley join our staff team in July 2025 as our Children's, Youth and Family Worker. She has already made an impact in building relationships and getting to know the community and we look forward to her bringing new insights to the role during 2026.

Our Well Being Café, Food Hub, Coffee and Bowls and the various youth and children's groups all continue to be popular within the local community. Our cafe provision is extended to welcome parents whilst the Friday evening children's activity club runs and again during the annual Easter

Holiday Club. Ongoing community relationships are continually fostered and advanced enabling the church to become a focus for community-focused events and services such as having social prescribers attending our Well Being Cafe to provide advice and introducing SPEAK language sessions. During 2025 we partnered with the Saints Foundation enabling them to run various activity sessions for the over 60s from our premises. These are well-attended and give opportunity to make additional community connections. These community connections have been further advanced with the introduction of a monthly Let's Connect Café running alongside the activities run by the Saints Foundation. Alongside our weekly Food Hub, we have a monthly community lunch which provides a hot meal to people in the local community for the nominal donation of £1 per adult.

We continue to encourage people to see themselves as part of a church family rather than “clients” of various services that we offer, and where possible we encourage newcomers to join in, serving within one of our teams or becoming involved with wider church life and activities. The church is fortunate to have many people who give of their time to volunteer in various aspects of the running of the church. There is a paid staff team who undertake the core ministry and administration of the church but many volunteers help resource all aspects of running the church's activities both mid-week and on Sundays.

2025 saw an inaugural in-house Leadership Training course developed and run by our Community and Pastoral Minister over the course of the year. It is planned that this will run each year to help encourage and equip both existing leaders and new leaders in every aspect of church life. Additionally, a Pastoral Care Training course was provided during the first half of the year enabling individuals to develop their gifts in dealing with various types of pastoral situations.

We continue to work in partnership with other local churches and have a good relationship with our local schools, taking assemblies and seasonal services.

During the year, the church experienced both joy and sadness: joy in welcoming new members and celebrating baptisms, and sadness in the loss of loved members through death. The Trustees wish to acknowledge with gratitude the faithful service of those who have died, while also giving thanks for the continued life and growth of the church.

In the first few months of the year, the church undertook a period of prayerful discernment to test whether a proposed building project should be pursued. This process concluded that the project should not proceed at this time. Subsequently, the church was informed that the Community and Pastoral Minister intends to retire in 2026. A key challenge for the coming year will be seeking God's guidance in recruiting a successor to continue and develop the excellent work established over the past ten years.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Structure, Governance and Management

Thornhill Baptist Church was established by a charitable trust deed in 1950 and registered as an independent charity in 2008.

The Trustees and Ministers (both Ministers are also Trustees for as long as these roles are held) who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Paul Vaswani (Ministry Team Leader & Youth Minister)

Astrid Vaswani (Community & Pastoral Minister)

Sandy Ainslie

Karen Clarke (Secretary)

Gina Crowcroft (Treasurer)

Anne-Marie Lee-Cann

Kerstin Goodall

Sara Sealey

Eve Carter (Resigned 30 June 2025)

Trustees are nominated for election from the membership by a minimum of three proposers. Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a vote of at least 66% of voting members. Trustees are appointed for an initial term of three years, and may be reappointed for a further three years. Other than the Church Secretary and Treasurer positions, all Trustees may serve no longer than a continuous six-year period. The Trustees and Ministers for the year are listed above.

Members' meetings normally take place every other month and have ultimate responsibility for the overall policy of the church. However, the day to day running of the Church's work and witness along with the financial and legal aspects of the charity are undertaken by the Ministry Team and the elected Trustees. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meetings for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The training of Trustees is discussed at their meetings and the church budget includes provision for the costs of any required training to be met.

Financial Review

The church derives 72% of its income directly from the generosity of its members and regular worshippers via regular donations and the gift aid associated with those donations. The remaining 28% comes predominately from hall hire and rental income. Donations support charitable activity at the church, with the main overhead being salaries. Total income in the year was £246,115, 3.5% higher than the previous year (2024 - £237,781). Donation and legacy income for the year was £178,296, 1.8% higher than the previous year (2024 - £175,186). There were no legacies received

during the year. Charitable activity income comprises hall hire income and other income from mid-week activities (such as the Well-being café donations, food hub, toddler group) totalling £28,373 of unrestricted income and £6,416 of restricted funds during the year (2024 - £29,812 unrestricted and £3,910 restricted). The restricted income represents amounts received for specific expenditure such as donations received specifically to support other third-party organisations with similar charitable objectives.

Investment income was £33,030 in 2025, an increase of 14% compared to the previous year (2024 - £28,873). The rise was due to an increase in the rental rate on one of the two freehold properties rented out, the decision to take the management of the second rental property in-house during the last quarter of the year and placing cash funds into higher interest-bearing accounts.

The Trustees keep the income of the church under regular review and adjust expenditure accordingly as they are aware that there is a changing economic demographic in membership and regular worshippers.

Total operating costs were £237,286 (2024 - £241,978) a decrease of 2% resulting in an operating surplus of £8,829 (after depreciation) compared to the previous year's operating deficit of £4,197. Staff costs were lower in 2025 (£115,761) compared to 2024 (£122,082) due to the Children's and Family Worker vacant post not being filled until July 2025 and an increase in the government's Employers National Insurance Allowance. Expenditure on maintaining the church and freehold premises increased from £49,972 in 2024 to £59,538 during 2025. The higher amount in 2025 was due to the costs associated with replacing the windows and doors at one of the rental properties.

Despite the economic climate the church continued to support several third party causes with a significant amount sent to BMS World Mission, Bethesda, the Indian orphanage charity that the church supports, Dignity and the Purple Community Fund (PCF) and funds sent to support humanitarian efforts in areas of the world suffering from both natural disasters and conflict hotspots. Our financial support to good causes and missionary work both in this country and abroad totalled £19,461 during the year (2024 - £19,478).

We continue to financially support initiatives which have a local community impact including our weekly Well Being Café and Friday Food Hub. In addition to these we also run cafes for parents whilst their children are accessing both our weekly children's clubs and our one-off holiday clubs.

The Trustees and a separate finance team review the budget and financial risks of the church on a regular basis.

At the end of the financial year the church had £808,199 of restricted funds (mainly the church properties) and £923,075 of unrestricted funds. An analysis of the funds is detailed in the notes to the financial statements.

Funds in Deficit

The Satellites Youth Camp designated fund is in deficit at the balance sheet date by £218. This is due the leaders' bookings for the 2026 camp being paid in advance during December 2025. The deficit will be cleared during 2026 prior to the camp taking place.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that the level of free reserves required by the church should be held at a minimum of £77,650. This is determined from an annual assessment by the Trustees of the most significant financial risks that the church faces, their size and likelihood of coming to fruition.

At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £145,510.

Responsibilities of Trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name	G. J. A. Crowcroft
Signature	
Date	13/4/26

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thornhill Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Details

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Name JASON FOXWELL FCCA FCIE

Signature



Date 20 APRIL 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	176,766	1,529	178,296	175,186
Charitable Activities	28,373	6,416	34,789	33,722
Investments	33,030	0	33,030	28,873
Trading Activities	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	238,170	7,945	246,115	237,781
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	222,171	14,190	236,361	241,063
Raising Funds	0	0	0	0
Governance Costs	925	0	925	915
Support	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total resources used	223,096	14,190	237,286	241,978
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	15,074	-6,244	8,829	-4,197
Fund Transfers In	10,579	2,600	13,179	22,911
Fund Transfers Out	13,024	154	13,179	22,911
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	12,628	-3,798	8,829	-4,197
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	12,628	-3,798	8,829	-4,197
Asset Revaluation	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Funds	12,628	-3,798	8,829	-4,197
Total Funds Brought Forward	910,447	811,997	1,722,444	1,726,641
Total Funds Carried Forward	923,075	808,199	1,731,274	1,722,444
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	898,373	0	898,373	887,184
Food Hub (Designated)	1,545	0	1,545	469
Cafe (Designated)	920	0	920	0
Rainbow Tots (Designated)	147	0	147	0
Knitting and Crochet Group (Designated)	91	0	91	61
Bowling (Designated)	528	0	528	420
Xtreme Offering (Designated)	11	0	11	0
Maintenance Fund (Designated)	11,061	0	11,061	15,148
Equipment Replacement (Designated)	10,355	0	10,355	7,165
Flowers Fund (Designated)	43	0	43	0
Garden Equipment (Designated)	0	0	0	0
Building Project (Designated)	0	0	0	0
Church Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

YWA26 (Restricted)	0	1,310	1,310	0
Satellites Youth Summer Camp (Restricted)	0	-218	-218	0
Ad Hoc Youth Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Emergency Fund (Restricted)	0	799	799	1,149
Donations (Restricted)	0	167	167	100
BMS Birthday Scheme (Restricted)	0	13	13	0
Love Does (Restricted)	0	807	807	1,113
Dynamic (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditure (Restricted)	0	2,525	2,525	0
Church Improvements (Restricted)	0	762,311	762,311	771,494
Freehold Improvements (Restricted)	0	39,785	39,785	39,785
Tenants' Deposit (Restricted)	0	700	700	0
YWA25 (Restricted)	0	0	0	-1,644
YWA24 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Statement of Financial Position

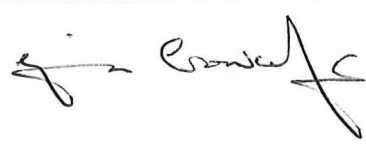
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Current Assets				
Cash	145,510	2,663	148,173	128,921
Accounts Receivable	3,886	210	4,096	2,986
Prepayments	4,128	0	4,128	4,155
Total	153,523	2,873	156,396	136,063
Non-Current Assets				
Fixed Assets	24,447	762,311	786,757	800,084
Investments	751,615	40,885	792,500	792,500
Total	776,062	803,196	1,579,257	1,592,684
Non-Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	4,380	0	4,380	6,202
Deferred Income	2,130	-2,130	0	0
Total	6,510	-2,130	4,380	6,202
Non-Current Liabilities				
Long Term Loan / Mortgage	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	147,013	5,003	152,016	129,861
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	923,075	808,199	1,731,274	1,722,444
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	898,373	0	898,373	887,184
Food Hub (Designated)	1,545	0	1,545	469
Cafe (Designated)	920	0	920	0
Rainbow Tots (Designated)	147	0	147	0
Knitting and Crochet Group (Designated)	91	0	91	61
Bowling (Designated)	528	0	528	420
Xtreme Offering (Designated)	11	0	11	0
Maintenance Fund (Designated)	11,061	0	11,061	15,148
Equipment Replacement (Designated)	10,355	0	10,355	7,165
Flowers Fund (Designated)	43	0	43	0
Garden Equipment (Designated)	0	0	0	0
Building Project (Designated)	0	0	0	0
Church Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
YWA26 (Restricted)	0	1,310	1,310	0
Satellites Youth Summer Camp (Restricted)	0	-218	-218	0
Ad Hoc Youth Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Emergency Fund (Restricted)	0	799	799	1,149
Donations (Restricted)	0	167	167	100
BMS Birthday Scheme (Restricted)	0	13	13	0
Love Does (Restricted)	0	807	807	1,113
Dynamic (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Capital Expenditure (Restricted)	0	2,525	2,525	0
Church Improvements (Restricted)	0	762,311	762,311	771,494
Freehold Improvements (Restricted)	0	39,785	39,785	39,785
Tenants' Deposit (Restricted)	0	700	700	0
YWA25 (Restricted)	0	0	0	-1,644
YWA24 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name Gina Crowcroft

Signature 

Date 13/4/26

Notes - Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared 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) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the accounting policies below.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider Thornhill Baptist Church a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Key Risks & Uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks, including operational, financial and reputational risks. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- ☐ All voluntary income from members of the charity is recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- ☐ Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- ☐ Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the commercial letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as at the point of entitlement).

- ☐ Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- ☐ Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- ☐ Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- ☐ Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity. Governance costs are shown within 'Analysis of Expenditure' note.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets over the value of £500, with a useful life of more than two years, are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the expected useful economic life of that asset, as follows:

- ☐ Freehold property - 1% on cost on a straight-line basis
- ☐ Church improvements - 1% on cost on a straight-line basis
- ☐ Freehold improvements - 5% on cost on a straight-line basis
- ☐ Equipment - 5-20% on cost on a straight-line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The original cost of the church premises is not known; however, the depreciated cost of the major improvements made since 2007 is considered to adequately provide a net book value of the current buildings.

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is

measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation

The trustees do not consider that there are any material sources of estimation or uncertainty at the balance sheet date that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying values of assets and liabilities in the next reporting period.

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimates for useful economic life and residual value. These estimates are reassessed annually and, when necessary, adjusted to reflect current circumstances.

Notes - Analysis of Income & Expenditure

Analysis of Income

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	146,630	1,320	147,949
Gift Aid	30,137	210	30,346
Grants	0	0	0
Legacies	0	0	0
Charitable Activities			
Charitable Rental Income	17,726	0	17,726
Event Income	380	0	380
Other Income	10,267	6,416	16,683
Investments			
Bank Interest	3,127	0	3,127
Property Rental Income	29,903	0	29,903
Trading Activities			
Rental Income	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0
Other			
Other Income	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	238,170	7,945	246,115

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Incoming Resources			
Donations & Legacies			
Donations	142,108	1,400	143,508
Gift Aid	31,678	0	31,678
Grants	0	0	0
Legacies	0	0	0
Charitable Activities			
Charitable Rental Income	11,897	0	11,897
Event Income	330	0	330
Other Income	10,080	11,415	21,495
Investments			
Bank Interest	1,519	0	1,519
Property Rental Income	27,354	0	27,354
Trading Activities			
Rental Income	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0
Other			
Other Income	0	0	0
Total incoming resources	224,967	12,815	237,781

Analysis of Expenditure

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities			
Activities	0	0	0
Admin	9,767	0	9,767
Advertising	0	0	0
Bank Charges	464	0	464
Depreciation	4,854	9,183	14,037
Donations	17,800	1,661	19,461
Event Costs	169	0	169
Gifts Given	0	0	0
Ministry Costs	13,817	3,346	17,163
Other Expenditure	0	0	0
Premises	59,538	0	59,538
Staff Costs	115,761	0	115,761
Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	925	0	925
Total resources used	223,096	14,190	237,286

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Resources Used			
Charitable Activities			
Activities	0	0	0
Admin	8,252	0	8,252
Advertising	0	0	0
Bank Charges	329	0	329
Depreciation	7,177	10,284	17,460
Donations	14,971	4,506	19,478
Event Costs	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0
Ministry Costs	13,275	10,216	23,491
Other Expenditure	0	0	0
Premises	49,972	0	49,972
Staff Costs	122,082	0	122,082
Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	915	0	915
Total resources used	216,973	25,006	241,978

Notes - Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Current Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Current Assets	153,523	2,873	156,396
Non-Current Assets	776,062	803,196	1,579,257
Current Liabilities	6,510	-2,130	4,380
Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	923,075	808,199	1,731,274

Prior Year

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Current Assets	138,574	-2,512	136,063
Non-Current Assets	780,205	812,379	1,592,584
Current Liabilities	8,332	-2,130	6,202
Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Net Assets (Assets Minus Liabilities)	910,447	811,997	1,722,444

Notes - Other

Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money. Please refer to the trustees' report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for independent examination were: £925 (fee payable in the prior year: £915).

Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

Gross wages and salaries £104,510

Employer's NI costs £2,262

Employer's Pension costs £8,989

(prior year Gross wages and salaries: £107,649, Employer's NI costs £5,187, Employer's Pension costs £9,245).

The average number of employees during the year was 4 (the average number of employees during the prior year was 4).

No employees received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

Key Management Personnel

During 2025 the church was run on day-to-day basis by the Ministry Team which consisted of:

Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister

Community and Pastoral Minister

Children, Youth and Families Worker

The Children, Youth and Families Worker was appointed in July 2025 with the post having been vacant since September 2024.

The Ministry Team are accountable to the Trustees. The Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister and the Community and Pastoral Minister are also Trustees.

Trustee Remuneration

During the year two trustees received remuneration. The remuneration paid during the year was for the employees' role within the charity and not for their role as a trustee.

The total remuneration paid during the year is as follows:

Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister - Paul Vaswani - £43,215 (including £3,929 of pension contributions).

Community & Pastoral Minister - Astrid Vaswani - £43,215 (including £3,929 of pension contributions).

Amounts from the prior year were:

Ministry Team Leader and Youth Minister - Paul Vaswani - £42,488 (including £3,863 of pension contributions).

Community & Pastoral Minister - Astrid Vaswani - £42,488 (including £3,863 of pension contributions).

Trustee Expenses

During the year 4 trustees incurred out-of-pocket expenses totalling £548 (prior year 4 trustees incurred out-of-pocket expenses totalling £807). All expenses were incurred for the day-to-day running of the charity's activities.

Trustee Donations

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees was £34,890. There were no conditions attached to the donations (total aggregate donations from prior year were £41,375).

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Improvements	Equipment	Freehold Improvements	Total
Cost				
Prior to 1st January 2025	929,853	32,790	34,987	997,630
Additions in financial year	0	711	0	711
Total as at 31st December 2025	929,853	33,501	34,987	998,341
Depreciation				
Prior to 1st January 2025	147,973	21,116	28,457	197,546
Additions in financial year	9,760	3,190	1,087	14,037
Total as at 31st December 2025	157,733	24,306	29,544	211,584
Net Book Value				
As at 31st December 2025	772,120	9,195	5,443	786,757
As at 31st December 2024	781,880	11,674	6,530	800,084

Investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Market Value Brought Forward	751,615	40,885	792,500	792,500
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Gains (losses)	0	0	0	0
Market Value Carried Forward	751,615	40,885	792,500	792,500

Debtors

Accounts Receivable

Description	Amount
Gift Aid	2,794
Trade Debtors	1,302
Total	4,096

Prepayments

Description	Amount
Prepayments	4,128
Total	4,128

Creditors

Accounts Payable

Description	Amount
Accruals	925
Finance Lease Liabilities	0
Tax & Social Security	0
Trade Creditors	3,455
Total	4,380

Deferred Income

Description	Amount
Deferred Income	0
Total	0

Analysis of Charitable Funds

Current Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	887,184	226,183	208,388	-6,606	898,373
Total	887,184	226,183	208,388	-6,606	898,373
Designated					
Food Hub (Designated)	469	2,664	1,119	-469	1,545
Cafe (Designated)	0	2,388	1,469	0	920
Rainbow Tots (Designated)	0	998	851	0	147
Knitting and Crochet Group (Designated)	61	30	0	0	91
Bowling (Designated)	420	847	639	-100	528
Xtreme Offering (Designated)	0	11	0	0	11
Maintenance Fund (Designated)	15,148	0	10,552	6,465	11,061
Equipment Replacement (Designated)	7,165	0	0	3,190	10,355
Flowers Fund (Designated)	0	120	77	0	43
Garden Equipment (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
Building Project (Designated)	0	4,928	1	-4,926	0
Total	23,263	11,987	14,708	4,160	24,702
Unrestricted Total	910,447	238,170	223,096	-2,446	923,075
Restricted					
Church Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
YWA26 (Restricted)	0	2,660	1,350	0	1,310
Satellites Youth Summer Camp (Restricted)	0	720	938	0	-218
Ad Hoc Youth Events (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Fund (Restricted)	1,149	400	750	0	799
Donations (Restricted)	100	617	550	0	167
BMS Birthday Scheme (Restricted)	0	68	55	0	13
Love Does (Restricted)	1,113	0	306	0	807
Dynamic (Restricted)	0	110	110	0	0
Capital Expenditure (Restricted)	0	625	0	1,900	2,525
Church Improvements (Restricted)	771,494	0	9,183	0	762,311
Freehold Improvements (Restricted)	39,785	0	0	0	39,785
Tenants' Deposit (Restricted)	0	0	0	700	700
YWA25 (Restricted)	-1,644	2,746	948	-154	0
YWA24 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0

Total	811,997	7,945	14,190	2,446	808,199
Restricted Total	811,997	7,945	14,190	2,446	808,199
TOTAL	1,722,444	246,115	237,286	0	1,731,274

Prior Year

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	901,713	219,838	212,652	-21,715	887,184
Total	901,713	219,838	212,652	-21,715	887,184
Designated					
Food Hub (Designated)	217	1,373	1,121	0	469
Knitting and Crochet Group (Designated)	25	36	0	0	61
Bowling (Designated)	0	920	400	-100	420
Maintenance Fund (Designated)	0	0	0	15,148	15,148
Equipment Replacement (Designated)	0	0	0	7,165	7,165
Garden Equipment (Designated)	0	2,800	2,800	0	0
Total	242	5,129	4,321	22,213	23,263
Unrestricted Total	901,955	224,967	216,973	498	910,447
Restricted					
Ad Hoc Youth Events (Restricted)	0	160	160	0	0
Emergency Fund (Restricted)	1,739	410	1,000	0	1,149
Donations (Restricted)	0	2,767	2,667	0	100
BMS Birthday Scheme (Restricted)	355	225	580	0	0
Love Does (Restricted)	1,030	343	260	0	1,113
Dynamic (Restricted)	0	945	945	0	0
Church Improvements (Restricted)	780,677	0	9,183	0	771,494
Freehold Improvements (Restricted)	40,885	0	1,101	0	39,785
YWA25 (Restricted)	0	2,795	4,439	0	-1,644
YWA24 (Restricted)	0	5,170	4,672	-498	0
Total	824,686	12,815	25,006	-498	811,997
Restricted Total	824,686	12,815	25,006	-498	811,997
TOTAL	1,726,641	237,781	241,978	0	1,722,444

Fund Transfers

Description	From	To	Amount
Rebase budget for 2025	Food Hub	General	469
1 Woodland tenants' deposit	General	Tenants' Deposit	700
Amounts incorrectly posted to Building Project in Jul-Sep	Building Project	General	75
Donation to TBC general funds from Bowling group	Bowling	General	100
Donations earmarked for YWA not used and transferred to general funds	YWA25	General	154
Member's monthly giving incorrectly analysed to building project transferred back to general funds	Building Project	General	125
Transfer of funds where donors have approved funds to be used for other capital expenditure	Building Project	Capital Expenditure	1,900
Transfer depreciation 2025 to cover equipment replacement	General	Equipment Replacement	3,190
Transfer of monies where donors gave permission for any use - ring fence for maintenance	Building Project	Maintenance Fund	2,826
2025 depreciation transfer	General	Maintenance Fund	3,639

Fund Descriptions

Name	Description
General	General Unrestricted Funds
Food Hub	Fund to account for the activities of the weekly food hub the church runs for the benefit of the local community
Cafe	Cafe donation income and expenditure
Rainbow Tots	Fund to account for the weekly activities of the church run toddler group.
Knitting and Crochet Group	Fund to provide resources for the group to undertake projects for church and community use
Bowling	Fund to account for the activities of the church-based bowling club
Xtreme Offering	Fund to account for the weekly Xtreme Offering
Maintenance Fund	Fund set aside for irregular maintenance and improvement costs relating to premises
Equipment Replacement	Fund set aside to replace various equipment as required
Flowers Fund	Monies received towards the provision of church flowers
Garden Equipment	Fund to account for the replacement of the church's gardening tools
Building Project	Funds for potential building project
Church Events	Monies received for and expended in relation to specific church events
YWA26	Monies received for and expended in relation to the Youth Weekend Away
Satellites Youth Summer Camp	Satellites Youth Summer Camp
Ad Hoc Youth Events	Fund to account for the activities of specific self-funding youth events
Emergency Fund	Fund to account for the donations received to support countries impacted by natural disasters
Donations	Fund to account for specific donations to third parties
BMS Birthday Scheme	Fund to account for the monies received to support Baptist Missionary Society
Love Does	Fund established to support individuals and families in need

Dynamic	Fund for the activities of the annual Dynamic Youth Camp
Capital Expenditure	Funds given specifically for capital expenditure
Church Improvements	Fund to account for the improvements made to the church building
Freehold Improvements	Fund to account for improvements 1 Woodlands (manse)
Tenants' Deposit	Deposit held on behalf of tenants
YWA25	Fund to account for the activities of the annual Youth Weekend Away 2025
YWA24	Fund to account for the activities of the annual Youth Weekend Away 2024

Transactions to Related Parties

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

The church made a donation to both the Baptist Missionary Society World Mission organisation (£5,544) and the Southern Counties Baptist Association (£7,116).

Remuneration paid to trustees, who are also ministers, is set out in the Trustee Remuneration note.

Prior Period Adjustment

There were no prior year adjustments.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.