

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1126891

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 December 2024
for
WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1126891

Principal address
Walton Baptist Church
Winchester Road
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Trustees

Yvonne Anderson		
Joan Fairhurst	Appointed	16 th February 2025
Andrew Hodge	Resigned	11 th May 2025
Robert Hart		
Ruth Harvey	Appointed	16 th February 2025
Phil Wigley		

Independent examiner

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Treasurer

Phil Wigley FCCA

Holding Trustees

The London Baptist Property Board, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP act as Holding Trustees of the fixed assets of Walton Baptist Church.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Aims and Objectives

The principal purpose of Walton Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in and around Walton on Thames according to the Beliefs of the Church as laid down in our Constitution. The Church is a member of both the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the London Baptist Association. In addition, the Church has a history of sending members to the Christian mission field both within the UK and abroad.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the Charity was able to use its resources to contribute to a variety of causes and give grants to several missions. We were also able to put significant resources into ministry work while taking care of the maintenance and expenses required to keep the Church running.

Plans for the Future

The Charity plans to continue to carry out its objectives and activities under the current board of Trustees.

Membership

Membership of Walton Baptist Church during the period of this report:

1 January 2024	-	50
31 December 2024	-	52

Walton Baptist Church does not restrict its activities only to members, but welcomes all believers and non-believers to its activities as part of its role within the community.

Baptism

During the period of this report, no people passed through the waters of baptism.

Activities

In addition to Sunday Services there are many other activities held throughout the week, such as weekly prayer meetings, home group meetings held in peoples' homes, a weekly lunch for the elderly, Israeli dancing and ladies' activities.

We also host local community groups and activities during the week, including a sing and sign children's group, Pilates classes and a children's dance school.

We are active members of the Walton Churches Working Together initiative, along with other churches in the town.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance & Management

- The Charity is controlled by the Trustees
- The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves. Any possible risks have been considered and taken into account in future budgets.
- All Trustees are appointed when necessary and are given sufficient training on appointment.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare in respect of each financial year of the Charity a statement of accounts complying with such requirements as to its form and content as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which comply with reasonable accuracy at any time with the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the Charity clearly meets the public benefit requirements of charity law. This is demonstrated by the activities reported upon in this document in furtherance of the Charity's objectives, which provide the opportunity for social interaction, pastoral and practical support and engagement with the local community.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and activities in forward planning for our organisation, and it is the judgement of the Trustees that the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Finance

Walton Baptist Church is entirely self-financing. We believe in tithing and offerings to be part of our worship and distribute 10 per cent of our income to other charities and worthy causes both within the UK and abroad as described in the accompanying Statement of Financial Activities.

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed Statement of Financial Activities.

General Reserves Policy

The General Reserve is to enable the church to continue to operate even when unexpected changes occur in its income or expenditure. In keeping with Charity Commission and Baptist Union guidance, the Church aims to maintain a General Reserve of 25% of its budgeted annual income, or 6 months budgeted staff and housing costs, whichever is the greater. This may be increased to take account of potential risks relating to income security.

It is important that the General Reserve is maintained at the appropriate level at the beginning of each financial year. Therefore, if it falls below the agreed level, urgent steps should be taken to rectify this. The General Reserve should be the first of any transfers to reserves that take place at the end of the year.

2024 Reserves Statement

In line with the General Reserves Policy the following are the calculations for the General Reserve as at the End of Year 2024

Budgeted Income for 2025	£87,100	x 25% =	£21,775
Standard month staff & housing costs	£4,242	x 6 =	£25,452

The 2025 budgets include an allowance for a new Minister and reduced manse rental income, however at the time of signing the accounts the Trustees do not anticipate making any staffing appointments before the end of the year. The Trustees understand that a significant proportion of the Church's income comes from people over 70 and have therefore decided to maintain the general reserve at 50% over a quarter of the budgeted income to take account of this, giving a General Reserve for 2025 of £32,663.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES:


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Phil Wigley
Trustee

Date: 27-10-2025
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Walton Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 28 October 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies		57,731	-	57,731	61,206
Tax refunds		7,514	-	7,514	7,255
Rent receivable		44,457	-	44,457	29,264
Interest received		9,243	-	9,243	6,692
TOTAL	2	118,945	-	118,945	104,417
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Ministry		158	-	158	1,608
Administration	3	60,935	-	60,935	66,041
Tithe payments	13	7,775	-	7,775	10,820
Outreach		3,274	-	3,274	2,080
Fellowship	9	689	-	689	-
TOTAL		72,831	-	72,831	80,549
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		46,114	-	46,114	23,868
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
		46,114	-	46,114	23,868
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	8	2,091	-	2,091	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		48,205	-	48,205	23,868
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		1,070,730	-	1,070,730	1,046,862
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,118,935	-	1,118,935	1,070,730

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31.12.24 £	Total Funds 31.12.23 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	807,750	-	807,750	816,835
		807,750	-	807,750	816,835
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	2,294	-	2,294	10,093
Cash at bank and in hand		315,038	-	315,038	262,635
		317,332	-	317,332	272,728
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	6,147	-	6,147	18,833
		6,147	-	6,147	18,833
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		311,185	-	311,185	253,895
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		1,118,935	-	1,118,935	1,070,730
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
	8	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS					
		1,118,935	-	1,118,935	1,070,730
FUNDS					
Central funds	9	1,103,925	-	1,103,925	1,060,151
Designated funds	9	15,010	-	15,010	10,579
		1,118,935	-	1,118,935	1,070,730

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 27.10.2025
and were signed on its behalf by:

Phil Wigley 
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparing the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets

The Church buildings are capitalised at cost and are not depreciated, as it is considered that the useful economic life of the property is so long that any depreciation charge would have no material effect on the accounts. Improvements to the Church building are written off over 20 years on a straight line basis.

Income and Expenditure Recognition

Voluntary income is received in cash by way of donations and fundraising and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as it is received. Tax reclaimable in respect of Gift Aid is credited in the period to which it relates. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and all costs are inclusive of VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Pension costs

The Church pays pension contributions for its eligible ministerial staff to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Ltd, which is a final salary defined benefit scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

Further details on the pension scheme are set out in notes 8 and 11.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2 Analysis of Incoming Resources

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted Income		
Gift Aid	30,055	29,018
General income including CAFS	27,676	32,068
Tax refunds	7,514	7,255
Interest received	9,243	6,692
Rent received	44,457	29,264
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	118,945	104,297
 Designated Income		
Designated gifts	-	120
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	-	120
 Total Incoming Resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	118,945	104,417

3 Administration Expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries, speakers' fees & expenses	3,827	2,712
Maintenance of Church building	4,482	3,675
Gas, electricity & rates	12,777	13,488
Insurance	4,990	5,796
Repairs & renewals	14,586	15,663
Telephone & internet	798	924
Bank charges & subscriptions	1,390	1,336
Consultants, legal & professional fees	503	2,864
Independent Examiner's fee	1,320	1,440
Printing, postage, stationery & photocopying	350	256
Computer costs	4,410	-
Staff training	-	480
Housekeeping, service costs & catering	(88)	203
Manses maintenance costs	2,505	8,119
Depreciation to freehold building improvements	9,085	9,085
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	60,935	66,041

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4 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross wages	-	-
Employers National Insurance	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
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Average number of employees	-	-

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Premises £	Improvements to Premises £	Manse £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st January 2024	65,555	181,701	633,369	880,625
As at 31st December 2024	<hr/> 65,555 <hr/>	<hr/> 181,701 <hr/>	<hr/> 633,369 <hr/>	<hr/> 880,625 <hr/>
Depreciation				
As at 1st January 2024	-	63,790	-	63,790
Charge for the year	-	9,085	-	9,085
As at 31st December 2024	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 72,875 <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> 72,875 <hr/>
Net Book Value				
As at 31st December 2024	<hr/> 65,555 <hr/>	<hr/> 108,826 <hr/>	<hr/> 633,369 <hr/>	<hr/> 807,750 <hr/>
As at 31st December 2023	<hr/> 65,555 <hr/>	<hr/> 117,911 <hr/>	<hr/> 633,369 <hr/>	<hr/> 816,835 <hr/>

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6 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	1,180	5,671
Other debtors & prepayments	1,114	4,422
	<u>2,294</u>	<u>10,093</u>

7 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	6,147	18,833
	<u>6,147</u>	<u>18,833</u>

8 Provisions For Liabilities and Charges

Section 28 11A of FRS 102 requires agreed deficit recovery payments to be recognised as a liability. The movement in the provision is set out in the table below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance sheet liability at year start	-	-
Minus deficiency contributions paid	2,091	-
Interest costs	-	-
Remaining (credit)/charge to balance sheet liability*	(2,091)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance sheet liability at year-end	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

* Comprises any change in the agreed deficit recovery plan and change in assumptions between year-ends.

This liability represents the present value of the deficit contributions agreed as at the accounting date.

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9 Movement in Funds

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Transfer £	Resources Expended £	Actuarial Gains/Losses £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted Funds:						
Central funds	1,060,151	118,945	(12,895)	(64,367)	2,091	1,103,925
	1,060,151	118,945	(12,895)	(64,367)	2,091	1,103,925
Restricted Funds:						
Grants received	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds:						
Tithe Fund a)	5,348		11,895	(7,775)		9,468
Designated gifts b)	1,042					1,042
Sabbatical Reserve c)	4,189					4,189
Fellowship Fund d)			1,000	(689)		311
	10,579	-	12,895	(8,464)	-	15,010
Total Funds	1,070,730	118,945	-	(72,831)	2,091	1,118,935

Designated funds form part of the unrestricted funds of the church that have been set aside for a particular purpose by the trustees. The purpose of each fund is as follows:

- a) The church distributes 10% of its annual income to other charities and worthy causes both in the UK and abroad.
- b) Designated gifts represent funds of the church received and set aside by the trustees for specific charitable purposes.
- c) The Sabbatical Reserve is set aside to fund the periodic sabbaticals of ministers of the church.
- d) The Fellowship Fund is a reserve set aside to support those members of the Church experiencing financial hardship.

10 Trustees' Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year, the following amounts were paid to trustees in respect of remuneration:

	2024 £	2023 £
Stipend	-	-
Pension	-	-
	-	-

In addition to the above, no trustees received any expense payments during the year (2023: £nil).

There were no related party transactions during the year other than those disclosed above (2023: £nil).

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11 **Pensions**

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

For any month, each participating employer in the Scheme pays contributions as set out in the Schedule of Contributions in force at that time.

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable towards benefits and expenses accrued in that year, plus any impact of deficiency contributions (see below).

The Ministers are eligible to join the Scheme.

Since January 2012, pension provision has been made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts, which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Broadstone Corporate Benefits Ltd. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members in the event that they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva plc. (Members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%). The further 4% contribution rate is reduced to 3% for Employer contributions made to the Segregated DC Arrangement.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011.

At the end of June 2022, the BPS signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group to secure members' pension benefits under the DB Plan. As a result, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. A revised statement of contributions was announced in July 2022 with deficit contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reducing to £1 per month from August 2022. However, the participating employers remain responsible for providing a share of any additional funds that the DB Plan may require in the future.

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11 Pensions (continued)

The key financial assumptions underlying the valuation were as follows:

RPI price inflation assumption		3.20% pa
CPI price inflation assumption		2.70% pa
Minimum Pensionable Income increases (CPI plus 1.0% pa)		3.20% pa
Assumed investment returns	- Pre-retirement	2.95% pa
	- Post-retirement	1.70% pa
Deferred pension increases	- Pre April 2009	3.20% pa
	- Post April 2009	2.50% pa
Pension increases	- Main Scheme pension	2.70% pa

Post-retirement mortality in accordance with 80% of the S3NFA and S3NMA tables, with allowance for future improvements in mortality rates from 2013 in line with the CMI 2019 core projections, with a long term annual rate of improvement of 1.75% for males and 1.5% for females, with the core smoothing parameter and with additional initial mortality improvement factor A=0.5%.

In October 2024, the insurance company Just Group completed a buy out of the liabilities of the closed defined benefit scheme. From that date any remaining liability of the participating scheme members to the defined benefit scheme ceased and the £1 per month deficit contributions payable by the participating employers which were agreed in the recovery plan approved in August 2022 also ceased from that date. Administration of the closed defined benefit scheme transferred from the pension trustees to Just Group from that date.

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12 Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	61,206	-	61,206
Tax refunds	7,255	-	7,255
Rent received	29,264	-	29,264
Interest received	6,692	-	6,692
Grants received	-	-	-
TOTAL	2 104,417	-	104,417
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Ministry	1,608	-	1,608
Administration	3 66,041	-	66,041
Tithe payments	13 10,820	-	10,820
Outreach	2,080	-	2,080
Designated gifts	13 -	-	-
TOTAL	80,549	-	80,549
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	23,868	-	23,868
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			
	-	-	-
	23,868	-	23,868
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	23,868	-	23,868
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	1,046,862	-	1,046,862
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9 1,070,730	-	1,070,730

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Missionary Account and Outside Causes

	Main Account				
	Tithe Fund £	Call to Service £	Designated Gifts £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Opening balance	5,348	-	-	5,348	6,660
Receipts	11,895	-	-	11,895	10,550
Transfer				-	-
	17,243	-	-	17,243	17,210
Payments	7,775	-	-	7,775	10,820
Closing balance	9,468	-	-	9,468	6,390
Summary Missionary & Society					
Society Support	7,775	-	-	7,775	10,820
TOTAL	7,775	-	-	7,775	10,820
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION					
Personal/Missionary	7,775	-	-	7,775	10,820

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

MAIN ACCOUNT

13 Missionary Account and Outside Causes (Continued)

Societies and Other Causes

	Tithe Fund £	Designated Gifts £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Auckland Christian youth hostel	455		455	843
Barnabas Fund	840		840	1,686
BMS Worldwide	840		840	1,686
Compassion	910		910	1,686
Crisis UK	500		500	-
Faith Awareness in Children Trust	200		200	-
Father Heart Ministries	420		420	843
FEBA Radio	200		200	-
Hope UK	420		420	843
Indonesia appeal	150		150	-
Jews For Jesus	420		420	843
Royal British Legion	500		500	
Salvation Army	500		500	1,547
Walton & Hersham Foodbank	1,000		1,000	-
YWAM Sussex	420		420	843
	<u>7,775</u>		<u>7,775</u>	<u>10,820</u>