



Oakham

BAPTIST CHURCH



**Reconciling Rutland to
the Kingdom of God**



Carmelita leads a group of singers at a Pizza and Jam worship session

A WORD FROM TOM

Reconciling Rutland to the Kingdom of God.

It's still the mission and we're still on track!

I always like looking back on last year's report where I've pinned myself down on what the goals are for the year ahead. If you can cast your mind back, we started 2024 focussing on "hems and edged". The church has seen significant growth but to enable this to continue we needed to focus in on some of the structural elements i.e. sewing in the hems so the garment does not split- or creating a trellis to hold the fruit if you prefer a gardening metaphor.

2024 was just that. God still blessed us with new family members especially within our young people and we had the privilege of Baptising many new converts, yet we saw a strengthening of where and who God was calling us to be so we can effectively Reconciling Rutland to the Kingdom of God.



MINISTER'S REPORT

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The past

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Eph 4: 4-6

So let's take a look at what main "aims" we laid out in the future section of last years report and as you read them, see if you can identify how we have approached them...

- Missional communities becoming more central.
- A discipleship and mentoring pathway made available.
- A look at financing for the building project.
- Building plans begin.
- Increasing Life Group availability.
- More integration of the youth into church life.
- An increase of youth based activity.
- More events for church members.
- Chances for evangelism with church social events.
- A direct focus on volunteering and being part of church life.

As I read those elements I'm pleased with how we have sewn up the edges in church life to enable these to happen. We have really dialed in on most yet there is still lots of work to do. Some things have been out of our hands such as the building project commencing yet we have done all we can to make sure we are in a healthy position to join God in His plans when the time is right.

It has been a great year OBC, here is to many more as we join God on His mission to Rutland.

The present

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Eph 3: 6

What a great year!

We've had some amazing baptisms and conversions, some great new friendships have grown and new people welcomed into God's eternal Kingdom. We have also said farewell to some members; some to eternal glory and others to the next stage of their journey with God- all healthy signs of the body of Christ.

In terms of our mission to Rutland, there is no doubting the central place OBC now has within Oakham and throughout the county. Just last month the Care and Quality Commission from the Government contacted me due to the fact OBC is the most affected and central provider of adult and child services in the area; what great stuff! And God is getting all the glory. Regularly people reach out to OBC when they need love, help and support. It is an honour to be with Jesus on this journey together.

I've been super encouraged by our new missional communities as they start to take shape and they're now finding their feet and forming lives of their own. In Uppingham, the Gathering Place is now a regular church meeting of over 20 people and it is starting to reach into previously untouched places thanks to Rich and Sue's leadership alongside their amazing team.

We have a flourishing young people's ministry both on Sundays and throughout the week. Fuel has had a huge impact and is vibrant youth hub every week.

We had a difficult year financially but God was good and directed each of us into the place of generosity. He calls us to be in and now we are secure enough to continue stepping out on our mission with courage and commitment.

We continue to adapt the leadership structures to suit our context, but these too are now finding grounding.

Overall, the hems have been created and even though some fabric remains frayed at the edges, it is easier to identify where and focus on the way ahead for 2025.

The future

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

We kicked off this year focussing on discipleship. It was a tough message- one infact I begged Jesus to let me off the hook with. But no matter which way I turned and twisted He kept calling me back to the same place- tell my people the truth of what they are called to and how to be sanctified. Sanctification- being transformed into Christlikeness by the works God calls us to do in His name.

We have responded really well to this message and lots of our groups have recieved the injection of helpers they needed to keep going and continue the mission God has called them to.

I also feel that God is wanting to pour out His Holy Spirit over Rutland through OBC and that as we are a center for practical support, we will also be a center for spiritual power. So with those things in mind, here are my discernments of the next year in very ordered bullet point form...

- Personal faith growth for members
- Renewed excitement for discipleship
- A hunger for more Holy Spirit occurrences
- A creation of deliberate spaces for healing and ministry
- Building phase 1 commencement
- Diversification of worship gatherings (missional communities)
- Uppingham presence increasing

I'm excited at the above as it is a whole new place of growth, but they are interlinked- the spiritual growth only occurs alongside the personal faith growth for each of us. God is able, God is willing- we are able, let's make sure our hearts are willing.



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

From Gill Day- Deacon overseeing CYF

It's been another great year for children and youth at Oakham Baptist Church. On Sundays we are busy with all 5 in groups, as is evident by the mass exodus each week during the morning service. We are currently using Energize material which provides a range of activities for youngsters of all ages. A huge team of volunteers is required to serve our children and young people. Thank you to everyone who serves faithfully, you are really appreciated by children and parents alike. We are blessed to have Madeleine and Sue working tirelessly to enable this work to continue. Thank you both for your hard work.

During the week Fuel Wednesdays was started this year as a space for youngsters in years 6-11 to meet up and bring friends. This has been a roaring success. Thanks again to the great team of volunteers and Sue.

Tiddlers meets on Mondays and is attended by over 25 children with their parents and carers. Our aim is to build relationships and share the love of God with these families. Song time is a very popular part of our time together and parents go home singing 'leaning on the Lord's side' whether they like it or not!! We include a short bible story to remind everyone of the love of our God. We have an amazing team of gifted volunteers who engage with adults and children to make this such a successful and popular group. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication.

LET's GO build! is still very popular meeting monthly on Saturday afternoons. Again another group of passionate volunteers make this such a success.

We also run craft days in school holidays, café creative sessions, SEND play sessions and a uniform swap.

Our aim is to build relationships through these events and it has been really encouraging for us to see many familiar faces attending. We put these events on with a minimal charge so that we can bless families and make it accessible to all.

All these activities are designed to bridge into the community and demonstrate God's love in action. Again, this only happens as a team of people work together using their talents to grow God's kingdom in Rutland. Thanks to all who planned and helped with these events.

Please pray for God to work through these activities, to show those we meet the love and peace of God.

The youth trip away to Limitless was a great success with development of our young peoples' faith and sense of belonging. Plans are well in hand for this year.

Last year I wrote 'One area which we would love to develop is amongst our senior members. If God has put this on your heart please let us know'. So it is great to be able to report the commencement of Martha's Place, a monthly get together with tea, cake and a short service. Huge thanks to Steve and his team for this venture.

In the year ahead we would like to continue with the same bridges we have built into the community. We pray that the blessings we share will bring fruit in His Kingdom.

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Some of the amazing baptisms of the youth





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SERVICES & GATHERINGS

From Phil Brett- Deacon overseeing services

It's been a busy year.

The refreshments team have done a great job of keeping everyone well watered and not just on Sunday mornings.

The audiovisual team have done really well under the watchful eye of Ebe, sometimes with just enough people!

The welcome team are always there through a lot of cold and wet weather and not much heat! Always a friendly welcome especially new people.

All these teams could really do with more volunteers.

The prayer ministry team continues to do sterling work at the back virtually every Sunday, with many being prayed for and God doing great things.

Last but not least, the Worship group do a truly remarkable job of bringing us into the presence of God. At one point very low on numbers the Lord answered prayers and we now have a good number of singers and musicians!

We look forward to another year of God blessing all these teams in their service to the church.

We've also seen the growth of our Missional Communities including Walkigh Church and The Gathering Place which have started to cement their own identities and congregations.



DISCIPLESHIP

From Karen Holland- Deacon overseeing Pastoral & discipleship

As a church we are blessed with 12 Life Groups, running at various times, 3 during the day, 1 on Zoom and the others in the evenings. The majority of them run for 2 hours incorporating prayer Bible study and discussion, some sing, and many have food or socials as a part of their group fellowship. If each group ran to full capacity all the time they would be too full. We as a church are really needing more people to facilitate these groups, people with a heart to share Jesus, to be prepared to share God's Word and encourage people in their personal growth and walk with Jesus. If you feel you would like to explore this then please do come and talk to Tom or myself.

Tom and I and all the deacons really want to give our heartfelt thanks to all those who run these Life Groups, they are essential to the fellowship and individuals of the church, you all do an amazing job week after week.

The Discipleship team has 16 people on it and 13 people are currently being discipled. These take place at various times and places organised by the individuals themselves. The idea is that this is a time for the disciple to have a space to talk about and grow in their faith, exploring their thoughts and ideas of their life with Jesus and their life in the church. There is going to be a disciplers guide, currently being written, which should be ready soon.

If anyone is interested in being a Discipler or being Discipled please come and speak to Jodi or myself.

Jodi and I would like to say thank you so very much for all the love and care the Disciplers have, and for their faithfulness and prayer lives they have themselves to be able to disciple others.



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Christmas 2024- over 40 guests for dinner

OUTREACH

From Suzanne Johnson- Deacon overseeing outreach

This year has seen some huge progress in connecting with the community, including several individuals, families and organizations. This has largely been through our persistent commitment to loving and caring for people through the many groups and activities that we run. Going back to May 24, the leadership felt strongly that they wanted to honour all our wonderful volunteers, without whom most of our activities would not happen. We held a fabulous meal, provided by Sarpech, and had comedy entertainment from Mark Ritchie. It was a super evening and so good to take time out to be together and celebrate all we have achieved.

We have continued to grow many of our activities; Tiddlers, Friday lunch, Community Café, etc, etc. A successful Alpha course was completed in April 2024, with many attendees coming to faith and continuing to journey their faith with us.

We were excited to add Fuel on Wednesdays which has seen a good uptake from our own young people, and is now seeing growth through their friends and through others who have started to drop in after school and enjoy all that is on offer. We also felt something was needed for our wonderful seniors and in January 2025 we launched Martha's Place; a monthly afternoon tea with a short Bible talk. This has proved exceedingly popular, reaching numbers up to 40 people during the first three afternoons.



Another busy and very appreciated Uniform Swap

We reprised our Uniform Swap in August, which this time saw many people having learned from last year that ‘the early bird catches the worm’ and we had upwards of 30 people queuing outside when we opened. This is a service which is particularly appreciated as it saves families a lot of money and saves clothes from going to landfill: win, win!

In the summer, we were delighted to be approached by Oakham Town Council to see if we would like to put on another event in the park – we didn’t need asking twice! We wanted to play down expectations from the 250 Party and ran with a ‘Picnic in the Park’ with church service, in September. The EAGA Childrens Choir performed after the service and were very well received, along with their fabulous West Indian food stall. We ran our legendary café with home baked cakes and we believe everyone had a fabulous afternoon!

Easter and Christmas were particularly busy, with our Good Friday barbecue and crafts being extremely popular, and at Christmas, we joined with Churches Together to host a stall at the Oakham and Uppingham Late Night shopping events, we had a Community Café party and a Christmas Day lunch in which many of our friends from the community attended.

We are reporting on two Volunteers Events, as we pulled this year’s forwards to March, and held an afternoon tea with games and karaoke, which was a lot of fun. It was interesting to note that we had 120 people on the invitation list this year – 120 volunteers in OBC!! Massive thanks to everyone who helps us to achieve all that we do in our community, as we endeavor to reconcile Rutland to the Kingdom of God.

PRAYER @OBC

From Jon Dyson- Deacon for Spiritual Life

Complementing OBC's core worship activities and the meeting of Life Groups, we have engaged in and encouraged the following : regular weekly prayer rhythms meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday as well as before our main church service on a Sunday; shared ecumenical prayers on a Thursday meeting with fellow believers from other churches in Oakham and embracing our differing styles of praying to God; periodic specific prayer focus as in our week of prayer for our build project; and some small group teaching/fellowship on prayer using Pete Greig's Prayer Course.

All of these have sought to embed and establish a deeper spiritual walk for members to pursue. Several day retreats were offered during the year giving opportunity for quiet reflection and shared fellowship. An evening of prayerful reflection on Good Friday using themed prayer stations was well received and supported. There has also been the chance for a small number of members to receive spiritual direction.

We continue to offer a variety of ways and times to seek God and grow our walk and relationship with Him.



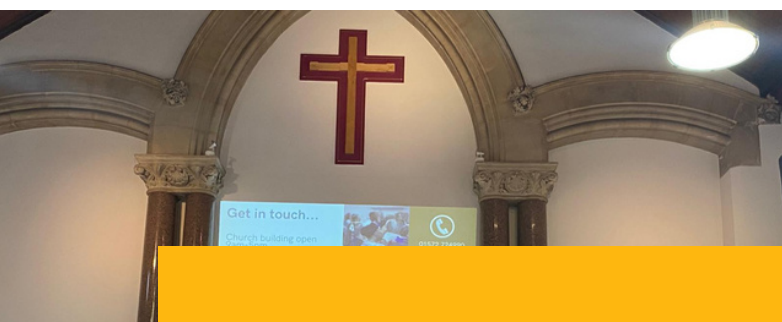
Prayer with Playdoh- A creation themed prayer station

GOVERNANCE

From Lotty Brown- Deacon for Governance

The church is now a CIO! and I want to thank Jurgens for all his work in making this happen. This year we have progressed the building project. The plans were submitted but this was declined so the architects are currently making some small changes before we resubmit - hopefully soon.

Rachel on the safeguarding team has updated the way that safeguarding training and DBS checks are recorded and managed, making it easier to see when training is due. Madeleine and Sue are now able to do DBS verifications, making it much more efficient all round. There is safeguarding level 2 training coming up at OBC on 28th June so please do book onto this (you can choose morning or afternoon)





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A FINAL WORD...

From Tom

I want to end with a prayer, thanking God for those who are no longer with us and for those who we have welcomed into the family.

Father this has been an amazing year for your people here at Oakham Baptist. We thank you for the saints you have called to glory and for their time in the body here with us. We also praise you for those new to the body; may they be welcomed, loved and embraced as brothers and sisters of our Lord.

We thank you Father for the growth we have seen as we continue on our mission from you and for you to Reconcile Rutland to the Kingdom of God.

For the gifts we have we thank you, for those we need we petition you and for those given yet not used we beseech you to encourage each of us to serve you more readily and love you more dearly throughout the year ahead.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

Oakham Baptist Church

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2024	2023
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Offerings	152,674.07	7,580.00	160,254.07	138,755.16
Tax Refunds	24,840.25	-	24,840.25	27,057.64
Grants	-	-	-	3,000.00
Legacies	-	-	-	13,000.00
Total Donations and Legacies	177,514.32	7,580.00	185,094.32	181,812.80
Investment Income	1,359.88	137.74	1,497.62	1,183.06
Charitable Activities	16,595.62	-	16,595.62	8,499.72
Total Income	195,469.82	7,717.74	203,187.56	191,495.58
Expenditure				
Charitable Activities				
Ministry	144,433.80	3.95	144,437.75	104,686.36
Mission	9,324.29	-	9,324.29	7,732.23
Establishment	36,282.28	3.50	36,285.78	31,603.09
Total Charitable Activities	190,040.37	7.45	190,047.82	144,021.68
Support Costs	22,352.45	-	22,352.45	27,136.40
Total Expenditure	212,392.82	7.45	212,400.27	171,158.08
Net Income / (Expenditure) before Gains & Losses on Investments	(16,923.00)	7,710.29	(9,212.71)	20,337.50
Net Income / (expenditure) for the year	(16,923.00)	7,710.29	(9,212.71)	20,337.50
Church Building Refurbishment				
Church Building Refurbishment	2,651.84	65,756.39	68,408.23	37,674.59
Total Church Building Refurbishment	2,651.84	65,756.39	68,408.23	37,674.59
Net Income less Expenditure Capitalised	(19,574.84)	(58,046.10)	(77,620.94)	(17,337.09)

Balance Sheet - Summary

Oakham Baptist Church As at 31 December 2024

	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Buildings		
Church		
Church Building - Valuation	1,360,000.00	1,360,000.00
Church Building Refurbishment	68,408.23	37,674.59
Total Church	1,428,408.23	1,397,674.59
Manse		
Manse Building/Property - Valuation	410,000.00	410,000.00
Total Manse	410,000.00	410,000.00
Total Buildings	1,838,408.23	1,807,674.59
Furniture & Fittings		
Furniture & Fittings	40,392.07	39,866.52
Furniture & Fittings Depreciation	(23,084.52)	(21,161.52)
Total Furniture & Fittings	17,307.55	18,705.00
Computer Equipment		
Computers & Equipment	14,133.89	13,067.60
Computers & Equipment Depreciation	(12,279.00)	(11,094.00)
Total Computer Equipment	1,854.89	1,973.60
Total Tangible Assets	1,857,570.67	1,828,353.19
Total Fixed Assets	1,857,570.67	1,828,353.19
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	201,010.00	212,989.02
Accounts Receivable	2,131.50	24,024.25
Total Current Assets	203,141.50	237,013.27
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Liabilities	5,568.97	3,697.36
Accruals at year-end	2,628.29	-
Barclaycard	687.62	629.10
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8,884.88	4,326.46
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	194,256.62	232,686.81
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	2,051,827.29	2,061,040.00
Net Assets	2,051,827.29	2,061,040.00
Fund Balances		
Net Income for the Year	(9,212.71)	20,337.50

	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023
Balance at Start of Year	2,061,040.00	2,040,702.50
Total Fund Balances	2,051,827.29	2,061,040.00

OAKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the, Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2022.

Oakham Baptist church is a registered charity, no. 1130173 and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

c Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received. Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognized when receivable and are included at fair value.

d Legacies

Legacies are accounted for at the earlier of the Estate accounts being finalised and notified and the legacy being received.

e Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

f Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

g Costs of raising funds

The Church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

h Grants payable

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for when the recipient has been notified of the grant and payment is unconditional.

i Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the church but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

j Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are initially recognised at cost, or for donated assets, at a reasonable estimate of their value on receipt.

There is no reliable information available for the cost of the church premises and so on first time adoption of FRS102, the insurance value used previously was adopted as deemed cost.

k Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets, other than freehold land, to write off the cost on a reducing balance basis, at the following rates:

Freehold land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Furniture and fittings	10%
Computers and equipment	33%

The non-depreciation of freehold buildings is an exception to UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required for the the Financial Statements to show a true and fair view.

l Investment Assets

Investments are initially stated at cost. Subsequently they are measured at fair value with changes recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. All other investment assets are shown at cost less impairment.

m Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

n Employee benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense when they are due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in an independently administered fund.

Prior to 2012 pension provision was made through multi-employer defined benefit pension plans. Where it is not possible for the charity to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for a plan as a defined benefit plan, it accounts for the plan as a defined contribution plan.

Where the plan is in deficit and where the charity has agreed, with the plan, to participate in a deficit funding arrangement, the charity recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the contributions payable under the agreement that relate to the deficit. This amount is expensed in the Statement of Financial Activities. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost.

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023
Bank Interest	£30	£0	£30	£21
Income from Investments	£1,330	£138	£1,468	£1,165
	£1,360	£138	£1,498	£1,186

3 Support Costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023
Finance	£542	£0	£542	£645
Office costs	£16,005	£0	£16,005	£21,043
Professional Fees	£2,698	£0	£2,698	£2,455
Depreciation	£3,108	£0	£3,108	£2,993
	£22,353	£0	£22,353	£27,136

4 Total Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023
Ministry, Mission Establishment & Support	£212,325	£7	£212,332	£167,259
Refurbishment of Buildings - Capitalised	£0	£30,733	£30,733	£37,675
Equipment etc - Capitalised	£1,591	£0	£1,591	£3,622
Total	£213,916	£30,740	£244,656	£208,556

5 Grants payable

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2022
BUGB Home Mission	£4,800	£0	£4,800	£4,800
Salt Malawi	£0	£0	£0	£1,200
Other	£4,524	£0	£4,524	£1,732
	£9,324	£0	£9,324	£7,732

6 Net Income for the year is after charging

	2024	2023
Auditors / Independent Examiners' remuneration:		
Audit / Independent Examination	£0	£0
Payroll Services	£677	£677
Accounting Services	£0	£0
Software Provision	£763	£907
	£1,440	£1,584

7 Staff Costs and Trustees

		2024	2023
Salaries	Gross Salary	£103,182	£75,886
Pension Costs	Employers Pension Contributions	£11,478	£8,132
Social Security Costs	Employers National Insurance	£1,596	£273
		£116,256	£84,291

Average number of employees 4 4

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

Enil in total was reimbursed to the Trustees in respect of expenses incurred as Trustees (2023 Enil).

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Premises	Manse	Furniture & Fittings	Computers & Other Equipment	Total
Cost - 1 January 2024	£37,674		£39,867	£13,068	£90,609
Valuation 1 January 2023	£1,360,000	£410,000			£1,770,000
Revaluation	£0	£0			£0
Additions - Building Refurb Project	£30,734	£0			£30,734
Additions Misc F&F & Equipment			£525	£1,065	£1,590
31 December 2024	£1,428,408	£410,000	£40,392	£14,133	£1,892,933
Depreciation					
1 January 2024	£0	£0	£21,162	£11,094	£32,256
Charge for the year			£1,923	£1,185	£3,108
31 December 2024	£0	£0	£23,085	£12,279	£35,364
Net Book Value					
1 January 2024	£1,397,674	£410,000	£18,705	£1,974	£1,828,353
31 December 2024	£1,428,408	£410,000	£17,307	£1,854	£1,857,569

9 Debtors

	2024	2023
Accounts Receivable	£2,132	£24,024
	£2,132	£24,024

10 Bank and Investment Balances

	2024	2023
Bank		
Barclays Bank plc	£169,738	£182,757
Other (Stripe, Endis)	£1,202	£358
Investments		
COIF	£29,383	£29,245
	£200,323	£212,360

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accounts Payable	£4,147	£2,130
PAYE Payable	£0	£2,116
Pension Payable	-£2,348	£361
Net Pay Payable	£3,770	-£910
Accruals & Income in Advance	£2,628	
	£8,197	£3,697

12 Restricted / Unrestricted Funds

	1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	31 December 2024
Restricted Funds					
Building Fund	£166,104	£7,718	£7	£0	£173,815
Other	£2,535	£0	£0	£0	£2,535
Total Restricted Funds	£168,639	£7,718	£7	£0	£176,350
Unrestricted Funds	£1,892,401	£195,470	£212,393	£0	£1,875,478
Total Funds	£2,061,040	£203,188	£212,400	£0	£2,051,828

The Building Fund was established for the anticipated move to larger premises following growth within the Church, expenditure on that project is capitalised (added to the value of the building in the Balance Sheet) and so is not a reduction in funds.

13 Related Charities

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 (state) Baptist Association.

There were no transactions between the church and its related charities during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oakham Baptist Church

I report on the unaudited accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (annual income greater than £1million) but that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes: A) a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and B) a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



Malcolm Veall LLB FCA 7 October 2025

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