



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Market Street, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7EF

Registered Charity No: 1130724

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Our Purpose, Governance, Structure and Management

Our Purpose

The Charity is governed by a Constitution which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above object.

Our Governance

King's Church Mildenhall is governed by Trustees, which in accordance with the Constitution are appointed by the Members of the Church. The Trustees are collectively known as the Leadership, and their meetings are chaired by the Pastor (or the Associate Pastor) of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for the day to day running of the church's

work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

Our Structure and Management

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members meeting normally takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable purpose.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in Church meeting 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.

Our Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve our principal purpose which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. 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.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. We hold our service each Sunday commencing at 10.30am. There is a full children's programme during the service which includes Sunday Youth Ministry and a Crèche. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of our services. Occasionally we also hold a Sunday evening service entitled 'Oasis'. This is generally a more reflective service with time for quiet worship and prayer.

As 'Churches Together' with the Anglican and Methodist churches in the town we meet once per

month to pray together on Saturday mornings and from time to time hold joint services as well as holding an Easter march of witness through the town on Good Friday morning.

The Church runs a series of Connect groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members. Further details of the Connect groups as well as details of all the other activities that are held in the church each week are available to view on the church's website. Occasionally the Church runs free courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity entitled "Alpha" and/or "Christianity Explored". We also run "The Bible Course" for those who would like to find out more about how the Bible fits together.

The Church runs a weekly Youth Café for young people as well as a weekly Toddler Group with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

Our Objectives and Activities (continued)

On Wednesdays we run a Lunch Club with the aim of encouraging people in the town to meet and to enjoy lunch and enjoy activities together, including trips out. Our aim is to reach older lonely people, although the lunch club is open to all.

A coffee morning is held every Friday during market day when the church is open for the public to come in and have tea, biscuits and a chat.

'King's Project' is a shop in the town that we open on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. This is a community support facility that provides a

free emergency foodbank (food only available using a voucher scheme).

From the same building upstairs called 'King's House' we run a Pastoral care team (drop in and also by appointment) and access to CMA Connect @ King's. CMA Connect @ King's offers confidential, impartial free money advice and debt help to the local community in Mildenhall and the surrounding area. CMA @ King's is run in partnership with Community Money Advice.

Our Achievements and Performance

During 2024 the highlights included:

- During the year we refurbished the front entrance and the lounge area of the church building. This included new flooring, doors and furniture with the aim to update and modernise this part of the building.
- An opportunity arose during the year to provide ministry at the Mildenhall Lodge Care Home on Sunday afternoons (once a month, every other month). A team was formed, headed up by a church member and from August onwards started going into the care home to give a short service of worship and reflection for the residents. So far this has been well received by the care home staff and has seen good attendance by the residents.
- Our Youth Café continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for about twenty young people from the town to meet once a week on Wednesday evenings. From the start of 2025 this will be headed up by a staff member from Newmarket and District Youth for Christ, paid for by KCM. The longer term aim however is to head this up from within the church, either paid or voluntary.
- Our community outreach foodbank continues to help many people in the area and last year

gave out approximately 600 food parcels, supporting just over 1,500 individuals. This is a reduction of about 30% compared to 2023.

Our main challenge for 2025 and beyond

We are seeking God for ways to develop our current and future ministries within the church and in the community, whilst also continuing to look at any opportunities that may arise to move to larger premises within the locality.

Public benefit:

Having regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, all of our activities are freely open to anyone that would like to attend. We provide a benefit to the public through:

- The provision of worship services and church buildings.
- Provision of a Food Bank, Pastoral care and debt help to the community.
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and young people (pre-school, pre-teen and teen).
- Providing comfort to the bereaved and less able.

Our Risk Assessment, Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policies

The Trustees have assessed the major risks facing the church and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks in conjunction with our Health & Safety Policy. The Church operates

systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and have appropriate Safeguarding training.

Our Finances

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise all the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The Church had a deficit for the year of £1,903 (2023 surplus of £27,825). Compared to 2023 we have seen a 5% reduction in offerings and our expenditure has increased by 8%, mainly due to costs associated with refurbishing our church building entrance and lounge area.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making regular donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose. During 2024 the Church donated 13% of its annual offerings to other charities (2023 12%).

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. Indeed, the Church could not operate without these volunteers.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy, and are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Statement of Financial Position date, together with on-going income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	Note	General	Designated	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	128,638	4,399	133,037	150,197
Income from investments	3	31,996	-	31,996	31,177
Total income and endowments		160,634	4,399	165,033	181,374
Expenditure on					
Raising funds		-	-	-	91
Charitable activities	4	162,537	4,399	166,936	153,458
Other expenditure		-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		162,537	4,399	166,936	153,549
Net income (expenditure)		(1,903)	-	(1,903)	27,825
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds		(1,903)	-	(1,903)	27,825
Total Funds brought forward		253,832	-	253,832	226,007
Total Funds carried forward		251,929	-	251,929	253,832

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		2,690,472		2,546,446
Current Assets					
Bank and cash balances	6	251,929		253,832	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	-		-	
Net Current Assets			251,929		253,832
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		-		-
Net Assets			<u>2,942,401</u>		<u>2,800,278</u>
Charitable Funds					
Unrestricted General Funds			251,929		253,832
Revaluation Reserve	9		2,690,472		2,546,446
			<u>2,942,401</u>		<u>2,800,278</u>

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approved by the Trustees on 12th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr G Matthews (Treasurer)

The Notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these Financial Statements.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2021), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

King's Church Mildenhall is a registered charity (charity No 1130724) 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 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

c Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received or certain it will be received.

d Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

e Investment income

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

f Fund raising and publicity costs

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

g Grants payable

The church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

h Grants receivable

The church receives grants from other organisations. They are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

i Fixed Assets

Land and buildings are included in the Statement of Financial Position at insurance value because reliable cost information is not available, and valuation would incur significant costs which would be onerous compared with the additional benefit gained by for the user of the accounts.

All other fixed assets are written off to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of expenditure and no items are depreciated.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	General	Designated	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
2 Donations and legacies				
Foodbank donations	-	2,332	2,332	6,740
Gift Aid Tax refunds	10,882	-	10,882	11,888
Vision Fund	480	-	480	1,700
Lunch Club Grant	-	480	480	-
Church Weekend Receipts	-	-	-	4,269
Offerings	115,707	-	115,707	122,403
Other gifts/income received	1,569	1,587	3,156	3,197
	128,638	4,399	133,037	150,197
3 Income from investments				
Bank interest	318	-	318	239
Baptist Union Deposit interest	9,273	-	9,273	8,748
Property rental income	22,405	-	22,405	22,190
	31,996	-	31,996	31,177
4 Expenditure on Charitable activities				
Ministry	72,595	-	72,595	66,864
Church premises expenses	28,461	480	28,941	16,427
4 King Street expenses	7,114	2,332	9,446	12,168
Manse expenses	26,482	-	26,482	24,443
Grants payable to other charities	13,318	1,587	14,905	14,889
General church administration	7,397	-	7,397	9,157
Other expenses	6,658	-	6,658	8,974
Activities of church groups	512	-	512	536
	162,537	4,399	166,936	153,458
5 Tangible fixed assets				
	Church Building & Contents	Manse Building	4 King Street Building & Contents	Total
Valuation				
At 1 January 2024	1,864,900	268,884	412,662	2,546,446
Revaluation	61,525	72,262	10,239	144,026
At 31 December 2024	1,926,425	341,146	422,901	2,690,472

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2024	2023
6 Bank balances		
Unrestricted funds		
Lloyds Current account	5,832	5,326
Lloyds Deposit account	22,842	34,525
Baptist Union Deposit account	223,255	213,981
	<hr/> 251,929	<hr/> 253,832
7 Current liabilities: Amounts falling due within 1 year	-	-
8 Current liabilities: Amounts falling due after more than 1 year	-	-
9 Revaluation reserve		
At 1 January 2024	2,546,446	2,413,280
Revaluation	144,026	133,166
At 31 December 2024	<hr/> 2,690,472	<hr/> 2,546,446
10 Staff costs and Trustees expenses		
Wages & Salaries	72,771	67,368
Social security costs	600	309
Pension costs	8,200	7,702
Other costs	5,334	5,372
	<hr/> 86,905	<hr/> 80,751

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2023 5).

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 none).

11 Staff costs and Trustees expenses (continued)

Two Trustees, who are also employees, lived in housing on a leaseback agreement with the church.

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2023 none).

12 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 Eastern Baptist Association.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

13 Trustee and related party donations

Aggregate donations, excluding Gift Aid tax refund, of £24,426 were received by the charity from Trustees and their spouses (2023 - £25,003).

14 Summaries of accounts of other church organisations

	Coffee Morning	Communion Fund	Lunch Club
Balance 1 January 2024	829	505	1,541
Receipts	415	-	7,855
Payments	(129)	(180)	(7,853)
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Balance 31 December 2024	1,115	325	1,543

These accounts are not administered by the Church Treasurer and not examined by the Independent Examiner.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of King's Church Mildenhall

I report on the Financial Statements of King's Church Mildenhall for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial accounts and considers that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Act, 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 of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mrs S Smyth
11th February 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name

King's Church Mildenhall

Charity number

1130724

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Rev C Morehouse (Pastor)
Mrs A Quin
Mr G Slack

Independent examiner

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