

Hillingdon Park Baptist Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2024

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HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Hillingdon Park Baptist Church 25 Hercies Road Uxbridge UB10 9LS
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Constitution adopted August 2009, amended by resolution October 2021. The church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain.
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1131213
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	James Craig (appointed May 2025) Robin Dearing Pamela Goodchild Judith Hazelgrove Andrew Lomath (resigned May 2025) Olulola Oduleye (appointed May 2025) Daniel Platt (appointed October 2024) Michael Williams
BANKERS	Co-operative Bank
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a trust. The trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by witness and worship in the Hillingdon area and by supporting work in other parts of the UK and the rest of the world.

The Church is not a building, but a gathering of ordinary people of different ages and backgrounds, whose lives have been changed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The New Testament reveals the Church as a community of people, properly taught and cared for, who by loving and serving Jesus Christ, were also committed to love and care for each other and to bring a blessing to the area in which they lived. Hillingdon Park Baptist Church, its trustees and members, are committed to the restoration of those New Testament principles. It is not alone in this, it is one of many Churches in the area, country and all over the world that is re-discovering the excitement of knowing Jesus Christ. The vision is to see the people of Hillingdon district come into this experience of knowing Jesus as their Lord, Saviour and friend. The Trustees appreciate that they have a responsibility for the people and the building.

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:

The first nine months of this year saw the Church continue to work through the process of seeking a new minister, with the support of the Regional Minister, Rev Hany Abdelmasih, who is acting as Moderator during this time of interregnum. The Trustees recommended to the Church Members that Dan Platt be appointed to the role of Pastor in May 2024, and this proposal was approved, with Dan starting in the role in October and his formal induction on 30th November 2024.

During the year the Church has demonstrated Christian faith in action by serving the community in which it operates in the following ways:

- Regular acts of public worship and teaching with at least one service every Sunday and also on other special days. There has also been a weekly morning prayer meeting held on Zoom and a prayer ministry team available. The Church also operates a number of Connect Groups during the week that met at various venues, generally in members' homes or over the internet for discussion, teaching and prayer. A MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in the Church in September and 90 shoeboxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child and sent through Samaritan's Purse. The Church website has been updated and contains details of the activities happening in the building and elsewhere. The building is open every weekday from 9.30 to 1.30 for anyone who wants to drop in.
- The Youth work of the church has continued in the absence of a Youth Worker, led by volunteers within the church community. Two clubs have operated on Friday evenings for 5 to 16 year-olds along with a Parent and Baby/toddler group (Tadpoles) on a Wednesday afternoon; all of these run during school term time and are now entirely run by volunteers. A bi-monthly teaching session has also been held on Sunday evenings for teenagers. As a church, groups of all ages went to Spring Harvest in Skegness and to the Big Church Festival in Sussex. A Holiday Club was not run following the departure of the full time worker. The youth groups also held an event in November to raise money for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

- Community outreach has continued through Dovetail Community Outreach, a separate charity (registration number 1121797) which runs a daily lunch club and a bereavement support service. The Dining Centre work was supported by a grant which allowed the centre to continue to offer hot meals five days a week to the local community. A number of local community groups also use the premises during the week; Springboard West, which teaches pupils who are out of school for a variety of reasons, uses rooms in the Church throughout school term time.

All of the Church activities are open to anyone who wishes to attend, although invitations are needed to join on-line meetings. Youth activities may be restricted in numbers due to safeguarding provisions. The Church also supports mission work both in the UK and overseas both through prayer and financial giving which is detailed in this report.

The sanctuary area of the building continues to be of concern with a slightly uneven floor and movement of the building, causing cracks to appear, which is thought to be due to drying out of the clay soil caused by tree roots. No conclusion to this issue has yet been reached, but the trustees are continually monitoring progress and seeking possible solutions, as well as planning to reserve funds for work in the future.

Church members' meetings are now held in person and on Zoom with special arrangements for voting if a secret ballot is required (usually for election of trustees). Trustees meetings have generally been held in person although some internet links have been used where trustees were unable to attend for any reason.

In planning the activities the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and the guidance on safeguarding. The Safeguarding Team, which includes a Trustee and 2 other members with experience in this area, have met regularly and reports back any issues to the Trustees.

Judy Hazelgrove and Andy Lomath were/are trustees of Dovetail Community Outreach.

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

Financial review

The Trustees have stopped charging Dovetail for room hire which has reduced income. The Trustees have increased room hire rates by around 5% for 2024.

During the year income decreased by £12,000, to £126,200, and expenditure decreased by £42,000, to £82,800. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £43,500, to £94,500, of which £92,300 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £80,000 (which equates to about 12 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £92,300 and the charity is planning to use those funds to complete remedial work at the Manse and the Church buildings, to bring the reserves more in line with the policy.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are appointed by vote by secret ballot at a Church members' meeting (usually the AGM) following a nomination by the process laid out in the constitution.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

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

Michael K Williams
Michael K Williams (Feb 11, 2026 22:56:37 GMT)
Michael Williams
Date: Feb 11, 2026

J Hazelgrove
J Hazelgrove (Feb 12, 2026 09:28:41 GMT)
Judith Hazelgrove
Date: Feb 12, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hillingdon Park Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 9 following.

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.

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.

J. Young
J. Young (Feb 12, 2026 10:05:26 GMT)

Jaimée Young
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LONDON
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Date: Feb 12, 2026

HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations	5	71,039	-	535	71,574	76,897
Gift aid receipts	5	18,380	-	118	18,498	16,784
Income from charitable activities and events	5	1,112	-	9,031	10,143	12,316
Hall rental income		23,565	-	-	23,565	25,276
Dovetail rental income		-	-	-	-	5,600
Investment income		1,434	-	-	1,434	1,034
Other	5	590	-	433	1,024	339
<i>Total receipts</i>		116,120	-	10,117	126,237	138,246
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	57,013	-	10,084	67,096	109,370
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	15,000	-	688	15,688	15,372
<i>Total payments</i>		72,013	-	10,771	82,784	124,742
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		44,107	-	(654)	43,453	13,504
Transfers between funds	5	(158)	-	158	-	-
<i>Net movement in funds</i>		43,949	-	(497)	43,453	13,504
Cash funds as at last year end		48,361	-	2,724	51,085	37,581
<i>Cash funds at this year end</i>	A	92,311	-	2,227	94,538	51,085

The notes on pages 8-9 form part of these accounts.

HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	2024	2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	23,775	-	2,227	26,002	9,197
Deposit accounts	68,056	-	-	68,056	41,622
Petty cash	479	-	-	479	266
	<u>92,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,227</u>	<u>94,538</u>	<u>51,085</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	13,343	-	-	13,343	13,348
Deposit for event	1,323	-	-	1,323	1,039
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	629
	<u>14,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,665</u>	<u>15,016</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
PAYE/NI due	873	-	-	873	-
Pension due	670	-	-	670	-
Fee for Independent Examination	1,284	-	-	1,284	1,230
Event deposits received in advance	-	-	1,347	1,347	1,066
	<u>2,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,347</u>	<u>4,174</u>	<u>2,296</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
		Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2024	Value 2023	
			£	£	
<i>Church Building</i>					
<i>Manse</i>					
Equipment		General	<u>155,252</u>	<u>150,000</u>	
			<u>155,252</u>	<u>150,000</u>	

The trustees have used insurance values for equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

Current values have not been quoted for the buildings because reliable valuations are not available (and disclosure is not mandatory). The custodian trustee for the church building and manse is the London Baptist Property Board Ltd.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Staff costs						
Employment costs	Note 4	18,741	-	-	18,741	47,934
Travel and other expenses		-	-	-	-	3,284
Ministry						
Youth work		2,588	-	-	2,588	3,914
Training and support		2,116	-	-	2,116	1,212
Outreach and other ministries		927	-	-	927	78
Worship, music, teaching and catering		2,337	-	-	2,337	3,376
Spring Harvest and other events		-	-	9,598	9,598	11,165
Discretionary gifts		-	-	486	486	198
Manse costs						
Council tax	Note 4	2,677	-	-	2,677	2,529
Utilities and telephone		308	-	-	308	961
Insurance		936	-	-	936	922
Maintenance		150	-	-	150	156
Church premises						
Equipment		1,450	-	-	1,450	372
General maintenance and cleaning		9,015	-	-	9,015	6,595
Fabric projects		32	-	-	32	9,062
Utilities		5,904	-	-	5,904	7,136
Telephone		612	-	-	612	795
Insurance		3,059	-	-	3,059	2,960
Support and administration						
Office and other support costs		4,930	-	-	4,930	5,381
Governance and licences		1,230	-	-	1,230	1,341
		<u>57,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,084</u>	<u>67,096</u>	<u>109,370</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Organisations:

London Baptist Association	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
BMS World Mission	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000
Grassroots	2,000	-	525	2,525	2,000
SIM International	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Faith Missions	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Tearfund (missionary)	1,000	-	163	1,163	1,500
Organisations < £1,000	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,872
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>15,688</u>	<u>15,372</u>

HILLINGDON PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4 Transactions with related parties

Daniel Platt, a trustee from October 2024, served as a church leader and was paid £13,819 for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document, and include employer pension contributions.

In addition, the charity incurred expenditure - see 'manse costs' in note 2 - in respect of the provision of accommodation (which is customary for ministers) to Daniel Platt, so that they could better perform their duties.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	48,361	116,120	(72,013)	(158)	92,311
Restricted funds					
Ladies Day	183	-	-	-	183
Building Fund	625	-	-	-	625
Spring Harvest	1,030	8,583	(9,199)	-	414
Big Church Festival	-	448	(399)	-	49
Children in Need	-	433	(486)	53	-
Special Gift Fund - Tearfund	78	233	(163)	-	148
Special Gift Fund - Grassroots	-	420	(525)	105	-
Special Gift Fund - short term mission	808	-	-	-	808
	<u>2,724</u>	<u>10,117</u>	<u>(10,771)</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>2,227</u>
Total funds	<u>51,085</u>	<u>126,237</u>	<u>(82,784)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,538</u>

The Ladies Day funds relate to an annual event organised by the ladies of the Church.

The Building Fund is for major works on the Church building.

The Spring Harvest / Big Church Day Out fund relates to external Christian events (the Church pays a group booking for cheaper rates).

The Special Gift Fund relates to donations given for the purpose of short term mission or special appeals often around harvest and Christmas.