

ACOMB BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1131491

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities: Acomb Baptist Church provides opportunities for people to discover more about the Christian faith and also provides opportunities for them to express and explore that faith in through engaging in Christian worship. The Church also provides opportunities for Christian service to the local community, a practical way of expressing and applying faith in every day life.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- City Of York
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£94,440	£95,565	-	-
2024-04-05	£171,219	£114,909	-	-
2022-12-31	£83,926	£90,624	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,139	£73,981	-	-
2020-12-31	£83,596	£63,972	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV Chris Ray	Chair	2015-11-01
Jeffrey Albert Evans		2026-01-01
Julia King		2025-01-01
Julie Fairburn		2025-07-01
Kirsty Adegboro		2026-01-01
Lucy den Braber		2025-01-01

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Accounts



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Acomb Baptist Church

**On accounts for the
period ended**

5th April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131491

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 5th April 2025

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 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.

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

30/9/2025

Name: Adrian Fuller

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): BSc

Address: 19, Bilsdale Close, York, YO30 5TT



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Acomb Baptist Church
End of Year Financial Statement Year Ending 5 April 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025 funds	2024 total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	91,918	0	1,302	0	93,220	169,141
Activities for generating funds	1,220	0	0	0	1,220	2,078
Total income	93,138	0	1,302	0	94,440	171,219
Outgoing resources						
Charitable Activities	90,592	0	4,973	0	95,565	114,909
Net income / (expenditure) before transfer	2,546	0	-3,671	0	-1,125	56,309
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross transfers between funds - out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gains / losses on investments/assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	2,546	0	-3,671	0	-1,125	56,309
Total funds brought forward	2,809,997	0	5,435	0	2,815,433	2,795,225
Adjustment to prior year figures						-36,101
Total funds carried forward	2,812,544	0	1,764	0	2,814,307	2,851,534
Represented by						
Unrestricted	2,812,544	0	0	0	2,812,544	2,846,099
Designated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	0	1,764	0	1,764	5,435
Balance sheet					2025	2024
Fixed Assets: Tangible					2,674,331	2,674,331
Current assets						
Debtors					15,203	4,283
Cash at bank and in hand					124,773	136,819
					139,976	141,102
Creditors					0	0
Net current assets less current liabilities					139,976	141,102
Total assets less current liabilities					2,814,307	2,815,433
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Represented by						
Unrestricted					2,812,544	2,809,997
Designated					0	0
Restricted					1,764	5,435
Funds of the church					2,814,307	2,815,433

82,359.88	90,591.86	10,778.27	2,546.29	2,815,432.51	2,814,307.48	-	1,125.03
Trial balance income	Trial balance exp	Adjustments		Balance sheet opening	Closing		Change

Adrians Workings

Comparative figures were for a 15 month period to 5/4/24

General Receipts & Payment Account

	Note	15 m to 5/4/24	ye 5 April 2025
Receipts			
Donations and other income	2	104,638	80,818
Gift Aid		62,522	10,920
Interest		83	180
Contributions for use of premises	3	1,995	1,220
Total Receipts		169,238	93,138
Payments			
Ministry	5	62,093	48,177
Mission	6	22,800	20,084
Upkeep of Church premises	7	20,083	17,710
Administration	8	9,934	4,621
Total Payments		114,909	90,592
Net Receipts/(payments) for the year		54,328	2,546

Restricted Funds

Comparatives shown:

	15 m to 5/4/24				ye 5 April 2025			
	Balance b/f	Income	Payments	Balance e/f	Balance b/f	Income	Payments	Balance e/f
Operation Agri	1700	335	425	1610	1610	330	1610	330
Spurgeons Childcare	867	138	208	798	798	0	783	15
Children's Society	418	138	113	444	444	105	429	120
(Kenya)	-100	150	120	-70	-70	120	50	0
Home Mission (T)	1100	800	600	1300	1300	600	1100	800
Mme Ditina (Cards)	77	128	192	13	13			13
BMS Birthday	389	102	327	164	164	127		291
Water Aid	791	190	981		981		981	0
Christian Aid	20		20		20	20	20	20
York Food Bank	-25	0	0	-25	-25			-25
Smart TV	200		200		200			200
Payments from funds closed in 2024	1019		1019	0				0
Total	6457	1981	3003	5435	5435	1302	4973	1764

TOTAL Restricted funds	15 m to 5/4/24	ye 5 April 2025
Balance b/f	6,457	5,435
Income	1,981	1,302
payments	3,003	4,973
Balance c/f	5,435	1,764

Statement of Assets and Liabilities @ye

	Notes							
Fixed Assets								
Church Premises	10	2,271,655	2,271,655			2,271,655.00	2,271,655.00	-
Church Fixtures & Fittings	11	107,784	107,784			107,784.00	107,784.00	-
Manse	12	294,892	294,892			294,892.00	294,892.00	-
Fixed assets total		2,674,331	2,674,331					
Bank & other balances								
CAF A/c		131,798	119,247			131,797.88	119,247.08	- 12,550.80
LLoyds		4,879	5,526			4,878.90	5,526.40	647.50 including transactions in April
Cash in hand and in safe		142	-			141.73	-	- 141.73 zero cash balance at end of year
Total		136,819	124,773					
Gift Aid receivable		4,283	15,203			4,283.00	15,203.00	10,920.00 increase in Gift Aid outstanding
Total Assets		141,102	139,976					
Liabilities (Creditors)								
Net Assets/(liabilities)	13	2,815,433	2,814,307					

Notes

Donations etc	Note 2				
Church collections		104,638	64,512	64,653.77	- 141.73
Aviva compensation			16,306	16,305.93	
Interest			180	180.18	
Gift Aid receivable for year		4,283	10,920		10,920.00
		104,638	91,918		

Contributions for use of premises

	Note 3			
The church hall is used by choirs who make a donation		1,995	1,220	1,220.00

Ministry

	Note 5				
Minister's stipend	14	28,686	34,305	29,328.07	4,977.24
Minister's expenses		1,717	197	196.80	
Youth worker's salary	14	11,881	13,675	11,271.28	2,403.66
PAYE		9,841			
Pensions, PAYE		9,771		7,380.90	7,380.90 Reallocation of HMRC payment
		61,896	48,177		

The Minister is also a Trustee, and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his services as a Minister
This includes the provision of Manse accommodation owned by the church

Mission

	Note 6				
Children's Society (Christmas)		113	-		
Operation Agri (BMS Harvest)		425	-		
Spurgeon's Child care (Christmas)		208	-		
DEC Earthquake		500	-		
BMS Birthday		-	-		
BMS World Mission		6,050	6,634	6,634.07	
BMS Link Missionary (Chad)		1,025	1,500	1,500.00	
Home Mission Fund		6,650	6,500	6,500.00	
Key partnership YOYO		2,400	2,500	2,500.00	
Key partnership Family Matters		2,400	-		
African Sisters		195	-		
Kenya		1,000	950	950.00	
Starfish Malawi		1,000	1,100	1,100.00	
Tear Fund		400	450	450.00	
Martin House		35	-		
Wycliffe		400	450	450.00	
Total Mission		22,800	20,084		

Upkeep Church premises

	Note 7				
Gas & Electricity		5,834	4,596	4,596.00	
Insurance		2,387	2,662	2,662.19	
Water		571	405	405.23	
Gas servicing		120	-		
Alarm		238	-		
Lift servicing		228	-		
Mice & Repairs		3,231	1,362	1,362.33	
Cleaning		2,965	2,914	2,914.29	
Other		1,683	2,864	2,863.98	
Chairs		2,448	-		

Upkeep Manse

Council Tax		2,131	2,039	2,038.66	
Insurance		666	333	333.39	
Water		398	324	323.86	
Mice & Repairs		149	210	210.00	
		23,047	17,710		

Administration

	Note 8				
Account fees		75	62	61.50	
BU GB		413	322	321.92	
CCL1		835	877	877.37	
Evangelical Alliance subs		100	100	100.00	

Printing, stationery etc	1,234	967
Catering	507	332
Communications (phone/internet/website)	1,357	960
Events (Holiday club/fun days etc)	1,525	704
Miscellaneous	<u>923</u>	<u>298</u>
	<u>6,969</u>	<u>4,621</u>

967.46
331.54
959.88
703.61
297.53

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages [1 & 2] relating to the year ending 5 April 2025 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed: Julie Fairburn
Date 19 Jan 2025

Notes to the accounts
(additional to notes 2-8 above)

Note 1: Comparatives are for 15 month period

Note 9: Gift Aid is receivable, claim not yet made. 4283 for 2024, 10920 for 2025

Note 10: The Church is the beneficial owner of the premises at Ridgeway, Acomb. The value used is the same as the last period.

Note 11: The fixtures and fittings valuation is the same as last year, taking into account maintenance and minor additions

Note 12: The church is the beneficial owner of the manse at 81 Foxwood Lane. The same valuation is used as last year.

Note 13: The amounts received and being held for other good causes are shown in the restricted funds and not shown here. There are no long term liabilities

Note 14: For 2025 the total cost of each employee is shown, being gross salary plus NI plus pension



*Together knowing Jesus
and making him known*

ACOMB BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT
2024-5

Charity Number 1131491

Acomb Baptist Church

Report of the Managing Trustees for the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

The Managing Trustees present their report and audited financial statements for the financial period ended 5th April 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Acomb Baptist Church
Charity registration number:	1131491
Registered operational address	Acomb Baptist Church, Ridgeway, York, YO26 5DW

Managing Trustees

At the date this report was approved, the Managing Trustees were:

Rev. Chris Ray	Chair
Mrs Julie Fairburn	Treasurer (commenced as Trustee July 2025)
Mrs Kirsty Adegboro	Secretary (commenced January 2026)
Miss Julia King	Trustee (commenced January 2025)
Mrs Lucy den Braber	Trustee (commenced January 2025)
Mr Jeff Evans	Trustee (commenced January 2026)

Independent Examiner

Mr Adrian Fuller

Bankers

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Acomb Baptist Church is a charity registered on 3rd September 2009 and is governed by the Constitution accepted by the Charity Commission on that date. Since November 2021 minor amendments to the Constitution have enabled Church Members' Meetings to be held, and voting conducted, in person or by electronic means.

Appointment of Managing Trustees

The Church Members' Meeting appoints Charity Trustees to be responsible for the governance of the Church. Under the Church's Constitution:

- where there is a Minister that person is a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities.
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Organisational Structure

Acomb Baptist Church has Trustees, known as the Church Leadership Team, which comprise: the Minister, Treasurer, Secretary and others appointed as Trustees. This group oversees all activities of the Church.

The Church has continued to fulfil its charitable purpose during the year, in the absence on sick leave of our Minister. The Trustee body, consisting temporarily of the Church Secretary and one leader, received interim advice and support from the Yorkshire Baptist Association, particularly from the Regional Minister Team Lead. Members of the Church and the part-time Children's Worker stepped up to ensure continuity of worship, teaching and community service which are at the heart of our mission in Acomb.

Governance

The Church's Financial Co-ordinator continued to deliver accounting and reporting requirements until the appointment of a substantive Treasurer. Following a comprehensive review of financial procedures and record-keeping in the previous year, an extended Finance Team has worked to implement further enhancements, notably:

- Updating the accounting package so multiple users have access to real-time data.
- Creating transparency in the accounting records so Trustees can access the main bank account statements in real-time, and have sight of the expenses reimbursed and of the checking/authorising of such expenditure.
- Improving timeliness so that the accounts are prepared just after the year end.
- Providing guidance to Members and staff on what may be claimed, and setting out limits for authorisation by the Trustees and by the Church Members' Meeting.

- Archiving documents digitally and physically as appropriate.
- Requiring that any cash received is to be banked as soon as possible.

The Charity's accounts for 2024-25 were approved by the examiner without any qualifying remarks.

Objectives and Activities

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When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific [guidance to charities on the advancement of religion](#). We aim to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church community through:

- Regular public worship, Communion of the Lord's Supper and prayer;
- Bible study, preaching and teaching, nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- Education and training for Christian and community service;
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Worship, Communion (or the Lord's Supper) and Prayer

Our services use a mixture of both old and contemporary music, encouraging people of all ages to engage in worship and prayer. Communion is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of the month as part of the morning service. The Church continues to offer the option of joining on Zoom for the benefit of those with health challenges and those who wish to join the service from further afield.

Worship and Prayer also take place in the context of the Home Groups which meet in homes in different locations across Acomb and York and on different days to make them accessible to as many people as possible. The weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting gives further opportunity for people to develop faith by engaging in prayer.

Preaching, Bible study, and Teaching

Preaching takes place within our Sunday services on themes determined by the Leadership in conjunction with members of the preaching team. The preaching team has expanded during the year and grown in the ministry of the Word. On occasion external speakers are invited to preach and lead at our services, giving opportunity for the congregation to hear a wider perspective.

There are weekly opportunities for Bible Study within the Home Groups, drawing on published materials and our own teaching booklets specifically geared to the needs of our members and attendees. The groups are well attended and appreciated. Depending on the needs and preferences of members, groups now meet in person or continue to meet via Zoom.

To help them fulfil their role, Home Group Leaders met twice during the year to share ideas and experience.

Nurture and Growth of Christian Disciples, Education and Training for Christian and Community Service

Everything we do at Acomb is intended to help people grow as Christian Disciples, by developing understanding of what it means to be a disciple and promoting opportunities to put faith into action by service to the Church and to the local Community.

For example, during this year established members of the church have been supporting people enquiring about membership, and with preparations for believer's baptism.

Evangelism and Mission, Regionally, Nationally and Internationally

Helping those in need is an expression of our faith and an outworking of the call to 'love our neighbour as ourselves.' Over 20 per cent of our donations was given away to organisations and individuals working at home and overseas in promoting Christianity; teaching and training in third world situations and relieving suffering in areas of need. Money was set aside in the 2025 budget specifically for disaster relief.

We give to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund which helps to support Ministers in Churches which are unable to support their own Minister.

Evangelism and Mission Locally

Church mid-week activities engage with a range of local people across all ages and situations, and give opportunities to build relationships, provide practical support and share our faith. Coffee Bar ran weekly through the year, and ABC Club for parents/carers and Toddlers weekly during term time. The first Sunday of the month was regularly designated a 'Sabbath Together' event, where church family and guests were invited to stay for a meal and enjoy social time together through the afternoon.

The Teaching, Encouragement, Welcome and Inclusion of Young People

In all things we aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment for children in which they are helped to develop and understand Christian beliefs, in both the Sunday services and the mid-week clubs. This year arrangements for children and youth work have been reviewed, and the team of helpers increased, to meet the differing needs of families joining us for worship, teaching and community events.

Everyone involved with youth and children's work undergoes an enhanced DBS check and receive training in Safeguarding and Child Protection. We provide a range of good quality, safe equipment and toys for all of our work.

Children are made welcome in our services, learning to worship alongside the adults. Our children and young people leave part way through the service for their own groups, with age-related activities to help them understand Christian teaching. The younger group has Bible stories and the opportunity to play and engage with each other in a Christian context.

Reps caters for young people in the age range 11-18 who explore what it means to be a Christian, to worship and to put their faith into practice in a modern world.

Giving and Encouraging Pastoral Care

Pastoral care for members of the Church is provided through the Home Groups, where Christians form close friendships and support each other. This is reinforced through the Pastoral team which provides help and support, often for those who are elderly or frail and where the demand is too great for a Home Group. With the help of a retired Minister in our congregation, and Ministers of neighbouring Churches, the Church has continued to provide pastoral support for those who are bereaved and conduct funeral services allowing family and friends to express their grief and give thanks for the life of a loved one.

Supporting and Encouraging Charitable Social Action in the United Kingdom and Abroad

Acomb Baptist Church supports individuals, groups and societies which are engaged in charitable social action. Examples of these include:

- BMS World Mission and other agencies engaged in Mission or relief work in many areas of the world;
- Bible teaching and training of local Pastors in Kenya and Tanzania
- York Youth Trust (YoYo), which promotes and supports Christian activities in local schools.

Encouraging Relationships with and Supporting Baptists and Other Christians

The Church is involved by membership, and directly or indirectly by personal support, of the various agencies of the Baptist Union, such as the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA). The annual assembly of the Baptist Union is usually attended by the Minister.

Members of the Church had the opportunity to attend events, hosted by York Baptist Church, to learn about proposed changes in UK legislation which impact on Christian belief and practice.

Christians of other denominations have been welcome to use the Church building for baptisms or when their own facilities were not available.

Kirsty Adegboro, Church Secretary
(from January 2026)

Approved by the Trustees on 24 January 2026

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Accounts



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2023-4

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Governance

In the years following the Covid pandemic, the Charity struggled to meet its obligations in relation to filing of its annual accounts. In 2023, to address the delays, the Trustees appointed a financial co-ordinator, who identified poor record keeping and variations between bank reconciliations and accounts submitted for independent examination. Whilst finding no major impact on the Charity's operations, finances or external reputation, the Trustees acknowledged the failings in governance and made a Serious Incident Report to the Charities Commission.

The co-ordinator subsequently reconciled the position with bank statements for 2020-2022 and following the introduction of a proper double-entry accounting system, prepared new sets of accounts for re-examination. In his report, the independent examiner expressed his satisfaction at the introduction of new financial procedures at the Charity, along with strengthened record-keeping, reporting and accountability arrangements.

Having aligned its accounting period with the fiscal year, the Charity's accounts for 2023-24 were approved by the examiner without any qualifying remarks.

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Preaching, Bible study, and Teaching

Preaching takes place within our Sunday services on themes determined by the Minister in conjunction with others. The Minister is the main preacher, supported by other members of the preaching team. On occasion external speakers are invited to preach and lead at our services giving opportunity for the congregation to hear a wider perspective.

There are weekly opportunities for Bible Study within the Home Groups, drawing on published materials and our own teaching booklets specifically geared to the needs of our members and attendees. The groups are well attended and appreciated. Depending on the needs and preferences of members, groups now meet in person or continue to meet via Zoom.

We are committed to training for all roles within Church life and the Leaders of these groups meet to share ideas and experience and for training three times a year to help them with this task.

Nurture and Growth of Christian Disciples, Education and Training for Christian and Community Service

All aspects of Church life aim to help people grow as Christian Disciples, by developing understanding of what it means to be a disciple and promoting opportunities to put faith into action by service to the Church and to the local Community.

Evangelism and Mission, Regionally, Nationally and Internationally

Helping those in need is an expression of our faith and an outworking of the call to 'love our neighbour as ourselves.' Over 20 per cent of our donations was given away to organisations and individuals working at home and overseas in promoting Christianity; teaching and training in third world situations and relieving suffering in areas of need. Money was set aside in the 2023 budget specifically for disaster relief.

We give to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund which helps to support Ministers in Churches which are unable to support their own Minister.

Acomb Baptist Church benefitted from participation in the Yorkshire Baptist Association's Learning Hub, run jointly with the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. The aim of the two-year programme was to equip and enable Church members to practise their faith and values in their homes and workplaces.

Evangelism and Mission Locally

Church mid-week activities engage with a range of local people across all ages and situations, and give opportunities to build relationships, provide practical support and share our faith. Coffee Bar ran weekly through the year, and ABC Club for parents/carers and Toddlers weekly during term time. The first Sunday of the month was regularly designated a 'Sabbath Together' event, where church family and guests were invited to stay for a meal and enjoy social time together through the afternoon.

The Teaching, Encouragement, Welcome and Inclusion of Young People

In all things we aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment for children in which they are helped to develop and understand Christian beliefs, including in both the Sunday services and the mid-week clubs.

Our part-time Children's worker has been developing ministry among the 8-12 age group. All involved with youth and children's work undergo an enhanced DBS check and receive training in Safeguarding and Child Protection Issues. We provide a range of good quality, safe equipment and toys for all of our work.

Children are made welcome in our services, learning to worship alongside the adults. Our Children and Young People leave part way through the service for their own groups, with age-related activities to help them understand Christian teaching. The younger group has Bible stories and the opportunity to play and engage with each other in a Christian context.

Reps caters for young people in the age range 11-18 who explore what it means to be a Christian, to worship and to put their faith into practice in a modern world.

Giving and Encouraging Pastoral Care

Pastoral care for members of the Church is provided through the Home Groups, where Christians form close friendships and support each other. This is reinforced through the Pastoral team which provides help and support, often for those who are elderly or frail and where the demand is too great for a Home Group. The Minister also provides pastoral support for those who are bereaved and conducts funeral services allowing family and friends to express their grief and give thanks for the life of a loved one.

Supporting and Encouraging Charitable Social Action in the United Kingdom and Abroad

Acomb Baptist Church supports individuals, groups and societies which are engaged in charitable social action. Examples of these include:

- BMS World Mission and other agencies engaged in Mission or relief work in many areas of the world;
- York Youth Trust (YoYo), which promotes and supports Christian activities in local schools.
- Family Matters York, which promotes family values and provides a range of parenting courses and marriage courses. Members of the Church regularly lead parenting courses, mostly in York schools and other Churches.

Encouraging Relationships with and Supporting Baptists and Other Christians

The Church is involved by membership, and directly or indirectly by the Minister's support, of the various agencies of the Baptist Union, such as the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA). The annual assembly of the Baptist Union is usually attended by the Minister.

Church leaders of the various denominations in Acomb and in the City of York maintain regular contact to pray and collaborate on joint ventures.

Susan Hall, Secretary
January 2025

Approved by the Trustees on 31st January 2025.

Acomb Baptist Church

15 Month Financial Statement Period Ending 5 April 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 total funds	2022 total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	167,160	0		1,981 —	169,141	82,745
Activities for generating funds	2,078	0		0 —	2,078	1,181
Total income	169,238	0		1,981 —	171,219	83,296
Charitable Activities	112,082	0		2,828 —	114,909	90,624
Net income / (expenditure) before transfer	57,156	0		-847 —	56,309	-6,698
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	265	-265		0 —	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	0 —		—	—	—
Gains / losses on investments/assets	0	0		0 —	0	194,787
Net movement in funds	55,462	0		847 —	56,309	183,106
Total funds brought forward	2,788,127	265		6233 —	2,795,225	2,612,119
Total funds carried forward	2,846,148	0		5,386 —	2,851,534	2,795,225
Represented by						
Unrestricted	2,846,148	0		0	2,846,148	2,788,127
Designated	0	0		0 —	0	265
Restricted	0	0		5,386 —	5,386	6,233

Balance sheet

	pe 2024	ye 2022
Fixed Assets: Tangible	2674331	2689729
Current assets		
Debtors	4,283	29,165
Cash at bank and in hand	136819	81,988
	141102	111,153
Creditors	4810	5,657
Net current assets less current liabilities	136291	105,496
Total assets less current liabilities	2810622	2,795,225
Total net assets less liabilities	2810622	2,795,225
Represented by		
Unrestricted General fund	2805236	2,788,127
Designated	0	265

Restricted

5386 6,233

Funds of the church

2810622 2,795,225

Detailed accounts

General Receipts & Payment Account

	Note	2022	15 m to 5/4/24
Receipts			
Donations and other income	2	79658.67	104637.9
Gift Aid	a		62521.94
Interest		41.59	82.78
Contributions for use of premises	3	1140	1995
Raised for other causes	4	3085.88	1981.1
Total Receipts		83926.14	171218.7
Payments			
Ministry	5	47375.21	62092.73
Mission	6	22756.9	22800
Upkeep of Church premises	7	12986.05	20082.54
Administration	8	7505.91	9934.2
Total Payments		90624.07	114909.5
Net Receipts/(payments) for the year		-6697.93	56309.25

Restricted Funds

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J K (Chad)

Balance b/f	500	500
Income	0	
payments	0	500
Balance c/f	500	0

Operation Agri

Balance b/f	1180	1700
Income	830	
payments	310	
Balance c/f	1700	1610

Spurgeons Childcare

Balance b/f	846.5	782.75
Income	184.85	15
payments	163.95	
Balance c/f	867.4	797.75

Children's Society

Balance b/f	397.5	428.8
Income	144.85	15
payments	123.9	

Balance c/f	418.45	443.8
J H (Kenya)		
Balance b/f	260	-100
Income	120	30
payments	480	
Balance c/f	-100	-70
Home Mission T		
Balance b/f	1200	1100
Income	1100	
payments	1200	200
Balance c/f	1100	1300
Mme D		
Balance b/f	44	10
Income	33.2	3.2
payments		
Balance c/f	77.2	13.2
BMS Birthday		
Balance b/f	321.07	134.07
Income	67.5	30
payments		
Balance c/f	388.57	164.07
Water Aid		
Balance b/f	300.89	981.37
Income	490.48	
payments		
Balance c/f	791.37	981.37
Christian Aid		
Balance b/f	20	20
Income	0	
payments	0	
Balance c/f	20	20
York Food Bank		
Balance b/f	254	-25
Income	65	
payments		
Balance c/f	319	-25
Harvest Parcel Postage		
Balance b/f	375.99	375.99
Income	0	
payments	0	
Balance c/f	375.99	375.99
Smart TV		
Balance b/f	200	200
Income	0	

payments	0	
Balance c/f	200	200

TOTAL Restricted funds

Balance b/f	5475.04	6233.07
Income	3035.88	1981.1
payments	2277.85	2827.9
Balance c/f	<u>6233.07</u>	<u>5386.27</u>

ABC restricted	575.99	575.99
Creditors	5657.08	4810.28
Total	<u>6233.07</u>	<u>5386.27</u>

Designated Funds

Mission Account

Balance c/f	265	0
(moved to general a/c 2023)		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities @ye

Fixed Assets

Note 9

Church Premises	2271655	2271655
Church Fixtures & Fittings	123182	107784
Manse	294892	294892
Fixed assets total	<u>2689729</u>	<u>2674331</u>

Bank & other balances

CAF A/c	19361.53	131797.9
LLoyds	58084.9	4878.9
Cash in hand and in safe	4542	141.73
Total	81988.43	136818.5

Gift Aid receivable	Note a	29165	4283
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Total Assets	<u>2800882.43</u>	<u>2815433</u>
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Liabilities (Creditors)	5657.08	4810.28
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Net Assets/(liabilities)	<u>2795225.35</u>	<u>2810622</u>
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Notes

Donations etc

Note 2

Church collections	79658.67	104637.9
	<u>79658.67</u>	<u>0 104637.9</u>

Contributions for use of premises

Note 3

Choirs make a donation for hall hire

Specific giving

Note 4

Operation Agri	830	0	335
Spurgeon's Childcare	184.85	0	137.85
Children's Society	144.85	0	137.85
J H (kenya)	120	0	150
BMS Birthday	67.5	0	102
Water Aid	490.48	0	190
York Food Bank	65	0	0
Mme D	33.2		128.4
Martin House			35
RAF			5
Home mission	1100		800
	<u>3035.88</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2021.1</u>

Ministry	Note 5		
Minister's stipend	21126		28685.93
Minister's pension contribution	7165.08		9771.09
Phone	226.8		196.8
Minister's expenses	278.41		1717.11
Youth worker's salary	10500.33		11881
YW pension contribution			0
PAYE	8028.59		9840.8
YW expenses	50		
	47375.21	0	<u>62092.73</u>

The Minister is also a Trustee, and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his services as a Minister
This includes the provision of Manse accommodation owned by the church

Mission	Note 6		
Appeals			
Children's Society (Christmas)	123.95		112.5
Operation Agri (BMS: Harvest)	310		425
Spurgeon's Child care (Christmas)	163.95		207.5
DEC Afghanistan	500		0
DEC Coronavirus	500		0
DEC Pakistan Floods	550		0
DEC Ukraine	530		0
DEC Earthquake	0		500
BMS World Mission	5500		6050
BMS Link Missionary (Chad)	823		1025
Home Mission Fund	6600		6650
Key partnership YOYO	2185		2400
Key partnership Family Matters	2185		2400
African sisters	0		195
Kenya (Jim Harries)	1303		1000
Starfish Malawi	823		1000
Martin House	0		35
Tear Fund	330		400
Wycliffe	330		400
Total Mission	<u>22756.9</u>		<u>22800</u>

Upkeep Church premises **Note 7**

Gas & Electricity	3107.76	5833.87
Insurance	2207.95	2387.03
Water	181.9	570.72
Gas servicing	100	120
Alarm	242.4	237.6
Lift servicing	444	228
Mtce & Repairs	1285.88	3230.74
Other	1677.81	1682.66
New Chairs	0	2448

Upkeep Manse

Council Tax	1847.45	2131.12
Insurance	293.54	666.08
Water	424.36	397.72
Mtce & Repairs	1173	149
	<u>12986.05</u>	<u>20082.54</u>

Administration

Note 8

Account fees	81	75
BU GB	303.8	413.13
CCLI	776.17	835.28
Other	65.8	0
Learning Hub	70	0
Evangelical Alliance subs	100	100
Tech equipment	2147.17	0
Printing, stationery etc	979.4	1233.66
Catering	515.72	507.12
Cleaning	108.28	2964.78
Communications (phone/internet/website)	703.68	1357.31
Events (Holiday club/fun days etc)	679.18	1525.12
Miscellaneous	895.18	922.8
Adj	80.53	0
	<u>7505.91</u>	<u>9934.2</u>

Note 9

No revaluation of the church premises/manse is made.

Fixtures and fittings have been written down by 8%

Additional Notes for accounts to 5/4/24

Note a

Gift Aid debt now realistically estimated.

Gift Aid was calculated for year, then divided to get approximation for 3 months/quarter year as a future claim.

Previously we used a "given" figure as best estimate, until we made a claim (part of which was deemed out of time)

We received more than expected, hence the increase in funds in period

Note b

Restricted fund balances paid out after balance sheet date, once approved.

Adjustment to accounting date made to reflect gift aid cycle

Giving was normally done in autumn, so no extra amounts were paid out in 3 months to 5/4/2024

Balances on restricted funds were paid out in 2024 once ascertained

Note c

Cleaning costs now includes payments to the cleaner under payroll



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Acomb Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	5 April 2024	Charity no (if any)	1131491
Set out on pages	1-10 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	Chris Fairburn	Date:	31/01/2025
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Name:	Chris Fairburn
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	AAT
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Following the examination of the Acomb Baptist Church accounts, I have found that there has been a lot of work been carried out since the 2022 accounts,

From the work I carried out in 2024 when first looking at the accounts, the small errors have been rectified, and I can see that all entries have been processed correctly.