



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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:

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.

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					0	
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
Total net assets less liabilities					2,814,307	2,815,433
Represented by						
Unrestricted	General fund				2,812,544	2,809,997
Designated					0	0
Restricted					1,764	5,435
Funds of the church					2,814,307	2,815,433

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 c/f	Balance b/f	Income	Payments	Balance c/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

Adrians Workings

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

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	<u>3,003</u>	<u>4,973</u>
Balance c/f	5,435	1,764

DOUBLE COUNTS - SHOWN AS RESTRICTED FUND

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.

Upkeep Church premises

Administration

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	923	298
	<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

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

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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.
- The Church Members' Meeting also arranges for the appointment of a Church Secretary and Treasurer (or equivalents) who shall by the nature of their responsibilities be Charity Trustees.

The appointment of Charity Trustees is undertaken by processes that are public, clear and open so that all Church Members are enabled to consider prayerfully who should be appointed. The process ensures that notice is given of any forthcoming election so that Church Members may freely nominate prospective Charity Trustees whose names shall be submitted (after they have indicated a willingness to be appointed) for decision to the Church Members with the intention of ensuring that those appointed have a sufficient level of support.

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

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world. The Trustees of Acomb Baptist Church are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and become members of our Christian community.

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