



**Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone**

**Financial Statements**

**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Charity Number: 1132056**



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Charity name: Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone

Charity registration number: 1132056

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity operates under a Governing Document which states that its principal purpose is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination. This includes promoting education, supporting community services, and pursuing other general charitable activities in any parts of the United Kingdom or the wider world as determined by the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To fulfil its principal objective, the Church offers a wide range of activities for both its members and the wider community across its two sites on Cefn Road ("Bethesda") and the Cefn Wood estate ("Cefn Wood"). Guided by our commitment to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in both word and action, and to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship, the Church continues to work under its vision statement: <b>Inspiring People to Follow Jesus</b>.</p> <p>Members of the congregation are encouraged to serve in specific roles within the life of the Church and the community. Established teams—Worship, Media, Welcome, World Mission, Pastoral Care, and Finance, ensures that the skills and experience of our members are used for the benefit of the whole fellowship.</p> <p>At the heart of the Church's ministry is the regular provision of public Christian worship. Services are held every Sunday at both Bethesda and Cefn Wood, with additional formal services taking place at other times as advertised. The Church aims to be a friendly and welcoming community, and all are free to attend any of its services. A full children's and youth programme is provided during the Sunday morning services.</p> <p>The Church also runs a weekly Bible study and fortnightly house groups to support growth in faith and discipleship. Opportunities for corporate prayer are offered mid-week and on Sunday mornings.</p>

		<p>The Church employs a part-time Children and Youth Worker who serves both within the Church and the wider community. She and her team run weekly activities for children and young people ("Keeping the Faith 2gether") and coordinate children's work during Sunday services. Three Toddler Groups meet at Bethesda on Wednesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings, alongside a weekly story and rhyme time at Cefn Wood. A regular pattern of Messy Church and Dads &amp; Toddlers sessions has also been established. Children's Holiday Clubs are held at Easter and/or during the summer.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>All Church groups and activities are encouraged to maintain a community and/or missionary focus, and to raise funds for initiatives both in the UK and overseas. The Church supports a variety of charitable organisations working locally and internationally. At a local level, the Church provides ongoing support to the Food Bank.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The principal purpose of Bethesda Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also promote education and undertake other charitable activities within the United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.</p> <p>During the year ending December 2025, the Church continued its regular pattern of ministry and community engagement. Sunday morning services were held in person at both sites, alongside the introduction of live-streamed meetings. Communion services continued on the first Sunday evening of each month. Linx, our ladies' fellowship group, met twice monthly, occasionally three times depending on the month. Toddler groups ran on Wednesday mornings and afternoons, as well as Thursday mornings. Bible studies were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and streamed live on Facebook, with prayer meetings taking place fortnightly. Story Time sessions were held at Cefn Wood on Tuesday mornings, and a weekly fellowship meeting took place on Tuesday afternoons at Cefn Wood. Warm Welcome sessions were offered on Mondays at Cefn Wood and Fridays at Bethesda. Dads and Toddlers met on the last Saturday morning of each month.</p> <p><b>Key achievements in the year to December 2025 included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing support—through Harvest, the Christmas Appeal, and other initiatives—for our charity partners in the UK and worldwide, including BMS World Mission, TEAR Fund, Vision of Hope, ICE Wales, and Cariad Kenya.</li> <li>• An upgrade to the audio-visual system to improve the quality and reliability of live-streamed Sunday services.</li> <li>• Preparation and distribution of 28 clothing packs for children aged 0–7, each containing pyjamas, vests, pants, socks, babygrows, toiletries, a selection box, and a toy. These were again warmly received, following the success of the previous year.</li> <li>• Distribution of 100 Christmas hampers to members of the local community by invitation.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical support for individuals and families in the community experiencing difficult circumstances.</li> <li>• A full programme of Christmas services at both Bethesda and Cefn Wood.</li> <li>• Presentation and approval of the 2026 budget, including agreement to increase the salaries of the Church's three paid employees.</li> </ul>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite recording a deficit at the end of the year, the charity's financial position remains stable. Although building work at the Manse and remedial work to the fabric of both the Bethesda and Cefn Wood buildings required significant expenditure, the charity's liquid assets remain healthy
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have adopted a policy that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("free reserves") will be retained on deposit as a contingency fund, in recognition of the significant financial risks faced by charities today. Free reserves at year-end amounted to £243,202 (2024: £263,073).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Funds at year-end totalled £260,246 (2024: £285,224).  It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain reserves equivalent to six months of operating costs, which currently amounts to approximately £75,000. The remaining unrestricted funds are to be used, as guided by God and the Church membership, to serve the community and support the Church's charitable giving.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Trustees Salaries & Expenses  The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The average number of employees during the year was three (equivalent to 2.1 full-time posts). No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000, and no ex-gratia payments were made. No Trustee received remuneration or claimed expenses in relation to their duties as a Trustee. Pastor Mark Thomas serves as a Trustee by virtue of his role as Pastor. In this capacity, he receives
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		a stipend and reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out his pastoral duties.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		The Independent Examiner carries out her work without charge to the Church. No legal fees, meeting costs, or other governance-related expenses were incurred during the year.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The appointment of Charity Trustees shall be discerned through consultation with Church Members. Suggestions from Members will be submitted to the Ministry Team for prayerful consideration, without the nominee's prior knowledge and with no assurance that the nomination will proceed. Following this period of discernment, the Minister(s) or Church Secretary will approach the nominee to seek confirmation of God's leading. Nominees will then be presented to an Ordinary Church Members' Meeting for continued prayerful consideration, with a formal vote taking place at a subsequent properly convened Church Members' Meeting. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot at an Ordinary Church Members' Meeting. Members will be invited to vote for those nominated candidates whom they believe are suited to serve the Church as Charity Trustees. Each Member may vote for as many nominees as they consider appropriate. Candidates shall be elected if they receive votes from at least 80% of those Members voting.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The custodian Trustee of the Church is the Welsh Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 248192), which is overseen by the Baptist Union of Wales Council. The Church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Wales, the Gwent Baptist Association, and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church makes annual donations to these bodies and has additionally contributed to the Baptist Union of Great Britain's Home Mission Scheme through the South Wales Baptist Association.
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bethesda Baptist Church, Rogerstone
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132056
Charity's principal address	Cefn Road Rogerstone Newport NP10 9AS



### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev. Mark Thomas	Chair		Church Membership
2	Douglas Arthur Radford	Secretary		Church Membership
3	Martyn Ryan	Treasurer		Church Membership
4	Christopher Perkins			Church Membership
5	Chris Lynbeck			Church Membership
6	David Roger Goodall			Church Membership
7	Elizabeth Jones			Church Membership
8	Mary Finch			Church Membership
9	Jason Baker			Church Membership
10	Elizabeth Freeman			Church Membership
11	Dan Goulding		01.01.25 to 05.04.25	Church Membership

### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Other optional information

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name	Position	Signature
Mark Thomas	Chair	
Martyn Ryan	Treasurer	
Doug Radford	Secretary	

19/3/26



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Bethesda Baptist Church**

**1132056**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025




**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Offerings	106,597	-	-	106,597	119,943
Mission Giving	-	6,698	-	6,698	5,184
Legacies/In Memory	1,214	-	-	1,214	320
Donations for Use of Premises	1,060	-	-	1,060	1,130
Donations from Church Activities	5,715	824	-	6,539	6,709
Gift Aid Received	27,447	771	-	28,218	27,466
Bank Interest	221	136	-	357	437
Building Society Interest	6,362	-	-	6,362	6,569
Other	-	600	-	600	860
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>148,616</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,645</b>	<b>168,618</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>148,616</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,645</b>	<b>168,618</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overseas Mission	6,365	4,814	-	11,179	11,114
Mission in Britain	21,509	3,482	-	24,991	19,850
Affiliation Fees	4,519	-	-	4,519	3,979
Relief of Poverty	1,850	-	-	1,850	2,200
Staff Costs	73,158	-	-	73,158	75,677
Other	-	-	-	-	260
Premises Costs	55,994	-	-	55,994	63,361
Charity Running Costs	5,092	-	-	5,092	5,916
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>168,487</b>	<b>8,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,783</b>	<b>182,356</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixed Asset Purchases	-	5,840	-	5,840	6,013
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>6,013</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>168,487</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,623</b>	<b>188,369</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(19,871)</b>	<b>(5,107)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24,978)</b>	<b>(19,752)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>263,073</b>	<b>22,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,224</b>	<b>304,975</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>243,202</b>	<b>17,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,246</b>	<b>285,224</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	13,003	17,044	-
	Building Society Account	230,199	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>243,202</b>	<b>17,044</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	3,071	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Bethesda Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Cefn Wood Baptist Church Building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	-
	Furniture	Unrestricted		
	Computers & Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Oberammagau Trip		2	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Thomas	19/3/26
	Martyn Ryan	19/3/26
	Doug Radford	19/3/26





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

*Charity Name*

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st DECEMBER 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1132056

Set out on pages

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*(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

SHP

Date:

25/2/2026

Name:

MRS. S. H. PARRY

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

RETIRED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

39 PARKFIELDS, PENYFAR  
BRIDGEND, CF31 4NP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.