



Trustees' Annual Report 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Charity Number: 1133718

Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Appointed by
Rev Nick Price	Minister		Church Meeting
Tony Burns	Safeguarding Trustee		Church Meeting
Robin Scoulding			Church Meeting
Jenny Evans	Treasurer		Church Meeting
Robert Wise			Church Meeting
Graham Sinden			Church Meeting
Nicky Robinson			Church Meeting
Christine Boddy			Church Meeting

Name and addresses of advisers

Bankers	Barclays Bank	Barclays, Leicester, LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Anthony Collins	143 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2ES
Accountants & Auditors	D.R.E & Co	Kingsland House, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6BL

Description of the charity's trusts

Trust constitution is based upon the Baptist Union Corporation Constitution for Baptist Churches. The Constitution was adopted on 4 June 2024.

Charity Trustees are elected at a Church Meeting from among the membership of the Church.

Governance

Direction and leadership of the church is provided by a Leadership Team comprising the Minister, the Associate Minister (if any) and the other Trustees.

The Charity Trustees are accountable to the Church Meeting which comprises all members of the church. Church meetings are held four times each year.

The number of Charity Trustees is determined by the Church Meeting which, on 12 November 2009, decided that there should be no fewer than two Trustees and, on 6 November 2011, decided that there should be no more than seven Trustees (in addition to the Ministers).

The staff of the Church includes the Minister and other paid staff including an Operations Manager and a cleaner.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

Objectives and activities

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.

The Trustees have read and are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit including the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

In order to achieve our principal objects, we provide a range of activities for our local community and our members. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as their living Lord.

Our activities providing a public benefit specifically include:

- Family-friendly church services, to which all are welcome, with a children's programme and crèche.
- A toddlers' group at the church premises in the town centre
- Foodshare Table in conjunction with the FoodHub
- Small groups for the growth of faith and discipleship.
- A range of regular activities and special events for young people, adults, families and older people including holiday clubs, community meals and social events.
- Working with local schools, colleges and other voluntary groups.
- Supporting, and making our buildings available for use by community groups

Grant Making

The church provides financial support to a number of national and international organisations and activities with aims and objectives compatible with its own charitable purpose including, but not limited to, the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund. The church supports members working in vulnerable communities in the UK and overseas.

Volunteers

All members of the church are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the life of the church and the furtherance of its charitable objects. Many of our activities are delivered by volunteers, including the leadership of the various ministries and helping with practical tasks. It is by working together that we can grow as a community, and engage with the needs of our wider community. Volunteer leaders are accountable to the Trustees and to the Church Meeting.

Achievements and performance

We believe God has called us to be One church with two buildings, both primarily for the benefit of the two different communities with whom we are privileged to work. Throughout the year we have

sought to bring Jesus into the heart of the community, both in the town centre and in the Monkmoor area.

Engaging with the community

Our mission is to engage with the community and share the good news of Jesus.

We have continued to develop excellent relationships with organisations working in both areas, including the local Council, schools and community groups. Examples include:

- We continue to work with Palmers Coffee Shop, a not for profit coffee house in our town centre building
- A parent and toddler group is offered at our Central building
- Music Therapy – support for children and adults with special needs - at Crowmoor
- Activities linked to Shrewsbury Food Hub
- Links with Shrewsbury Street Pastors
- Links with Shrewsbury Youth for Christ
- Links with local schools in the Monkmoor and Belvidere areas
- A team: “Open the Book” provides support for assemblies in local schools
- FAF (Food and Fellowship) group for men

Discipleship and prayer

Our current activities include:

- Regular church services
- Regular Home Groups in various locations
- Various prayer groups.

Governance and Finance

A detailed budget was agreed by church members in April 2024.

Policies

All of the Church policies are subject to regular review by the Trustees.

External mission

- Matthew & Esther Howes continues as supported church missionaries. They are living and working in a Muslim community in the West Midlands under the auspices of WEC.
- Jon and Elise Fletcher continue as supported church missionaries. They and their family have been in Thailand since September 2014 living and working in a slum district of Bangkok under the auspices of Church Mission Society.
- Judy Cook continues as a supported missionary in her work at Hope Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- We have continued to support the Baptist Missionary Society and other missionary organisations.

Conclusion

We have continued to see our church family grow and have welcomed new members this year. Our community events at our Crowmoor building were particularly successful. We still operate on the basis that we are One church with two buildings, primarily for the benefit of the two different communities we serve.

In the year ahead we will continue to explore new ways of bringing Jesus into the heart of the community, both at our Central and Crowmoor buildings. The challenges are enormous – the opportunities equally so.

Financial Review

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. They are committed to achieving a reserves policy which complies with Charity Commission guidelines.

The church's principal source of funding is the regular, personal giving of its members.

The church also receives income from hiring out the buildings for use by community groups not otherwise connected with the church.

The financial results for 2024-2025, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the financial statements.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Evans

Full name(s)

Jenny Evans

Position

Treasurer

Date

23 January 2026

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133718

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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R Scoulding
Mrs J Evans
Rev G Sinden
Rev N A Price
A J Burns
R Wise
N M Robinson (appointed 29.4.25)
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Governing document

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs J Evans - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Francis Nock F.C.C.A

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27 January 2026

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	83,759	740	84,499	79,564
Other trading activities	3	30,821	-	30,821	55,718
Investment income	4	164	-	164	198
Total		114,744	740	115,484	135,480
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		58,425	-	58,425	71,708
Mission		10,900	-	10,900	12,420
Establishment		44,423	264	44,687	50,478
Other		2,323	-	2,323	1,536
Total		116,071	264	116,335	136,142
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,327)	476	(851)	(662)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		31,983	3,713	35,696	36,358
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		30,656	4,189	34,845	35,696

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	15,334	-	15,334	17,487
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		15,322	4,189	19,511	18,209
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,322</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>19,511</u>	<u>18,209</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>30,656</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>30,656</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				30,656	31,983
Restricted funds				<u>4,189</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

J. Evans

J Evans - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

Tax refunds

Gift aid refunds are included when received.

Legacies

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

Investment income

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

Fund raising and publicity costs

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

Grants payable

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

Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

Fixed assets

Furniture and equipment in the church premises is included at cost or net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	- 10% straight line
Computers and equipment	- 33% straight line

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the scheme"). The scheme is a separate entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

The Minister and some members of the church staff are eligible to join the Scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	18,343	6,608
Offerings	53,549	49,108
Gift aid	12,607	23,848
	<u>84,499</u>	<u>79,564</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other trading income	<u>30,821</u>	<u>55,718</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>164</u>	<u>198</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £25,956 (2024: £22,284)
Mrs J James: £Nil (2024: £15,018)
Rev N A Price: £37,174 (2024: £34,218)

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, the following general expenses were reimbursed to trustees:

Mrs J James: £Nil (2024: £650), Mrs J Evans: £1,752 (2024: £624), Rev N A Price: £847 (2024: £325) and Mr R Wise: £15 (2024: £Nil).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Employees	3	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	79,014	550	79,564
Other trading activities	55,718	-	55,718
Investment income	198	-	198
Total	134,930	550	135,480
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	71,708	-	71,708
Mission	12,420	-	12,420
Establishment	49,378	1,100	50,478
Other	1,536	-	1,536
Total	135,042	1,100	136,142
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(112)	(550)	(662)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	32,095	4,263	36,358
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	31,983	3,713	35,696

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	20,325	1,940	22,265
Additions	170	-	170
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At 31 March 2025	20,495	1,940	22,435
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	3,119	1,659	4,778
Charge for year	2,042	281	2,323
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At 31 March 2025	5,161	1,940	7,101
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	15,334	-	15,334
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At 31 March 2024	17,206	281	17,487
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,983	(1,327)	30,656
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	(149)	476	327
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
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	3,713	476	4,189
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TOTAL FUNDS	35,696	(851)	34,845
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,744	(116,071)	(1,327)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	740	(264)	476
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>115,484</u>	<u>(116,335)</u>	<u>(851)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(112)	31,983
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(550)	(149)
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
	<u>4,263</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(662)</u>	<u>35,696</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,930	(135,042)	(112)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	550	(1,100)	(550)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,480</u>	<u>(136,142)</u>	<u>(662)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(1,439)	30,656
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(74)	327
Dementia Cafe	<u>3,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,862</u>
	<u>4,263</u>	<u>(74)</u>	<u>4,189</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>	<u>34,845</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	249,674	(251,113)	(1,439)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	1,290	(1,364)	(74)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,964</u>	<u>(252,477)</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

See note 5 for details of trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Included within donations received are the below balances received from trustees:

Rev G Sinden: £2,020
Mrs J Evans: £3,500
Rev N A Price: £4,010
R Scoulding: £2,456
R Wise: £1,870

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	18,343	6,608
Offerings	53,549	49,108
Gift aid	12,607	23,848
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	84,499	79,564
Other trading activities		
Other trading income	30,821	55,718
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	164	198
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Total incoming resources	115,484	135,480
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	62,350	71,807
Pensions	5,927	8,808
Rates and water	1,786	3,984
Insurance	7,105	6,475
Light and heat	20,917	19,044
Repairs and maintenance	1,261	5,491
Sundries	10,241	15,168
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	109,587	130,777
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	2,042	1,014
Computer equipment	281	522
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	2,323	1,536
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	295	320
Other		
Telephone	581	481
Postage and stationery	513	472
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	1,094	953

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	3,036	2,556
Total resources expended	116,335	136,142
Net expenditure	(851)	(662)

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CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		15,322	4,189	19,511	18,209
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>15,322</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>19,511</u>	<u>18,209</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>30,656</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>30,656</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				30,656	31,983
Restricted funds				<u>4,189</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>34,845</u>	<u>35,696</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

J. Evans

J Evans - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

Tax refunds

Gift aid refunds are included when received.

Legacies

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

Investment income

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

Fund raising and publicity costs

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

Grants payable

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

Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

Fixed assets

Furniture and equipment in the church premises is included at cost or net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	- 10% straight line
Computers and equipment	- 33% straight line

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the scheme"). The scheme is a separate entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

The Minister and some members of the church staff are eligible to join the Scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	18,343	6,608
Offerings	53,549	49,108
Gift aid	12,607	23,848
	<u>84,499</u>	<u>79,564</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other trading income	<u>30,821</u>	<u>55,718</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>164</u>	<u>198</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £25,956 (2024: £22,284)
Mrs J James: £Nil (2024: £15,018)
Rev N A Price: £37,174 (2024: £34,218)

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, the following general expenses were reimbursed to trustees:

Mrs J James: £Nil (2024: £650), Mrs J Evans: £1,752 (2024: £624), Rev N A Price: £847 (2024: £325) and Mr R Wise: £15 (2024: £Nil).

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Employees	3	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	79,014	550	79,564
Other trading activities	55,718	-	55,718
Investment income	198	-	198
Total	134,930	550	135,480
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	71,708	-	71,708
Mission	12,420	-	12,420
Establishment	49,378	1,100	50,478
Other	1,536	-	1,536
Total	135,042	1,100	136,142
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(112)	(550)	(662)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	32,095	4,263	36,358
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	31,983	3,713	35,696

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	20,325	1,940	22,265
Additions	170	-	170
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At 31 March 2025	20,495	1,940	22,435
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	3,119	1,659	4,778
Charge for year	2,042	281	2,323
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At 31 March 2025	5,161	1,940	7,101
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	15,334	-	15,334
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At 31 March 2024	17,206	281	17,487
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,983	(1,327)	30,656
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	(149)	476	327
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
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	3,713	476	4,189
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TOTAL FUNDS	35,696	(851)	34,845
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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,744	(116,071)	(1,327)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	740	(264)	476
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>115,484</u>	<u>(116,335)</u>	<u>(851)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(112)	31,983
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(550)	(149)
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
	<u>4,263</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(662)</u>	<u>35,696</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,930	(135,042)	(112)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	550	(1,100)	(550)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,480</u>	<u>(136,142)</u>	<u>(662)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(1,439)	30,656
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(74)	327
Dementia Cafe	<u>3,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,862</u>
	<u>4,263</u>	<u>(74)</u>	<u>4,189</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>	<u>34,845</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	249,674	(251,113)	(1,439)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	1,290	(1,364)	(74)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,964</u>	<u>(252,477)</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

See note 5 for details of trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Included within donations received are the below balances received from trustees:

Rev G Sinden: £2,020
Mrs J Evans: £3,500
Rev N A Price: £4,010
R Scoulding: £2,456
R Wise: £1,870

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	18,343	6,608
Offerings	53,549	49,108
Gift aid	12,607	23,848
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	84,499	79,564
Other trading activities		
Other trading income	30,821	55,718
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	164	198
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Total incoming resources	115,484	135,480
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	62,350	71,807
Pensions	5,927	8,808
Rates and water	1,786	3,984
Insurance	7,105	6,475
Light and heat	20,917	19,044
Repairs and maintenance	1,261	5,491
Sundries	10,241	15,168
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	109,587	130,777
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	2,042	1,014
Computer equipment	281	522
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	2,323	1,536
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	295	320
Other		
Telephone	581	481
Postage and stationery	513	472
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	1,094	953

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	3,036	2,556
Total resources expended	116,335	136,142
Net expenditure	(851)	(662)

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