

Wakefield Baptist Church

Annual Report

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Accounts

for the period

6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

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Annual Report

Section A – Reference and administration details

Charity name Wakefield Baptist Church
Registered charity number 1134998

Principal office Belle Isle Christian Centre
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The following were Managing Trustees on 12 JANUARY 2026 being the date which these Accounts were approved by the Community Council.

David Andrew Taylor	Deacon
Flora Catherine Davies	Deacon
Melanie Angela Neale	Deacon
Andrew Willis	Deacon
Vivienne Rowden	Deacon
Sampson Kyei	Deacon

The above named were the Managing Trustees during the actual financial year to which the Accounts relate.

The custodian trustee of the charity is the Yorkshire Baptist Association (Charity No. 247173). 17-19 York Place, LS1 2EX Tel: 0113 2784954

Advisers:

Bank:	Independent Examiner
Triodos Bank	Mr Nigel P L Wyatt B.Sc, FCA
Brunel House	Wyatt & Co,
11 The Promenade	Chartered Accountants,
Clifton	125 Main Street,
Bristol	Garforth,
BS8 3FA	Leeds LS25 1AF

Section B - Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Trust Deed, Registered 14th July 1843.
Approved Governing Document, registered 17th March 2010

Wakefield Baptist Church is a city-wide community of Christians of a broadly evangelical nature committed to 'loving others as we are loved'. Before God and one another, we have covenanted to help each other discern and do what God's will is for Christians in Wakefield. All members are encouraged to play a full part in the life and witness of the Church by undertaking such spiritual and practical tasks as are required for the furtherance of our vision and objective.

Section C - Objectives and Activities

Our principal objective is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, to include education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the UK and the World as the Church shall determine.

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

The church building is held by the Custodian Trustees for the use of the church. See note 14 in the accounts.

Summary of main activities:

We encourage each other to live balanced and healthy Christian lives, and to adopt a practice of whole life discipleship. This means we take seriously each person's call under God, and as a body of people support one another in how we work that out in the place God has put us.

We run a host of church groups as part of wanting to equip each other to seek God in the ordinary day to day routine. The community at WBC is very diverse but rich in fellowship; all are welcome. We have been deepening our inter-cultural identity particularly through styles of worship. In 2023-24, we began engaging with questions around sexuality and inclusion, through a programme of discussions in our own church and engaging in national Baptist consultation. This will continue into 2024-25.

We meet each Sunday morning for worship, learning and fellowship. We have a separate Sunday school for primary school age children and also a once-monthly all-age service. We have 3 Bible studies each week including one on Zoom and one in Farsi with aspects of sung worship. Our weekly 'Acorns' toddler group continues to be very well attended with an average of 35 children each week and multiple returning childminders who we now know well. English classes are held for people learning English as a second or other language every Thursday and Friday morning. We have a once monthly group called PossAbility that meets for worship, learning and fellowship with an emphasis on accessibility for those with learning disabilities.

The Church ran the emergency cold weather Night Shelter during the winter funded by the local Council for another year. We provided shelter for 33 rough sleepers this

winter. We are grateful for our volunteers (who come from within the church, but also externally) who each year help to staff the Shelter. Our twice weekly Drop-In continues, for those who are homeless or vulnerable housed, with mental health issues and learning disabilities. Many who have accessed Drop-in over the last 15 years continue to be part of the Drop-In community even when they no longer require housing support. Drop-In attendees received a cooked meal and clothing needs. They also received help with applications for housing or employment. Our minister-in-training regularly attends Drop-In and Acorns to build relationships with those who are part of those groups, offering prayer and pastoral support where appropriate.

Our work with asylum seekers has continued and they are welcomed into different areas of church life including our music group and preparing food for fellowship meals. Many have been helped with their applications to remain in the UK. Through a network of connections with other churches in the North East, our Farsi worker has been able to support many people as they are moved from Wakefield as part of their application process. Those who have chosen or been able to stay locally have made a great contribution to our community.

Financial Review

The church received income of £122,555 (2023 £125,304) and paid out £111,890 (2023 £146,876) leaving a surplus of £10,665.(2023 deficit of £21,572)

Free Reserves were £102,415 (2023 £93,694) and Restricted Reserves of £37,980 (2023 £36,035) There was £ 140,395 (2023 £129,729) in bank accounts, which is more than is required to meet the ongoing needs of the charity.

Plans for future periods

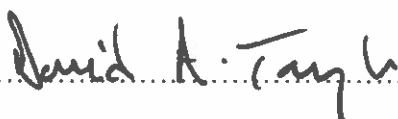
The plans of the charity going forward are to continue moving towards providing a safe environment for all people to come, meet, worship, deepen their relationship with God and live out Jesus's instruction to love God and love our neighbour.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy of the church is to have sufficient cash resources to meet its day-to-day needs including staff and premises costs. The church would expect to have at least 6 months of running costs in its bank accounts.

Section D: Declaration

The Church Leadership Team has received approval from Church members at the AGM of the Annual Report contained on pages 6 to 10.

Signature:.....

Name:David A Taylor.....

Dated:12 January 2025.....

Wakefield Baptist Church (1134998)

Financial Statement for the Year ended 5th April 2024 Report of the Independent Examiner to the Deacons and the Members of Wakefield Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel P L Wyatt B.Sc FCA

Wyatt & Co
Chartered Accountants
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Dated: 22 - 1 - 2025

Wakefield Baptist Church

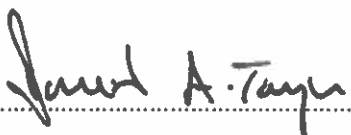
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Fund	Total	Total
Receipts and payment Account				
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income Receipts (Note 3)		77928.55	77928.55	64769.29
Rental Receipts (Note 4)		17096.50	17096.50	14796.50
Bank interest received (Note 5)		3695.94	3695.94	1380.35
Night Shelter receipts (Note 6)	21292.47		21292.47	40464.94
Other Miscellaneous receipts		535.00	535.00	233.00
Feed in Tariff		1532.37	1532.37	2629.69
Donations towards Drop In		474.00	474.00	1030.00
	<u>21292.47</u>	<u>101262.36</u>	<u>122554.83</u>	<u>125303.77</u>
Payments				
Stipend & other employment cost (Note 7)		39496.13	39496.13	38098.77
Mission (Note 8)		24441.76	24441.76	19328.91
Premises cost (Note 9)		19995.50	19995.50	53085.83
Admin & Office cost (Note 10)		2691.22	2691.22	9428.51
Church & Group activities Payment (Note 11)		3952.77	3952.77	7376.97
Night Shelter expenditure (Note 12)	19747.62		19747.62	17787.98
Drop In cost		1029.69	1029.69	1768.68
Fundraising donation to Madhi Hajinejad (YWAM)		535.00	535.00	0.00
	<u>19747.62</u>	<u>92142.07</u>	<u>111889.69</u>	<u>146875.65</u>
Surplus (deficit)	1544.85	9120.29	10665.14	-21571.88
Opening balances (start year 6 th April)	36035.11	93694.26	129729.37	151301.25
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Closing balances (end year 5 th April)	<u>37579.96</u>	<u>102814.55</u>	<u>140394.51</u>	<u>129729.37</u>


Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 5th April 2024

	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Fund 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Petty cash / Soldo card		329.80	329.80	329.80
Triodos Current Account	16043.67		16043.67	18137.70
Triodos Eco Account	21936.29	39197.69	61133.98	51179.02
COIF Deposit Account		60487.02	60487.02	57682.81
Loan		2400.04	2400.04	2400.04
Total Current Asset	<u>37979.96</u>	<u>102414.55</u>	<u>140394.51</u>	<u>129729.37</u>

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets for Church use (Premises & Contents) (Note 14)	2903596.00	2903596.00	2903596.00
Liabilities – Long Term (Pension Deficit) (Note 15)	-12.00	-12.00	-12.00

The attached notes form part of these financial statements. The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 2 to 3 relating to the year ending 5th April 2024 were approved by the Church Leadership Team on12 January 2025.....and signed on their behalf.

Signature.....
Name.....DAVID A. TAYLOR

Signature.....
Name.....FLORA C. DAVIES

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 – Wakefield Baptist Church (Registered Charity NO. 1134998) has been registered with the Charity Commission since 17th March 2010 – prior to that date it was an excepted charity and as such did not require individual registration.

Note 2 – The Charity Commission threshold for ‘accrual’ accounts is now £250k. As Wakefield Baptist Church’s income is around the £100k level, the Trustees have decided to continue using the simpler ‘Receipts and Payments’ format, and these accounts have been prepared on that basis in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

	Restricted Fund 2024	Unrestricted Fund 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Note 3 – Voluntary Income Receipts</u>				
Weekly Offerings		2715.61	2715.61	2649.00
Bank Standing Orders		54614.00	54614.00	53032.75
Donations		12046.94	12046.94	8338.24
YBA - Mission Enabler		8552.00	8552.00	
Fellowship Support			0.00	650.00
Gift Aid Reclaim on offerings & standing orders			0.00	99.30
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>77928.55</u>	<u>77928.55</u>	<u>64769.29</u>
Church group activities		535.00	535.00	48.00
Insurances/other			0.00	185.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>535.00</u>	<u>535.00</u>	<u>293.00</u>
<u>Note 4 – Rental Receipts</u>				
Cross Project – Lease		3720.00	3720.00	4030.00
Rent of Premises		13376.50	13376.50	10766.50
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17096.50</u>	<u>17096.50</u>	<u>14796.50</u>
<u>Note 5 – Bank Interest Received</u>				
Tridos Bank Interest (Eco & Current Accounts)		891.73	891.73	375.48
COIF Charity Deposit Fund		2804.21	2804.21	1004.87
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3695.94</u>	<u>3695.94</u>	<u>1380.35</u>
<u>Note 6 – Night Shelter</u>				
Wakefield Metropolitan Council	21292.47		21292.47	40464.94
	<u>21292.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21292.47</u>	<u>40464.94</u>

Note 7 – Stipend & Other employment costs

Minister/Minister in Training	12740.61	12740.61	12793.73
Pensions and PAYE/NI	3343.43	3343.43	1248.00
Pension arrears	12.00	12.00	946.44
Centre Manager	12558.40	12558.40	12347.73
Mission enabler	8960.04	8960.04	8960.04
Travel and other staff expenses	1881.65	1881.65	1802.83
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>39496.13</u>	<u>39496.13</u>
			<u>36295.94</u>

Note 8 – Mission, Grant to Individuals & Organisations

YBA Home Mission	7560.00	7560.00	3500.00
BMS World Mission	2520.00	2520.00	3270.00
Mark & Andrea	1500.00	1500.00	1000.00
Tim & Hannah	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Farsi Sessions	9696.76	9696.76	9509.76
Loan	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
Fellowship Support & other Mission donations	1165.00	1165.00	1049.15
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>24441.76</u>	<u>24441.76</u>
			<u>19328.91</u>

Note 9 – Premises Costs

Building & Contents Insurance	3328.12	3328.12	3060.16
Heating, Lighting & Water	7173.53	7173.53	4793.94
Cleaning Costs – rooms & windows	3954.85	3954.85	3163.62
Supplies – paper towels, cleaning materials	609.84	609.84	942.66
Premises Maintenance	2720.03	2720.03	38897.98
Premises Spares	1115.66	1115.66	1313.08
New equipment & furniture	1093.47	1093.47	914.39
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19995.50</u>	<u>19995.50</u>
			<u>53085.83</u>

Note 10 – Administration & Office Costs

Telephone & Broadband	1155.14	1155.14	1152.55
Photocopier – Running cost		0.00	7.84
Office /Worship Equipment	804.81	804.81	2514.33
Office supplies & computer software	78.76	78.76	42.09
Other Admin cost	439.91	439.91	2266.72
Payroll Agency fees	33.60	33.60	1134.98
Subscription to various Organisations	179.00	179.00	2310.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2691.22</u>	<u>2691.22</u>
			<u>9428.51</u>

Note 11 – Church & Group Activities – payments

Catering at Church events	1322.38	1322.38	3653.07
Tea & Coffee	637.16	637.16	278.60
Copyright licenses – music, videos etc	860.10	860.10	950.17
Training, Conference & Sabbatical expenses	353.99	353.99	839.95
Annual Event		0.00	1165.14
Worship and services	402.13	402.13	
Youth Work – Sunday School	377.01	377.01	490.04
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3952.77</u>	<u>3952.77</u>
			<u>7376.97</u>

Note 12 – Night Shelter Expenditure

Shelter Co-Ordinator wages & on cost	11980.50	11980.50	10113.03
Shelter management	1603.22	1603.22	1504.25
Volunteers expenses	59.39	59.39	60.70
Premises cost		0.00	0.00
Equipment & Food	104.51	104.51	110.00
Room Hire & insurances	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
	<u>19747.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17787.98</u>

Note 13 – Movement of Restricted funds (Shelter)

<u>B/F</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>36035.11</u>	<u>21292.47</u>	<u>19747.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>37579.96</u>

Note 14 – Assets retained for Church use (Premises and Contents)

The Church is the beneficial owner of the Church Premises, the legal title to which is held by the Yorkshire Baptist Association as the Church's custodian trustee. (Charity number 247173). The Church premises are currently insured for £2,793,333 (2023 £2,793,333) and the contents are insured for £110,263 (2023 £110,263.)

Note 15 - Long Term Liabilities - Pension Deficit

The Pension Deficit is a provision for past members of the scheme should the Church close. During the year the deficit has been cleared by way of national contributions to the scheme. The amount agreed as payable going forward is a simply £1 per month contribution to any ongoing administration costs.