

Wakefield Baptist Church

Annual Report

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Accounts

for the period

6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

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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 18 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

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Bank:

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Independent Examiner
Mr Nigel P L Wyatt B.Sc, FCA
Wyatt & Co,
Chartered Accountants,
125 Main Street,
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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 continued into 2024-25 and a statement of inclusion was agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

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 60 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 16 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 pastor 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 £169,067 (2024 £122,555) and paid out £116,944 (2024 £111,890) leaving a surplus of £52,124.(2024 £10,665)

Free Reserves were £109,030 (2024 £102,815) and Restricted Reserves of £83,489 (2024 £37,580) There was £ 192,518 (2024 £140,395) in bank accounts, which is more than is required to meet the ongoing needs of the charity.

Plans for future periods

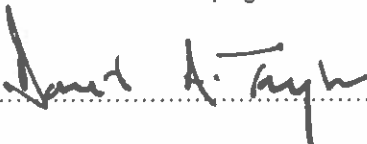
The plans of the charity going forward are to continue moving towards providing a safe environment for all people to come, meet, worship. deepen their relationship with God and live out Jesus's instruction to love God and love our neighbour.

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: 25 July 2026

Wakefield Baptist Church (1134998)

**Financial Statement for the Year ended 5th April 2025
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 2025, 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

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Dated: 26 - 1 - 2026

Wakefield Baptist Church

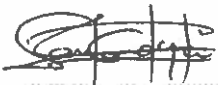
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Fund	Total	Total
Receipts and payment Account				
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income Receipts (Note 3)		67343.11	67343.11	77928.55
Rental Receipts (Note 4)		28021.07	28021.07	17096.50
Bank interest received (Note 5)		4042.48	4042.48	3695.94
Night Shelter receipts (Note 6)	20232.47		20232.47	21292.47
Other Miscellaneous receipts (Note 3)	45550.00	1363.14	46913.14	535.00
Feed in Tariff		610.59	610.59	1532.37
Donations towards Drop In		1904.32	1904.32	474.00
	<u>65782.47</u>	<u>103284.71</u>	<u>169067.18</u>	<u>122554.83</u>
Payments				
Stipend & other employment cost (Note 7)		49832.37	49832.37	38343.63
Mission (Note 8)		8855.97	8855.97	26202.88
Premises cost (Note 9)		25669.54	25669.54	19650.24
Admin & Office cost (Note 10)		5479.05	5479.05	2968.16
Church & Group activities Payment (Note 11)		3973.46	3973.46	3812.47
Night Shelter expenditure (Note 12)	19873.92		19873.92	19347.62
Drop In cost		3259.24	3259.24	1029.69
Fundraising donation to Madhi Hajinejad (YWAM)			0.00	535.00
	<u>19873.92</u>	<u>97069.63</u>	<u>116943.55</u>	<u>111889.69</u>
Surplus (deficit)	45908.55	6215.08	52123.63	10665.14
Opening balances (start year 6 th April)	37579.96	102814.55	140394.51	129729.37
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Closing balances (end year 5 th April)	<u>83488.51</u>	<u>109029.63</u>	<u>192518.14</u>	<u>140394.51</u>

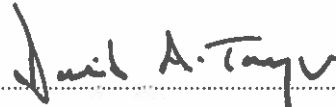
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 5th April 2025

	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Fund 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Petty cash / Soldo card		329.80	329.80	329.80
Triodos Current Account	6516.20		6516.20	16043.67
Triodos Eco Account	76972.31	42816.26	119788.57	61133.98
COIF Deposit Account		63483.53	63483.53	60487.02
Loan		2400.04	2400.04	2400.04
Total Current Asset	<u>83488.51</u>	<u>109029.63</u>	<u>192518.14</u>	<u>140394.51</u>

		2025	2024
Assets for Church use (Premises & Contents) (Note 14)	3086395.00	3086395.00	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 2025 were approved by the Church Leadership Team on 13 February 2026 and signed on their behalf.

Signature.....
Name.....SAMPSON A. KYEI

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

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	Unrestricted Fund	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
<u>Note 3 – Voluntary Income Receipts</u>	£	£	£	£
Weekly Offerings		1942.76	1942.76	2715.61
Bank Standing Orders		55162.00	55162.00	54614.00
Donations		6238.35	6238.35	12046.94
YBA - Home Mission Grant?		3000.00	3000.00	8552.00
Fellowship Support		1000.00	1000.00	0.00
Gift Aid Reclaim on offerings & standing orders		0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>67343.11</u>	<u>67343.11</u>	<u>77928.55</u>
Other Miscellaneous Receipts		1002.39	1002.39	0.00
Roof pledges	45550.00		45550.00	0.00
Church group activities		360.75	360.75	0.00
Insurances/other			0.00	0.00
	<u>45550.00</u>	<u>1363.14</u>	<u>46913.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Note 4 – Rental Receipts</u>				
Cross Project – Lease		4719.07	4719.07	3720.00
Rent of Premises		23302.00	23302.00	13376.50
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28021.07</u>	<u>28021.07</u>	<u>17096.50</u>
<u>Note 5 – Bank Interest Received</u>				
Triodos Bank Interest (Eco & Current Accounts)		1045.97	1045.97	891.73
COIF Charity Deposit Fund		2996.51	2996.51	2804.21
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4042.48</u>	<u>4042.48</u>	<u>3695.94</u>
<u>Note 6 – Night Shelter</u>				
Wakefield Metropolitan Council	20232.47		20232.47	21292.47
	<u>20232.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20232.47</u>	<u>21292.47</u>
<u>Note 7 – Stipend & Other employment costs</u>				
Minister/Minister in Training		12945.72	12945.72	14139.72
Pensions and PAYE/NI		11124.83	11124.83	3120.00
Pension arrears		12.00	12.00	12.00
Centre Manager		10521.72	10521.72	10410.31
Mission enabler		1586.50	1586.50	8960.04
Farsi Sessions		12451.20	12451.20	11814.89
Travel and other staff expenses		1190.40	1190.40	1701.56
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>49832.37</u>	<u>49832.37</u>	<u>50158.52</u>

Note 8 – Mission, Grant to Individuals & Organisations

YBA Home Mission	1680.00	1680.00	5880.00
BMS World Mission		0.00	2940.00
Mark & Andrea		0.00	1500.00
Tim & Hannah	3000.00	3000.00	1000.00
Repayment of Loan		0.00	1000.00
Fellowship Support & other Mission donations	4175.97	4175.97	2067.99
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8855.97</u>	<u>8855.97</u>
			<u>14387.99</u>

Note 9 – Premises Costs

Building & Contents Insurance	3416.36	3416.36	3328.12
Heating, Lighting & Water	13076.69	13076.69	6880.89
Cleaner	3657.56	3657.56	3954.85
Supplies – paper towels, cleaning materials	1398.02	1398.02	484.54
Premises Maintenance	2798.34	2798.34	4113.86
Premises Spares	58.65	58.65	0.00
New equipment & furniture	1263.92	1263.92	887.98
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25669.54</u>	<u>25669.54</u>
			<u>19650.24</u>

Note 10 – Administration & Office Costs

Telephone & Broadband	1298.81	1298.81	926.16
Photocopier – Running cost	342.00	342.00	0.00
Office/Worship/Ministerial resources	1707.44	1707.44	804.81
Office supplies & computer software		0.00	647.48
Other Admin cost	806.05	806.05	439.91
Payroll Agency and accountancy fees	1020.00	1020.00	59.80
Subscription to various Organisations	304.75	304.75	90.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5479.05</u>	<u>5479.05</u>
			<u>2968.16</u>

Note 11 – Church & Group Activities – payments

Catering at Church events	1091.03	1091.03	2045.47
Tea & Coffee	262.25	262.25	201.17
Copyright licenses – music, videos etc	1063.87	1063.87	1015.11
Training, Conference & Sabbatical expenses	995.50	995.50	55.00
Annual Event	14.28	14.28	0.00
Worship and services	50.00	50.00	295.67
Youth Work – Sunday School	496.53	496.53	200.05
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3973.46</u>	<u>3973.46</u>
			<u>3812.47</u>

Note 12 – Night Shelter Expenditure

Shelter Co-Ordinator wages & on cost	10353.12	10353.12	11980.50
Shelter management	1627.62	1627.62	1367.12
Volunteers expenses	37.74	37.74	0.00
Premises cost	6000.00	6000.00	0.00
Equipment & Food	1184.82	1184.82	0.00
Room Hire & insurances	670.62	670.62	6000.00
	<u>19873.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19347.62</u>

Note 13 – Movement of Restricted funds (Shelter)

	<u>B/F</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Night Shelter	37579.96	20232.47	19873.92	0.00	37938.51
Roof Pledges		45550.00			45550.00
	<u>37579.96</u>	<u>65782.47</u>	<u>19873.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83488.51</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 £2,969,190 (2024 £2,793,333) and the contents are insured for £117,205 (2024 £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.