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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is necessary.

### Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Number – 1135765

Principal address c/o 6–8 Amherst Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1NU

### Trustees

Rev. Alina Rai (Minister and Chair)

Mrs Maggi Taylor (Deacon)

Mrs Angela Lawrence (Deacon)

Mrs Pat Dyer (Deacon)

Mrs Luna Rai Pun (Deacon)

Mr Emmanuel Essah (Deacon) re-elected 27 April 2025

Mr Pasang Tamang (Deacon) re-elected 27 April 2025

### Independent Examiner

Philip John Nixon

28 Luckley Wood

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### Charity Governance

Members of the Church are accepted in line with the Church Constitution (March 2009). Church meetings occur at least 4 times per year. In line with the Constitution the members appoint Trustees who together with the Ministers are responsible for the all financial, legal aspects and the day to day running of the church.

### 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 also supports missionary efforts in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Our principal activities are described in the Secretary's report below. The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that its activities clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

## **Treasurer's report for the April 2025 AGM**

Mr Pasang Tamang

01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Income: £70,642.41

Expenditure: £74,092.54

Overspend: £3,450.13

Bank Balances:

Current Account: £7,856.47

Savings Account: £42,104.26

Whilst there was another year of overspend, finances had been monitored throughout the year and this was expected.

We thank God for his unfailing love for us and the gifts he has bestowed upon our fellowship.

We pray for continued careful investment in line with our Christian mission.

## **Secretary's report for the April 2025 AGM**

Mrs Patricia Dyer

The Diaconate are grateful for the emergence of some new leaders, who are taking responsibility in many areas of our praise, worship, and fellowship.

We continue to see confidence grow and friendships develop as we reach out to one another.

Particular points of praise and thanks can be found in the mutual support offered within the Diaconate, and also the growth for the Worship Team, and the Preaching Team, which has been to the benefit of all the fellowship.

We give thanks to God that he bestows upon us his unfailing love as we strive to be Christ-like in our words and deeds.

Areas to seek guidance through prayer include issues around staffing, and where our investment focus should be, in terms of finance, and personal capacity.

I take this opportunity to thank Deacons both past and present for the support they have given me, within my roles of both Secretary and Administrator, and when facing challenging situations outside of these church roles. It is the prayer of the Diaconate, and we hope the fellowship of Anderson, that we continue to grow in love and wisdom when carrying out the mission of Anderson:

"To be a Community which Shares Christ, Makes Disciples and Reflects God's Glory"

## Minister's report for the April 2025 AGM

Rev'd Alina Rai

We have continued to bear fruit in the Spirit and to be witnesses for Christ our Lord. We have so much to thank God for his goodness and the many great works he has done amongst us. It has been another year of God's favour and faithfulness. He has surely filled this church family with his glory and power

We held unto the Scripture from Haggai 2:4–6, which says, "Be strong and work, for I am with you. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear. I will fill this house with glory, and in this place, I will grant peace."

We believed, we prayed, and we worked together for Him. God indeed answered our prayers, and we witnessed greater glory and his peace in this place. We are heading towards complete unity that Jesus himself prayed in John 17:21–23. And this inspires us to stay focused in our calling to become the house of prayer for all nations to give witness of our redeeming God.

Many Individuals openly sharing on how they are growing in their faith and feels committed to God is the evidence that the Spirit of God is stirring our lives and is at work to empower us and equip us for His Kingdom purpose.

Together we have grown in confidence in our God given gifts. Apart from God, we could have done nothing with such joy, unity and purpose. The Lord Almighty blessed this church with resources, with strength, with opportunities, and with willing hearts to serve and love one another.

The Church being able to send me on Sabbatical was a sign of spiritual maturity and our complete trust in God. This gave opportunity to many of us to grow in our confidence, our leadership skills and sharing responsibilities. I came back refreshed and energised and felt so encouraged in ministry and towards the vision of Anderson. It was during my Sabbatical I learned how to really live a life of worship and truly understood the power of prayer. As a result, we opened the church door for prayer and worship during the week once in every term. We had a poor attendance but there was a powerful experience in ways seen and unseen. Let us not forget the quote by Hudson Taylor, "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." For us to rest and harvest in plenty, we must learn to pray; pray more, pray together in Spirit and in Truth.

However, there was a good turnout in all our special occasions and celebrations such as harvest, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Church Anniversary and at Easter. All the different groups and teams worked hard and gave their best to support the ministry and mission of Church.

Short report from each group from our weekly fellowship and our children and Youth group has been circulated through emails. Each group are seeking to serve according to its purpose, their needs and the priorities. We are grateful for all our leaders and volunteers and for those who comes regularly to strengthen one another. Eating together and serving together is still something we enjoy and cherish for so many reasons. We took every opportunity during those special celebrations to eat and serve together. It was good to see everyone looking comfortable and being considerate to one another. We are looking for more opportunities to eat together where we can enjoy and engage in building healthy and stronger relationship within our community. This has led us to think further about how we can create a safe space and a healthy church environment especially among children and vulnerable adults. We thank our policy and safeguarding team for their careful attention to detail for our safety, and integrity in the community. We truly appreciate their ministry at Anderson. We also want to remember how God provided our every need in our mission and ministry through his faithful and generous people. We sincerely thank the finance team for their faithful and careful stewardship allowing us to plan and move forward with much confidence and trust in God. Let us hope and pray that we use our resources well and prepare ourselves to become financially stable and invest in our future without having to rely

upon the Home Mission Fund, which is not going to be the way forward, always. Our partnership with BMS is very vital to support mission and missionaries and learn about the global church. A new team has been formed to stay connected, interested and pray intentionally and actively to support our partners. Thanks to Roy for his encouragement and leadership.

We have maintained our partnership with our association and attended the Leaders Day & the AGM, the Minister's & Leaders conference as well as the Baptist Assembly, which allows us to connect and build our relationship with other churches, enabling us to partner in bigger vision and be empowered together as the Baptist family. It has been a safe space to learn, to connect, to inspire and to refresh ourselves with renewed passion and great ideas.

We are committed to support our local Baptist cluster group and local ministers' group. Due to unsuitable days and other commitments, I couldn't attend these meetings regularly. Praying together with our local leaders is quite important and have a lot of benefits, therefore, I will try to make this my priority in the coming days. The Church releasing me to work as a chaplain in the University of Reading gives me so many opportunities to learn and reach out to the wider community. This ministry keeps me humble and available for people of all background and religions. It certainly expands my understanding and challenges my thinking. And at the same time, it prepares me to talk and witness about my hope in Christ.

I have been also contributing some time to serve with the LMDG (Leaders and Ministers Developing Group) in SCBA since last year. I see myself learning and developing in my own leadership skills. My hope is to contribute something to the wider Baptist family and to Anderson herself in God's time, will and purpose.

Our sincere appreciation to the Fabric Team, who has served us faithfully by maintaining the building and providing us with the rightful facilities to conduct and continue our community life. Though demanding and challenging at times, they remained steadfast and resilient to ensure the works are carried out. Their labour has not been in vain. Few people have joined the team to support this important work in the church life.

We are hopeful to see our children and youth ministry growing and developing slowly and steadily. There has been a progress, and it has become our focus, a vital matter to pray fervently in a meaningful way. We saw leaders growing and more volunteers coming to support the need of this ministry. We are excited to see what lies ahead of us as we hope to train and equip people for the future growth and guidance from the Lord.

As we celebrate many good and great things God has done for us, we would also like to be mindful about many challenges and opportunities so that we can develop and sustain our ministry. We recognise the need for understanding and distributing the tasks and building a stronger team in all areas of ministry.

Let us continue to devote ourselves in prayer, in fellowship, in his Word and in remembering Christ so that we can learn to hear his voice and become the church that reflects the kingdom of God. Let the Spirit stir our lives and lead us in our ways.

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Anderson Baptist Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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### 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>					
Donations from individuals	40,354	1,298	-	41,652	55,436
Donations from organisations	-	-	-	-	675
Gift aid refunds	5,450	248	-	5,698	7,972
Other income	1,272	290	-	1,562	1,634
Home Mission Grant	8,000	-	-	8,000	10,000
Rental income	12,201	-	-	12,201	5,804
Utilities refunds and compensation	3,293	-	-	3,293	-
Bank interest	624	-	-	624	347
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>71,194</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,030</b>	<b>81,868</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>71,194</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,030</b>	<b>81,868</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff costs	42,935	-	-	42,935	45,575
Professional fees	631	-	-	631	698
Manse costs	7,709	-	-	7,709	14,803
Church costs	9,836	-	-	9,836	11,596
Variable run costs - buildings/ admin	2,905	-	-	2,905	1,885
Variable running costs - pastoral	5,167	692	-	5,859	4,338
Outward giving - Baptist charities	5,200	-	-	5,200	4,800
Outward giving - other charities	1,140	270	-	1,410	5,921
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>75,523</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,485</b>	<b>89,616</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>75,523</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,485</b>	<b>89,616</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,329</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,455</b>	<b>- 7,748</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>53,698</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,673</b>	<b>63,421</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>49,389</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,218</b>	<b>55,673</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>	Cash	20	325	-
	Church General Bank Accounts	7,303	2,466	-
	Church Savings Bank Accounts	42,066	38	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>49,389</b>	<b>2,829</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>	<b>Details</b>			
	Gift aid receivable	360	35	-
	GASDS	250	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Insurance value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church and Hall buildings		-	1,247,069
	Stores		-	28,535
	Church and Hall contents		-	69,326
	189 Church Road		-	425,861
	10 Amhurst Road		-	280,723
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Collections for other organisations	Restricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*[Handwritten signature]*

PAT DYER  
Immanuel A. Dyer

9.6.25
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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Anderson Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

Charity number  
1135765

**Set out on pages**

attached

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

*Philip J Nixon*

**Date:**

20 September 2025

**Name:**

Philip John Nixon

**Relevant professional  
qualification:**

FCA

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