



BOSCOMBE  
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CHURCH

# Boscombe Baptist Church

## Trustees' Report

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2024

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## Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: Boscombe Baptist Church

Charity Number: 1138015

Charity Address: Boscombe Baptist Church  
26 Palmerston Road  
Bournemouth  
BH1 4HS

Trustees: Daniel Chirnside

Deborah Richards (Appointed 19/09/2024)

Doug Stewart

Helen Humby

Independent Examiner: Phil Cole

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# **Trustees Report**

## **Objects of the charity**

Boscombe Baptist Church is an evangelical church and accepts the Holy Bible as its sole authority. It exists for the worship of Almighty God and to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever way it can in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination within Boscombe, the wider area of BCP and elsewhere.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All are welcome to attend the services and activities at the church; our membership comprises people from various ethnic and social backgrounds.

## **Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements**

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

A number of baptisms were performed, further discipleship groups and other ministries started, and various activities that have reached out to the local community of Boscombe (including Fun Days, Film Nights and a Live Nativity at Christmas) were once again considered a great success.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## **Financial Review**

The Leadership Team has powers to invest surplus Church funds at their absolute discretion. Their current policy is to invest surplus funds in 3 Baptist Union high interest accounts.

The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd hold the Church, land and buildings, at the Church address shown above, in trust on behalf of the Members of the Boscombe Baptist Church as determined by the Trust Deed dated 28th March 1941.

A conservative estimate of the market value at the end of 2024 of the land and buildings of the Church and the Manse would be £500,000 and £450,000 respectively.

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Charity Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Church, at a level which takes into account variable general giving, future repair needs of the Church building and Manse, and the need to support our staff team. The Leadership Team estimate that this should be 6 months of expenditure and will seek to keep this level of funds available at all times.

**Signature**

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name D Chirnside

Signature

D Chirnside

Date 02.09.2025



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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on the pages 2 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As a member of the Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under S145 of the 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 Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act. That explanation includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations for 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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



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24<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**BOSCOMBE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Legacies					
Regular giving		29,499		29,499	34,081
One-Off gifts		6,998		6,998	10,130
Gift Aid tax recovered		11,907		11,907	6,324
Community Fund (Designated)		1,521		1,521	5
Youthwork (Designated)		2,266		2,266	1,486
Charitable activities					
Mission (Restricted)	1		1,274	1,274	996
Other trading activities					
Rental income		29,237		29,237	27,665
Other		1,183		1,183	1,385
Investments					
Interest received - BU		4,890		4,890	3,204
<b>Total</b>		<b>87,501</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>88,775</b>	<b>85,276</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Premises costs	2	31,019		31,019	22,156
Employee costs	3	51,252		51,252	51,399
Ministry costs	4	2,089		2,089	2,735
Admin and Professional costs	5	4,567		4,567	4,782
Worship costs	6	2,575		2,575	7,940
Charitable activities					
Mission (Unrestricted)		1,848		1,848	933
Mission (Restricted)	7		1,380	1,380	960
Community Fund (Designated)		1,239		1,239	1,252
Youthwork (Designated)		2,061		2,061	1,367
<b>Total</b>		<b>96,650</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>98,030</b>	<b>93,524</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/Income</b>		<b>-9,149</b>	<b>-106</b>	<b>-9,255</b>	<b>-8,248</b>
Transfer between Funds		1,912	-1,912	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-7,237</b>	<b>-2,018</b>	<b>-9,255</b>	<b>-8,248</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total Funds brought forward		110,872	2,248	113,120	121,368
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>103,635</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>103,865</b>	<b>113,120</b>

**BOSCOMBE BAPTIST CHURCH****Balance Sheet****at 31 December 2024****Charity No: 1138015**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank accounts			
HSBC current account		23,094	16,134
BU 1 month notice account		6,865	-
BU 3 month notice account		73,906	32,256
BU 1 year notice account		-	63,640
BU 7 day notice account		-	1,090
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>103,865</u>	<u>113,120</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>103,865</u>	<u>113,120</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>103,865</u></u>	<u><u>113,120</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted income funds	10	<u>230</u>	<u>2,248</u>
		230	2,248
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	10	102,355	89,026
Designated funds	10	<u>1,280</u>	<u>21,846</u>
		103,635	110,872
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>103,865</u></u>	<u><u>113,120</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on .....

And signed on their behalf by:

D.P. Chirnside  
Trustee  
(Date)

**BOSCOMBE BAPTIST CHURCH****Notes to the accounts**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>1 Mission income</b>		996
Harvest 2024	445	-
Safe Sleep Christmas	440	-
Keziah wedding	75	-
Harvest Barnabus	84	-
Love Christmas 24	230	-
	<u>1,274</u>	<u>996</u>
<b>2 Premises costs</b>		
Utilities	13,770	12,040
Maintenance	13,180	5,774
Consumables	56	98
Cleaning	1,105	1,294
Insurance	2,908	2,950
	<u>31,019</u>	<u>22,156</u>
<b>3 Employee costs</b>		
Salaries	44,503	44,008
Employers Pension costs	4,593	3,363
Expenses	422	610
Admin fees	336	257
Student costs	290	288
Training	999	2,456
Travel	15	160
Other	94	257
	<u>51,252</u>	<u>51,399</u>
<b>4 Ministry costs</b>		
Discipleship	139	27
Evangelism and mission	22	313
Families and community	442	830
Pastoral care	558	401
Sunday school	256	318
Youthwork	672	846
	<u>2,089</u>	<u>2,735</u>
<b>5 Administration and professional fees</b>		
Equipment and consumables	51	219
Subscriptions and licences	2,474	2,049
Website costs	345	601
Printing, postage and stationary	711	1,796
Bank charges	146	117
Independent examination	840	-
	<u>4,567</u>	<u>4,782</u>

**6 Worship costs**

Equipment and consumables	691	6,360
Refreshments	771	749
Seasonal expenses	563	306
Visiting preachers	550	525
	<u>2,575</u>	<u>7,940</u>

**7 Mission (Restricted)**

		960
Harvest Barnabus appeal	420	-
Keziah wedding	75	-
Safe sleep Christmas	440	-
Harvest 2024	445	-
	<u>1,380</u>	<u>960</u>

**8 Trustee remuneration and expenses**

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The nature of the reimbursed expenses

Mileage Allowance, proportion of Manse utilities (as per contractual agreement) and other applicable purchases made on behalf of BBC

**9 Staff employed**

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

Average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Minister	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Pension contributions are made to a NEST pension scheme

**BOSCOMBE BAPTIST CHURCH****Notes to the accounts****10 Movement in funds**

	At 1.1.24	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses	Resources expended	Gross transfers	At 31.12.24
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
<b>Restricted income funds:</b>					
Mission	2,248	1,274	1,380	-1,912	230
Total	2,248	1,274	1,380	-1,912	230
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
<b>General funds</b>	88,233	83,714	71,504	1,912	102,355
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Residual funds from Manse					
Sale/Purchase	21,846		21,846		-
Community fund	674	1,521	1,239		957
Youthwork	119	2,266	2,061		323
Total	110,872	87,501	96,650	1,912	103,635
<b>Total funds</b>	113,120	88,775	98,030	0	103,865

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Mission Collections for charities

Designated funds:

Residual funds from Manse Sale/Purchase To pay for a minister (2020-2023)

**11 Reconciliation of net assets**

	At 1.1.24	Cash flows	At 31.12.24
Cash and equivalents	113,120	-9,255	103,865
Net assets	113,120	-9,255	103,865

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