

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered Charity no. 1141792

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2025

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WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Charitable Status	Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church is a Registered Charity no. 1141792
Church Address	Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church The Rope Walk Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire GL12 7AA
Managing Trustees	Andy Eyre Andrew Lockton Martin Barker Arlene Greenwood Tony Jones Sarah-Louise Sudlow Simon Fenner Victoria Cook *Trustee overseeing finance from 8 December 2025 Minister (employee) Secretary from 16 September 2021 Treasurer to 18 September 2025 Deacon to 18 September 2025 (employee to Dec 2023) Trustee from 21 September 2023 Deacon to 18 September 2025 Trustee from 20 November 2025* Trustee from 20 November 2025
Custodian Trustees	West of England Baptist Network Little Stoke Baptist Church Kingsway Little Stoke Bristol BS34 6JW
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Stroud Branch PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT
Independent Examiner	Linda Hughes Burton Sweet Chartered Certified Accountants Well House The Chipping Wotton-under-Edge

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity

As stated in Wotton Baptist Church's Governing Document 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.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

During the reporting period the church has achieved its principal purpose by seeking to provide spiritual and practical help to individuals, within and connected to the church and to bless and benefit our local, national and international communities through our links. Many activities have been undertaken and these are set out in the "charitable activities" section below, and it is considered that they are all for the public benefit.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning our current and future activities and believe that they comply with this guidance.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout the reporting period the church has actively complied with statutory requirements such as data protection and safeguarding. Safeguarding checks are kept up to date. As part of the general debate about diversity in organisations the church seeks to engage with and encourage people from all backgrounds – one area of strength for the church is its engagement with families with children with special needs.

Congregational

The church has flourished through 2025 following the arrival of our new minister Rev'd Andy Eyre, who started his time with us on 2 Jan 2025. This has been a year of getting to know one another. Andy has brought fresh vitality to our worship and our Sunday Services. Andy and his wife come to the church with both having had considerable experience from serving in previous churches and in other professional roles in Christian life. Through the year we took time to pause and consider how people were feeling and what they were discerning about next steps for the church.

Partly as a response to this desire to pause and reflect we cancelled our usual holiday club in 2025. Meanwhile, church membership has remained stable, albeit with flux – new members joining and some people moving on. The church remains committed to, and believes, that our level of membership reflects an appetite for an evangelical stance coupled to a modern style of worship and a habit of community activities. It also reflects a commitment within members and attendees to understand and apply the Christian faith in their lives, which in turn benefits the local community. The church had 99 members at the end of the year, 1 down from the beginning of the year. A headcount towards the end of the year across 2 Sundays documented that on a Sunday, 97 adults and 33 under 18's attended. An additional small but consistent number attended by Zoom. We held 3 baptisms by full immersion this year. Across all activities the church was in contact with a larger number of adults and under 18's demonstrating that the church reaches beyond its membership to support the local community.

One notable challenge for the church this year has been that 3 trustees, including the treasurer, stepped down in September having completed either 2 or in the case of the treasurer 3, 3-year periods of service. For a short period, between September and November, this left just three trustees to cover all responsibilities, and this was partly mitigated by putting an interim finance team in place. In November, two new trustees joined the team which eased the burden. Throughout this period we maintained a trustee responsible for safeguarding and trustee responsibility for finance – albeit this latter role was jointly owned by all three trustees.

During 2025 we continued to support a church member who is training to become a Baptist Minister now working in a trainee role at local Baptist church in Tytherington near Thornbury. As a church we provided financial and prayer support as well as encouragement and look forward to her progressing to complete her taught training in 2026.

During the week, homegroups i.e. smaller local groups, have continued to operate. These are individualised to members' spiritual, emotional and practical needs and have been another way of encouraging individual and corporate spiritual growth.

Children and youth activities continue to be a major part of church life. There is a pattern of activity/faith-based meetings through the week and more faith-based activities on Sundays. Members of the Kidzone group and youth groups also attended Spree (9 children up to 11; 14 youth aged between 11 and 18; <https://www.spreesw.org/>) – which is an event run by SWYM for youth groups across the South-West. The aim of our youth groups is to encourage growth in the Christian Faith and live lives according to Christian principles based on Jesus's instruction to 'love your neighbour as yourself.' As part of that, some church young people are engaged via the Pulse Community Youth Group and groups volunteering at Wotton Community Sports Foundation & Wotton Pool. Across the week the church has contact with children and youth from church families and from outside the church with total numbers each around 35 children and 38 youth.

No major building projects were initiated in 2025 although the manse refurbishment during 2024 rolled over into the New Year. Costs were financed through a reserved building fund with money coming almost completely from members' giving. Part of this giving consisted of member providing interest free loans.

Local

The church is an active member of Churches Together in Wotton (Charity no. 1113299) which carries out a variety of community activities in the town of Wotton-under-Edge and surrounding villages. During the year Churches Together distributed Bibles to all primary school leavers. The church also participated in joint Lent and Easter celebrations as well as Remembrance Day commemorations and Christmas card distribution.

Debt advice at the church, which had been delivered as a partner with another local Baptist Church in Thornbury, came to a close during 2025.

There is provision of a toddler group (Little Fishes). This runs each Thursday morning in term time, with plans to extend this to holidays as well, providing a range of toys and craft activities for toddlers as well as drinks and snacks for adults and children. They always sing nursery rhymes and read a Bible story together at the end of the session. It's an opportunity to serve and bless families in Wotton and surrounding villages and to share God's love with them. This group is well attended by approximately 20 children and their carers, which provides a valuable service to the community.

The children, family & youth worker provided regular input into local primary schools, contributing to school assemblies, after school club and class teaching. Input has continued through Open the Book, which is an arrangement by which church members, as part of a church's together initiative, act & read the Bible in schools. Our youth worker continues to oversee our youth activities and keep them at a high level. She continues to informally have good contacts with non-Church youth in the town through her established connections pending a decision by the Town Council of more formal provision. During the latter quarter of 2023, the church had agreed to partner with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good; Charity No: 1074114). This partnership allows us to offer a coaching service to primary school children in the town – initially at one school. The coaching scheme is overseen by Karen with church members performing coaching and training and support being provided by TLG. Currently there are three coaches visiting three children, soon to be four children, at the school. In 2025 WBC paid £1200 to TLG for subscription and training.

Various activities are run from the church premises but are not overseen by the church itself. The church charges a fee to cover its costs, and these contributions go into the building fund. Regular hall bookings include Brownies, Slimming World, a karate class, a local tutor, a singing coach, a gardening club and two exercise classes. The hall is also regularly used for private birthday parties and fund-raising events. The church space is occasionally used by a local drama group, a chamber music group, and other music groups/bands.

Regional

Through the regional Baptist association (WEBNET: Charity No 1092443) and the national association (the Baptist Union of Great Britain: Charity No. 1181392) the church is engaged with national issues and encourages church members to engage with government consultation and with their local MPs where and when appropriate. We pay both a subscription (£585 in 2025) and make a gift to the BUGB Home Mission Fund (£4000 in 2025).

Specifically during 2025 we have encouraged members to engage with the discussion of the Assisted Dying bill while recognising that different church members may have differing views of this complex issue.

International

The church supports and engages with a number of international organisations. These include:

The Baptist Missionary Society (Charity No. 1174364). The church receives and circulates regular information from BMS Missionaries based in Bangladesh and Thailand. Those in Bangladesh are involved in training, teaching, supporting local staff and pastoral care. They are currently working with nationals training them to work as missionaries within Bangladesh. Those in Thailand work with BMS partner Thailand Karen Baptist Convention (TBK). Helping to build up an IT ministry, as well as teaching English and teaching baking to youth and women within the TBK and the community. The church received a visit from the missionaries in Thailand during 2025 and has been kept up to date with both missionaries via regular updates. In response the church supports these missionaries through prayer and giving (£2000 in 2025).

Dagoretti (Charity No. 1104382). The Dagoretti Corner Street Children Programme charity provides rehabilitation, education and provision of food for ex-street children in Dagoretti, a deprived area of Nairobi in Kenya. Currently, eight young men aged between 22 and 27 live on land owned by the charity under the care of resident house parents, Mutunga and Florence. The church provides prayer and financial support (£600 in 2025), alongside contributing by members holding Trustees membership.

Open Doors (Charity No. 1125684). This is an international charity focussed on people who are persecuted for their Christian beliefs. Open Doors campaigns on behalf of victims, provides practical care for them and their families and works with governments to promote religious tolerance. The church supports Open Doors through prayer and giving (£250 in 2025) and members are encouraged to write letters to the appropriate authorities in specific situations.

The church has links to several other charities involved in Christian work in the UK and abroad but making small or no financial contributions (less than £500 in 2025).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church is constituted under a Constitution adopted on 16 September 2010. Prior to this date it was constituted under a Trust Deed. The church is part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain network, registration number 9074. A Governing Document defines the way it operates.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity looks for new trustees as required. Such persons will need to be eligible to serve in accordance with the Articles of Association. During the reporting period 3 trustees stepped down and 2 new trustees were appointed. Trustees, when needed, are proposed and seconded by church members and confirmed by a vote as described in the Governing Document.

Procedures for induction and training of new trustees

Prospective trustees are made aware of their obligations by being provided with Charity Commission literature and website links and through discussions with the chair of the Trustees, generally the church pastor.

Organisational structure

The day-to-day administration of the Church is undertaken by a part-time administrative staff member, Anna Jones, who through 2025 has continued to provide invaluable support. The Trustees continue with overall responsibility for the way the church is run, subject to approval by the church membership, in line with Baptist practice. The trustee meetings focus on the fiduciary responsibilities of the church – safeguarding, health and safety, financial oversight and issues linked to the buildings. We believe that this brings focus to these areas and the trustees meet alternate months to ensure regular oversight. A separate group, made up of Ministry Team Leaders, operates and has oversight for particular areas in the Church life. They have responsibilities for activities such as worship, prayer, mission and children and youth work. This group meet monthly together with the trustees to ensure delivery of the church's purpose as defined in the governing document.

In total we had 4 paid members of staff as of end 2025:

- Reverend Andy Eyre is our enthusiastic full time Minister and leads most Sunday Services, provides considerable pastoral care to members and attendees and oversees spiritual and practical life of the church.
- Karen Dover is our busy Children, Family & Youth Worker, and runs a programme of activities both within the church for children and youth attending church as well as the local community. She is helped by group of dedicated volunteers.
- Anna Jones continues to keep us all in order as our church Administrator. She has been the first point of contact for bookings to use the premises, and ably and efficiently produces adverts and flyers for events as needed, circulating emails as needed and maintaining adherence to GDPR requirements through 2025.
- Kelly Watkins is our part-time cleaner, who cheerfully and consistently keeps the premises clean every week.

Reserves Policy

The policy adopted is for reserves in the general fund to be kept at or above 3 months normal expenditure. At the end of 2025 the reserves stand at just under £27,000, the average 3 month expenditure in 2025 was just under £34,250.

Risk Assessment

Regular risk assessments of the premises and regular activities are undertaken by the Trustees, through the leaders of those activities. Separate assessments are required for one-off activities. Any contract entered into is assessed for risk before the church is committed. Our Safeguarding Policy is in line with WEBA's current guidelines, and was overhauled and updated in 2017 by Rachel Carrick, our Safeguarding Officer, and has been reviewed and updated annually since. We continue to send a number of people on various levels of safeguarding training this year, using the revised WEBA training notes, and are keen to ensure everyone leading or involved in vulnerable groups is sufficiently well trained.

ORGANISATION

The Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1. Managing Trustees are elected by members of Wotton Baptist Church and serve for a period of 3 years after which time they may, if willing, be nominated again and stand for re-election. The Minister remains a Trustee until the end of his ministry with this church. Trustees meet at least monthly and members meetings are held bi-monthly. While we are grateful to have a larger leadership team, we would still welcome two further deacons to join the team.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

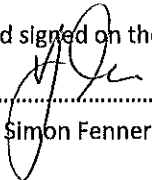
Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing the statement the trustees are required to:

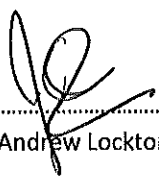
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 10th May 2026

and signed on their behalf by:


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Dr Simon Fenner, Trustee (Finance)


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Dr J Andrew Lockton, Church Secretary

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	Note 2	125,705.90	8,738.70	134,444.60	158,463.03
Investment Income	Note 3	488.78	907.49	1,396.27	1,647.24
Other incoming resources	Note 4	1,093.85	14,779.74	15,873.59	51,854.26
Incoming Resources		127,288.53	24,425.93	151,714.46	211,964.53
Asset and Investment sales, etc.	Note 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Incoming Resources		127,288.53	24,425.93	151,714.46	211,964.53
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities	Note 5	136,898.69	42,102.83	179,001.52	185,563.20
Governance costs	Note 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other resources expended		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resources Expended	Notes 6 to 8	136,898.69	42,102.83	179,001.52	185,563.20
Asset and Investment sales, etc	Note 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Resources Expended		136,898.69	42,102.83	179,001.52	116,984.23
Net Movement In Funds					
Net Incoming Resources		-9,610.16	-17,676.90	-27,287.06	26,401.33
Transfer Between Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January		36,446.50	46,099.53	82,546.03	56,144.70
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December		26,836.34	28,422.63	55,258.97	82,546.03
Assets (not capitalised)					
Tangible Fixed Assets	Note 9	0.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00
Bank and Cash	Note 10	26,836.34	28,422.63	55,258.97	82,546.03
Total Assets		26,836.34	2,150,547.63	2,177,383.97	2,204,671.03
Current Liabilities	Note 11	0.00	40,500.00	40,500.00	0.00
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,836.34	2,110,047.63	2,136,883.97	2,204,671.03

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and signed on their behalf by:

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Dr Simon Fenner, Trustee (Finance)

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Dr J Andrew Lockton, Secretary

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

a) General

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with S. 133 Charities Act 2011.

b) Tangible Assets

Freehold buildings and land not depreciated
Church buildings are Grade II listed and valued at their insurance value
The manse is valued at cost

c) Voluntary Income

Voluntary Income is donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of Financial Activities when received

d) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of Wotton Baptist Church without further specific purpose and are available as general funds.

e) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Managing Trustees for particular purposes. In 2025 there were no Designated Funds.

f) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the specific purpose as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

g) Resources Expended

Expenditure is included on a cash basis and is allocated directly to expenditure headings

h) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Management is carried out without charge by volunteers supported by our employees which include a minister and part time administrator. The intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their services.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
				2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
2. VOLUNTARY INCOME					
Offering		101,229.90	4,156.80	105,386.70	90,518.86
Tax refund		21,871.00	3,581.90	25,452.90	26,003.59
Gift Days			1,000.00	1,000.00	30,340.58
One Off Gifts		2,605.00	0.00	2,605.00	11,600.00
VOLUNTARY INCOME TOTAL		125,705.90	8,738.70	134,444.60	158,463.03

3. INVESTMENT INCOME					
Charity Commissioners dividend			907.49	907.49	883.68
Interest		488.78	0.00	488.78	763.56
INVESTMENT INCOME TOTAL		488.78	907.49	1,396.27	1,647.24

4. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
Hall use (for Bldng Proj Fund)		0.00	8,079.74	8,079.74	10,412.82
Members Loans to BF			0.00	0.00	40,500.00
Grants made			6,700.00	6,700.00	57.14
Refunds		498.85	0.00	498.85	560.42
Little Fishes		430.00	0.00	430.00	0.00
Kidzone		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth trips various		0.00		0.00	0.00
Viney hill (Youth Trip) after refunds		0.00		0.00	0.00
Collections for causes			0.00	0.00	323.88
Pulse		165.00	0.00	165.00	0.00
Total		1,093.85	14,779.74	15,873.59	51,854.26
INCOMING RESOURCES TOTAL		127,288.53	24,425.93	151,714.46	211,964.53

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025		2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
5. COSTS OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHURCH'S CHARITABLE AIMS				
MINISTRY				
MINISTER				
Stipend	33,534.06	422.26	33,956.32	512.64
National Insurance Emp Contr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension WBC Contr	4,332.00	0.00	4,332.00	0.00
BU Pension Shortfall Contr	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Total	37,866.06	422.26	38,288.32	522.64
EXPENSES				
Car	224.30	0.00	224.30	0.00
Telephone	83.25	0.00	83.25	0.00
Conferences	378.03	0.00	378.03	0.00
Sundries	611.42	0.00	611.42	0.00
Total	1,297.00	0.00	1,297.00	0.00
MANSE EXPENSES				
Repairs	84.00	0.00	84.00	450.00
Gas Service Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	371.42
Insurance	371.05	0.00	371.05	411.55
Water Charge	1,125.60	0.00	1,125.60	844.06
Council Tax	2,478.78	0.00	2,478.78	2,367.05
Sundries	345.08	0.00	345.08	1,094.77
Total	4,404.51	0.00	4,404.51	5,538.85
Pastoral Assistant/Trainee				
Remuneration	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,238.73
Pension WBC Contr (see note 14)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,268.02
Expenses - Car	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,506.75
YOUTH WORKER				
Remuneration	31,618.01	2,276.08	33,894.09	20,050.07
Pension WBC Contr	3,393.26	0.00	3,393.26	2,118.18
Expenses - Car	331.20	0.00	331.20	541.75
Total	35,342.47	2,276.08	37,618.55	22,710.00
CLEANER (part time)				
Remuneration	5,246.96	0.00	5,246.96	4,971.24
Total	5,246.96	0.00	5,246.96	4,971.24
ADMINISTRATOR (part time)				
Remuneration	8,516.04	0.00	8,516.04	8,230.68
Total	8,516.04	0.00	8,516.04	8,230.68
MINISTRY TOTAL	92,673.04	2,698.34	95,371.38	61,480.16

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
		Total	Total
£	£	£	£

MISSION

General Mission	396.75	0.00	396.75	170.64
Kidzone	329.00	0.00	329.00	252.00
Little Fishes	120.19	0.00	120.19	104.64
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Work 14 yrs up	357.42	0.00	357.42	1,064.06
Pulse	336.57	0.00	336.57	343.47
Holiday Club	84.93	0.00	84.93	864.14
Youth trip Viney Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spree (Youth Trip)	999.30	0.00	999.30	950.42
TLG	900.00	0.00	900.00	1,200.00
WDAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Support Fund	104.71	0.00	104.71	99.00
Charitable Grants	11,907.60	6,081.21	17,988.81	18,027.63
MISSION TOTAL	15,536.47	6,081.21	21,617.68	23,076.00

ESTABLISHMENT**RUNNING COSTS**

Subs. BU, EA, CTIW & CCL	2,200.44	0.00	2,200.44	2,655.48
Publicatons	379.51	0.00	379.51	0.00
Heat and Light	17,059.09	0.00	17,059.09	6,402.80
Insurance	2,274.81	0.00	2,274.81	2,174.82
General repairs and maintenance	276.60	0.00	276.60	2,022.26
Media System	1,706.54	0.00	1,706.54	1,138.83
RUNNING COSTS TOTAL	23,896.99	0.00	23,896.99	14,394.19

SUNDRIES

Supply Preachers	154.80	0.00	154.80	725.03
Miscellaneous	1,047.92	0.00	1,047.92	3,968.00
Conferences and Training	1,153.40	0.00	1,153.40	1,153.43
Catering and Cleaning Materials	712.78	0.00	712.78	1,429.46
Hall Use Refund		25.00	25.00	25.00
Bank Charges	115.65	0.00	115.65	110.37
SUNDRIES TOTAL	3,184.55	25.00	3,209.55	7,411.29

ADMINISTRATION

Stationery, Postage, Copyright	250.74	0.00	250.74	211.65
Church Telephone	709.62	0.00	709.62	573.76
Photocopier	540.98	0.00	540.98	772.23
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	1,501.34	0.00	1,501.34	1,557.64

BUILDING REFURBISHMENT

Payments to contractor	106.30	33,298.28	33,404.58	77,643.92
BUILDING REFURBISHMENT TOTAL	106.30	33,298.28	33,404.58	77,643.92

ESTABLISHMENT TOTAL	28,689.18	33,323.28	62,012.46	101,007.04
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OUTGOING RESOURCES TOTAL	136,898.69	42,102.83	179,001.52	185,563.20
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WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

6. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Charitable Activities	Grant Funding	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Ministry		95,371.38	0.00	95,371.38	61,480.16
Mission		3,628.87	17,988.81	21,617.68	23,076.00
Establishment		62,012.46		62,012.46	101,007.04
Total		161,012.71	17,988.81	179,001.52	185,563.20

Note: Grant Funding Includes grants from both Unrestricted and Restricted funds. Note 7 gives details of grants

7. GRANTS PAID

Grants, gifts and payments were made to the following organisations and individuals in the furtherance of the Church's objectives

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£
BMS World Mission		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,600.00
BUGB Home Mission		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.04
Dagoretti Corner Street Ch		600.00	0.00	600.00	650.00
Burmese Child		370.00	0.00	370.00	402.00
Honduran Child		237.60	0.00	237.60	237.60
BMS New Churches		200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Paul and Sarah Brown (BMS World Mission)		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lynch (BMS World Mission)		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Open Doors		250.00	0.00	250.00	500.00
Leaving Gift (Not Gift Aided)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CARE		250.00	0.00	250.00	500.00
Other Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	87.50
Tearfund		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One25		0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Pastoral Fund		0.00	1,924.49	1,924.49	5,350.49
Total		11,907.60	1,924.49	13,832.09	18,027.63

8. STAFF COSTS

		2025 £	2024 £
Stipends and Remuneration		81,613.41	51,003.36
NI Costs		0.00	0.00
Pension Costs		7,725.26	4,386.20
Other Costs		1,628.20	541.75
Total		90,966.87	55,931.31

The number of employees during the year was 2 full time and 2 part time equivalent in total to less than 2 1/2 full time staff.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Church Premises			1,857,125.00	1,857,125.00	1,857,125.00
Manse			265,000.00	265,000.00	265,000.00
Total		0.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00

Notes

There were no investment purchases or sales in 2025.

Manse is valued at purchase price.

Church Premises are valued at Insurance value. This value was increased in 2017 to include the link.

10. BANK AND CASH BALANCES

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024
Current account at Lloyds Bank		2,934.45	9,227.24	12,161.69	35,350.73
Deposit account at Lloyds Bank		0.00	19,195.39	19,195.39	23,110.99
Baptist Loan Fund		23,819.67	0	23,819.67	23,819.67
Cash in hand		82.22	0.00	82.22	264.64
Cheques not presented		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		26,836.34	28,422.63	55,258.97	82,546.03

11. CURRENT LIABILITIES

Members Loans		0.00	40,500.00	40,500.00	40,500.00
Total		0.00	40,500.00	40,500.00	40,500.00

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12. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at	Movement In Resources		Transfer from Gen Fund	Balance at
	1st Jan				31st Dec
	2025	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Projects Fund (BPF)					
Building Fund/BPF		472.58	33,298.28	0.00	
Building Fund /BPF (Tax Refund)		3,234.40			
Member Loans		0.00			
Hall use		8,079.74	25.00		
One Off Gifts / Grants		1,000.00			
Total Building Projects Fund	41,584.01	12,786.72	33,323.28	0.00	21,047.45
Pastoral Fund					
Pastoral Fund	3,653.48	0.00	1,924.49	0.00	
For LL in training	330.00	3,684.22	4,156.72		
Pastoral Fund (Tax Refund)		347.50	0.00		
Total Pastoral Fund	3,983.48	4,031.72	6,081.21	0.00	1,933.99
Other Restricted funds					
Ukraine	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mens BF causes	81.25	0.00	0.00		81.25
BMS (Birthday Scheme)	35.00	0.00	0.00		35.00
Tearfund Appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
One25 Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Leaving Gift (Not Gift Aided)	27.97	0.00	0.00		27.97
Open Doors	10.00		0.00		10.00
Benefact Grant	0.00	6,700.00	2,276.08		4,423.92
Miss G C Excell Charity for Minister	279.82	287.37	422.26		144.93
William Perrin Charities for Maintenance	0.00	620.12	0.00		620.12
Ben Rayfield Inc Grant	98.00	0.00	0.00		98.00
	0.00				0.00
Total Other Restricted Funds	532.04	7,607.49	2,698.34	0.00	5,441.19
Total Restricted Funds	46,099.53	24,425.93	42,102.83	0.00	28,422.63

Footnotes:

(i) The Building Projects Fund (formerly Building Fund) is allocated receipts from the use of the Church Premises. The Name and purpose of this Fund was redefined at the June 2022 members meeting to clarify it as restricted to funding major projects on the premises.

(ii) The Pastoral Fund is used to support those in financial need in the fellowship or known to the church. It is administered confidentially by the Trustees.

(iii) Other Restricted funds are funds to which voluntary contributions for a given specific purpose are made on occasions.

(iv) Miss GC Excell Charity is a fund invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd to contribute to the cost of a minister of this church.

(v) William Perrin Charities are funds invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd to contribute to the maintenance costs of the premises.

14. PENSIONS

The Minister has been enrolled in the Baptist Pension Scheme (BPS) (ministers section). The Church also is enrolled in the BPS (staff section). Contributions are made by both employees and church. The Church does not contribute to a pension for the cleaner or administrator.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE MANAGING TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025
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Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiners

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. In accordance with S.144 of Charities Act 2011 an audit is not required for this year but an Independent examination is.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (in accordance with the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent
examiner's statement

Examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with the 2011 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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


10.04.26

Linda Hughes

Date