

Maghull Baptist Church – Trustees Report 2024

Maghull Baptist Church Hall Lane Maghull Liverpool L31 3DY

Charity Commission Registration Number – 1144187

Trustees.

No Minister during this Period, Mark Shallcross (Lead Elder) George Bulfield (Treasurer), Colin Wright, Roy Coleman, Ian Taylor, Jan Halksworth and John Brocken

1) Activities and Objectives.

The Church means members of the charitable unincorporated association known as Maghull Baptist Church. The principle 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. In fulfilling its purpose the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- Baptism as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- Education and training for Christian and Community service;
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care, supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians

2) Appointment of Trustees

Trustees include all Deacons and Elders. The Church Secretary and Church Treasurer shall be appointed from those who hold the office of Deacon. The Deacons function shall be the administration of temporal affairs including finance, property, stewarding, legal matters and support of the Eldership in the oversight of the Church. The Church Members meeting will appoint Charity Trustees to be responsible for the governance of the Church and where there is a Minister that person is a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities. Subject to any specific or general directions of the Church Members' Meeting the control management and administration of the Church shall be by the Charity Trustees. Charity Trustees will be chosen from among the Church Members with the maximum number of Charity Trustees being agreed from time to time by the Church Members' Meeting. The Church Members' Meeting shall arrange for the appointment of a Church Secretary and Church Treasurer (or equivalents) who shall by the nature of their responsibilities, be Charity Trustees. During 2024 two of the trustees Jan Halksworth and Ian Taylor both left the team of Trustee's. John Brocken Joined The team.

3) Achievements and Performance.

The Church has continued to deliver its core activities based around Sunday Worship and has continued to focus on a range of activities on supporting the local community. Regular weekly activities include a range of youth clubs as well as the Focus Group for senior citizens which provides a lunch and a range of social activities and continue to thrive. The parents & toddlers group also continues to see new parents and carers taking advantage of a range of social activities. The Church Bridge café is open to the community and has delivered a place where local people can meet and socialise. The café currently opens on a Friday morning and is staffed by volunteers from the Church. There is now a regular set of customers from the local community ranging from older people who come to socialise, through to parents and guardians who drop their children off at the school which neighbours the Church, as well as members of the church. The MADUKES Ukulele band has continued to grow and attracts around 40 members from the local community to its weekly practice on a Friday evening. Over the past year the band has been invited to perform at a number of venues and have raised funds for various charities. The relationship with Edge Hill University based in Ormskirk has continued, with the Church leaders and Members regularly invited to speak at the University. The Church regularly plays host to a group of up to 10 students that attend the Sunday services as well as being provided with lunch and other social activities. The Church took on a student who had finished at the university as an intern. She was well known to the members of the Church and got involved with the Sunday School and the mid-week youth groups. The Church runs a large knit and natter group that meets fortnightly for both social and spiritual gain. People from the local community attend this event. Running alongside this event is a men's gathering called Natter Jacks that meets in a local café attached to a garden centre. This event attracts both church members and people who enjoy good company, a few quizzes and spiritual gain.

The table tennis club has continued to attract new members of the community, joining church members in these activities. The Church Walking Group has continued to meet on the first Saturday of each month and is open to the community and is regularly attended by 20 members, the links with the U3A group that also meets at the Church has continued to be strengthened with a number of the members belonging to both groups. The Church has continued to support the local foodbank both through donations of food and other items and also through Members of the Church volunteering as staff members. During the past year a number of Church Members have continued to volunteer with members from neighbouring churches to provide refreshments and a place for people to sit and meet at a weekly car boot sale that runs throughout the summer in the local area. The activity is called "Church without walls". A number of Members have also continued to support activities and charities abroad including the To Kenya with Love (TKWL). Through TKWL the Church has continued to support a school based in Kisumu, Kenya. The Church has also continued to support a number of projects in Moldova, Eastern Europe through a sister church based in Dancu Moldova and through a partner charity, Breadline. The Church organises a number of community activities to raise funds for the community in Dancu including a sponsored car wash and an annual fundraising concert. The University of the Third Age (U3A) continues to be based at the Church providing a wide range of activities for the over 55's throughout Maghull and Lydiate. The group continues to be one of the largest in the North West with over 1000 members. The church hosts regular U3A activities including IT groups and table tennis sessions. with this report. The Church also allows a local wind orchestra numbering over 50 members to use the building on a Tuesday night for rehearsals. Following a fire at the local Town Hall, the Church was able to accommodate the local St Johns Ambulance team who had no premises in which to meet.

4) A full set of audited accounts have been submitted for review with this report.

John Brocken.

Trustee.

Maghull Baptist Church.

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Registered Charity No 1144187

Financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2024 Church Account

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts			
General offerings		74,850	79,871
Tax Recovered : Gift Aid Donations		16,127	14,873
Donations and Other Income	2	14,226	9,733
Raised for other causes	3	5,834	9,970
Legacies		47,465	
Manse Rent		11,702	8,589
		<u>170,204</u>	<u>123,036</u>
Payments			
Stipend and Expenses	4	0	0
Manse Expenses	5	872	11,359
Church Maintenance	6	48,370	60,839
Youth Work	7	1,227	672
Evangelism	8	6,658	380
Mission Support	11	18,615	23,205
Administration	9	22,005	5,849
Caring Fund Gifts		208	76
Other Staff	10	9,269	27,659
Minibus Expenses		1,081	1,694
Pension Deficit		10	12
Other Expenses	12	1,363	24,285
		<u>109,678</u>	<u>156,030</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		60,526	(32,994)
Transfers from Investment A/C			
Transfers to Investment A/C			
Transfers from Deposit A/C		0	18,119
Transfers to Deposit A/C		55,000	0
Surplus/(deficit) for year retained in Current A/C		<u>115,526</u>	<u>(14,875)</u>
Balance brought forward 2023		<u>(11,798)</u>	<u>3,077</u>
Balance carried forward 2024		<u>103,728</u>	<u>(11,798)</u>

Designated Specified External Organisations

Receipts			
Mission and Harvest		5,834	9,970
		<u>5,834</u>	<u>9,970</u>
Payments			
Mission and Harvest	11	18,615	23,205
		<u>18,615</u>	<u>23,205</u>

Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(12,781)	(13,235)
Balance brought forward 2023	(10,235)	3,000
Balance carried forward 2023	<u>(23,016)</u>	<u>(10,235)</u>

Barclays Deposit Accounts

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts			
From Current A/C		55,000	0
Deposit A/C 1 - Interest		764	578
Deposit A/C 2 - Interest		1	1
		<u>55,765</u>	<u>579</u>
Payments			
To Current A/C		0	18,119
		<u>0</u>	<u>18,119</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		55,765	(17,540)
Balance brought forward 2023		45,087	62,627
Balance carried forward 2024		<u>100,852</u>	<u>45,087</u>

BU Corporation Deposit A/C

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts			
From Current A/C			
Investment A/C Interest		370	469
		<u>370</u>	<u>469</u>
Payments			
To Current A/C		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		371	469
Balance brought forward 2022		16,250	15,781
Balance carried forward 2023		<u>16,621</u>	<u>16,250</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Assets			
Cash Held		16	
Bank Balances			
Current A/C		10,951	5,441
Deposit A/C 1		100,783	45,018
Deposit A/C 2		70	69
		<u>111,804</u>	<u>50,528</u>

Notes to the Accounts

- 1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments basis' and accord with S42(3) Charities Act 1993

		2024	2023
2	Donations and Other income		
	From U3A & MWO	7,969	6,225
	Other Donations	6,257	3,488
	Other Income	-	20
		<u>14,226</u>	<u>9,733</u>
3	Raised for other causes		
	Moldova	3,913	4,633
	TKWL	1,336	3,015
	BMS	350	332
	Gifts Day	235	1,991
	Legacy	-	-
		<u>5,834</u>	<u>9,971</u>
4	Ministers Stipend and Expenses		
	Stipend	-	-
	Church Pension Contributions	-	-
	Expenses	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
5	Manses Expenses		
	Council Tax/Water Rates	-	-
	Repairs & Renewals	872	10,535
	Telephone	-	533
	Gas & Electricity	-	292
		<u>872</u>	<u>11,360</u>
6	Church Maintenance		
	Heat Light & Water	15,724	-
	Repairs & Renewals	26,446	60,046
	Church Cleaning	6,201	5,911
		<u>48,370</u>	<u>65,957</u>
7	Youth Work		
	Urban Saints / Groups	1,227	672
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8	Evangelism		
	Worship	-	-
	Speakers	2,407	380
	Community Events	4,251	
		<u>6,658</u>	<u>380</u>
9	Administration		
	General	22,005	4,253
	Membership Fees		1,596
		<u>22,005</u>	<u>5,849</u>
10	Other Staff		
	Intern	2,826	7,841
	Family Worker	6,443	18,936
	Family Worker Expenses		882
		<u>9,269</u>	<u>27,659</u>
11	Mission Support		
	From Current A/C	-	-
	BMS	4,492	5,308
	Home Mission Fund	5,308	4,492
	Breadline	5,000	6,376
	TKWL	3,815	3,999
	Other	-	3,030
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The main recipients of this support have been The Baptist Missionary Society, Home Mission Fund and Breadline

12	Other Expenses		
	Church Expenses		15,449
	Events		2,035
	Miscellaneous	1,363	1,683
		<u>1,363</u>	<u>19,167</u>

- 13 Non-Monetary Assets
- The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant TRUSTS) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Churches Custodian Trustee, The North West Baptist Association

Insurance Values

	Maghull Baptist Church, Hall Lane, Maghull	1,896,790	1,823,837
	Contents of Church	98,829	94,123
	76 Northway, Maghull	398,680	232,488
		<u>2,394,299</u>	<u>2,150,448</u>
14	Liabilities at 31st December		
	Administration		-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

BU Corporation Deposit A/C		16,621	16,250
		<hr/> 128,425	<hr/> 66,778
Non Monetary Assets	13	2,394,299	2,150,448
Liabilities	14	0	0

The statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 2 relating to the year ending 31st December

Signed by : G. W. Bulfield

G Bulfield Church Treasurer

Date : 30.10.2025

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees and Members of the Maghull Baptist Church

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts, they consider that the audit requirements of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedure specified in the General Direction gi

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also

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

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