

Registered Charity Number : 1144228

BARNT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2025



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity Name Barnt Green Baptist Church

Charity Number 1144228

Trustees	Rev. Peter Worth	Minister	<i>Resigned 30 November 2025</i>
	John Grundy	Elder	<i>Resigned 11 March 2025</i>
	Rev Peter Cook	Mission Deacon	<i>Resigned 11 March 2025</i>
	Stuart Marks	Fabric Deacon	<i>Resigned 11 March 2025</i>
	Hannah Jefferey	Family Deacon	<i>Resigned 11 March 2025</i>
	Elizabeth Kelly	Secretary/Treasurer	<i>Resigned 30 May 2025</i>
	Andy Titmarsh	Elder	<i>Appointed 23 March 2025</i>
	Shirley Titmarsh	Deacon	<i>Appointed 23 March 2025</i>
	Elizabeth Kelly	Deacon	<i>Appointed 30 May 2025</i>
	Nigel Stevens	Treasurer	<i>Appointed 18 May 2025</i>

Registered Office Barnt Green Baptist Church
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Second Trustees Report- an Update for 2025

Governance

1. Constitution

Barnt Green Baptist Church (BGBC) is governed by a document which is its Constitution. The current Constitution came into force on 21st September 2011.

2. Basis of Faith

BGBC is established and administered according to the principles of the Church as defined in the Bible. The members seek to fellowship together in love, care, prayer and the study of God's word.

3. Charity Registration

BGBC is registered as a Charitable Trust with the Charity Commission (CC) - Registration Reference 1144228 - and is subject to Charity Law and CC directions as applying to a Church Charity.

4. Trustees

The appointed Trustees at the time of this report were:-

		<u>Appointed</u>
Andy Titmarsh	Elder	23 rd March 2025
Shirley Titmarsh	Deacon	23 rd March 2025
Elizabeth Kelly*	Deacon	30 th May 2025
Nigel Stevens	Treasurer	18 th May 2025

Trustees who resigned during the period 1st January 2025 to the 31st December 2025 were :-

		<u>Resigned</u>
John Grundy	Elder	11 th March 2025
Rev Peter Cook	Mission Deacon	11 th March 2025
Stuart Marks	Fabric Deacon	11 th March 2025
Hannah Jefferey	Family Deacon	11 th March 2025
Elizabeth Kelly*	Secretary/Treasurer	30 th May 2025
Rev Peter Worth	Minister & Trustee	30 th November 2025

*Note

Elizabeth Kelly resigned as Secretary/Treasurer with effect from 30th May 2025. She will, however, continue to serve as a Deacon without specific responsibilities for the remainder of her appointed term.

Trustees Statement

As mentioned in the First Trustees report for 2025, the Trustees continue to ask for understanding as the events in the Church in 2024 and continuing through to the present time have caused considerable difficulties with the Governance of BGBC. Every attempt is being made to ensure that BGBC is able to continue with a stable and Bible Based foundation as a fully functioning Church and place of witness in the Barnt Green and local area.

The BGBC minister, Rev Peter Worth, resigned his position with effect from 30th November 2025. The Trustees are working with the Heart of England Baptist Association (HEBA), to appoint a "Moderator" to act as interim minister until a new minister can be appointed. The appointment of a new minister is likely to be a lengthy process.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding of all persons attending BGBC whether for Services or Community Use, is a legal requirement. A Safeguarding Officer has been in post during the period covered by this report.

There have been no reportable Safeguarding Issues during the period since the original 2025 Trustees Report and the 31st December 2025.

Sunday Worship Services

Due to the difficulties mentioned above, the numbers attending Sunday Worship have declined considerably. The services have continued each Sunday, and the Trustees would like to thank all who have assisted in recent days in worship and the ministry of the word.

Coffee Morning

The weekly Coffee Morning has continued during 2025 and has been a successful feature of Church life. It has had a regular attendance of between 7 and 15. The Coffee Morning has attracted several people from outside the church congregation.

Monday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

We have been holding a weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting on Monday mornings. It is a further extension of the outreach of BGBC to others. It is hoped this will continue as a regular feature of Church life.

Stay and Play

The weekly Stay and Play activity has continued. It is organised by someone not a member of BGBC. It has been well attended and the Trustees regard it as a very worthwhile outreach from the Church.

Community Use

The Church premises have continued to be made available to a number of organisations. The major user is the Barnt Green Pirates who provide an after school club on weekdays during term times. They also operate a holiday club during some of the school breaks. The Barnt Green Women's Institute meet monthly, and there are also weekly activities for young children for ballet classes. A Pilates group also meet weekly. The Barnt Green Parish Council also make occasional use of a room in the Church. BGBC make a charge for the use of their facilities, but this is based on an "at cost" basis

Financial Report

The Accounts for the calendar year 2025 form part of the report of the Trustees. As required by the Charity Commission the accounts have been "Examined" by accountants – Matthew J. Elmes & Co. Their certificate of a satisfactory examination forms part of the accounts. A full audit was not undertaken as the level of BGBC annual income is below the threshold for this requirement.

Financial Reserves Policy

It would appear that BGBC have substantial financial reserves. These reserves are due to the sale of the Church Manse in 2023. Due to two factors the Trustees believe that the level of reserves is at the correct level:

1. Due to much diminished giving to the Church following the substantial reduction in membership, BGBC had needed to draw on these reserves each month to keep its finances in balance.
2. If, and when, a new Minister is appointed, it is possible that the Church will be required to purchase another manse for that person. The cost of such a purchase would, with the current cost of properties in Barnt Green and surrounding areas, almost certainly need all of the reserves and also require additional finance by borrowing.

Future Policy and Aims

The previous Trustees Report mentioned the task of re-building BGBC into a fully functioning Church. Members confidence in each other and in the Leadership needs to be fully restored. We trust that this will be achieved by much prayer but also by repentance for and forgiveness of past actions which have proved to be very destructive. The need for new members, particularly families, is paramount, if the Church is to grow again.

Signed by the Trustees



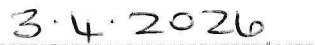
Andy Titmarsh




Nigel Stevens



Shirley Titmarsh



Dated



Elizabeth Kelly

BARNT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Activity	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Income:			
Donations and other income	2	24,831	54,454
Income tax recovered on gifts		5,862	9,265
Investment income	3	13,586	18,168
Church rents		13,660	10,291
Total Income		57,939	92,178
Expenditure:			
Minister and manse costs	4	57,495	65,181
Mission (including Worship + Youth)	5	11,519	9,715
Upkeep of church premises	6	16,785	20,846
Administration	7	1,935	2,104
Total Expenditure		87,734	97,846
Net movement in funds – inflow/(outflow)		(29,795)	(5,668)
Total cash funds brought forward	9	386,705	392,373
Total cash funds carried forward	9	356,910	386,705

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Activity	Notes	31 Dec 2025 £	31 Dec 2024 £
<i>Fixed assets retained for Church use</i>			
Church Building and Contents	8	1,565,000	1,565,000
<i>Current assets</i>			
Cash Deposits	9	356,910	386,705
Total Assets		<u>1,921,910</u>	<u>1,951,705</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds	10	1,921,910	1,951,705
Total funds		<u>1,921,910</u>	<u>1,951,705</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12th April 2026
and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Stevens
Treasurer and Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Donations and other income

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025	Year ended 31 Dec 2024
	£	£
Gifts, donations and covenants	24,603	54,119
Other income	228	335
	<hr/> 24,831 <hr/>	<hr/> 54,454 <hr/>

3. Investment income

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Bank Interest	<u>13,586</u>	<u>18,168</u>

4. Minister and manse costs

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Minister	46,137	44,616
Pension	4,939	5,233
Expenses	3,179	2,344
Miscellaneous (Housing/NI/Adjs)	3,240	12,988
Mortgage Interest	-	-
Maintenance	-	-
Council Tax	-	-
Water	-	-
Telephone	-	-
	<u>57,495</u>	<u>65,181</u>

5. Mission costs

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2024 £
Home Mission (Baptist Union)	2,888	1,200
World Mission (Baptist Union)	2,420	1,200
Judy Cooke Hope Home	5,817	5,520
Local Mission	-	-
The Message Trust	-	-
Worship and Pastoral	455	1,400
Sunday School (net of grant)	(61)	395
	<u>11,519</u>	<u>9,715</u>

6. Upkeep of church premises

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025	Year ended 31 Dec 2024
	£	£
Gas	3,958	10,163
Electricity	1,240	2,215
Water	216	191
Telephone/Broadband	507	489
Cleaning	2,489	933
Waste Collection	811	738
Insurance	1,577	1,544
Maintenance	2,938	2,967
Equipment	3,049	1,606
Miscellaneous	-	-
	<u>16,785</u>	<u>20,846</u>

7. Administration

Analysis	Year ended 31 Dec 2025	Year ended 31 Dec 2024
	£	£
Catering	99	398
Payroll Services	158	-
Independent Accounts Examiner	480	523
Affiliation Fees/Licences	886	523
Miscellaneous	240	1,181
Bank Charges	72	2
	<u>1,935</u>	<u>2,104</u>

8. Church building and contents

	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2025	1,565,000
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Revaluation	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,565,000</u>
Depreciation and impairments	
At 1 January 2025	-
Charge for the Period	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 1 January 2025	1,565,000
At 31 December 2025	<u>1,565,000</u>

9. Cash deposits

Analysis	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
	£	£
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	6,833	10,697
Unity Trust Bank Deposit Account	10,180	11,397
HEBA Deposit Accounts	339,614	361,332
BU Corp Ltd Deposit Account	-	3,279
Petty Cash	283	-
	<u>356,910</u>	<u>386,705</u>

10. Unrestricted funds

Fund names	Fund balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation	Fund balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	1,951,705	57,939	(87,734)	-	1,921,910



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

BARNT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1144228

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

M J Elmes

Date:

2 March 2026

Name:

Matthew John Elmes

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW / ACCA

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A