

Registered Charity Number: -1145507

Report of the Trustees and  
unaudited financial statement for the  
year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
for  
**Fareham Baptist New Life Church**

## **Fareham Baptist New Life Church**

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for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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**Fareham Baptist New Life Church**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2015.

**Reference and Administrative details**

Registered Charity Number: 1145507

**Principle address**

Gosport Road  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO16 0QW

**Trustees**

Mr John Dear	Secretary
Mrs M Rogers	
Mr David Allison	
Mr Matthew Hibberd	
Mr H Ellis	Treasurer Resigned 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
Mrs Joanna Dear	Treasurer Appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025

**Designated Person for Safeguarding**

Wendy Townrow resigned 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
Nicholas Dear appointed 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**Independent Examiner**

Mrs E Dunning  
8 Frosthole Crescent  
Fareham  
Hampshire  
PO15 6AD

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank PLC  
Fareham Branch

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

The charity is constituted under the Baptist Union of Great Britain Model Trust Deed, dated 20th March 2008. The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees.**

Trustees are appointed by the Church Member's Meeting in accordance with the Church Constitution.

**Organisational structure**

The trustees are the Leadership Team composed of the Minister and Deacons elected under the authority of the Church Meeting.

**Wider network**

The charity is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, adopting their model trust deed and subscribing to their doctrine, and the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

**Risk Management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**Objectives and Activities**

**Objectives and aims**

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination and the Word of God. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

As a member of the Baptist Union the church subscribes to the Union's Declaration of Principle:

“That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to Scriptures; was buried, and rose again on the third day'.

That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.”

## **Fareham Baptist New Life Church Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Charitable activities**

Overall, this has been a good year for the church. There have been high points with the commencement of the phase 3 building works to provide a new kitchen and toilets, but also low points with the closure of the Girls' Brigade company after 60 years and a couple of deaths of long-standing members. Through it all however we've been able to look back and see God's hand guiding and sustaining the church. The following paragraphs are highlights from some of our regular and other activities, many of which benefit the community around us as well as our regular members.

Our Sunday services are always a core focus of what we do. Our congregation is growing, both in person on a Sunday morning and with the number of people joining on-line and we now have over 200 followers/subscribers split between our Facebook and YouTube platforms. A day of prayer in May 2024 had brought three words of encouragement from the Lord. Our long-serving treasurer Hugh, retired at the end of March 2025. We thank him for his dedication and service over many years and we are pleased to have Jo taking over from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The *Sunbeams* toddlers group we started last year on a Tuesday morning is continuing to grow. Kirstie, the leader, says: "We are very blessed to have this opportunity to serve local families in our community. We have 6-7 regular families coming along although not all at the same time, when all children are present we have 10-11 children and 6 adults". Our *Sunday School* has 8 registered, 4 are below school age, 1 is currently in year R and the other 3 are in secondary education, with the majority attending most weeks. Our *'Little Angels Pre-School'* Has a good start to the new school year in September 2024 with new children settling in. We have a good start to the new school year in September 2024 with new children settling in very quickly both in September and again after Christmas. We aspire that every child reaches their full potential before they go to school, that they leave us a happy, positive, more independent and kind child, that can feel proud of their own achievements.

Our *'Oasis'* group for adults with additional needs and their carers meets every Wednesday 10am to 12noon with the exception of school holidays. It is a relaxed atmosphere where people can enjoy listening to music, playing games, doing puzzles and doing crafts. There is also a regular sing-along which is very popular. In January 2025 we started a new *day-time Bible study group*, there are now 8 of us meeting regularly and the format is in the form of a discussion rather than one person teaching. Another newish group is *'Cuppa and Chat'* Joy the leader of this group says: "We have about 8 ladies that come, although we have had 2 men join us on occasions. We spend most of our time sharing with each other and enjoying each other's company as most of us live on our own and get lonely at times." Popular among the men is the monthly *Men's Breakfast* on the first Saturday morning of each month when about 12 men (once peaked at 17) gather to enjoy a 'healthy' breakfast and share together. We also have general *Fellowship Events* on an ad-hoc basis which are open to all and in January 2025 produced our first 'Events Diary' with all the social events through to July.

As a church we support various missionary societies, this year we welcomed a number of visiting speakers from: Wycliffe Bible Translators; BMS World Mission; The Leprosy Mission; Scripture Union; Open Doors; and Barnabas Aid. Some of these speakers lead our Sunday services, while others were a weekday evening where supper preceded a talk.

#### **Financial Review**

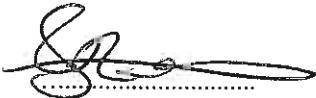
The charity continues to be funded mainly through gifts and donations from members of the charity, plus income from the pre-school. The building work for phase 3 of our rebuilding plan commenced in the second part of this financial period which has all but exhausted our building fund, a large proportion of our general account and will leave an amount due to the builders in the new financial period which is recognised as a liability in the following Statement of Financial Affairs. The trustees are confident that these funds will be forthcoming and that the charity continues to be a going concern.

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for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees do not consider a reserves policy is required at this time. The situation is continually monitored in conjunction with the pre-school management team.

**ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:**



Mr John Dear – Deacon/Trustee and Church Secretary

Date: 9/9/2025

# Fareham Baptist New Life Church

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Affairs for the year ending 31st March 2024

		<div>&lt;-----2024/25-----&gt;</div>	<div>&lt;-----2023/24-----&gt;</div>				
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT							
Reciepts							
Church Offerings, Gifts and Donations		21,662	2,673	24,335	23,245	15,279	38,524
Gift-Aid recovered		7,651	0	7,651	4,766	0	4,766
Pre-school Grants, Fess & Subscriptions		0	125,347	125,347	0	108,740	108,740
Receipt from Hire of premises	1	500	0	500	620	0	620
Receipts from church activities & events		3,692	159	3,851	3,408	101	3,509
Other Activities & reciepts		0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Income		0	475	475	0	496	496
		33,505	128,654	162,159	32,039	124,616	156,655
Payments							
Ministerial costs, pensions & expenses		0		0	543		543
Visting Speakers		255		255	55		55
Pastoral expenses		108		108	0		0
Mission Support	2	0	8,052	8,052	0	7,625	7,625
Outreach		1,813		1,813	0		0
Insurance		3,111		3,111	3,034		3,034
Utility Costs		6,488		6,488	6,622		6,622
Telephone, Printing & Stationary		1,473		1,473	1,486		1,486
Maintenance & Security		2,566		2,566	3,548		3,548
Little Angels Pre-school Wages		0	96,423	96,423	0	91,389	91,389
Little Angels Pre-school other Op Costs		0	18,192	18,192	0	7,575	7,575
Other (Church) Activity Expenses		1,246		1,246	3,756	0	3,756
Resources and Equipment		0			1,475		1,475
Building Development Expenses		35,587	55,522	91,109	0	0	0
		52,647	178,189	230,836	20,519	106,589	127,108
Excess of Reciepts over (Payments)		-19,142	-49,535	-68,677	11,520	18,027	29,547
Transfers between Funds	3	-4,866	4866				
		-24,008	-44,669	-68,677	11,520	18,027	29,547
Bank and cash balances at 1st April		55,645	117,109	172,754	44,329	98,879	143,208
Bank and cash balances at 31st March		31,637	72,440	104,077	55,849	116,906	172,755
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES							
Cash Funds							
Cash at Bank and in hand		31,637	72,440	104,077	55,629	117,126	172,755
		31,637	72,440	104,077	55,629	117,126	172,755
Other Monetary Assets							
Liabilities	4			11000			0
Assets retained, Church use	5	135,964	2,678,006	2,813,970	132,004	2,600,000	2,732,004





# Fareham Baptist New Life Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024

## to Accounts

Note	2024/24			2023/24		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
1 Receipts from hire of premises						
Elections	500		500	500		600
Other	0		0	120		120
	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>720</u>
2 Mission Support						
BMS World Mission		1300	1300		1200	1200
BMS Home Mission		1200	1200		1200	1200
Noel & Mandy (formerly WEC)		2400	2400		2450	2450
MAF		600	600		600	600
Leporasy Mission		110	110		175	175
Barnabus Fund		600	600		600	600
Wycliff Translators		700	700		600	600
Catherine Porter		600	600		550	550
Other		542	542		250	250
	<u>0</u>	<u>8052</u>	<u>8052</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7625</u>	<u>7625</u>
3 Funds Movement	Balance at 1st April	Reciepts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31st March	
General Fund	53,677	30,522	54,873	1,288	30,614	
Building Fund	56,179	2,674	55,522	-3,100	231	
Mission/Tithe Fund	870	159	8,052	7,965	942	
Little Angels (current account)	24,030	125,347	109,215	-5,400	34,762	
Little Angels (saver account)	36,030	475			36,505	
Girls' Brigade	518	2,286	2,687	-117	0	
Holiday Fund	0	0	0		0	
Oasis	774	570	425		919	
Light & Life	660	38	62	-636	0	
Sunbeams	16	88	0		104	
	<u>172,754</u>	<u>162,159</u>	<u>230,836</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>104,077</u>	

4 Liabilities	
Outstanding to Builders	11000

## 5 Assets retained

The fixed assets retained for Church use are the freehold church premises at Gosport Road, Fareham currently valued for insurance purposes at £2,678,006 together with furniture, fixtures and fittings of £135,964. The fixed assets of the church premises were previously reported as unrestricted, however it has come to light that there are restrictions on the buildings and land, hence this portion is now shown as restricted.

Approved by the Trustees of Fareham Baptist New Life Church on ??????? 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature:



Mr Hugh Ellis

Signature:



Mrs Myrtle Rogers

Dated:

9-9-2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Fareham Baptist New Life Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1145507

Set out on pages

1 to 7

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 material matters have come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below \*)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

3-9-25

Name:

Mrs Elizabeth Dunning

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

Address:

8 Frosthole Crescent

Fareham
Hampshire. PO15 6AD

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**