

## **Shoreham Baptist Church**

### **Annual Report 2024 – 2025**

#### **Elders Report**

Following Ray Orr's retirement from the pastorate, the church entered the period of Interregnum. This involved many different activities for the church:

- Rev. Tom Duncanson was approached to be the Moderator for the Interregnum, and we were very pleased and thankful that he accepted
- The Church Profile, including its history, ministries, activities, future developments and needs was prepared for the Baptist Union to enter on their pastor vacancy listing. The BU informed us there were only a few pastors looking for placements and we could face a waiting period of two years or more
- As recommended by the BU, a Search Committee was formed including the three Elders and four members of the church and led by Tom Duncanson. This committee would pray to know God's will and review any applicants
- A farewell and thanksgiving service and lunch was held for Ray Orr on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Church continued as usual, led by the Eldership with the support of the Diaconate as trustees. Preaching was shared between the Elders and invited guest speakers to whom we are very grateful for their willingness to help and encourage us through this time.

- Services continued Sunday mornings with the Café Church meeting once a month in the evening
- Homegroups continued and various ministries such as the prayer meetings, the Listening Course, the Choirs and Meditation sessions also continued
- The partnership with New Hope Church in Tuzla, Bosnia continued with a visit from their pastor Zeljko Puja and from our Chris Leggett who is living in Tuzla and working with New Hope Church
- The CAP Debt Centre closed at the end of 2024 after more than ten years serving those locally who were suffering from financial difficulties

- The Talk Jesus event was held; an event to train for, and encourage, evangelism
- New people joined the church, but we also experienced the sad loss of Maureen Simmons, and some members loved ones

During the year, we received an applicant for the pastorate which necessitated:

- The Search Committee meeting to pray and interview the applicant followed by a second interview to hear more and discern God's will for the church and the applicant
- After prayer and discussion by the Search Committee, the Church was informed and the applicant Rev. Kevin Mills was invited to come to a 'preach with a view' weekend on 8-9<sup>th</sup> March including meeting the fellowship, a Q & A time and the preach on Sunday
- Following this, a Special Church Meeting was called on 13<sup>th</sup> March to pray, review the application and vote which led to Kevin being accepted by a large majority. Kevin would be required to give 3 months' notice and would commence the pastorate 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Elders have felt there is a real sense of unity in the church and a good atmosphere was felt throughout the year for which they are very grateful to God and to the membership for their encouragement and support and taking on several responsibilities and meeting needs as they arose. It has been a great privilege from God to lead the church through this period of Interregnum and we look forward to where the Holy Spirit will lead us in this new season of life in His Church here.

John Lillywhite, David Rollings, Andy Lincoln (Elders)

### **Hilary's homegroup report**

Another year has come to an end.

We have 9 members in our homegroup plus one long distance member in Bosnia Herzegovina.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at either our house or in Lancing either at Col's house or Linda-Ruth's house.

We spend most of our evenings having a bible study and praying for members of the group and the wider SBC matters.

During the year we have spent a lot of time laughing and also sharing tears as various members of the group share their experiences.

We have used the Purpose Driven Church study material. Studied the Holy Spirit and how he works in our lives. We have also followed a study on the Prodigal son and more recently looking at the Lord's prayer.

We had a BBQ in the summer and a Boules evening with Mike Daintree's group.

I want to thank each member of our group for their participation and especially those who share in leading the bible studies. Also, a thank you to Ian who leads the group when I am away.

Hilary Leggett

### **Mike and Marion's Homegroup**

Most weeks the 8 of us meet to share, pray and look at God's Word. Contrary to popular belief we have spent more time studying God's Word than socialising this past year. We have studied Malachi, the evidence for Christmas and Easter and The best of friends. There is always plenty to pray about every week and to share together. Our evenings too have included fish and chips, Christmas meals and walks. Allie joined our group and Cindy moved to a homegroup in Beeding and we have changed our venue to the Beach. We appreciate very much being able to meet, encourage each other and laugh together.

Mike and Marion Harding

### **Wednesday Homegroup report.**

This year Val Lynne has joined our homegroup.

We are now a group of 8 ladies and meet on a Wednesday morning in our homes, where we study God's word through bible studies. we have been following different speakers through the right now media online teaching service.

A few we have done are: -

The book of Malachi by Dave Cornes

Advent by JD Greear

and The Lectio series by Pete Grieg.

We met a few times during August for a lovely social time, sitting in our gardens and sunshine! enjoying God's nature and people's hospitality. We also have continued going out into the town for coffee mornings a few times during the year.

It's been a difficult year health wise for a few of us, but we support each other through prayer and friendship.

Thank you to all our members for another year of study, prayer, friendship, and support.

Ruth Wright.

### **Linda Semmens Homegroup**

We have had a good year, studying God's words in 1 John, it has led us into some great conversation, it has encouraged us and blessed us. We also have had some lovely social lunches, over Christmas and people birthdays. We have changed our venue, and we are now meeting at Rose and Charlie's flat, where they really spoil us with tea, cakes and biscuits. They are always so welcoming to us.

I would also like to thank Ian and Deb's for welcoming us as a house group, to their home and they too always made us feel very comfortable and also spoiled us, we had met there for a few years, but we have changed a few months ago.

I also would like to thank all my home group for their encouragement and contributions to our special home group. I feel blessed to be your home group leader.

Blessings to you all.

Linda Semmens.



## **Beach Homegroup**

Over the last twelve months, the "Beach Homegroup" has continued to meet most Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. We usually meet in central Shoreham but can sometimes meet in Shoreham Beach.

There have been many opportunities to support one another in prayer and practically over the months. We were greatly saddened at the sudden loss of Cynthia, and our sympathy and prayers continue for her husband and family. David R. appreciated the prayer and support of members during his illness and ongoing recovery. We were pleased to welcome another member's return to the group. We have nine group members in total now (with some from the local Anglican churches as well as SBC).

Homegroup meetings are opened with prayer followed by a song/hymn chosen by a group member. We take turns leading the studies using a variety of study methods and materials. This has included studying selected Psalms, 1 Peter (RightNow Media) and the Fruit of the Spirit (study booklet). The evening concludes with a prayer time and a cup of tea/coffee plus snack.

From time to time, we have communion together as well as social evenings (centred around a shared meal together).

Mike & Judy

## **Saturday Prayer Group**

"The SBC foundation stone says, *'my house will be a house of prayer for all nations'*. We long to see that come true more and more in SBC. To that end we meet almost every Saturday morning from 8.30am to 9.15am in the end room. Typically, there are 14 to 20 people present - but more are always welcome! We have no specific leader.

Most Saturdays we start with a simple scripture - normally chosen earlier by Nick. This scripture is then the start of our praise and prayer and intercession. We have a mixture of silence and praying aloud - hopefully with us listening to the Spirit's leading. The reading [or part of it] will come up both during the prayer time and at its conclusion.

We pray for us, for our families, for our times together on Sunday, for people and groups and events in the church and the wider world - basically all our

concerns. We do try to pray thru topics rather than rushing from one to another. As you can imagine we prayed a lot for Kevin & Wendy, both before they came forward and since then, and have been praying much for openness to guiding for the church's direction.

Occasionally we pray round the church for the ministry of each room or area. Quite often some significant word or scripture will be brought to help us for a short period or for a long time.

We then end with the grace and split, some to have toast, coffee and homemade marmalade in the hall, other to go about their day.

The Saturday prayer group is open to everyone & anyone in the church - whether experienced prayer warriors or complete novices. Come for a single time or come as often as you can."

Geoff, Nick & Marion

### **Worship Team**

Worship Team has continued to serve the church with members faithfully turning out to lead the church in worship. A smaller group have continued to meet, when possible, on Wednesday evenings to practice new songs and/or worship the Lord.

Richard and Julia had a good conversation with Kevin Mills on his first visit and the worship leaders met with Kevin and Wendy during their weekend visit. Both meetings were very positive.

As usual, we continue to be grateful to the Team for bringing their gifts and to the church for allowing us to do so.

### **In Children's Work**

In July 2024, after three years of service, Simon and Jenny O'Brien stepped down from being sole leaders of the Sunday School, with the suggestion of a team leadership structure. Many thanks are due to the O'Briens for enabling the Children's Work to continue. Administrative tasks have now been shared out, but the leadership of the CW is continuing to be looked at. The team teachers are Simon and Jenny O'Brien, Karin Smale, Claire Smith, Mike Daintree and Judy Rollings. For continuity and clarity of working, the main point of contact (e.g. communications) for the team is Judy Rollings. The role of

those willing to assist with the CW is both important and greatly appreciated. We could not do the CW without them!

The CW continues to use Urban Saints – Energize teaching material, sharing a common theme for both Whizz Kids (reception to year 6) and Zone (secondary school age). We have looked at the Bible themes such as Worship and Encounters with Jesus. Along the theme of worship, we have been trialling a short worship time with Whizz Kids and Zone joining together with an invitation to join in extended to Creche children in the Spring term.

In September three children from Whizz Kids moved up to Zone. There are now two children in Whizz Kids, and we enjoy getting to know the children better. Each child is important and valued as we continue the Bible teaching sessions (along with age appropriate, games, craft, etc.).

In the Summer term 2024, the children (both Whizz Kids and Zone) were led by Karin in writing a lovely worship song. In December 2024, the CW had a Christmas party (a first) for all the children attending the church. It was greatly enjoyed!

Zone: We regularly have about 3 to 5 children attending. We meet in the lounge (behind the stage) so we are fairly restricted in space, which limits some of the more energetic activities, but it seems to work out ok. We have enough leaders to cover Zone during term time, but not enough to cover school holidays as well without overloading individuals. Some leaders teach in both Zone and Whizz Kids and act as helpers when needed. The group we have is a delight to teach. They all participate well, get on well with each other, and have great Bible knowledge having come up through Whizz Kids and being from church families. It is great to see the children grow in both knowledge and faith as they progress through Sunday School. We pray that they will all come to know the Lord as their own Saviour; and gain enough knowledge of Him and His Word to face the difficult world that teenagers grow up in today.

Simon O'Brien and Judy Rollings (on behalf of the CW team)

### **BMS World Mission**

On behalf of BMS World Mission, I would like to thank all those who have supported their work this past year, by prayer and giving. Our support enables them to spread the Good News of the Gospel and make disciples in so many

different parts of the world, through their mission workers and partners, and the projects they bring to fruition. It also enables them to alleviate suffering, poverty and injustice, and to help refugees. Our support also helps to maintain medical work in many countries.

If you would like to be part of the BMS Birthday Scheme, whereby you can mark your birthday with a gift to the BMS, just let me know. If you would like a box to collect money for the BMS, just ask me, you would be very welcome.

Thank you, dear friends,

Chris Willis (BMS World Mission Rep and Birthday Scheme Co-ordinator)

### **Hospitality Team Annual report**

Another busy year for the hospitality team and for everybody that serves tea/coffee and cake at the various activities in the SBC calendar.

Thank you to you all. I could not do my job without each one of you!

We served refreshments after Hannah & Brians' wedding.

The Harvest tradition of a Roast Dinner was a lovely fellowship time as well as a challenge producing Roast Dinner for 65 people.

We served ploughman's, sandwiches, cakes and other refreshments to many Model Railway enthusiasts in October.

In February we served soup, cheese, and biscuits to over 100 people who attended the Taking Jesus Course.

The Alpha course was once again a real blessing serving hot meals for 10 weeks to a very grateful group of people who we got to know during the time.

In March we served an afternoon tea to approximately 80 people who came to the Saturday information afternoon with Kevin and Wendy.

Thankyou everybody that has helped especially my team of Paul, Jan and Kevin

Thankyou

Hilary

## **Listening Ministry**

The listening ministry aims to: -

- Encourage the fellowship to share the love of God by listening to each other
- Raise awareness of good listening practice by offering short courses on learning to listen to all groups within the church

Over the past year the listening ministry has been pleased to offer a new course called

STOP LOOK LISTEN. It has been written in two parts.

Part 1 is an introduction to listening, learning how to be a good listener. It is suitable for those who have not attended a listening course before and is a refresher for those who have.

Part 2 goes much deeper into how to become a better listener.

Several courses have been given to Homegroups and small groups. The feedback has been encouraging and we are always considering ways to improve the course.

The Listen2You service continues to be offered. Leaflets are available at the back of the church. Carol Hofton Sally Lincoln and Judy Rollings are available to listen to you.

“The first duty one owes to the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as the love of God begins with listening to His word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is in learning to listen to them.”

Deitrich Bonhoeffer ‘Life Together’ 1939

Carol & Judy

## **S.I.S.T.E.R.S Ladies Group**

This year we started our events in May with a Cream Tea including a talk from Hilary Leggett. In October we enjoyed a full English breakfast with Karen Wells being our speaker. November brought our Christmas Crafts morning – a lot of mess but a lot of fun. We allowed the men to join us in March for a Beetle Drive evening. We now look forward to a Skittles evening at the Black Horse in Findon on 13<sup>th</sup> June – all ladies’ welcome.

My thanks to Julie Edwards, Gemma Lynn and Debra Johnson for their contributions to the Group helping to organise events.

Heather Allen

## **MenOnly**

‘Followers of Jesus – being His apprentices’

We could summarise what we have been this last year:

- guys appreciate the simple things like food
- guys like sitting & chat with old [and new] friends
- guys [some] like games
- guys want grow in understanding what it means to be an apprentice of Jesus

This all comes [indirectly] out of John Ch. 21, where Jesus meets his friends on the beach of Lake Galilee, feeds them, nourishes their souls and sends them out with these commands ‘*Feed my sheep*’ & ‘*Follow me*’.

We had another of our ‘Tools of the Trade’ breakfasts. The talk was based on John Mare Comer’s excellent book ‘*Practising the Way*’ – where he gives a deeply helpful model so we can see how the different parts of our lives [ *teaching, community, spiritual practises, suffering and time*] can work together under grace and the work of the Holy Spirit so that we grow as apprentices and be more alive. Change is possible!

A few guys from outside the church come along, and especially to the Pudding, Cheese and Games nights. We start with such delights as homemade spotted

dick & sticky toffee pudding with CUSTARD 😊. Later, while filling up the corners, we have a ten-minute talk on some topic that is thought-provoking without being cringy. The guys from outside the church seem to thoroughly enjoy themselves – valuing being able to sit and chat relaxedly or play Scalextric [ *thanks to Paul M for the use of his great layout*], table football, snooker & darts etc. Ideal to invite friends.

We again followed our normal winter practise of going out for a Christmas curry and then having our annual Chilli night in January. A big thanks to Ben & Cara for the use of their lovely kitchen and house.

On a wider note, we enjoyed being invited to one or two of the events organised by our excellent ladies.

Having said all this, I'd really like/need to get some more guys in to help with the leadership and direction!

Geoff Adams

### **Café Church 2024-2025**

Hilary and I continued to lead the evening Café Church once a month during the year (normally on the second Sunday of the month). This draws in some individuals from other Churches as well as members of our own congregation. The number of people coming along can vary from 8 – 20 depending on the week.

We use various video sessions from Right Now Media and have more recently been looking at the book of Joshua, and how God led the Israelites into the Promised Land. After watching a short video, we offer some questions connected to the video subject for discussion, in tables of 6-8 people. These questions often lead to wide ranging discussion, with every person having space to share and respond.

After the discussion on tables, we also have a time of prayer at each meeting.

These evenings are a good, relaxed time in which we encourage and enable discussion, and of course being Café Church, the evenings always include nibbles of some sort.

Please feel free to come along and join us.

Denise Edwards

## **CAP Debt Centre**

The Debt Centre worked at full capacity during 2024-2025 with a two-month waiting list all the time it was open. Therefore, all the Befrienders were used at some point during the year.

During the year two CAP clients became Christians and are currently working towards Baptism with Emmanuel Church. Three previous CAP clients are now attending Church on a regular basis.

Praise God that during the year we reached a total of 100 clients/families go debt free during the life of the centre, with over one and a quarter million pounds of debt having been dealt with.

In August/September the Church were informed that I would be stepping down as CAP Debt Centre manager at the end of December 2024. A replacement was sought but no-one felt called to take up the role, so the Centre closed completely at the end of 2024.

I thank God for the years the Debt Centre ran at SBC and the numerous individuals and families we were able to help during the life of the Centre. This was only possible with the tremendous support and prayers of the Church membership, so thanks to you all.

Denise Edwards

## **CAP Budgeting Report**

Julia, Steve and I continued to offer budgeting advice during 2024/25.

Steve's main role was offering advice to clients visiting foodbank.

In November Karin and I ran another budgeting morning at the Women's refuge in Portslade. We both find these mornings both sad and encouraging. The women there find our visits very helpful.

Steve, Julia and I pondered what we were going to do going forward with the CAP debt centre closing. After much thought and prayer, we felt this ministry needed to also finish at the end of December.

However, we are still open to continue with the visits to Shoreham Academy and Women's refuge if invited.



Thank you for your prayers for this work.

Julia Lillywhite, Steve Norris and Hilary Leggett

### **Messengers Gospel Choir**

Messengers is now in its 17th year - praise God! Despite some changes over the years, the vision of the choir remains the same:

- To introduce singers to the truth and joy of the gospel through our songs
- That everyone who sings with us truly belongs, regardless of belief, experience or anything else that may divide us
- To bring the truth and joy of the gospel to our local community and audiences through our songs
- To bless Kitettika community in Uganda through the money we raise for them
- That our singers would grow closer to God and that choir would be a stepping stone to deeper things of God

It was wonderful to recently witness Tony's and Malcom's baptisms. We know that Messengers Choir was a significant stepping stone in their walk towards faith in Jesus, and we thank Him from the bottom of our hearts, and celebrate with Him in all he is doing and is going to do in the future.

Despite the vision of the choir always being one primarily as outreach, we have noticed that it also serves the wider church by providing a place where Christians from all denominations come and enjoy expressing their faith together through singing. It is a beautiful expression of unity when you look around the room.

Fiona, Dave and I have been part of this since 'Day One', and it is testament to the Lord's hand on the choir that we are still together serving in this way. We are now joined in the band by Andrew (whose daughter used to sing with us) and Seb (whose mum sings with us) and we are very blessed to have them. There is a further team of SBC and non-church folk who help each Tuesday evening and behind the scenes. Thanks, to Val Lynn who faithfully acts as

treasurer for the choir year after year.

Please pray for all who come, and for all who will hear the gospel message through the Messengers choir.

Julia Daintree

### **Singwell Choir**

Shoreham Singwell Choir has been going from strength to strength with more people than ever coming along. There is always a cheerful and friendly atmosphere, and our team of helper's welcome everyone wholeheartedly and are available to support in any way. I love the way friendships are formed between our singers, and the local coffee shops always tell us of how they are inundated with people meeting up either before or after choir.

For me, this is a ministry first, business second. The vision is similar to Messengers, that people from all over the community would feel welcome, included and happy in our church; that friendships would form between SBC folk and non-church folk; and that the choir would be a stepping stone into deeper things of God.

Our singers are often going through some very difficult experiences in their lives, and choir is a place where they can find friends, joy, laughter, several listening ears and of course, Heather's cakes. In many cases, Singwell Choir is their only link to a church. Because of the many SBC members coming along to join in, they have a lot of people caring for them and inviting them to other things. It is a great lead into Alpha, and often to Messengers, which often seems to act as a sort of a bridge between Singwell and Alpha.

Although the songs are not as overtly Christian as those at Messengers, there is an awful lot of 'Kingdom stuff' going on in the room. There is a lot of love floating around in our church on a Thursday morning :) We also raise a significant amount of money for local charities through our concerts.

Thank you so much to all of the team for their faithful help and support, and also to other church members who spend their time at choir getting to know and supporting the people around them. The Lord sees it all.

Julia Daintree

## **Missionary Report OM In Hungary**

This last year has seen many moves and changes for our me and my team: we moved our office base, our new country leader and his family made the move from Albania to Hungary, and we have moved into a new phase of ministry for all the team members.

Our offices finally moved to a brand-new building that really supplies us with more room for us as a team, and importantly a great place to meet with and develop relationships with the local believers, since I've been here in the UK on home assignment the team held the first open house and prayer meeting for local believers and over 30 people attended.

2024/5 involved all of us adapting to a new leader and a different style of leadership. I personally was involved in lots of different meetings with all the team members, looking at their roles and putting together job and ministry descriptions. This all sounds very mundane but really helps each person focus on where we want to be ministering as a team and how we can best achieve this individually.

I also met a lot with our new leader Eunchull over this time helping with his adjustment to Hungarian culture and our team culture, not necessarily the same thing. (think of comparing British culture vs Shoreham church culture! some similarities but lots of differences to) There were lots of surprises along the way for him, it's not always been easy, but he has come to greatly appreciate our team as he has got to know us better.

Most of my ministry continues to be with people, either in person or online. Whether they are here as full-time missionaries or just coming along side our team as part of a short-term outreach, it is a joy and privilege to help them as they serve the Lord.

I continue to facilitate Short-Term Teams as they come and serve with the various ministries our teams are involved in. This last year, we welcomed 7 different teams from 6 different countries with a total of around 90 people, serving alongside our Roma (gypsy) Ministry, Ministry to the Marginalised, Church

Partnerships, Creative Arts Ministry and Support Ministry Team. They were involved in Roma Children's Camps, Serving the Handicap community, Practical

Service projects, ministry events to the elderly, marginalised and at-risk individuals and communities.

Along the way I also have the privilege to serve on a personal level myself. I continue to be involved with our puppet ministry and each Christmas and Easter as well as special celebration days during the year, we have the privilege of taking the Gospel message to schools, churches and special needs groups through our highly colourful and energetic puppet shows. Last year reaching around 2000 kids and their caregivers as well as a local community at a village family day.

I also continue to be involved with the local Erd Winter Warm Food project. From November through to March the OM Team joined the different Churches, Community Groups and other special sponsors to provide a hot meal to some of the marginalised and housebound in the city of Erd. A great partnership with the local Social Services helps different groups to deliver about 350 hot meals once a week to those in need.

These last few months as I have been amongst you on home assignment it's been a joy for me to connect in a much more personal way with you as my home church and having the opportunity to serve with you in small ways.

As ever thankyou Church as you pray for me and support me in the Lord's work in Hungary.

Jill Hitchcock.

### **Missionary Report New Hope Church Tuzla**

Thanks for the many things, God has done this year. As always in youthwork my first thoughts are the 2 youth camps. The trip to Italy was amazing for the youth and us leaders. Recently we had a zoom prayer time with participants of the camp from Bosnia, Italy, Switzerland and Uk which was good and will continue every 2 months. Our camp in Tuzla on 'Mining for our God given potential' produced new members and a week of blessings.

We have seen members leave the youth group and new members come over the year with God's grace being constant.

The new church building project is progressing, and many hurdles have been passed.

The new Filipino ministry run by Magdalena has been such an encouragement this year to the Tuzla church. Wave English course was smaller in October but bought new people to the church who have bought joy.

Thank you for the donation I received from the harvest offering. It was a great blessing to the youth ministry. 50% has been spent and the other 50% will be financing the youth camp in August.

Thank you for your prayers.

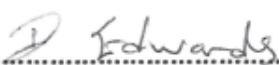
Chris Leggett

Trustees:-

Ian Stainsby

Church Secretary .....  ..... Date ..... 28/10/2025 .....

Denise Edwards

Treasurer .....  ..... Date ..... 28/10/25 .....



# Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
General Offering	66,315	-	-	66,315	64,951
Room Hire	13,751	-	-	13,751	12,728
Manse rental	-	-	-	-	10,452
Gift Aid	11,520	1,087	-	12,607	14,849
One off Gifts	-	575	-	575	7,405
<b>Sub-total General Giving(non-spec)</b>	<b>91,586</b>	<b>1,662</b>		<b>93,248</b>	<b>110,385</b>
Harvest Donations	-	3,325	-	3,325	4,770
CAP - donations	-	3,850	-	3,850	2,428
Grants - CAP Debt Centre	-	-	-	-	7,320
BMS	-	75	-	75	84
manse rental	10,848	-	-	10,848	
Family fund	-	3,126	-	3,126	1,650
Interest	165	1,758	-	1,923	1,357
bosnia support extra to church	-	1,565	-	1,565	1,375
ray gift- 23/24 paid in 24/25	-	595	-	595	1,360
Messengers	-	6,694	-	6,694	6,959
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>102,599</b>	<b>22,650</b>	-	<b>125,249</b>	<b>137,688</b>

<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					N/A
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>102,599</b>	<b>22,650</b>	-	<b>125,249</b>	<b>137,688</b>
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<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staffing	9,703	-	-	9,703	41,572
Manse costs Including Mortgage	5,779	-	-	5,779	9,195
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Building running costs	16,056	-	-	16,056	25,121
CAP HO payments from Church	2,700	-	-	2,700	3,600
Training and Pastoral costs	649	329	-	978	434
Church Giving	12,236	-	-	12,236	11,017
Church Groups	3,319	-	-	3,319	3,452
General misc. costs (Non-Building)	5,836	-	-	5,836	4,335
<b>Sub-Total - Budgeted payments</b>	<b>56,278</b>	<b>329</b>	-	<b>56,607</b>	<b>98,726</b>
Harvest Giving	-	3,913	-	3,913	5,602
extra manse mortgage payment	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
CAP Debt Centre Expenditure	-	11,815	-	11,815	10,957
ray gift	-	1,955	-	1,955	
refund rental manse	8,619	-	-	8,619	276
Bosnia support extra to church payment	-	1,690	-	1,690	1,275
BMS	-	75	-	75	84
Love to Move Grant	-	-	-	-	2,700
love gifts	-	-	-	-	730
family fund	-	2,520	-	2,520	2,516
bk fees paid	-	-	-	-	680
Messengers	-	5,375	-	5,375	7,083
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,897</b>	<b>27,672</b>	-	<b>102,569</b>	<b>140,629</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					N/A
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-



<b>Total payments</b>	74,897	27,672	-	102,569	140,629
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	27,702	- 5,022	-	22,680	- 2,941
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	44,570	29,680	-	74,250	77,191
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	72,272	24,658	-	96,930	74,250

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Account	28,230		-
	Savings	44,042		
	CAP Account	-	2,180	-
	BU Reserves Account		20,562	
			-	
	Messengers Account	-	1,916	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>72,272</b>	<b>24,658</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid for 24/25	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Building		-	-
	Manse property		-	-
	Audio visual equipment		-	-
	Musical Instruments		-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage	General Account	-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*D Edwards*  
*K P Mills* 2

Denise Edwards  
Kevin Mills

26/6/25  
26/6/25  
30/04/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
SHOREHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/3/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1148191

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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:

E. Lynn

Date:

13/5/2025

Name:

ERICA LYNN

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

Address:

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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.

N/A

## Independent examination of charity accounts checklist

	Step done?
<b>Check whether the charity is eligible to have an independent examination</b>	
Confirmed the charity is eligible for independent examination	✓
If receipts and payments accounts have been prepared, checked that the charity's gross income is less than £250,000 and that it is not a company	✓
<b>Check for any conflict of interest that prevents the examiner from carrying out their independent examination</b>	
Confirmed that there are no close personal relationships with the trustees that compromise independence	✓
Confirmed as having no the day to day involvement in the administration of the charity	✓
<b>Plan your independent examination</b>	
Obtained an understanding of the charity's constitution, objectives, organisational structure, the funds managed, its activities and accounting records and systems	✓
Reviewed whether any areas for improvement were advised to the trustees in the previous year's independent examiner's report (or audit report and management letter) and looked to see if any action taken	✓
<b>Check that accounting records are kept to the required standard</b>	
Checked that accounting records have been kept are complete and considered if they have been kept to the required standard	✓
<b>Check that the accounts are consistent with the accounting records</b>	
Compare the accounts with the underlying accounting records	✓

Checked some entries from the listing of transactions of income and expenditure to vouchers such as invoices, bank statements, and receipts.	✓
If applicable, confirmed that the trustees have taken the necessary steps to ensure that restricted or endowed funds are correctly reported in the accounts	✓
Asked the treasurer about the reserves policy and the adequacy of the level of reserves held	✓
<b>Identify any items from the review of the accounts that need to be followed up for further explanation or evidence</b>	
	N/A
<b>Completing the independent examination</b>	
Considered whether the examination has identified a matter of concern that should be reported directly to the Charities Commission	N/A
<b>Sign and date Checklist complete</b> E. Lynn 13/5/2025	✓
<b>Further Notes if required</b>	