

Registered Charity no. 1149238

**Harehills Lane Baptist Church**  
**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**  
**Year Ended 31st December 2024**



**Harehills Lane**  
**Baptist Church**



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## Legal and Administrative Information

### Reference

The Charity is called Harehills Lane Baptist Church. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 5th October 2012. Before this the church was an except charity.

**Registered Charity Number** 1149238

**Principal Address** 13 Hilton Place  
Leeds  
West Yorkshire  
LS8 4HE

**Website** [www.hlbc.org.uk](http://www.hlbc.org.uk)

<b>Trustees</b>	Graeme Dodds	<i>Pastor and Team Leader</i>
	Duncan Moynihan	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
	Elizabeth New	<i>Community Worker</i>
	Bernadette Lynch	
	Judith Moynihan	<i>Church Secretary</i>
	Richard Shonibare	<i>Resigned Feb 2024</i>
	Martin Townshend	<i>Church Treasurer</i>

**Trustee changes** Richard Shonibare served as treasurer until resignation in February 2024.

**Primary Bankers** Virgin Money  
1 Briggate  
Leeds  
LS1 6EP

**Independent Examiner** Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants  
125 Main Street  
Garforth, Leeds  
LS25 1AF



# **Harehills Lane Baptist Church**

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## **Trustee's Annual Report**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Trust ("Church") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

These financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and related regulations. This represents a change from the previous year, in which the financial statements were prepared under the Charities SORP (FRS 102), applicable to charities preparing their accounts on the accruals basis in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Church is a registered charity (number 1149238). The Church registered formally with the charity commission in anticipation of its annual income exceeding the permitted limit of £100,000 which meant that it would no longer qualify as an "excepted charity" which was not required to register. The Constitution dated 17/06/2012 forms its governing document. The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association.

At the date of registration all existing Trustees were appointed formally as Trustees of the new registered organisation.

The method of appointment of Charity Trustees is set out in the Church Constitution. The membership of the Charity Trustees consists of a minister (Pastor and Team Leader), and a Leadership Team, from within whom the roles of Secretary and Treasurer assigned.

The Pastor, Associate Pastor and Community Worker are permanent roles agreed and appointed by the Church Members' Meeting. Other Leadership Team are each nominated by two Church members and voted on at a Church Members' Meeting and serve for a period of 3 years. They may be re-elected for a further period of 3 years after which they must stand down for at least 1 year. Elected members of the Leadership Team all serve as Trustees.

Our Charity Trustee meetings take place fortnightly, and include prayer, a short Bible focus and discussion of pastoral, financial, administrative and any other matters. Decisions arrived at are recorded. Minutes of Trustee meetings are taken by the Secretary, circulated and filed for future reference.

The Church has two salaried employees, the lead minister and a cleaner; our community worker role is funded through Interserve. Our Associate Pastor is non-stipendiary.

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

The reference and administrative details are shown within the charity information page which forms part of this Trustees Report.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Public Benefit Disclosure**

The Trustees have ongoing regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit both for members of the congregation and people in our local community.

The Church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This benefit is available to all who come into contact with the Church in any way. The Charity Trustees of Harehills Lane Baptist Church have the responsibility together with the rest of the Church of seeking the advancement of the Christian faith and the promotion of the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

In line with the model constitution provided by the Baptist Union our governing document states that our principal purpose is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist



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denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

### **Main Activities**

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching, baptism, communion, evangelism and mission.
- Teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people (Sunday Club).
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples.
- Pastoral care.
- Serving our local community e.g. through Courtyard Café and Ladies' English Drop-in.

### **Main Achievements of HLBC in 2024**

During 2024, HLBC has run a full programme of services and activities. Worship, prayer, preaching, Bible study, children's Sunday Club activities, house groups, with their pastoral and fellowship functions, have all continued throughout the year. A prayer group has continued to run on Zoom, having been found to be highly successful and popular in this format. The Creative Studio arts group, which was begun during Covid restrictions on Zoom, has continued to run successfully both in the church building and online.

Courtyard Cafe on Mondays continued to serve affordable and freshly cooked food to visitors from across the local community. Customer numbers have increased for both paying customers and for unwaged/homeless guests who are offered free meals and other food/essentials. As part of Leeds Food Aid Network, the Cafe team have maintained weekly home deliveries of meals to those identified as vulnerable to the Church, gifted regular packages of food and essentials to many local households, and frequently donated additional food resources and surplus to other Leeds organisations. This activity was facilitated by membership of Fareshare Yorkshire and participation in enterprises including Foodiverse.

Our Community Worker continues to run the weekly Ladies' English Drop-in classes, serving women of mainly of Asian origin living in the community around the Church.

The Church has increased its rental use over the course of the year, which has benefitted both the community and the Church. Examples of activities hosted include dance classes for OAPs; Aikido classes; circus classes for children; music for toddlers; an amateur orchestra; drop-in space for Saviour Trust, a charity giving practical housing advice and aid to the homeless.

We have continued to support external causes through our giving, particularly Operation Mobilisation, Interserve and Tearfund (the latter through a gift day).

### **Volunteer Contribution**

The Church benefits greatly from the contributions made by volunteers from our Church membership, who organise and run the great majority of the activities of the Church. We are also grateful for the contributions made by volunteers from other churches and from the community – this is particularly the case in the Community Café, the English Drop-in and the Creative Studio.

Appropriate training is provided for our volunteers when needed, including Safeguarding Training (work involving children and young people) and Food Hygiene (Courtyard Café).



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### **Financial Review**

During the year, total receipts amounted to £131,360 (2023: £281,362), with donations and legacies being the primary source, totalling £83,213 (2023: £229,184). Payments for the year totalled £102,163 (2023: £107,208), resulting in net receipts of £29,197 (2023: £174,154). The two largest areas of spending were staff-related costs and premises costs.

At the year end, the Church held cash funds of £287,417 (2023: £258,220). Of this, unrestricted funds freely available for general Church purposes amounted to £101,347 (2023: £78,142).

Following the exceptional legacy received in 2023, this year's receipts and surplus have returned to more typical levels. The legacy was designated to support improvements to Church buildings for the benefit of both the congregation and the wider community. The trustees have begun a consultation process to help determine the best use of these funds.

### **Principal Sources of Funding**

The Church's principal source of funds is individual donations, the largest of which was the legacy mentioned above which was received in 2023.

### **Reserve Fund**

We hold a ring-fenced reserve to cover the eventuality of needing to notify any employee, principally the Pastor (£20,567).

This report was approved by the Trustees on **22/10/2025** .....and signed on their behalf by:

*Judith Moynihan*

Judith Moynihan



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## **Independent Examiners Report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Harehills Lane Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I have listed any material matters that have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Independent Examiner  
125 Main Street  
Garforth  
Leeds  
LS25 1AF

Date:



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## Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies		75,454	7,759	<b>83,213</b>	229,184
Charitable activities		30,916	-	<b>30,916</b>	33,660
Activities for generating income		3,826	-	<b>3,826</b>	8,494
Investment income		13,405	-	<b>13,405</b>	10,024
Other		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123,601</b>	<b>7,759</b>	<b>131,360</b>	<b>281,362</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments on charitable activities	<b>3</b>	94,912	7,251	<b>102,163</b>	107,208
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>94,912</b>	<b>7,251</b>	<b>102,163</b>	<b>107,208</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments)</b>		<b>28,689</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>29,197</b>	<b>174,154</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds (Cash)</b>					
Total funds (Cash) brought forward	<b>8</b>	254,020	4,200	<b>258,220</b>	84,066
Transfers		1,646	(1,646)	-	-
<b>Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward</b>		<b>284,355</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>287,417</b>	<b>258,220</b>
<b>Funds Represented By</b>					
General (Unrestricted)		101,347	-	<b>101,347</b>	78,142
Designated funds		183,008	-	<b>183,008</b>	175,878
Restricted funds		-	3,063	<b>3,063</b>	4,200
		<b>284,355</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>287,417</b>	<b>258,220</b>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Name of leader:

Judith Moynihan

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

*Judith Moynihan*

Date of approval:

22/10/2025



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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As these accounts are prepared on a cash basis, a formal Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position) is not required. Instead, a Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been included to provide an overview of the charity's financial position at the year end.

The value of the buildings and other fixed assets has been included at their net book value, as reported in the accounts prepared under the Charities SORP (FRS 102) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings	662,939	662,939
Equipment & Fixtures and Fittings	<u>12,739</u>	<u>12,739</u>
	675,678	675,678
 <b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and petty cash	<u>287,417</u>	<u>258,220</u>
	287,417	258,220



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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

### **Assessment of Going Concern**

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

### **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

### **Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

### **Governance Costs**

Governance costs include the preparation and examination of the accounts, trustee meeting expenses, and legal advice relating to governance matters.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	64,315	409	<b>64,724</b>
Gift aid	11,139	-	<b>11,139</b>
Legacy income	-	-	-
Grants	-	7,350	<b>7,350</b>
	<hr/> 75,454	<hr/> 7,759	<hr/> <b>83,213</b>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Café income	4,236	-	<b>4,236</b>
Church room hire income	26,680	-	<b>26,680</b>
	<hr/> 30,916	<hr/> -	<hr/> <b>30,916</b>
<b>Activities for Generating Income</b>			
Flat rental income	1,350	-	<b>1,350</b>
Flat utilities income	2,476	-	<b>2,476</b>
	<hr/> 3,826	<hr/> -	<hr/> <b>3,826</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	13,405	-	<b>13,405</b>
	<hr/> 13,405	<hr/> -	<hr/> <b>13,405</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Other income	-	-	-
	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
<b>Total Income</b>	<hr/> <b>123,601</b>	<hr/> <b>7,759</b>	<hr/> <b>131,360</b>



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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>			
Donations	60,751	2,952	<b>63,703</b>
Gift aid	10,276	-	<b>10,276</b>
Legacy income	145,605	-	<b>145,605</b>
Grants	-	9,600	<b>9,600</b>
	<u>216,632</u>	<u>12,552</u>	<u><b>229,184</b></u>
<b>Charitable Activities</b>			
Café income	4,458	-	<b>4,458</b>
Church room hire income	29,202	-	<b>29,202</b>
	<u>33,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>33,660</b></u>
<b>Activities for Generating Income</b>			
Flat rental income	5,400	-	<b>5,400</b>
Flat utilities income	3,094	-	<b>3,094</b>
	<u>8,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>8,494</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank interest	10,024	-	<b>10,024</b>
	<u>10,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>10,024</b></u>
<b>Other</b>			
Other income	-	-	<b>-</b>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>268,810</b></u>	<u><b>12,552</b></u>	<u><b>281,362</b></u>



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### 3 Payments on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Administration	6,462	-	<b>6,462</b>
Café	483	-	<b>483</b>
Church Activities	2,560	-	<b>2,560</b>
Premises costs	19,822	-	<b>19,822</b>
Flat premises costs	4,197	-	<b>4,197</b>
Household Support	-	7,251	<b>7,251</b>
Manse premises costs	2,837	-	<b>2,837</b>
Missionary and giving	14,334	-	<b>14,334</b>
Other Mission	-	-	<b>-</b>
Staff salaries	42,287	-	<b>42,287</b>
Staff related costs	1,930	-	<b>1,930</b>
	<u>94,912</u>	<u>7,251</u>	<u><b>102,163</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Administration	3,328	-	<b>3,328</b>
Café	-	100	<b>100</b>
Church Activities	1,193	-	<b>1,193</b>
Premises costs	18,443	-	<b>18,443</b>
Flat premises costs	3,851	-	<b>3,851</b>
Household Support	-	6,300	<b>6,300</b>
Manse premises costs	16,687	-	<b>16,687</b>
Missionary and giving	13,966	1,952	<b>15,918</b>
Other Mission	1,400	-	<b>1,400</b>
Staff salaries	39,350	-	<b>39,350</b>
Staff related costs	638	-	<b>638</b>
	<u>98,856</u>	<u>8,352</u>	<u><b>107,208</b></u>



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### 4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustees' report for further details about volunteer contributions to the organisation.

### 5 Independent Examination Fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for		
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,020	1,320

### 6 Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,548	32,171
Social security costs	-	-
Employer contributions to pension plans	7,795	7,286
	<u>42,343</u>	<u>39,457</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average Headcount	2	2

Number of employees that received employees benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
More than £60,000	-	-

### 7 Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Donations

During the year, one trustee received remuneration as an employee of the charity. G. Dodds was employed in a leadership role within the Church and was not compensated for their role as a trustee. The total remuneration received during the year, including employer's National Insurance and pension contributions, was £43,147 (2023: £40,221).

During the year, two trustees incurred out-of-pocket expenses totaling £1,341 (2023: £85), all of which related to the day-to-day running of the charity's activities. These expenses included church running costs, maintenance and repairs, and other charitable activity expenditures.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees and associated related parties during the year was £6,580 (2023:£8,540).



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### 8 Analysis of Charitable Funds

#### Unrestricted Funds

	1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Dec 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General	78,142	115,659	(94,100)	1,646	<b>101,347</b>
<b>Designated</b>					
J Toner Legacy	151,666	7,942	-	-	<b>159,608</b>
J Toner Legacy - Worship	3,645	-	(812)	-	<b>2,833</b>
Reserves	20,567	-	-	-	<b>20,567</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>254,020</b>	<b>123,601</b>	<b>(94,912)</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>284,355</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Hilton Place Community	900	-	(900)	-	-
Special Collection	-	409	-	-	<b>409</b>
Household Support Fund	3,300	7,350	(6,351)	(1,646)	<b>2,654</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>7,759</b>	<b>(7,251)</b>	<b>(1,646)</b>	<b>3,063</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>258,220</b>	<b>131,360</b>	<b>(102,163)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,417</b>

#### Fund Names

##### Designated

J Toner Legacy	Legacy gift to the Church from estate of a Church member.
Reserves	General reserves following the reserves policy of the Church.
Asset Fund	A fund to hold the balance of the total fixed assets of the Church.

##### Restricted Funds

J Toner Legacy - Worship	Gift of £4000 from the Estate of J Toner in 2022 addressed to 'HLBC Worship and PA Group'.
Hilton Place Community	A donation of £1000 made by a film production company to foster good relations between Church and neighbours in Hilton Place.
Special Collections	Collections for specific causes/gift days.
Household Support Fund	Grant income from the Household Support Fund from Leeds City Council, distributed by LCCT for Unity in Poverty Action. Fund used and managed by the Courtyard Cafe Team to support local needs for food and essential household items.



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### **9 Related Party Transactions**

No related party transactions took place during the year.