



**Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**31 December 2025**

Oldfield Free Church (Baptist), Malden Ave, Greenford, Middx. UB6 0DJ

**Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)****Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2025**

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP – FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2015 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**Reference and Administrative details**

Name	Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)
Registered Charity Number	1154642 – entered on Register 19 November 2013
Principal Address	Malden Avenue, Greenford Middlesex UB6 0DJ
Minister	Rev Ian M Thomas
Assistant Minister	Rebekah Rego
Trustees/Deacons	Mano Vijayamanoharan David Pierrepont (Treasurer) Martin Smith (Deceased 27-12-2005) Cornel Todusa-Merauti
Property Trustee	The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
Secretary	Vacant
Bank	Lloyds Bank plc. 254 Northolt Road, South Harrow Middlesex HA2 8DZ
Independent Examiner	Ms Esther Chu was appointed as Independent Examiner many years ago. The Trustees are very grateful to Ms Chu for continuing and who has carried out the examinations without charge.

**Structure and Governance**

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 18 September 1970 and is part of the Union of Churches known as The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland (Registered Charity Number 249635). Oldfield Free Church (Baptist) has been registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number 1154642).

The church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, on Trust, which are entirely compatible with purposes of the Charity.

The Deacons, when elected, are automatically elected as Trustees of the Charity/Church. The Church is managed by the Diaconate, acting for the governing body, The Church Meeting. The membership of the Diaconate is by election for three years (or part of three years where new deacons are to replace deacons who have not completed their full term) by the Church Meeting. Details of the Diaconate are shown above. The Church Meeting is convened quarterly and the Annual General Meeting is held in March each year. The Diaconate normally meets approximately every 6 weeks with a meeting scheduled prior to each Members Meeting.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Church are to provide

- A place of public worship for the service of Almighty God
- A place for the instruction of children and adults, as a Church Hall, or as a place for the promotion of other charitable purposes. Those attending meetings do not have to be members of the Baptist church. The Deacons have given regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning activities, and, in particular the specific guidance for Charities for the advancement of religion, and are satisfied that these demonstrate that the church is providing a benefit to the public.
- A place for maintaining and practicing the doctrine and rite of Baptism of believers, and no other baptism.

There are three organisations, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and Beehive mother and toddler group, which cater for the younger members of the community from the age of 0 to 16+. The Boys and Girls Brigades are independently run by church members on church premises. We also have Meeting Point which caters to the needs of the older members of the local community. All these meetings are held on a weekly basis.

### **Trustees and Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Diaconate (acting for the Church Meeting) is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities. The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission evidence of public benefit.

### **Achievements and Performance**

During the last 12 months the church has continued to operate an "Open Door" policy and all are welcome to join existing members for weekly services or other meetings taking place. During the year we have included a weekly Bible Study and also have an informal Sunday evening meeting. Both of these meetings are well attended. We are thankful to be able to report that the number of new attenders has increased and the average attendance for our Sunday morning services is 38 Adults, 6 Young People and 6 Children. Our weekly coffee morning (Meeting Point) continues to have an average of 10 Senior Citizens attending. The number of Boys and Girls coming to the Brigade Meetings have increased over the last year with now an average of 20 Young People attending each week. Our Mother/Carer and Toddler group (Beehive) now attracts about 12 under 5's with their mothers or carers each week. Various church members volunteer to help at all these meetings. We are very grateful to them for giving of their time. We have had the privilege of seeing two members go through the waters of Baptism which has increased or attendance numbers on the Sunday that they happened.

At various times during the year we have held several activities for the children in the local area, including a 3-day Holiday Club, a Light Party (an alternative celebration to Halloween) and a Christmas Party. These special events are well publicised by Leaflet drop, delivered by church volunteers, and posters outside the church building. All of these were well attended.

We are continuing to use the "ZOOM" platform to enable those that are not able to attend meetings in person. This enables them to have contact with other members and join in at Prayer Meetings and the monthly Sunday evening Communion service. We operate a Pastoral Care system which means that all who are house bound are contacted regularly to ensure that they are being looked after and to see if help is needed. Our Minister and Assistant Minister also visit them in their own home, if they have not been able to get to the meetings.

The Charity Trustees feel that the continuing of the various organisation activities provides a, much needed, safe meeting place for both old and young of the local community. The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

### Financial Review

During the year (2025) we have continued to keep, both the church buildings and the manse in good order with repairs and general maintenance carried when necessary. Our income for the year rose to £68,136 leaving a deficit of £20,267 over expenditure. This has mainly been caused by the need to replace the roof of the manse at a cost of £16,600 together with the first full year of our Assistant Minister being employed. During the year we have been able to donate £1,831 to local charities as well as donations of £2,400 to the Baptist Missionary Society. We have been able to claim Gift Aid from HRMC of £10,755 from the various gifts and donations received. We are grateful to all those who have so generously given to enable us to continue to meet all our objectives and aims.

The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The Charity has a Reserves Policy in place and is satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. An amount of £40,000 minimum is to be held to enable the Charity to fulfil its financial obligations.

The church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on:



Mano Vijayamanoharan  
Trustee/Deacon



David Pierrepont  
Treasurer

18/1/26

## **Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner**

The charity's Trustees/Deacons are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees/Deacons 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  
Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Charities Act.  
State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. 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.  
The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.  
Have not been met; or
2. 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.

Esther Chu  
58 Sandringham Crescent  
South Harrow  
Middlesex

Signed:

Date:



03/10/26

# **OLDFIELD FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2025**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **1.1 Accounting conventions**

The Charity prepares its receipts and payments accounts on a cash basis.

#### **1.2 Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.  
Restricted funds are amounts which have been given for particular charity projects.

## Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and Grants	2	2,365	64,282	67,985	67,985
Bank Interest			1,489	2,560	2,560
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>2,365</b>	<b>65,771</b>	<b>68,136</b>	<b>70,545</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	3	1,831	86,572	88,403	72,932
Cash surplus/deficit for year		534	-20,668	-20,267	-2,387
Cash balances at 1 January		262	109,521	109,783	112,463
<b>Cash balances at 31 December</b>		<b>796</b>	<b>88,853</b>	<b>89,516</b>	<b>110,076</b>

## Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)

### Statement of Assests and Liabilities at 31 December 2025

	Note	£	£	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
	5		2,957,597	3,156,135
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Church current accounts	6	3,913		
Church deposit accounts		85,603		
Cash in hand		0		
Less Outstanding Cheques			89,516	109,169
			<b>3,047,113</b>	<b>3,265,304</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<b>3,047,113</b>	<b>3,265,304</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on



Mano Vijayamanoharan  
Trustee/Deacon



D Pierrepont  
Trustee/Treasurer

Date 18/1/26



## Oldfield Free Church (Baptist)

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

#### 2.

#### Donations and Grants

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gifts and Offerings	1,765	51,625	53,390	54,659
Tax recovered		10,755	10,755	10,687
Gift Day		2,550	2,550	3,276
Donations from organisations		600	1,200	1,200
Sundry receipts	600	241	241	723
	<b>2,365</b>	<b>65,771</b>	<b>68,136</b>	<b>70,545</b>

#### 3.

#### Payments

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
Minister		45,209	45,209	35,801
Manse costs		20,514	20,514	3,795
Church maintenance		5,110	5,110	16,729
Subscriptions		423	423	1,303
Utilities		6,138	6,138	2,813
Insurance		2,190	2,190	2,826
Gifts	1,831	3,697	5,528	5,978
Outreach		1,061	1,061	973
Administration		1,372	1,372	1,285
Youth		246	246	252
Sundry expenditure		612	612	1,177
	<b>1,831</b>	<b>86,572</b>	<b>88,403</b>	<b>72,932</b>

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#### **4.**

##### **Trustees Remuneration**

No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in 2024 or 2025

#### **5.**

##### **Fixed Assets**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Church property at Malden Avenue	2,292,744	2,611,083
Manse property at 11 Rosehill Gardens	561,351	449,081
Fixtures and Fittings	103,502	95,971
	<u><u>2,957,597</u></u>	<u><u>3,156,135</u></u>

The properties and fixtures and fittings are shown at current insurance levels.

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#### 6.

#### Current Assets

Current Accounts	3,913	General Fund	83,640
Less outstanding cheques	0	Charities Fund	796
Deposit Accounts	85,603	Bursary Fund	1,360
Cash	0	Communion Fund	505
		Emergency Fund	2468
		Groups Funds	747
	<b>89,516</b>		<b>89,516</b>
Loans	0	Loans	0
	<b>89,516</b>		<b>89,516</b>

	<b>As At 01/01/2025</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>As At 31/12/2025</b>
General Fund	105,200	64,897	86,456	83,641
Communion Fund	479	141	116	504
Emergency Fund	1868	600	0	2,468
Bursary Fund	1360	0	0	1,360
Charities Fund	262	2,365	1,831	796
	<b>109,169</b>	<b>68,003</b>	<b>88,403</b>	<b>88,769</b>
Groups	614	133	0	747
	<b>109,783</b>	<b>68,136</b>	<b>88,403</b>	<b>89,516</b>

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#### **7. Funds**

	As at 01/01/2025	Receipts	Payments	As at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>				
General	105,200	64,897	86,456	83,641
Communion	479	141	116	504
Emergency Fund	1868	600	0	2,468
Bursary Fund	1360	0	0	1,360
Boys Brigade	614	133	0	747
	<b>109,521</b>	<b>65,771</b>	<b>86,572</b>	<b>88,720</b>
<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>				
Charities Fund	262	2,365	1,831	796
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>109,783</b>	<b>68,136</b>	<b>88,403</b>	<b>89,516</b>