



# ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Compiled by Mat Sheffield (Minister),  
Sue Treasure (Secretary), Wendy  
Becker (Treasurer) on behalf of Ashby  
Baptist Church

## **Statutory Information**

### **Registered Address**

Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. LE65 1HA

Charity Registration Number 1159600

### **Trustees**

Rev Mathew Sheffield (Minister) (Inducted as Minister 17 August 2024)

Mrs Wendy Becker (Treasurer) (Appointed as Deacon 28 June 2016)

Mr Ian Hunt (Appointed as Deacon 28 February 2023)

Mrs Brenda Hunter (Appointed as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Prof. Martin Insley (Appointed as Deacon 22 February 2022)

Mr Michael Sweeney (Appointed as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Mrs Sheila Rook (Appointed as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Mrs Sue Treasure (Secretary) (Re -appointed 27 February 2024)

Mrs Sarah Anderson (Retired as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Prof. Richard Craggs (Retired as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Mrs Lesley Salter (Retired as Deacon 27 February 2024)

Mr Duncan Scott (Retired as Deacon 27 February 2024)

### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited

Baptist House

129 Broadway, Didcot

Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

Kingdom Bank, Beeston

### **Independent Examiners**

Mrs Anne Myring

Mrs Sandra Shaw



## **Charities Commission Annual Report.**

### **Charitable Object**

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the declaration of principle of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education and other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd, on trusts which are entirely compatible with the above object.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision-making process.**

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be baptised by immersion upon personal profession of faith or, at the discretion of the Church, upon an alternative personal profession of faith.

The members' Meeting normally takes place five times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint a minimum of six Trustees (including the Secretary and Treasurer), who together with the Minister (who is also appointed by the Members), and collectively known as the Diaconate, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by Members in the Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Although the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

## **Objectives and Activities**

In order to achieve the Charitable Object, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as Living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. Anybody is free to attend these services which take place each Sunday morning at 10.30am; there are also occasional services at other times, as advertised from time to time. There is a children's programme linked to the morning services.

The Church runs a series of mid-week home groups for the growth of faith and discipleship, both in the homes of members and on the Church premises. The Church runs various activities specifically for the wider community, some of which are recommended by the local Council's social services department, including Renew Wellbeing and a lunch club.

Rainbows and Guides meet regularly in the Church building and a number of activities for young people are held on a regular basis, some in conjunction with Ashby Youth for Christ; the Women's Institute meets monthly on the premises, and many other organisations use the facilities on an occasional basis.

Valued links with the other Churches in Ashby and in to the community find expression through involvement with Ashby Youth for Christ, Christians Against Poverty, and Street Pastors, as well as through town-wide gatherings for prayer. Many members are involved individually in the life of the community, in Ashby and further afield.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Church's activities, which can be seen in more detail on the Church's website, clearly demonstrate that it is providing a benefit to the public.

## **Achievements and Successes**

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, whether financial or otherwise, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement and spiritual growth. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure, but the wide range of successful activities indicate that the Charitable objective has been met and will continue to be met in 2025.

*This section of the report comprises both the Trustee's and the Minister's formal reports, reflecting as it does the Baptist principle that leadership within a Baptist Church is done collaboratively and fundamentally an act of service to both the membership and wider community.*

### **(i) Changing Leadership**

We began the year in Pastoral Vacancy with the Church Profile live on the Baptist Union Pastoral Vacancy list. However, in January we interviewed two potential applicants, one we asked to preach with a view. Following a weekend of interviews and meetings at a Special Church Meeting, Rev. Mat Sheffield was invited to become our new Minister. Mat began work on 8 July.

At the February AGM, Four Deacons came to the end of their terms of office, one stood for a further term while another Deacon resigned to take up leadership of Junior church. Three new Deacons were appointed.

In January our Pastoral Assistant, Rhona Passey, retired and we publicly gave thanks for her ministry and acknowledged her with a gift during a service. Rhona continues with us as a member of the church.

In September Mat took over from Martin Insley as the chair of deacons, and we want to thank and recognise his contribution in that role.

### **(ii) Changing Membership**

During the past year, two members died, while four people were received into membership.

We held a wedding in February for two members of our congregation and two adults were baptised: one in May and one in December.

### **(iii) Sunday Services / Word & Worship**

For 4 weeks during the summer, we held Café Church in our lounge area instead of meeting upstairs in the Sanctuary. All the meetings were very well attended and attracted new people.

On 17 August we held an Ordination and Induction service for Mat to which local dignitaries and the other local Church Ministers were invited, as well as representation from Mat's training college and the East Midlands Baptist Association.

In September Mat ran a preaching series called 'Manifesto', with a view to setting a vision for the church in the years ahead. Taking us through 10 weeks we looked together at the distinctiveness of church, and what it means to be a community of disciples. This followed directly on from the themes of our weekend away, and through discussion in small groups, bible study and prayer we committed to living out our faith and exploring what this means.

In November we ran an evening for those seeking to explore Baptism. Just under 10 people attended, out of which we had three certain commitments, and two others considering it.

In December we looked at the theme of Advent and at Christmas, to the incarnation. We first explored how Advent means 'coming' and points us to the second coming of Christ, and then how the incarnation recognises the miracle of the first. All the services over the Christmas period were well attended, with notable highlights of our Carol Service and Nativity.

Also, in December we ran three evening devotional sessions, consisting of teaching and bible study, which were received very well. These were on the theme of 'myth busting' the Christmas Story and placing it in its proper historical context.

More broadly attendance over the course of the latter half of the year has increased, with some growth coming from brand new people joining us, some from people returning, and some coming from transfer from other churches.

### **(iv) Missional Activities**

The last weekend in August we had a church weekend away, the theme being 'Mission Possible'. Approximately 40 members attended, and we theologically reflected together on the urgency of mission, and its centrality to the expression of Christian faith as it relates to our Baptist Declaration of Principle. In addition, we spent time in fellowship, prayer and worship together.

The mid-week small groups for adult Bible study, prayer and support continued. The Friday '*Why Jesus?*' and '*Lunch Club*', and the regular reflective Sunday afternoon service, '*Prime Time*' continued.



'*Renew 139*' the weekly Wednesday group where it is 'OK to not be OK,' with craft and other activities, and an opportunity to gather for quiet prayer; continued to be very popular.

As a church we took part in the Sunday 'bumper cars' service as part of the Ashby Statutes festival and continue to engage in events and activities that foster collaboration between the churches in Ashby, such as Remembrance Sunday.

#### **(v) Prayer**

In May we began a 45-minute prayer meeting on the first Saturday of each month. We held a week of prayer in February and another at the end of October which ended with a period of 24 hours of prayer, beginning and ending corporately in church with a great many people signing up to cover the 24 hours praying at home in between. We also held special mid-week prayer meetings during Lent and Advent, and a regular prayer meeting prior to our Sunday morning service forms part of our regular pattern.

#### **(vi) Children and Youth**

The provision for children and young people continued on Sunday mornings, the monthly Saturday morning group for fathers and their pre-schoolers, '*Who let the dads out?*' continued as well. The deaconate gave time to the consideration of, and then approved, a baby and toddler group, expected to start in January 2025.

#### **(vii) Wider Charitable & Community Support**

*Ashby Youth for Christ* ran activities from our premises for young people, as did the *Guides and Rainbows*. The monthly *Women's Institute* meeting continued, and a monthly Saturday morning '*Make do, mend and create*' group in partnership with another local church continued.

As a member of the local East Midlands Baptist Association, we continued to support the ministry of *Ebenezer Baptist Church* and the *Kingsgate Project* at *Greenhill Baptist Church*, both in Coalville, while the annual toy service brought generous contributions for the *Marlene Reid Centre*. The church also provides ongoing financial and prayer support to a number of ministries, both in this country and overseas, offering assistance to church workers, young people, students, victims of abuse, and those in need of development aid or emergency assistance.

#### **(viii) Other**

In November following a lengthy process we purchased a house (Manse) for our new Pastor and his family. We recognise the generosity of giving, both in finance and in time and patience, that has enabled this.



## Minister's Report.

On a personal note, this year has been a significant blessing. Both for me personally and for us a family. We were delighted to be invited to preach with a peep and then with a view at the start of the year and were excited to recognise and accept a calling to be minister here back in March ahead of my induction and ordination in August. The journey here was not the easiest, and for a while we had to live in a temporary house in Measham while the manse purchase completed and was made ready, but God works all things for good and in the end, we were able to move and now live in the town we are called to serve.

I am also of course immensely thankful for the easy transition to full-time ministry from Regent's Park College, and for the three years of formation shared between there and my training church in Rugby. The Baptist association are supporting me well, and I have been assigned a mentor who I regular see.

Picking a few highlights is difficult, and the six months I have been in office here have flown by. I think particularly of the warm welcome we have received from the church membership, the support we were given as we transitioned to living here, and the time, effort and expense the church has made to make sure that welcome is sincere and meaningful.

My ministry here has begun with great encouragement and a positive reception from both the membership and the wider town community. I have similarly been welcomed by the other churches and their leaders, community groups, and ministries in the town every bit as much as I have been welcomed into my role as preacher, pastor and teacher. It has been a wonderful affirmation, as well as a challenge.

From a ministry perspective things are finding their natural rhythm quickly, and while we have been busy as a church community (as the previous section of this report testifies) we have nevertheless spent time getting to know each other. Things have not been intense, rather they have been exciting and encouraging. We have had several large preaching series, and a range of study materials in different formats that are all being well received; I came here with a promise that I was passionate about God's word, and people seem to be catching that excitement. Pastorally I am still finding my feet and getting to know everyone, but with the capable help of people in the church I am slowly getting to know people and making myself known in turn.

On a more spiritual note, I cannot help feeling that the pastoral vacancy, while certainly draining and consuming of energy for many, has left us feeling like a coiled spring. There is so much potential here, and already in the people God has brought to us we are seeing encouraging signs of growth, not simply in the numerical sense (although, yes, that too!) but in the spiritual sense as well. There is an urgency to mission in this town, exemplified by the message of our church weekend, but this needs to be tempered with the desire to be faithful with those we already have.

In thinking ahead about the shape this will take, the church leadership team felt unanimously that our theme for 2025 should be 'Hope', and we have commissioned a

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banner and set the church text to reflect this and are planning to renew our focus on the covenant service in the new year.

As a final point, but a hugely positive one to end on, it was my privilege this year to take part in my first Baptism service as a NAM, and already we are exploring more possibilities for the new year, and there seems to be a steady stream of people considering this.

Sola Deo Gratia

Rev. Mat Sheffield, 2024/25

**Thanksgiving:**

The Deacons and Minister are grateful to everyone who contributed to all that was achieved during 2024. May God enable us to 'prepare the way for the Lord' in 2025, so His purposes might be fulfilled in our own lives and in the lives of those He calls us to serve.

# **ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2025 AGM**

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## **3. Payments**

The purchase of the manse was enabled by the legacy received at the end of 2023, the gifts received following the appeal and a relatively small mortgage. As well as the expected costs associated with buying a house additional costs were incurred. It proved necessary to thoroughly clean the house, to undertake some repairs and to redecorate much of it before it was in a suitable condition to be occupied. Most of the work was done by friends of the church thus keeping expenditure to a minimum. However, some professional services were employed.

### **a. Ministry**

It was good to be able to welcome the new Pastor who officially took up his role in early July. The Pastoral Worker retired earlier in the year and it has been decided not to re-appoint at present.

### **b. Mission**

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church with financial support to local, national and international organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose. These are summarised in Note 5 to the Accounts and detailed at Note 3.

10% of the church's income continues to be tithed equally between BMS World Mission and EMBA Home Mission Fund. Financial support is also given out of Church funds to Ashby Youth for Christ, Oasis International (to support the work of Phil Lane), Christians Against Poverty (CAP - Ashby), British Youth for Christ and Ashby Street Pastors.

### **c. Upkeep of church premises**

The Trustees continue to monitor the condition of the building and have recently commissioned an inspection to ascertain the work currently recommended to maintain the condition of the building. The outcome of the report is awaited.

## **4. Surplus for the year and bank balances**

With the appointment of a Pastor, the purchase of a manse and the retirement of the Pastoral Worker, the pattern of spending is necessarily changing. However, with some careful management the Trustees anticipate that the church will function satisfactorily in 2025.

**ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	<i>Note</i>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Regular offerings		77,745.66	71,385
Donations and other income	2	7,527.66	139,342
Income tax recovered on gift aided receipts to general funds		14,195.36	15,986
Bank interest		4,085.54	1,362
Rents and contributions for use of premises		3,324.05	2,397
Manse Fund		114,756.00	1,020
Monies raised and received for other causes	3	1,131.62	1,759
		<u>222,765.89</u>	<u>£233,251</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Ministry	4	39,130.00	17,624
Mission	5	37,540.61	23,267
Administration		12,404.22	11,325
Manse		294,700.19	-
Upkeep of Church premises	6	21,320.17	17,474
		<u>405,095.19</u>	<u>£69,690</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		(182,329.30)	163,561
<b>Balance brought forward at 1st January</b>		<u>226,425.83</u>	<u>62,865</u>
<b>Closing Balance at 31st December</b>		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,426</u>

## STATEMENT OF BANK & CASH BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
General Funds - balance brought forward at 1 January		226,425.83	62,865
Total General Funds Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(182,329.30)	163,561
Balance carried forward at 31 December		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£226,426</u>
<b>represented by:</b>			
NatWest Current & Business Reserve Accounts		7,987.99	22,785
Kingdom Bank Savings Accounts		36,097.10	203,614
Petty Cash		<u>11.44</u>	<u>27</u>
Total Cash and Bank balances at 31 December		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£226,426</u>
<b>allocated to:</b>			
General Fund		27,610.16	163,234
Building & Maintenance Fund		7,704.56	2,228
Ministry & Manse Deposit Fund		6,719.68	58,727
Benevolence Fund		<u>2,062.13</u>	<u>2,237</u>
Total		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£ 226,426</u>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Bank and other cash balances		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,425.83</u>
<b>representing Balances in the following Funds</b>			
Total Funds		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,425.83</u>
Other monetary assets	<b>7</b>	<u>7,090</u>	<u>£ 6,039.85</u>
Non-monetary assets	<b>8</b>	<u>2,606,982</u>	<u>£2,126,681</u>

## ADOPTION BY THE MEMBERS OF ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Accounts, including the Notes, were adopted at the Annual General Meeting of Ashby Baptist Church on 25th February 2025.

Dated: 25/2/25

25/2/25

Signed: 

SJTreasure

Chair of Deacons  
Mat Sheffield

Secretary  
Sue Treasure.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

### 2. Donations and other income:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General donations	520.50	191
Legacy	-	137,188
Saturday coffee mornings	45.00	256
Family activities	6,556.49	1,007
Income towards upkeep of Church premises	405.67	699
	<u>7,527.66</u>	<u>139,341</u>

### 3. Other causes

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Given</u>
Agape (L McIntosh)	-	-	82.32	82.32
Ashby Blokes	202.90	-	-	-
Ashby Food Bank	-	-	10.00	10.00
Ashby Youth for Christ	-	7,554.00	32.00	6,000.00
BMS World Mission	-	11,335.00	210.00	4,724.00
British Youth For Christ (N Roberts)	-	978.00	-	900.00
Christians Against Poverty (Ashby)	-	1,304.40	-	1,200.00
Christian Aid	-	-	507.23	507.23
EMBA Home Mission Fund	-	11,335.00	-	5,653.90
Oasis International (P & R Lane)	15.00	2,949.60	82.31	2,782.31
Open Doors	-	-	177.00	177.00
Retirement Gifts	436.00	808.05	387.00	24.95
Street Pastors	-	261.00	-	240.00
Tearfund	477.72	562.22	271.00	186.50
	<u>1,131.62</u>	<u>37,087.27</u>	<u>£1,759</u>	<u>£22,488</u>

### 4. Ministry

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Minister's Stipend, on-costs and expenses	15,351.00	12
Minister's housing costs	14,601.48	-
Pastoral worker and costs	1,482.97	13,397
Family activities	6,010.80	1,891
Worship resources	842.80	1,626
Fellowship support and events	640.95	246
Benevolence	200.00	452
	<u>39,130.00</u>	<u>£17,624</u>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

### 5. Mission

	Note	2024	2023
Given to other causes	3	37,087.27	22,488
Other local outreach		453.34	779
		<u>37,540.61</u>	<u>£23,267</u>

### 6. Upkeep of Church Premises and General Running Costs

	2024	2023
Insurance	2,808.16	2,487
Gas and electricity	4,038.87	3,182
Other running costs	3,711.28	3,312
Cleaning	5,016.97	4,606
Catering	911.25	862
General repairs & maintenance	4,833.64	3,025
	<u>21,320.17</u>	<u>£17,474</u>

### 7. Other monetary assets

#### Current debtors:

	Note	2024	2023
HMRC - tax recoverable on Gift Aid Q3		4,258	3,255
Insurance prepaid		2,494	2,487
		<u>£6,752</u>	<u>£5,742</u>

#### Cash balances of Church organisations

	9	2024	2023
		338	297
		<u>£7,090</u>	<u>£6,040</u>

### 8. Non-monetary assets

(a) Church premises situate Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, built in 1862 and held by The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. as Custodian Trustees.

The building is currently insured for	2,000,690	1,949,984
Contents of the Church premises are currently insured for	181,292	176,697
	<u>£2,181,982</u>	<u>£2,126,681</u>

(b) The Manse: 1, Moleyns Close, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1GN, bought in 2024 and held by The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. as Custodian Trustees.

The house is currently insured for	<u>£425,000</u>
	<u>£2,606,982</u>

### 9. Cash balances of Church organisations

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
Lunch Club	297.48	750.50	710.25	337.73
	<u>£297.48</u>	<u>£750.50</u>	<u>£710.25</u>	<u>£337.73</u>

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

### REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiners

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 our 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); and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiners' Statement

Our 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 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 Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act ;have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached

Dated:

29-1-2025

29/01/25

Signed:



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Ministry	4	39,130.00	17,624
Mission	5	37,540.61	23,267
Administration		12,404.22	11,325
Manse		294,700.19	-
Upkeep of Church premises	6	21,320.17	17,474
		<u>405,095.19</u>	<u>£69,690</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		(182,329.30)	163,561
<b>Balance brought forward at 1st January</b>		<u>226,425.83</u>	<u>62,865</u>
<b>Closing Balance at 31st December</b>		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,426</u>

## STATEMENT OF BANK & CASH BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
General Funds - balance brought forward at 1 January		226,425.83	62,865
Total General Funds Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(182,329.30)	163,561
Balance carried forward at 31 December		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£226,426</u>
<b>represented by:</b>			
NatWest Current & Business Reserve Accounts		7,987.99	22,785
Kingdom Bank Savings Accounts		36,097.10	203,614
Petty Cash		<u>11.44</u>	<u>27</u>
Total Cash and Bank balances at 31 December		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£226,426</u>
<b>allocated to:</b>			
General Fund		27,610.16	163,234
Building & Maintenance Fund		7,704.56	2,228
Ministry & Manse Deposit Fund		6,719.68	58,727
Benevolence Fund		<u>2,062.13</u>	<u>2,237</u>
Total		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>£ 226,426</u>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Bank and other cash balances		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,425.83</u>
<b>representing Balances in the following Funds</b>			
Total Funds		<u>44,096.53</u>	<u>226,425.83</u>
Other monetary assets	<b>7</b>	<u>7,090</u>	<u>£ 6,039.85</u>
Non-monetary assets	<b>8</b>	<u>2,606,982</u>	<u>£2,126,681</u>

## ADOPTION BY THE MEMBERS OF ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Accounts, including the Notes, were adopted at the Annual General Meeting of Ashby Baptist Church on 25th February 2025.

Dated: 25/2/25

25/2/25

Signed: 

SJTreasure

Chair of Deacons  
Mat Sheffield

Secretary  
Sue Treasure.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

### 2. Donations and other income:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General donations	520.50	191
Legacy	-	137,188
Saturday coffee mornings	45.00	256
Family activities	6,556.49	1,007
Income towards upkeep of Church premises	405.67	699
	<u>7,527.66</u>	<u>139,341</u>

### 3. Other causes

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Raised</u>	<u>Given</u>
Agape (L McIntosh)	-	-	82.32	82.32
Ashby Blokes	202.90	-	-	-
Ashby Food Bank	-	-	10.00	10.00
Ashby Youth for Christ	-	7,554.00	32.00	6,000.00
BMS World Mission	-	11,335.00	210.00	4,724.00
British Youth For Christ (N Roberts)	-	978.00	-	900.00
Christians Against Poverty (Ashby)	-	1,304.40	-	1,200.00
Christian Aid	-	-	507.23	507.23
EMBA Home Mission Fund	-	11,335.00	-	5,653.90
Oasis International (P & R Lane)	15.00	2,949.60	82.31	2,782.31
Open Doors	-	-	177.00	177.00
Retirement Gifts	436.00	808.05	387.00	24.95
Street Pastors	-	261.00	-	240.00
Tearfund	477.72	562.22	271.00	186.50
	<u>1,131.62</u>	<u>37,087.27</u>	<u>£1,759</u>	<u>£22,488</u>

### 4. Ministry

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Minister's Stipend, on-costs and expenses	15,351.00	12
Minister's housing costs	14,601.48	-
Pastoral worker and costs	1,482.97	13,397
Family activities	6,010.80	1,891
Worship resources	842.80	1,626
Fellowship support and events	640.95	246
Benevolence	200.00	452
	<u>39,130.00</u>	<u>£17,624</u>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

### 5. Mission

	<i>Note</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Given to other causes	3	37,087.27	22,488
Other local outreach		453.34	779
		<u>37,540.61</u>	<u>£23,267</u>

### 6. Upkeep of Church Premises and General Running Costs

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Insurance	2,808.16	2,487
Gas and electricity	4,038.87	3,182
Other running costs	3,711.28	3,312
Cleaning	5,016.97	4,606
Catering	911.25	862
General repairs & maintenance	4,833.64	3,025
	<u>21,320.17</u>	<u>£17,474</u>

### 7. Other monetary assets

#### Current debtors:

	<i>Note</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
HMRC - tax recoverable on Gift Aid Q3		4,258	3,255
Insurance prepaid		2,494	2,487
		<u>£6,752</u>	<u>£5,742</u>

#### Cash balances of Church organisations

	<i>Note</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	9	338	297
		<u>£7,090</u>	<u>£6,040</u>

### 8. Non-monetary assets

(a) Church premises situate Brook Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, built in 1862 and held by The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. as Custodian Trustees.

The building is currently insured for	2,000,690	1,949,984
Contents of the Church premises are currently insured for	181,292	176,697
	<u>£2,181,982</u>	<u>£2,126,681</u>

(b) The Manse: 1, Moleyns Close, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, LE65 1GN, bought in 2024 and held by The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. as Custodian Trustees.

The house is currently insured for	<u>£425,000</u>
	<u>£2,606,982</u>

### 9. Cash balances of Church organisations

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Lunch Club	297.48	750.50	710.25	337.73
	<u>£297.48</u>	<u>£750.50</u>	<u>£710.25</u>	<u>£337.73</u>

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

### REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASHBY BAPTIST CHURCH ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiners

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 our 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); and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiners' Statement

Our 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 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 Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act ;have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached

Dated:

29-1-2025

29/01/25

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