

Secretary Report 2025

We're so grateful to God for his faithfulness for another blessed year at Caerwent. Membership numbers continue to rise as more people enter into a covenantal relationship with the church.

In June we gladly welcomed Chris and Alistair to serve as Elders of the Chapel. These men have served at the chapel for many years and it was a joy for the members to recognise their calling as Elders.

In July we gave thanks for Ken Foot who stood down in his role as Elder. We're so grateful for his wisdom and faithful service in this role.

During the year Rosemary Esbester, Dorothy Fuller and Brenda Watt all went to be with the Lord. We're thankful for all of them and the various ways they served at the Chapel and their faithfulness in prayer for the church

The challenge of space continues to be a significant one. Most weeks we are having to put out extra rows of seats for the new faces we are seeing.

We are pressing forward with plans for a new building being led by our building committee: Chris Esbester, Alistair Forsyth and Donna Witchard. A successful percolation test has been carried out at the site identified for the building. We're now in the stage of engaging with the local authority with an intent to seek planning permission. Even at these early stages we're so thankful for the Lord's leading and guiding as we seek his will for this massive project in the life of the church. Every few months we meet together on a Saturday morning to have breakfast together and to pray specifically for this project.

The weekly meetings apart from Sunday and Wednesday are:

- Little Fishes, Wednesday morning: This gathering has seen some really good numbers during the year with so many commenting that this is most friendly group for toddlers in the area and recommending it to others.
- Coffee Morning & Sew it's Thursday, Thursday morning: While the numbers have not been very high this is a useful space for people to meet and hold conversations away from the busyness of a Sunday morning.
- Village Café, Friday morning: This continues to be a real lifeline to many in the village. Most Friday's we are seeing between 60 – 80 people come for breakfast and/or cake. We pray that there would be meaningful connections made with the chapel
- Youth, Friday evening: This meeting has grown over the year culminating in an BBQ event at Tom and Hilary's house. The young people went through the Youth version of Christianity Explored which was really well received.

The two main community outreach events are the Holiday Club in July and the Wreath Making evening for ladies in November. Both were really well attended and appreciated by the community and a real sense that when the Chapel put on an event it is done well.

We're grateful to all the workers who give of them time and energy to run these events, our prayer is that eternal fruit would come from the many seeds that have been sown this past year.

We continue to be an active part of AECW. In June we hosted the quarterly cluster prayer meeting. Although the numbers were down it's always good to meet with the other cluster churches and pray with and for one another.

We continue to support our 5 core missionary organisations prayerfully and financially. We also have associations with many more who represent their missions on a Wednesday evening. This year we have heard from: Fiona Earnest (AEM), James McKee (WEC), Tirzah Jones (UBM) and Peter Aird (SGA)

It has been a joy to welcome various visiting preachers during the year including those from our cluster churches and some from further afield. We were blessed by the ministries of Kristian Dimond (Wellington) & Gareth Davies (Cardiff) for our anniversary services, Steffan Jones (Pontardawe), Jonathan Thomas (Abergavenny) and Paul Daniel (Crickhowell)

We've also been blessed by men from our church preaching both on a Sunday and leading the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. It's wonderful to be a church that is able to send so many preachers to local churches to preach God's word, to be an encouragement to these often small congregations and develop their own preaching gifts.

Finally, it's a delight to welcome Evan and Meg Millership to the chapel. Evan will be trainee pastor with us for two years. This will be a great help to Gwydion as more and more people attend church with various needs. Evan will be spending time with Gwydion in visitation, sermon preparation and generally getting to know the demands of a Pastoral ministry. In parallel with this he will also be studying in Union School of Theology. Please support him in this role and pray for them as they settle with us.

Andrew Close
(Secretary)

Caerwent Evangelical Baptist Chapel
Receipts and Payments Account – 12 months to 31st March 2025

Line	Note	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	Year to 45,382
Receipts					
1	Weekly Loose Offerings – Non-Gift-Aided	1	6,550	6,550	4,955
2	Gift-Aided and Other Offerings and Gifts	2	63,440	63,440	55,550
3	Tax Recovered on Gift-Aided Offerings	3	13,887	13,887	11,615
4	Village Café		9,987	9,987	9,382
5	Total General Receipts		93,864	93,864	81,502
6	Earmarked Gifts	4		9,540	120
7	Total of General Receipts and Earmarked Gifts		93,864	9,540	103,404
8	Miscellaneous Receipts	5	20,880	20,880	1,354
9	Deposit Account Interest		1,055	1,055	173
10	Total Receipts		115,799	9,540	125,339
Payments					
11	Ministry	6	56,711	56,711	53,024
12	Benevolence		0	0	120
13	Outreach	7	2,446	2,446	1,864
14	Village Cafe		4,333	4,333	5,689
15	Sunday Club/Little Fishes/CKC/Youth		237	237	342
16	Mission Support	8	7,750	7,750	6,425
17	Donations	9	4,662	4,662	250
18	Earmarked gifts paid over	4		9,510	470
19	Training		258	258	220
20	Total Ministry & Mission Related Payments		76,397	9,510	85,907
21	Insurance		1,074	1,074	1,057
22	Repairs and Renewals	10	4,220	4,220	2,346
23	Light, Heat and Water	11	4,343	4,343	9,307
24	Telephone		332	332	301
25	Sundry	12	2,774	2,774	6,710
26	Total General Payments		12,743	0	12,743
27	Total Payments		89,140	9,510	98,650
28	Excess of Receipts over Payments		26,659	30	26,689
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025					As at 45,382
29	Bank Balance – Current Account			20,235	12,977
30	– Deposit Account			44,605	64,840
31	Cafe Float				100
					64,940
Represented by:					
General Fund					
32	Opening Balance			38,251	
33	Add Excess of Receipts over Payments during the year			26,659	
34	Closing Balance				64,910
Restricted Funds					
35	Earmarked Gifts not paid over during the year			30	
				64,940	38,251
Assets as at 31/3/2025			Liabilities as at 31/3/2025		
35	Furniture and Equipment			Electricity	
36	Gift Aid Tax for year to 31/3/2025 received July 2025			Water	
37	Chapel Building – On a 999 year lease from 23.11.1814			PAYE	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

CAERWENT EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHAPEL

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1163825

Set out on pages

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

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

Max Gilmore

Date:

18/11/2025

Name:

Max Gilmore

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

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.