

ROSEHILL BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Deacons have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name	Rosehill Baptist Church (CIO)
Charity registration number	1165714
Principal office	Healey Grange Rosehill Road Burnley BB11 2JS

THE DEACONS

The Deacons who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Revd L Bowtell (Minister)
Miss L Dun (Secretary) – died 27th July 2024
Mrs V Wood (Treasurer)
Mr I Palmer – ended tenure 26th June 2024
Mrs P Coombes – elected 26th June 2024
Mr M Wills – elected 29th September 2024

PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Baptist Union Corporation

Bankers	Barclays Bank plc, Burnley, Lancs CAF Bank Limited, Kings Hill, West Malling,
Independent Examiner	Alison Pickford

Charitable Object

The principal purposes of the church are:

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.
- 2) the church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Process

Rosehill Baptist Church is governed by its constitution as a CIO. The Managing Trustees of the charity are the Deacons, Treasurer and Secretary who are elected by the members of the Church at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Minister who is a post holder, is also a Trustee. Trustees are given relevant guidance documents, especially when appointed for the first time. The Charity Trustees meet six weekly and have an obligation (subject to any overriding legal binding requirement to the contrary) to take note of the directions and requests of the Church Members' Meeting. The Church Meeting meets every two months and receives recommendations and updates from the Trustees. The Church Meeting accepts new members who are Christians and usually Baptised by immersion. Because of illness and restrictions on movement all Deacons' meetings have been via zoom. These have been held as and when they have been needed rather than at 6 weekly intervals.

Risk Management

The Deacons have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. Policies for safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults are in place. All our youth and children's workers have contracts for their work and hold Enhanced CRB Disclosures. Those involved with catering for the church have Food Safety Certificates and we follow 'Safer Food Better Business'.

Objectives and Activities

The vision of the Church is to be 'a caring welcoming community, reaching out into our neighbourhood and beyond, transforming lives with the Good News of Jesus.'

We seek to foster and develop a faith community to serve the community of Rosewood (Rosehill and Healey Wood). We aim to build community and be a catalyst for positive transformation of our neighbourhood. We provide a building, as a community hub, to effectively serve the needs of the Church and local community. We aim to be the heart of our neighbourhood and to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is Good News to all people: irrespective of race, religion, age or gender. We also engage in Burnley Borough, the national and global context with relevant partners.

The Church maintains a public service of worship on a Sunday morning at 10.45am which is open to all. The service is advertised by notice board and a newsletter delivered locally. In addition, the church gathers at other times in a variety of settings for social and spiritual development of the faith community. We also work with with other churches to deliver a worship night as a resource to local churches. We serve Rosewood (Rosehill and Healey

Wood) by providing a toddler group, wellbeing café and additional social activities for the community.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit in carrying out the activities of the charity.

Achievements and Performance

Both Little Steps and Renew Rosehill functioned well. The teams which run these are committed and skilled. People who use them enjoy the groups and benefit from what we are doing. We run church services on a Sunday morning however on the first Sunday of the month the minister is at Haslingden & Helmshore Baptist Church and there is no service at Rosehill.

We have developed a Wednesday night program which mixes small group, board game and church meetings. The prayer groups that meet on-line have continued unabated and we are grateful for the people committed to praying together for the church and community.

Maintaining the building is a considerable challenge. The cost of repairs has been high this year. We are attempting to develop the cyclical maintenance fund to provide for future repairs. We ran a fashion show to help raise funds to replace a large window. We also received a one-off donation towards this.

We support the work of the Baptist Union of Great Britain through Home Mission and BMS World Mission.

Renting out accommodation at Woodland Gardens is an important source of income for the church and makes it possible to continue to employ the minister for more than one day a week. The accommodation is fulfilling a need in the rental sector and providing a high-quality living experience for the residents who live there. We have been able to offer pastoral care to individual residents and support them in maintaining their accommodation. Management of the building and pastoral care is provided primarily by the Minister and can take up to a day a week.

We have rented space for Kats Club to provide wrap around childcare for local schools and holiday club during school holidays. This has been a good collaboration and is working well and providing good rental income.

Financial Review

The main expenditure for the church is the funding of an accredited Baptist Minister. This is 0.6 of stipend. The minister is a post holder. This is a key role carrying much responsibility including: leadership, preaching and teaching, pastoral care, training leaders, coaching, developing new strategies, building links with the community, maintaining ecumenical links, supporting the use of the building – conducting weddings, funerals, baptisms and dedications.

The other key expense is the Healey Grange Community Venue. The running, upkeep and maintenance of the building as a good facility for use by the church and the community require continual outlay of funds.

The main income is from renting Woodland Gardens. This year we have had good occupancy rates and residents have been consistent in paying rent. Giving by the congregation of Rosehill Baptist Church has remained stable. Other income comes from sale of goods, letting of the building and grants. The regular letting from Kats Club has been a good boost to income. We have not had electric bills recently and so there will be an outlay that is not included in these accounts.

The statement of financial activities shows a profit of £1096 for the year.
Net assets at the year-end amounted to £402,323

Reserves

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level which equates to approximately £12,000. This would provide sufficient funds to enable the current activities of the charity to be continued in the event of a reduction in the level of giving or lack of occupation of Woodland Gardens.

Land and Buildings

The value of Healey Grange used for the church and the surrounding grounds is in excess of that stated in the accounts. The legal title of Healey Grange, Rosehill Road, Burnley, BB112JS is registered at the Land Registry in the names of the Property Trustee and is free from mortgage.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEACONS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Deacons to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Deacons are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Make collaborative decisions as a group
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Deacons are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The Deacons are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

We have adopted a simple income and expenditure model of accounting.

Signed on behalf of the Deacons



Leroy Bowtell

10th September 2025

Rosehill Baptist Church CIO Accounts 1 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023
Donations		
Weekly Offerings	11,436.95	13,810.17
Income Tax Recovered (Unrestricted)	2,519.79	2,431.80
Other Donations	-	256.00
Unrestricted Income		
National Insurance Reclaimed	1,786.97	1,602.67
Bank interest received	58.41	26.39
Room Hire	11,797.00	17,443.00
Utilities Transfer From Wing Operations	8,400.00	8,400.00
Wing Operations Transfer to General Funds	12,000.00	12,000.00
Wing Operations (less any reallocation to unrestricted)	8,735.00	13,692.00
Wing Operations reallocation to unrestricted	-	-
Sale of goods and services (Little Steps surplus) (Income £1,410.59, Expenses £1110.09)	316.87	300.50
Sale of goods and services	-	-
Maintenance Fund transfer from Unrestricted	12,831.09	4,000.00
Other unrestricted income	3,087.50	5,214.06
Restricted Income		
Restricted Grants and Event Funds	-	-
Home Mission	95.00	1,167.50
BMS	250.00	1,125.00
Income Tax Recovered (Restricted)	105.00	107.50
Other Restricted	-	-
Total Income	73,419.58	81,576.59
Expenditure	2024	2023
Minister – Stipend, Nat Insurance, other expenses	23,901.05	21,112.68
Pension Contributions	4,002.28	3,715.80
Utilities	12,948.94	16,511.47
Maintenance	7,602.76	8,019.34
Administration	323.32	316.29
Insurance	416.81	2,324.18
Supplies	448.24	307.35
Mission And Community	27.00	1,930.92
Unrestricted transfer to Maintenance Fund	11,816.09	4,000.00
Expenditure On Sale of goods and services	-	-
Wing Operations (less any reallocation to unrestricted)	7,045.78	7,989.05
Wing Operations reallocation to unrestricted	-	-
Sundries	3,441.51	5,649.78
Paid to Other Causes		
Home Mission	95.00	1,200.00
BMS	255.00	1,200.00
Other causes	-	-
Total Expenditure	72,323.78	74,276.86

Income / Expenditure Summary

	2024	2023
Income	73,419.58	81,576.59
Expenditure	(72,323.78)	(74,276.86)
Subtotal	1,095.80	7,299.73
Equity Write Offs	-	-
Change in Expenditure owed	-	-
Total Income Less Expenditure	1,095.80	7,299.73

Assets

	At 31 Dec 2024	At 31 Dec 2023
Bank and Cash	26,866.60	22,434.59
BU Account GB038	11,279.07	11,279.07
CAF Bank Account	25,352.83	28,689.04
Investments	-	-
Church premises	338,825.00	338,825.00
Amounts due within one year (+ owed to RBC, - owed by RBC)	-	-
Total Value Of Assets	402,323.50	401,227.70
Change in Value Of Assets	1,095.80	

Liabilities

Amounts due within one year (+ owed to RBC, - owed by RBC)	-	-
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Equity

	402,323.50	401,227.70
Total Liabilities and Equity	402,323.50	401,227.70
Change in Liabilities and Equity	1,095.80	

Breakdown Of Funds

	2024	2023
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted Funds	31,593.81	37,515.56
Designated		
Maintenance Fund	7,000.00	1,771.67
Wing Operations	24,769.69	23,080.47
Front Door Fund	-	-
Restricted		
BMS Funds	95.00	25.00
Home Mission Funds	40.00	10.00
Value of remaining grant monies	-	-
Other Assets		
Church buildings and equipment	338,825.00	338,825.00
Amounts due within one year (+ owed to RBC, - owed by RBC)	-	-
Total Funds And Remaining Grants Monies	402,323.50	401,227.70
Change in value of funds and grant monies	1,095.80	

Restricted Grants

	Remaining Monies	Value Of Grants
N/A	-	-
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Rosehill Baptist Church CIO
Declaration from Trustees And Independent Examiner

The attached accounts for Rosehill Baptist Church CIO are as approved by the Deacons and relate to the period starting on 1st January 2024 and ending on 31st December 2024

Signed  Position Book Keeper.

Signed N. Wood. Position Treasurer

Date 10/09/2025

In accordance with the provision of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, I have examined the attached accounts for Rosehill Baptist Church CIO relating to the period starting on 1st January 2024 and ending on 31st December 2024

This examination did not extend to a comprehensive audit.

I confirm that the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet accord with the accounting records of the church, and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Act.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed  Independent Examiner Amanda Louise Holt

Date 8th September 2025