



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	1	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Binfield Free Church**

Other names charity is known by (Not applicable)

Registered charity number (if any) **1167303**

Charity's principal address

Chapel Lane

Binfield

Berkshire

**RG42 4AS**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan David HICKS	Elder		General meeting of members
2	James Andrew KNEWELL	Deacon	Until 31 Mar 2024	General meeting of members
3	Dafydd Llywelyn TAYLOR	Minister	Until 30 Sep 2023	General meeting of members
4	Austin Michael TRAINER	Elder		General meeting of members
5	Luke Malcolm WINMILL	Elder		General meeting of members
6	Martin Henry FULLER	Deacon	From 6 Mar 2024	General meeting of members
7	Harmndeeep Kundhi	Elder	From 1 Nov 2023	General meeting of members

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
(Not applicable)	

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

(Not applicable)

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	<b>Constitution</b> (adopted at a general meeting of the members held on 13 April 2016 and approved by the Charity Commission on 24 May 2016)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)</b>
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	<b>Elected</b> by a general meeting of members of the CIO. Only those persons elected to the Offices of Elder, Minister, Deacon and Assistant Minister are the charity trustees.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

### Organisational structure:

The church is led by a team of **Elders**, who together determine the teaching programme, vision, strategy, direction and prioritisation of the work of the Church in accordance with the objects of the church set out in the Constitution, and subject to the Church Rules agreed by the members.

Subject to the requirement in the Church Rules to bring certain matters to a General Meeting of members, the Elders are empowered to make decisions committing the Church to a course of action as they deem necessary to fulfil their responsibilities defined in the Church Rules and to fulfil the commission given to church by the Lord Jesus in Chapter 28 of the Gospel of Matthew, provided that such decisions are made in accordance with any **policies** and **standing orders** made by the **charity trustees** designed to ensure that the church operates within the law.

The Elders may also delegate this power to some or all of the **Deacons** on such terms as they think fit.

Any **Minister** also holds the Office of Elder and as such is jointly responsible with the other Elders to discharge all their responsibilities. A Minister is employed by the church to take a leading role and bear the primary responsibility among the Elders. Similarly, any Assistant Minister also holds the office of Deacon. *(There are currently no Ministers or Assistant Ministers appointed, since Dafydd Taylor resigned on 30 Sep 2023.)*

### Related Parties:

The church corporately belongs to, and financially supports, the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), which is a UK-wide network of similar churches with which we share an identical Basis of Faith and similar purposes.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Binfield, Bracknell Forest, and the surrounding neighbourhood.

The main aims of the church are to introduce people to the love of God shown through Jesus Christ, to encourage those who already know God's love to keep trusting in that, and to demonstrate God's love in practical acts of kindness.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and consider that there are three main identifiable benefits to the public or sections of the public that flow from the church fulfilling its purposes:

1. Those who come to know and continue in the love of God report that accepting the love of God in Jesus Christ was the best decision they ever made and that knowing this love gives them strength in their everyday life.
2. Advancing the Christian Faith promotes a moral framework. This framework is outlined in the Bible, the Old Testament being interpreted by the New Testament. A summary of the framework is the command for people to love God with all their heart, soul mind and strength and to love one's neighbour as oneself. An exposition of the framework can be found in chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew. Church members are encouraged to live out their faith within the community and to put this moral framework into practice in their everyday lives with everyone they interact with, so that this benefits the members of the public who interact with members of the congregation each day.
3. It is for the public good that the main beliefs of the Christian Faith are made known in society, even if people disagree with the Christian message, because this enables people to make informed choices concerning religious belief and contributes towards a free society where different ideas and beliefs are widely known by the public.

The main public gatherings of the church are the Sunday services and prayer/bible-study meetings held on Wednesdays. These have been held in hybrid form (both in-person and online) since the lifting of COVID restrictions to maximise accessibility and are publicised openly on social media.

The Sunday service is about 2.5 hrs long, and is in three parts:

1. The first part comprises all-age worship (for about 50 minutes) with Bible readings, prayers, congregational singing and accessible Bible teaching for adults and children together that is intended for the benefit of both Christians and non-Christians.
2. The second part comprises separate Bible classes (for about 40 minutes) for adults, teenagers, primary school-aged children and pre-school children. The classes for adults teach the doctrines of the Christian faith in more depth than is possible in the first part and are aimed at Christians specifically.
3. The third part (lasting about 25 minutes) is a celebration of the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion) – a remembrance of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ in the place of sinners, using the symbols of unleavened bread (representing his body) and grape juice (representing his shed blood) – and includes Bible readings, prayers, and congregational singing.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

4. We serve free refreshments after the first part of the service, to which everyone is invited.

The church regularly offers and advertises courses such as Christianity Explored, Hope Explored and Discipleship Explored that clearly explain the foundations of Christian belief and practice and are intended primarily to benefit those not already part of the church.

The church provides personal pastoral care to those who seek it. This is a significant element of the work of the Minister. The Minister also regularly supports the teaching of religious education in several local schools, primarily by leading school assemblies. *(The church is seeking a new Minister since Dafydd Taylor resigned on 30 Sep 2023.)*

The church runs a youth group on Friday evenings to which all secondary-age children are invited, monthly fellowship groups for men and women, and fortnightly 'life groups' – small groups for pastoral care, prayer and mutual support, to which everyone is invited to belong.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

#### Sunday services

The main public gatherings of the church, for public teaching and worship, are the Sunday services. All our teaching is also made freely available on the internet as live streams and on-demand. During this year, we have provided several substantial teaching series based on the Bible, including expository preaching from the books of Luke & Romans, plus many one-off or shorter sermon series. Typical Sunday gathering size is 40-60 persons plus online participants.

#### Beech House Dementia Care Home (Binfield)

The church provides monthly religious services open to all residents, staff and families, at Beech House. This includes Bible readings, prayers, congregational singing and a short, accessible talk on a Biblical topic.

#### Small group and personal pastoral care

A considerable part of the church's resources (principally, the time of the minister, who was the only employee) is spent providing personal pastoral care to those who seek it, and in the leading of small group bible studies and prayer gatherings.

#### School assemblies

Our minister, Dafydd Taylor lead fortnightly assemblies at **Binfield C of E Primary school**.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity trustees have established a policy stipulating a **target minimum level** of reserves of **six months' operating costs**. This is because the work of the church is highly dependent on a small number of generous members, whose circumstances could change, and because the notice period for Ministers and Assistant Ministers (whose livelihood depends on the church) is six months.



### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Luke Malcolm WINMILL	Austin Michael TRAINER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees (Office of Elder)	Trustee (Office of Elder)
Date	9 January 2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Binfield Free Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1167303

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

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 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.

Signed:

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Date:

29/01/2025

Name:

Timothy David Neale

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

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Address:

Kirk Rice LLP, Victoria House

178-180 Fleet Road

Fleet

GU51 4DA

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.**

**Binfield Free Church**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Total y/e  
31 March 2024  
£

Total y/e  
31 March 2023  
£

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS

#### Receipts from regular giving

Offering	26,461	36,652
Offering - Give as your earn scheme	750	1,400
Offering - Gift aided	28,592	7,816
	55,803	45,868

#### Receipts from church activities

Gifts - other	2,100	4,150
Origin - young people	12	12
Bank interest	239	51
	2,351	4,213

#### *Total Receipts*

58,155	50,081
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### PAYMENTS

#### Preaching and mission

Preachers	17,013	28,081
Gifts - mission	3,000	3,600
	20,013	31,681

#### Building running and maintenance

Heating and Lighting	2,805	1,778
Manse Council Tax	1,548	1,632
Water rates (2 years)	605	190
Insurance	1,456	1,368
Manse repairs	-	-
Maintenance & improvements	931	264
	7,344	5,231

#### Church activities

Evangelism and Major events	724	271
	724	271

#### Other costs

Payroll services	3,702	2,280
IT Provision	34	268
Music Licences	522	487
Publicity	424	257
FIEC Membership	789	732
Equipment	1,744	665
Sundry & other expenses	205	1,183
	7,420	5,871

#### *Total Payments*

35,501	43,054
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**Binfield Free Church**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**




	Total y/e 31 March 2024	Total y/e 31 March 2023 £
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	22,654	7,028
Bank balances at the start of the year	22,650	15,623
<b><i>Cash funds this year end</i></b>	<b>45,304</b>	<b>22,650</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

### Cash fund

Bank Current Account	31,236	8,822
Bank Deposit Account	14,068	13,828
	<b>45,304</b>	<b>22,650</b>

Approved by:

 .....	Sunny Kundhi - Treasurer
 .....	Austin Trainer - Trustee
 .....	Luke Winmill - Trustee

Dated

29/01/2025  
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