

## **NEWCASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - 2025**

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year - 2025**

2025 saw continuing growth in the congregation with families and students all becoming a regular part of the NBC family. The congregation continues to become more diverse of background and nationality as well as ages, with a dozen over 90-year-olds and welcoming babies into the family. New members were welcomed and NBC Youth and NBC Kids continued to see growth. The Trustees continued to work hard in maintaining the life of the church as well as supporting new initiatives and exploring new opportunities. People came to explore faith and to renew faith, staying connected through weekly e-mail updates and the live streaming of Sunday services.

The Church continued to reach out into the community, creating spaces for people to belong and find a welcoming place to build community. Finances remained strong and stable through the generosity of members and attenders, and volunteers continued their commitment to serve in many different activities.

The commitment to overseas mission continued to be a focus through the work of the Mission Team, and additional monies were used to support a wide variety of organisations around the world. The on-going commitment to give to the Baptist Union Home Mission and the Baptist Missionary Society remained a priority.

The Ministry Assistant continued to develop the Youth ministry as well as connecting the Kids and families. The monthly 'All Together' services ensured that the church remained connected across the generations and enabled all ages to worship together. This has enabled opportunities for inter-generational conversations which benefit all those involved. The Youth continue to go to the Limitless Festival in the summer and are supported by a talented team of volunteers as they face their own life changes and challenges, pressures, and opportunities.

The Pastoral Worker contributed to welcoming and connecting new attenders into the life of the church as well as providing additional support to many other people at significant times of need. Visits to people unable to attend as well as supporting people going through difficult life challenges was much appreciated by all. Many people provide additional support to people who are now unable to attend regularly due to health and family issues, but they are not forgotten and are helped with meals and practical help where possible.

Easter and Christmas give opportunity to invite the community to events and activities during those times of year, and the church sees many people engaging at these times. These seasons also give opportunity to join with other Churches in the Town for joint witness in the Town Centre. The minister remains part of the Church Leaders' group that meets together regularly throughout the year.

The Church enjoyed eating together and celebrating together which all helped to build new relationships. A Christmas Day meal provided an opportunity to gather and the link with students from Keele University was strengthened with the church actively and practically supporting the Keele University Christian Union during the year.

The weekly Welcome Space continues every week, as does the weekly Cafe Link coffee morning, with a monthly Crafty Friday activity. This gives space for great conversations and developing connections with many different people. Small groups continued to meet regularly for prayer and Bible Study, and groups meet to focus on Creation Care, Football, Outreach, and Mission, giving a breadth to the Church, bringing life to the programmes available at the church.

Community groups continue to use the facilities, Rock Choir, University Hospital Orchestra, yoga groups, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Zumba, and more.

NBC moves into 2026 with a renewed vision of what God wants to do and a desire to see lives changed, building a place where everyone can learn to love God, love one another, and reach out to love others on their frontlines every day.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Newcastle Baptist Church

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2025

To

Period end date  
31/12/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Giving	120,900	7,025	-	127,925	111,010
Gift Aid	30,677	-	-	30,677	18,252
Lettings	19,471	-	-	19,471	17,478
Interest	3,548	-	-	3,548	4,598
Other	7,125	-	-	7,125	6,490
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>181,721</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,746</b>	<b>157,828</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>181,721</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,746</b>	<b>157,828</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff expenses	99,717	19,522	-	119,239	113,158
Church running costs	34,898	1,841	-	36,739	36,730
Church activities	4,796	-	-	4,796	5,404
Youth and student work	-	4,483	-	4,483	520
Charitable donations	19,881	770	-	20,651	23,604
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>159,292</b>	<b>26,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,908</b>	<b>179,416</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>159,292</b>	<b>26,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185,908</b>	<b>179,416</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>22,429</b>	<b>- 19,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>- 21,588</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 161,293</b>	<b>161,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>151,944</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,881</b>	<b>173,469</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,080</b>	<b>141,639</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>154,719</b>	<b>151,881</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Current Account		36,913	-
	CAF Savings Account		31,770	-
	Hinckley and Rugby BS	9,967	72,956	
	Hanley Economic BS	3,113		
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,080</b>	<b>141,639</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

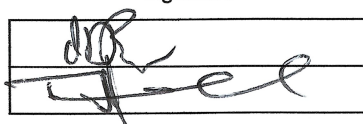

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	CCLA Investment	General reserves - unrestricted	-	44,838
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JAMES DANIEL BURR	18.3.26
	TIMOTHY J. HANCOCK	18.3.26





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

NEWCASTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>ST</sup> December 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1167876

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

**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:**

*Jeremy Lefroy*

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Name:**

Jeremy Lefroy FCA

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

**Address:**

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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.**