

**MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2025**

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## **MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

The Church is a registered Charity no. 1168113. The church address is: Maidenbower Baptist Church, Maidenbower Square, Crawley, RH10 7QH.

The charity trustees for the purpose of these accounts comprise the officers of the Church. The Church officers during the year were as follows:

Pastor Jeremy R Walker

Mr Michael D Finn (Deacon)

Mr Timothy R Norton (Deacon)

#### **Objectives and Activities**

Maidenbower Baptist Church exists for the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1 of our legal Constitution. Maidenbower Baptist Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Acting with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, Maidenbower Baptist Church has set out to glorify the God of the Scriptures in promoting his worship, evangelising non-Christians, encouraging Christians, hosting conferences, providing audio-video messages, serving and strengthening this and other churches, and showing benevolence to the needy.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Maidenbower Baptist Church is constituted as a church, governed as a church by its Spiritual Constitution and as a charity by its legal Constitution. Its trustees are elected by the church as a whole. The trustees meet regularly in order to conduct the day to day business of the charity, and have two formal trustees' meetings annually, and as required for any other significant issues.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

During the year in question, Maidenbower Baptist Church has maintained a regular schedule of preaching and teaching of the Bible to people of all ages and backgrounds in, around and beyond our immediate sphere. This includes Crawley more widely, various places around the United Kingdom, and overseas. We have also supported ministry in places including Albania, Australia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Kenya, Lithuania, Moldova, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, the United States, and Zambia, both financially and in providing counsel and encouragement in these and other places. A variety of benevolent investments have been made within and around the immediate congregation of the church, and the members of the church have been often engaged in ministering both in word and deed to friends, neighbours, and others in need in Crawley and beyond. We have initiated or sustained, or participated in, a number of community activities.

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**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Cont.)**

**Achievements and Performance (continued)**

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

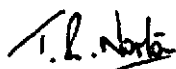
**Financial Review**

Funds are used to pay a pastor's salary and a former pastor's pension, to maintain the church premises in a state fit for purpose, to support other churches and missionaries, to provide benevolence, and to fund various other projects as appropriate.

Maidenbower Baptist Church maintains a reserve principally against critical material need in this or other churches in this or other countries, unexpected failure of or need regarding the fabric of our premises, and the provision of gospel ministry (especially the financial support of additional preachers) in this or other congregations.

The principal source of Maidenbower Baptist Church's funds is the voluntary giving of church members and other friends. During the year under review, payments exceeded receipts by approximately £5,100 (2024, deficit £17,500). This was on account of restricted fund donations received in the previous year now being expended. All funds are disbursed in accordance with biblical principles of charity and integrity. The trustees consider that the state of affairs of the charity is satisfactory.

On behalf of the Pastor & Deacons



Trustee

Date: 10 June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT****TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 44(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any 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 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 give me cause to believe that, in any material respect

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 10 June 2025

**MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

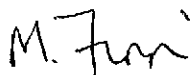
	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>2025 Total £</u>	<u>2024 Total £</u>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary income		156,631	14,319	<b>170,950</b>	144,320
Investment income		1,370	-	<b>1,370</b>	1,169
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>158,001</b>	<b>14,319</b>	<b>172,320</b>	<b>145,489</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Cost of Generating Funds	2	1,432	-	<b>1,432</b>	378
Charitable Activities	3	142,422	31,271	<b>173,693</b>	139,070
		143,854	31,271	<b>175,125</b>	139,448
Asset purchases		2,307	-	<b>2,307</b>	23,548
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>146,161</b>	<b>31,271</b>	<b>177,432</b>	<b>162,996</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>		<b>11,840</b>	<b>(16,952)</b>	<b>(5,112)</b>	<b>(17,507)</b>
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
		11,840	(16,952)	<b>(5,112)</b>	<b>(17,507)</b>
<b>Cash Funds brought forward</b>		<b>214,196</b>	<b>21,266</b>	<b>235,462</b>	<b>252,969</b>
<b>Cash Funds carried forward</b>		<b>226,036</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>230,350</b>	<b>235,462</b>

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

**MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<b>2025 Total £</b>	2024 Total <u>£</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
Treasurers Account	101,768	4,364	<b>106,132</b>	112,614
Instant Access Account	124,218	-	<b>124,218</b>	122,848
	<u>225,986</u>	<u>4,364</u>	<b>230,350</b>	<u>235,462</u>
<u>Debtors</u>				
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	17,520	-	<b>17,520</b>	11,085
	<u>243,506</u>	<u>4,364</u>	<b>247,870</b>	<u>246,547</u>
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
	<b>Fund</b>			
Freehold property	General			
Furniture & Equipment	General			
Electronic/computer equipment	General			
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Due within one year	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<b>500</b>	<u>500</u>

Approved on 10 June 2025



Treasurer



Elder

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**MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Church's Financial Statements.

**(a) Accounting Convention.**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are now prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

**(b) Income.**

Donations represent cash received during the year, including tax repayments received. Charitable Activities Income comprises the sale of Christian books and other materials. Investment income comprises interest received from money in deposit accounts.

**(c) Expenditure**

The cost of generating funds are costs incurred in promoting the Church and its work. Charitable Activities Expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the Church's objects.

<b>2. Costs of Generating Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>
Printing & internet costs	1,432	-	1,432	378
<b>3. Charitable Activities</b>				
Staff costs (note 7)	97,039	-	97,039	96,164
Other Ministry & Missions (note 4)	28,366	31,221	59,587	21,224
Property Expenses (note 5)	14,142	-	14,142	19,186
Administration expenses (note 6)	2,375	50	2,425	2,001
Governance costs	500	-	500	495
	142,422	31,271	173,693	139,070
<b>4. Other Ministry and Missions</b>				
Conference costs & Hospitality	4,808	-	4,808	825
Other preachers	4,318	-	4,318	2,538
Missionary & Relief gifts	17,225	31,221	48,446	15,481
Sermon Audio	1,216	-	1,216	677
Diaconal fund	799	-	799	1,703
	28,366	31,221	59,587	21,224

**MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Cont.)**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>5. Property Expenses</b>				
Light & Heat	4,007	-	<b>4,007</b>	3,184
Water rates	134	-	<b>134</b>	262
Insurance	1,219	-	<b>1,219</b>	88
Repairs & Maintenance	8,782	-	<b>8,782</b>	15,652
	<b>14,142</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>19,186</b>
<b>6. Administration Expenses</b>				
Telephone & internet costs	1,194	-	<b>1,194</b>	1,116
Office & administration	1,181	50	<b>1,231</b>	885
	<b>2,375</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,001</b>
<b>7. Employee information</b>				
Gross wages & salaries	84,024	-	<b>84,024</b>	80,554
Employers' National Insurance	2,078	-	<b>2,078</b>	1,682
Pension scheme payments	6,039	-	<b>6,039</b>	5,995
Employees' travel expenses	3,567	-	<b>3,567</b>	5,932
Employees' other expenses	1,331	-	<b>1,331</b>	2,001
	<b>97,039</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,039</b>	<b>96,164</b>

The average number of persons employed during the year was 2 (2024: 2). One employee received remuneration in the band: £60,000-£70,000p.a. No trustee received any remuneration or expenses, apart from Mr Jeremy Walker for his work as pastor of the church, whose remuneration is included in the figures above.

<b>9. Restricted Funds</b>	Brought Forward	Received	Paid	Transfers	Carried Forward
S Chammo - Sweden	85	-	-	-	85
Marinduque Land Fund	20,125	-	(20,125)	-	-
Gospel Endeavours	1,056	14,319	(11,146)	-	4,229
	<b>21,266</b>	<b>14,319</b>	<b>(31,271)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,314</b>