



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Fellowship Baptist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1173883
Charity's principal address	144 Alexandra Avenue
	Luton
	Bedfordshire
Postcode	LU3 1HJ

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	Stanley Eugene Boelman	Pastor		
2	Timothy John Brighton	Trustee		
3	Beavin Andrew	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	By appointment of the members

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.

Regarding relationships with related parties, the church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches. This is purely a joining of hearts and minds as opposed to a structural union, the FIEC does not own any of the church's property and neither does it require a membership fee. The church shares the same theological perspective and annually affirms its agreement with the articles of faith.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objective of the charity is for public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

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)

The main activities fall under the stated objective of advancing the Christian Faith. Specifically, these include:

- Regular meetings for Christian worship
- Children's clubs to enhance the Christian faith
- Support for the public as available (see below in Section D)

As needed, the trustees have met to review the work of the charity as well as to oversee the financial status. And due to the small size of the charity membership, the trustees have included all members in their meetings.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The years previous annual return (2023-24) including some milestones such as the reboot of a children's club, the re-writing of a safeguarding policy, and the start of a new men's ministry. By comparison, 2024-25 was a year of maintenance, of building continuity of ministry.

To that degree, the children's club continues to be a great opportunity to serve families in the community. Most come from a church background but there is scope for further enhancement of spiritual life. Currently, three or possibly four families are involved.

The men's ministry has been another positive addition. For many years, the women met on Zoom as a group called Servants Hearts. The men's group, King's Servants has been meeting every two months. It is not a large group but the fellowship is good and we have enjoyed the input from speakers from both the UK as well as the USA.

Apart from continuity, a new feature was added in the autumn. After a break of four years or more, the church participated in an annual fund raiser organised by Tearfund. It is called The Great Big Quiz Night. We did not have a large turnout but we did have a visitor who was invited. The moneys go to Tearfund's service to the developing world. We plan on doing this again.

As in other years, the following continues to be our pattern of ministry:

- On Sunday mornings, the church worships at Ambleside Centre. It is not a large building and doesn't have other rooms for children's work. This is not the best because we are not able to have a separate children's function during the adult worship.
- In the afternoon, the pastor continues to make use of Facebook Live to do sermons for the public. Currently, some 253 people have liked the page. On occasion, some very positive comments are received.
- In the week, a prayer meeting takes place on the Zoom platform.
- A weekly study group also takes place over Zoom and recently the group has read through Tim Chester's book, *Enjoying God*.
- The new men's group, King's Servants, has been meeting every two months on Zoom.
- The ladies group, Servants Hearts, continues to meet on Zoom and includes women from other churches not in Luton.
- Much good has been achieved in global Christian work. Our local impact may be small but our global reach can be large.
- Whilst not "regular", the congregation provides an occasional gift to missionaries who are in special circumstances. These might include things such as unexpected health costs. It is to be celebrated that the church has such a wonderful philanthropic spirit.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees and the membership have considered the need for a reserves policy and it has been agreed that no set amount is needed but that the charity will always agree to meet its financial obligations. Apart from the moneys held in the charity's current account, there is an unrestricted fund with a value of £29,329.22 at the start of the new financial year (April, 2023)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No deficit exists.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity subsists from the donations of its members and other interested parties.

Expenditures supported the objectives via payments for rental costs, literature to Christian work, donations to Christian charities and the support of Christian work in other parts of the world.

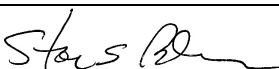
Section F Other optional information

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)

Stanley Eugene Boelman

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair/Pastor

Date

3rd September, 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Fellowship Baptist Church	No (if any) 1173883
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 04/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Collections taken during church services	6,670	-	-	6,670	6,783
Donation from supporters outside church	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,621	-	-	1,621	1,332
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,291	-	-	8,291	8,115
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,291	-	-	8,291	8,115

A3 Payments					
Support for missionaries	2,520	-	-	2,520	2,520
Hire of community centre for services	4,431	-	-	4,431	3,890
Liability insurance	260	-	-	260	247
CCLI music licence	148	-	-	148	142
Storage facilities	563	-	-	563	450
FIEC membership		-	-	-	400
Speaker's remuneration		-	-	-	
Other					
Special gift to Mosbys	1,000			1,000	1,000
Tearfund	100			100	
Supplementary gift to missionaries	1,100	1	-	1,100	900

Sub total	10,122	-	-	10,122	9,549
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,122	-	-	10,122	9,549
Net of receipts/(payments)	573	-	-	573	1,434
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	573	-	-	573	1,434

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Balance at year ended 31 March, 2025	5,822	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,822	-	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Savings for eventual capital asset purchase	29,795	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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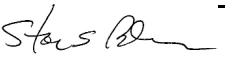
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Stan Boelman	03/09/2025
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