



Acton Baptist Church CIO

Annual Report and Accounts for 2024

This is the annual report of Acton Baptist Church CIO ("ABC") covering the 12-month period to 31 December 2024.

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Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Acton Baptist Church CIO
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Registered charity number	1179061
Charity's principal address	12 Church Road, Acton, London, W3 8PP

Structure, governance and management

The church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its governing document is an association constitution based principally on the model agreed for member churches of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Trustees are drawn from the membership and elected by them in a secret ballot. Any person wishing to serve must be nominated by two other members. The offices of church secretary and treasurer are chosen by the Trustees from amongst themselves but are in practice confirmed in a general meeting. Any Minister for the time being is a Trustee.

Names of charity trustees who manage the church (in alphabetical first name order)

Name	Office (if any)	Dates if not acted for whole year
Carol ("Carlie") Sears		
Elizabeth Salako		Appointed 24/3/24
Frances Bellis		
Guy Sears	Treasurer	
Jan Neasham		
John Robson		
Josephine Choji-Davou		
Laura Kellard		
Lydia Antoniou		Appointed 11/5/25
Michael Drake	Minister	Resigned 27/4/25
Richard Bellis		
Sarah Robson	Church Secretary	
Syreta Boost		
Valerie Drake		Resigned 24/3/24

Name of trustees holding title to the properties belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
London Baptist Property Board Limited	

Aims and purposes

Acton Baptist Church has operated as a church at its current location in Church Road, Acton since 1864. The principal purpose of ABC is the advancement of the Christian faith, which is fulfilled in and from our buildings, and through the work and contributions of our members. ABC is in membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the London Baptist Association.

Objectives and activities

The Minister, elected Charity trustees and staff, together with the membership, are committed to enabling as many people as possible to hear about the Christian faith and to be able to worship as a community at our church.

Public benefit

The charity trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to enable any person to explore and live out their faith regardless of whether they are members of the church.

Our services and activities are open to any person to attend, whether in person or online, and our work with children and young people, including through the Living Room project, do not require those children and young people or their parents or guardians to have any faith or to be members of the church.

In addition, we are fortunate to have good-sized halls that can be made available for a variety of community activities and events. Our rental income includes hiring out the buildings to another church for its own services and to a variety of groups providing gymnastics and exercise groups to the community at large.

We have a prohibition against the consumption of alcohol within any of the church buildings (save within a service or devotional activity by other churches), and we do reserve the right to refuse to rent our property for political, religious or community activities which we think are not consistent with our objectives or which otherwise might run contrary to our desire to play our part in building up a diverse, inclusive and peaceful community of peoples of all faiths and of none in our locality.

Strategy

The church continues to offer the service via live stream and in person with an average of about 50 people attending in person and 3 on live stream. Google Meet is used occasionally for prayer sessions and for people to share. Once a month the church aims to run a prayer session to pray for the local community.

Retirement of our Minister, post-year end event

After the year-end and as expected and planned, on 27 April 2025, Rev. Mick Drake retired as our Minister, and consequently as a trustee. We shall use our report next year more fully to record his service over the 32 years of ministry. Safe to say, he, and his wife, will be sorely missed and we are enormously indebted to him for his unwavering commitment to God and the members of this church. The trustees and members are now engaging with the search process for a new Minister.

Church services and outreach

We hold a public church service at 10:30am on every Sunday in our sanctuary. We take communion together as a church at least once a month now during the Sunday service.

In the year, we ran groups for children every Sunday as needed. Creche is provided for the under 3's.

There continues to be a greater openness for different individuals to share testimony during the service by coming up to the front. Thanks to the husband of our then student placement we often had live music once a month in the first half of the year and we are very grateful to the musicians who joined us for those days.

We continue to have a wide group of members leading services and this has both shared the workload but more importantly has provided opportunities for a more diverse set of songs and artists to be used - reflecting better the diverse membership of the church.

Individuals are encouraged to preach (especially those who have taken part in the preaching course), again reflecting the diverse nature of the church.

As mentioned above, all are welcome to attend our Sunday service.

Periodically, we have joined with other churches in the near neighbourhood for joint services. The offering went to one of the third party causes identified in the restricted funds.

We baptise in accordance with the Principles of the Baptist Union so would want to know that the person, whether adult or young person, has made a deliberate decision for themselves. We are fortunate to have a baptistry built in and have in the past baptised adults from other churches; we held no baptisms in 2024. We have held no funerals in church this year.

Student placement

We had a student placement from Spurgeon's College for 3 years. Our student was able to gain experience in all areas of ministry, the placement ended in June 2024 and we are very grateful for all that she brought to us during those years. She successfully passed her placement module and completed her course.

Discipleship mentoring

The church offers discipleship mentoring on a one-to-one basis as and when it is needed. The material covers the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. We have taken two people through a discipleship course in 2024. We do not limit the course to members, the nature of the course is that we expect those who are interested would be at least regular attenders. Members and friends do also use external discipleship training and resources.

Prayer

It is encouraging to be able to meet again for prayer during the Sunday service. There have been regular opportunities to pray over Google Meet during the year and at other organised events during the week. We now hold a regular monthly Sunday evening prayer meeting which is open to all, this is usually led by one of the church leaders and alternates between meeting on Google meet or at the church.

Preaching Course

The Minister has been running preaching courses to enable members to develop skills in this area. In 2024, one course took place and 5 people attended. This course has resulted in a number of different people preaching at Acton Baptist Church on Sunday mornings and in other churches.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care is administered in a number of different ways.

The Minister regularly visits those members and long-term friends of the church who are housebound. There are also people admitted to hospital and those who are suffering from long- or short-term illness. The Minister will also visit those on request on a very wide range of pastoral concerns. During 2024 a lot of the Minister's pastoral care has been in person, some has been given via telephone; the wider church leadership team also keep in touch with more vulnerable members and regular attenders by visiting and by phone. This is in addition to the informal friendship and support groups that happen between members themselves independent of church structures.

Some deacons also have people they telephone regularly from the lists formed in covid to ensure vulnerable members are cared for.

Pastoral care is also carried out in the House Groups.

House Groups

House-based groups continue to be an effective way for people to meet to study the Bible, pray for each other's needs and have fellowship. There are three groups that meet regularly.

The West Ealing group usually met every two weeks on Thursday at a member's home; the Central Acton group were meeting on Thursday afternoon at the church but this has now ceased; the North Acton group met weekly on Tuesdays in a home; and, the South Acton group meet virtually mid-week on different days.

Lent

The members were encouraged to follow a series of guided devotions from a Church Of England Lent series. Booklets were given to all members and attenders. Booklets for children were also available. It allowed members to share thoughts around the themes in the lead up to Easter.

Church weekend at home 23rd November

We ran a day to which members and regular attendees were invited. The day consisted of teaching sessions, group discussions, prayer, craft, games and worship. 30 people attended the day.

Advent

The membership collectively was encouraged to follow a series of guided devotions from the Bible app entitled “Down to Earth” or via website links. The series was designed by the LICC. It allowed members to share thoughts around the themes in the lead up to Christmas.

Table Tennis

A table tennis club is run every other Tuesday for an hour. All levels of ability are encouraged to play.

Membership

At the year's end, there were 71 members of the church.

Children and Young people

Amongst the Trustees, the Children's and Youth Coordinator oversees the young people's and children's works. Volunteer members run the Sunday School curriculum and Sunday groups.

Safeguarding

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for safeguarding. The Church has a Safeguarding Policy which is kept under review. Though a few weeks' after the end of the year in review, our most recent safeguarding training took place in early January 2025.

We believe it is the responsibility of all members of Acton Baptist Church to make sure that all children, young people and vulnerable members of the church are kept safe.

Family Community Days

ABC Church has hosted three successful family days this year, one per term. These events are designed to engage with local families and offer a welcoming space for the community. Activities include crafts, face painting, play equipment, fun games, and dancing for children. We also provide tea and cakes for adults, allowing them to relax while their children play.

The family days are offered free of charge as a way of giving to the community. We're pleased to report that attendance has steadily grown, with 40 children and 30 carers at our most recent event. The group of attendees reflects the rich diversity of our local community. We have built strong relationships with our neighbours through these initiatives.

Christmas Tree Event

One of the family days was part of our Christmas Tree Event. We invited the organisations who hire our buildings to decorate a Christmas tree. We were delighted to have nine trees displayed, including those we decorated. Each group provided a description of their organisation's work, and visitors enjoyed walking through our festive "forest" of trees.

In addition to the Family Community Days, as we celebrated Christmas, we opened the church on 21st December inviting the local community of all ages young and old to view the trees and enjoy tea, cakes, and art activities. This happy event was well-attended, with 35 adults and 20 children.

Living Room 2024

The Living Room continued to provide safe, enjoyable spaces for young people to spend some of their free time in the centre of Acton during 2024. We ran two clubs in our base in the halls of the church and one on the street as a pop-up club. We also went into Ark Acton Academy to facilitate games and conversation with year 7s and 8s. This is for all high school aged students.

Toy Library

We made the decision to close the Toy Library during the year as it was requiring a disproportionate time from the Church Secretary to keep it going as she had been since we took it over. We transferred the small balance from the designated fund into the unrestricted reserves as the year ended.

Building usage

The church owns its own buildings and the legal titles to these are held by the London Baptist Property Board Limited.

The sanctuary and the halls are of generous size and allow the church both for its own benefit and for wider community benefit to carry on any of the activities it wishes to.

The buildings are a source of significant expense in terms of running costs and day to day maintenance but, in normal years we have received income from the hiring out of the halls which offset the running costs and day to day maintenance. The sanctuary area continues to be used by ABC and also two other faith communities as well as a gospel choir. At the year-end, hirers of the halls use the space most days of the week in term times. We continue to welcome rentals for community activities to be carried on in the church halls.

Solar

As reported last year, the church was awarded a grant by the London Borough of Ealing as part of a Green initiative. A major building project this year was the implementation of a solar (PV) installation. The 10kW solar array was fitted on our roof in Summer 2024 significantly benefited by

the £10,000 grant which was received from the L B Ealing during the year and for which the church is very thankful. Along with the inverter/charger and 7.5kWh of batteries, we are already seeing a significant reduction in bills mainly from a reduction in the need to buy electricity but also in small part from export.

Church Kitchen/servery

Another building project was the commencement of the work to install a servery within the sanctuary better to provide refreshments (rather than meals) in that area. Plans were well advanced at the year end, and the first contract signed.

Finance

The continued impact of the high costs and some possible impacts from the cost of living on giving were the most significant negatives in a year marked for the generosity of some large one-off gifts. We remain very grateful to all those who have given gifts to the work of ABC, believing as we do that even the smallest gifts can be multiplied in their impact if we are faithful to our purposes.

Overall

The original 2024 budget envisaged a balanced level of receipts and payments, but once again giving was very significantly higher, particularly due to a few generous additional gifts. Payments were much as budgeted, though we have had issues with our electricity and new gas suppliers generating a bill for much of the year till after the year end. Hall hire contributed more than budgeted.

In our 2023 Report and accounts we stated that church made a voluntary disclosure (to HMRC) concerning tax arising from our error in the payroll treatment of a benefit in kind over many years. This was made on 9 January 2024. After this year end (26 March 2025) we received an acknowledgement and a proposal setting out back income tax and NIC plus interest. We have agreed to pay £787 contractually in total for years 2017/18 through to 23/24 and to make a voluntary payment for 2017/18 of £153. The total appears in the liabilities.

The pension deficit

During the year the Baptist Union Pension Scheme trustees completed the buyout of the DB scheme and so at the year end the church no longer had any obligation to make good any liability as an employer under that scheme, and it will not in the future.

The 2024 financial results

The accounts are set out around three types of funds for transparency –

- (i) the unrestricted funds (the general reserves) belonging to the church and free to use for any purpose,
- (ii) the designated funds which consist of amounts earmarked for a project or purchase, but which can be reallocated to the general reserves if needed; and,
- (iii) the restricted funds, which have been donated for a specific purpose or represent a collection made in church to support a third-party charity.

As regards the unrestricted and designated funds, the total receipts were £120,992 and total payments £104,090. The principal sources of income are offerings from church members and attendees (£61,234 before any Gift Aid) and hall hire (£26,169). The availability of relatively high interest

rates meant that there was a receipt of £5,525.47 in interest. All Gift Aid has been recovered in the year for donations up to 9 December 2024 and for GASDS (cash collections) up to 5 April 2024.

The church has no loans, whether secured or not, and has not given a guarantee.

Reserves Policy

The church looks to keep at least £50,000 in unrestricted reserves at any time as that is approximately 9 months' worth of general expenditure based on the past and expected needs. This excludes expenditure on the building outside of minor maintenance and upkeep and expenditure in designated funds. At year end the general reserves (being unrestricted and designated) stood at £142,282.

Additionally, the policy aims to have a current year's projected ordinary expenditure (£73,067) covered by the total of the unrestricted funds plus the value of any unclaimed but quantified gift aid and any advances. As at year end, that total cover figure was 158% (where 100% is the minimum reserves requirement).

On either test the church is meeting its reserves policy. The Trustees recognise that over-reserving may not be good stewardship but in 2025 there are risks and capital needs too, identified below. The policy was last reviewed in January 2025 and for 2025 will be simplified to a requirement to hold £60,000 in cash.

For 2025, the principal financial risks and needs relate to:

- (i) the retirement of our Minister for the past 32 years who leaves in April 2025; whilst in budget terms the likelihood that no replacement will be in post before 2026 means salary and other costs will be lower than in 2024. However it is also a time of change and that could impact membership levels and giving. The deacons will actively manage the search and interregnum;
- (ii) an unbudgeted need to expend significant sums on an unexpected repair to our buildings, and possible expenditure on the Manse ahead of any newly appointed Minister;
- (iii) the dependence on a sub-set of our members for significant proportions of the offerings - however this situation has commonly existed with some households being in higher paid jobs at times;
- (iv) the need during 2025 for the Living Room to identify more grants or donations. Again this is not presently seen as a significant risk. The Living Room Project, whilst not legally separate, aims to be self-funding. This was identified as a risk last year, but in the event only a small deficit of payments over receipts was experienced. The Living Room's reserves will be sufficient to cover its expenses in 2025 given the known level of support to date; it continues to actively seek fresh external financial support and whilst there is no Minister (and for at least 12 months), a contribution from general reserves to the staff costs has been budgeted at some £8,000 for 2025.

In any event, the Trustees do not consider these are risks that might threaten the ongoing solvency and sustainability of the church for the year ahead. The Trustees have insurance policies in place for a prudent range of perils, including employer and public liability.

Our staff and volunteers

Rev Michael Drake continued to serve as our Minister. He is the only full-time appointment and the only paid Trustee. The other Trustees do not receive any pay or expenses for their roles. None of the Trustees provide paid services or goods directly or through associated businesses.

The two other employees at year-end are permanent 15 hour per week youth workers for the Living Room. We aim to meet or exceed London Living Wage hourly rates.

We are also fortunate to have many volunteers. We estimate 16 individuals gave their time to further the work in different ways. This number is in addition to the unpaid Trustees and employees. We are very grateful to all for their tireless work in such a difficult year.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	 <small>Sarah Robson (May 28, 2025 20:04 GMT+1)</small>	 <small>Guy Sears (Jun 6, 2025 10:52 GMT+1)</small>
Full name	Sarah Jane Robson	Guy Russell William Sears
Position	Church Secretary	Treasurer
Date	Jun 6, 2025	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Acton Baptist Church CIO ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 13 to 20 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Lisa Darby
Lisa Darby (Jun 9, 2025 11:03 GMT+1)

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Stewardship

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Date: Jun 9, 2025

The Receipts and Payments Accounts for Acton Baptist Church CIO (charity number 1179061)
for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and consist of:

1. Section A - Receipts and Payments - there are no endowment funds
2. Section B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024 – there are no other monetary assets or investment assets so sections B2 and B3 of the reporting template are excluded
3. Section C - Notes and further information

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total 2023
A1 Receipts	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings and donations	61,233.67			61,233.67	63,267.55
Tax recovered	18,970.33		3,537.50	22,507.83	8,810.83
Fundraising, grants and refunds	67.50	10,000.00	8,680.00	18,747.50	8,133.15
Interest on bank accounts	4,551.04		974.43	5,525.47	4,677.56
Donations for Living Room			9,355.00	9,355.00	8,986.36
Giving for 3rd parties funds			731.68	731.68	691.44
Activities (hall hire and Toy Library)	26,169.00	0.00		26,169.00	22,467.00
Gross receipts	110,991.54	10,000.00	23,278.61	144,270.15	117,033.89
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	110,991.54	10,000.00	23,278.61	144,270.15	117,033.89

Section A - Receipts and Payments

A3 Payments					
Salaries and pensions	-36,114.88		-21,522.00	-57,636.88	-46,810.67
Outside speakers	-657.00			-657.00	-1,092.00
Payroll costs	-162.00		-324.00	-486.00	-156.60
Heat, water, council tax and light	-15,314.67			-15,314.67	-10,062.09
Internet and phone	-1,148.20			-1,148.20	-842.27
Supplies and consumables	-468.86		-92.97	-561.83	-473.39

<i>Books and teaching materials purchased</i>	-248.95			-248.95	-122.48
<i>Conferences, regionals, events and courses</i>	-1,164.30		-17.67	-1,181.97	-470.00
<i>Subsistence, drinks & meals</i>	-216.14		-406.54	-622.68	-642.08
<i>Travel incl car costs</i>	-682.54			-682.54	-657.30
<i>Outreach and publicity (incl pcopy)</i>	-1,184.75		-90.00	-1,274.75	-1,013.09
<i>Ministry - Youth projects and trips</i>			-500.18	-500.18	-3,075.30
<i>Other miscellaneous expenses</i>	-245.60	-460.00		-705.60	-210.39
<i>Building repairs and maintenance</i>	-10,360.51			-10,360.51	-7,600.51
<i>Building upkeep incl cleaner</i>	-5,443.28			-5,443.28	-4,445.78
<i>Donations to charities and community projects</i>	-2,442.43		-914.97	-3,357.40	-2,304.40
<i>Bank charges</i>	-61.25			-61.25	-65.00
<i>Insurance and subs</i>	-7,176.39			-7,176.39	-7,287.85
<i>Examination fees</i>	-336.00			-336.00	-336.00
<i>Fundraising</i>			0.00	0.00	-71.43
<i>Building projects</i>		-20,079.08	0.00	-20,079.08	-100.00
<i>Sub total</i>	-83,427.75	-20,539.08	-23,868.33	-127,835.16	-87,838.63

A4 Asset and investment purchases

<i>Assets</i>	-122.98	0.00	-281.04	-404.02	-239.81
<i>Sub total</i>	-122.98	0.00	-281.04	-404.02	-239.81

<i>Total payments</i>	-83,550.73	-20,539.08	-24,149.37	-128,239.18	-88,078.44
<i>Net receipts/payments</i>	27,440.81	-10,539.08	-870.76	16,030.97	28,955.45
A5 Transfers between funds	-18,790.15	18,790.15		0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	119,393.20	5,986.83	28,700.45	154,080.48	125,125.03
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	128,043.86	14,237.90	27,829.69	170,111.45	154,080.48

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

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Designated funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank accounts	21,440.85	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Cash	20.15	0.00	0.00
	Deposit at London Baptist Property Board	106,582.86	8,237.90	21,829.69
Total cash funds		128,043.86	14,237.90	27,829.69

<i>Details</i>	<i>Fund to which asset belongs</i>	<i>Cost (optional)</i>	<i>Current value (optional)</i>
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Manse at Cloister Road	875,000	-
	Church Building and Land at Church Road	-	-
	Organ at Church Road	-	-
	Audio visual equipment		-
	Church chairs		-
	Living Room project Furniture and equipment	-	-

<i>Details</i>	<i>Fund to which liability relates</i>	<i>Amount due (optional)</i>	<i>Details</i>
B5 Liabilities	Tax owed to HMRC for prior years for payroll error	£940	See narrative report above-



Notes under Section B relating to guarantees and security

- No guarantee has been given by the charity, where any potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of the statement; and
- no debt is outstanding at the date of the statement which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity.

The attached notes in Section C below form part of these Receipts and Payments accounts.

The Trustees declare that they have approved these Receipts and Payments accounts on Jun 6, 2025

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature	 <small>Sarah Robson (May 28, 2025 20:04 GMT+1)</small>	 <small>Guy Sears (Jun 6, 2025 10:52 GMT+1)</small>
Full name	Sarah Jane Robson	Guy Russell William Sears
Position	Church Secretary	Treasurer

Section C – Notes and further information

General

- The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.*
- General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.*

Further notes on receipts and payments

As noted above, as these accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis they do not present a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Within the year some payments, particularly annual subscriptions and insurances, will have been paid to cover periods going into the next year. These vary little from year to year, subject to some inflation increases, and would also have been paid in 2023 for some of 2024. No calculation has been made of the balance of such incrementally changing prepayments and accruals across years.

On the other hand when considering "liabilities", gas that was consumed in 2024 that was billed in 2025 can only be estimated, due to the recalculation of usage by EDF back to September, and the application of some credits and customer service gestures. The estimate of the value of gas used before the year end but unbilled in 2024 is £3,550. This will appear in the 2025 accounts and was not a present liability at year end. The electricity consumption in 2024 that was only billed in 2025 is also subject to post year-end agreed credits and a customer service gesture from Octopus but is estimated at £296. This will appear in the 2025 accounts and was not a present liability at year end.

Gift aid uncollected for 2024 has been submitted before the signing of these accounts and £275 was received across all affected funds. These will be included in the 2025 accounts.

Transactions with Related Parties

- o *Rev Michael Drake served as the Minister of the church and was paid £36,104.88 including Employer Pension contribution (2023: £33,876.60) for serving in that capacity, not for serving as a trustee; this payment is permitted by the charity's governing document.*
- o *In addition, the charity paid £2,760 (2023: £1,437) through payroll to Rev Michael Drake for the cost of electricity and gas bills at the Manse (which is customary for ministers) under the terms of his appointment for the better performance of his duties.*

Part I Restricted funds

These comprise money collected or distributed in the year for the two restricted funds of the charity and for five third-party collections.

The two other restricted funds are:

1. The Building Fund is for gifts (invariably from members of ABC) made specifically to support capital works to repair, maintain or improve the buildings owned by the charity. Receipts in this year comprise gift aid recovered on the prior year giving (£500) and an allocation of interest earned at the bank.
2. The Living Room project is under the day-to-day management of one of the Trustees (who is unpaid) and works with young people in the church premises, on the streets and in schools and receives its funding from specific gifts and grants.

The third party collections are invariably made as specially announced collections at the Sunday service, some of which will be when other churches have joined for unity services or Holy days:

1. Tearfund is registered in England & Wales as a charity (no. 265464) and works to end global poverty.
2. Ealing Foodbank is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1156369) and helps to relieve poverty through the provision of food parcels to those in crisis, in partnership with local care agencies who refer clients in crisis to it.
3. Open Doors - Open Doors with Brother Andrew is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1125684) and supports persecuted Christians throughout the world through prayer and financial support.
4. CAP - Christians Against Poverty is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1097217) and the giving supports work that its volunteers do in the London Borough of Ealing on relieving poverty.
5. Acton Homeless Concern is registered in England and Wales as a charity (no. 1058819) with two drop-in day centres in Acton providing basic needs services and advice and support for homeless and other disadvantaged people

The following table provides details on movements in 2024 in these Restricted funds (the Living Room project is reported upon in more detail in Part III).

	<i>B/Fwd at 1 Jan 2024</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>C/Fwd at year end</i>
<i>Restricted</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Building Fund</i>	2,000.00	583.34	0.00	2,583.34
<i>Living Room</i>	26,517.16	21,963.59	-23,234.40	25,246.35
sub-total				27,829.69
<i>Third party collections</i>				
<i>Tearfund</i>	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00
<i>Ealing Foodbank</i>	91.65	0.00	-91.65	0.00
<i>Open doors</i>	91.64	193.13	-284.77	0.00
<i>Cap</i>	0.00	145.43	-145.43	0.00
<i>Acton Homeless Concern</i>	0.00	193.12	-193.12	0.00
sub-totals	183.29	731.68	-914.97	0.00

Part II Designated funds

These comprise amounts “earmarked” for a particular purpose but have not been received by the church on terms that they can only ever be used for that purpose. Four such accounts were treated as designated funds during the year.

1. Solar Project: this fund was used during the year to earmark the contractual payments due to the installers once the contract has been signed and the grant from L B Ealing was credited to this account. At year end, with the project complete and paid for, the balance is zero and the fund is closed.
2. Kitchen project: this fund was used during the year to earmark the contractual payments that will become due to suppliers as contractual commitments were made. At the year end, it reflected the expected further payments to one supplier (which in 2025 were slightly less than expected due to specification changes).
3. Parent & Toddler: This fund (identified as P&T legacy in prior accounts and arising before charitable incorporation) recognises sums previously raised from such activities with a hope that in the near term such work could start again with the benefit of such funds. It is intended to review the amount of money to be retained here in 2025.
4. Hall deposits: Deposits held from hirers are placed in a designated fund to recognise their different status; an end of year review returned some deposits to two very-long term hirers, returned a deposit to a hirer which had left and made a £200 donation to Childline for the value of two hirers which have ceased to exist but worked with children.

5. Toy library: the Ealing Toy Library ceased activity in 2024. It had been operated as a designated fund and the balance of £199.65 was transferred to the general reserves at year end.

The following table provides details on movements in the Designated funds

<i>Designated</i>	<i>B/Fwd</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>C/Fwd</i>
<i>Solar Project</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>-16,260.20</i>	<i>6,260.20</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Kitchen project</i>			<i>-3,818.88</i>	<i>12,729.60</i>	<i>8,910.72</i>
<i>P&T legacy</i>	<i>5,327.18</i>				<i>5,327.18</i>
<i>Hall deposits</i>	<i>450.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>-450.00</i>		<i>0.00</i>
<i>Toy Library</i>	<i>209.65</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>-10.00</i>	<i>-199.65</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>sub-totals</i>		<i>0.00</i>		<i>18,790.15</i>	<i>14,237.90</i>

Part III Living Room receipts and payments

This section sets out more detailed accounts for the 2024 year of the Living Room Restricted Fund

<i>Receipts</i>	
individuals	7,355.00
churches & trusts	2,000.00
gift aid recovered	3,037.50
fundraisers	680.00
grants	8,000.00
interest	891.09
<i>Total receipts 2024</i>	<i>21,963.59</i>
<i>Payments</i>	
<i>projects and trips</i>	<i>-500.18</i>
<i>staff costs</i>	<i>-21,846.00</i>
<i>training</i>	<i>-17.67</i>
<i>publicity</i>	<i>-90.00</i>
<i>supplies</i>	<i>-92.97</i>
<i>food</i>	<i>-406.54</i>
<i>equipment</i>	<i>-281.04</i>
<i>Total payments 2024</i>	<i>-23,234.40</i>