

North Bradley Baptist Church CIO
Charity Number 1179667

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements

For the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December
2024

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Report of the Trustees

Objectives of the CIO

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within North Bradley, Trowbridge and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to:
 - The prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness
 - The advancement of education
 - The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances, with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Governance

The trustees are also the elders of the church. They meet regularly to discuss the activities of the church.

Matthew Neal, Richard Haddow, Philip Taylor and Walter Burgess served as trustees / elders during this period.

Carol Reid acts as Treasurer and Hayley O'Brien acts as bookkeeper for the church accounts, which also includes carrying out payroll. Rachel Martin, Fiona Williams, John Reid, Carol Reid, Will Hargreaves and David Brake act as church deacons.

Public Benefit

North Bradley Baptist Church is a Christian church working in accordance with their Basis of Faith, doctrinal distinctives and ethical statement, primarily within Wiltshire and the surrounding area. They seek to serve the community through public Christian worship, pastoral care and activities for all ages. They are active in projects of social concern including the relief of poverty and support for the homeless.

Activities

Various regular groups and church meetings are usually run at North Bradley Baptist Church, North Bradley, or in other locations as appropriate. These include:

- Sunday church worship meetings, live streamed for those who cannot attend
- Age-appropriate Sunday teaching for primary age and younger children
- Mid-week fellowship, Bible studies and prayer meetings, held either at the church or at peoples' homes
- A children's meeting held monthly during term time, for primary school aged children
- A teens' meeting held most weeks during term time, for secondary school aged children
- A parent and toddler group, named 'Tiddlers', held weekly during term time
- A bi-weekly meeting called 'Together' for generally older members of the church and community
- Events aimed particularly at either men or women connected with the church, giving opportunities for spiritual discussions and for deeper friendships to develop

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- Courses for those interested in learning more about Christianity, or for those looking to deepen and strengthen their existing Christian faith
- Regular soup/sandwich provision to members of the public who are in particular need in the local area
- A regular 'Open the Book' event, presenting narratives from the Bible to the children at the local primary school
- Regular assemblies within the local primary school

Over the summer, we organised and hosted a family fun day with many free activities open to all, and to celebrate Christmas we organised a carol singing evening around the local community.

Pastoral care is provided to those who may need extra support for any reason.

Church members attend various conferences, such as the Biblical Counselling UK conference, the Bath Women's Conference and the South West Men's Convention.

The church support gospel work in the Valathi area of South India, Daniel Caballero (who has a ministry in Peru), Grace Baptist Mission, and Open Doors (who support persecuted Christians around the world).

Humanitarian relief donations are also made as and when the need arises.

Financial Review

From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024, North Bradley Baptist Church received an income of £113,203, while incurring an expenditure of £94,896. This resulted in an excess of £18,307 for the year.

Income increased by 9% compared to the previous year, primarily due to several one-off gifts totalling £16,480, along with an increase of £1,500 in rental income.

Expenditure rose by 28% compared to 2023, mainly because of the employment of a part-time assistant pastor.

During the year, various repairs were undertaken at the manse. New chairs were purchased to accommodate the growing congregation, and grounds work was carried out to improve the car park and surrounding boundaries. Additionally, donations to support overseas ministries amounted to £4,350, an increase of £1,500 from the previous year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of account for each accounting year. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts and records comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

- The church is operating efficiently and effectively
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition
- Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
- The church complies with relevant laws and regulations

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References and Administrative Information

Name of charity North Bradley Baptist Church CIO
Charity registration number 1179667
Principal address 1A Westbury Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge BA14 0TN
Trustees The trustees serving during the year were:

Richard John Haddow
Philip Brian Taylor
Walter David Burgess
Matthew Colin Neal

Independent Examiner John Edwards B.Sc (Econ)
 5 Sandalwood Road, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 3UP

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

.......... Date 5/7/25.....Mr Richard Haddow (Trustee)

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of North Bradley Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of North Bradley Baptist Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the period ended 31 December 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

John Edwards B.Sc.(Econ)
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Sign: *John Edwards* Date: *1 July 2025*

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Receipts and Payments Report

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
Receipts					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
<i>Investment income</i>					
Interest	148	—	—	148	120
<i>Total incoming resources from generated funds</i>	148	—	—	148	120
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Church use	885	—	—	885	718
Gift Aid Refunds	11,999	—	—	11,999	16,024
Gifts to Needs Fund	—	337	—	337	678
Offerings	79,135	—	—	79,135	78,570
One off Gifts	4,230	12,000	250	16,480	5,186
Special Appeals/Collections for third parties	—	—	100	100	265
Tiddler Donations	809	—	—	809	928
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	97,058	12,337	350	109,745	102,369
Other incoming resources					
Other Income	860	—	—	860	70
Rental income	2,450	—	—	2,450	950
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	3,310	—	—	3,310	1,020
Total Receipts	100,516	12,337	350	113,203	103,509
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Affiliation Fees	2,864	—	—	2,864	2,216
Bank fees	60	—	—	60	60
Church Gas and Electric	5,605	—	—	5,605	(1,171)
Church Lunch catering	427	—	—	427	101
Cleaning/non rota flowers	410	—	—	410	71
Council Tax - Manse	3,147	—	—	3,147	2,997
Electronics/technology	1,999	—	—	1,999	989
External ground maintenance	5,268	—	—	5,268	2,265
External Speakers	712	—	—	712	789
Financial support - Overseas	4,350	—	—	4,350	2,850
Financial support - UK	200	—	—	200	
Fixtures and Fittings	2,826	—	203	3,029	3,992
Gifts - Members	130	—	—	130	101
Groceries	717	—	—	717	500
Insurance - Church	1,327	—	—	1,327	1,401
Insurance - Manse	358	—	—	358	334
Maintenance - Church	1,136	—	—	1,136	15,728
Maintenance - Manse	4,229	—	—	4,229	1,947

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Music Licence	1,192	—	—	1,192	1,007
Officers Expenses	607	—	—	607	605
Other events	150	—	—	150	246
Pastor Expenses	972	—	—	972	1,066
Payments from Needs Fund	—	535	—	535	300
Pension Costs	4,181	—	—	4,181	2,729
Printing and Publicity	169	—	—	169	114
Salaries and Wages	45,182	—	—	45,182	28,272
Signposts/Rooted	83	—	—	83	155
Software	1,160	—	—	1,160	892
Special Appeals/collections payments	195	—	275	470	295
Stationery	5	—	—	5	2
Sunday school	13	—	—	13	38
Sundry	0	—	—	0	20
Telephone	500	—	—	500	500
The Hub	37	—	—	37	87
Tiddlers	418	—	—	418	484
Together	161	—	—	161	125
Village outreach/evangelism	733	—	—	733	672
Water Charges	1,368	—	—	1,368	1,067
Womens work	143	—	—	143	
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	93,034	535	478	94,047	73,846
 Governance costs					
Legal Expenses & Training	849	—	—	849	476
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	849	—	—	849	476
 Total Payments	93,883	535	478	94,896	74,322
 Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used				18,307	29,187
Brought forward balance				61,841	32,654
Carried forward balance				80,148	61,841


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	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Current assets - Current assets					
CAF Bank	38,109	40,938	607	79,654	61,347
Scottish Widows	(9,506)	10,000	—	494	494
Totals	28,603	50,938	607	80,148	61,841
Grand total	28,603	50,938	607	80,148	61,841

North Bradley Baptist Church also owns the church building and the manse, the land adjoining Kings Lodge Little Common and the Land on the north west side of Little Common. This was valued in 2019 at an approximate figure of £1,000,000.

This financial statement was approved and authorized for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

.......... Date 5/7/25 Mr Richard Haddow (Trustee)

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Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Closing
FandF - Fixtures & fittings					
Restricted	500	250	203	—	547
Sub-total for FandF	500	250	203	—	547
Gardening - Gardening project					
Restricted	60	—	—	—	60
Sub-total for Gardening	60	—	—	—	60
NEED - Needs Fund					
Designated	1,136	337	535	—	938
Sub-total for NEED	1,136	337	535	—	938
Other - Collections/payments					
Restricted	175	100	275	—	—
Sub-total for Other	175	100	275	—	—
Refurbishment - Refurbishment					
Designated	—	—	—	10,000	10,000
Sub-total for Refurbishment	—	—	—	10,000	10,000
Special projects – Special projects					
Designated	—	—	—	28,000	28,000
Sub-total for Special projects	—	—	—	28,000	28,000
Staff - Staffing Fund					
Designated	—	12,000	—	—	12,000
Sub-total for Staff	—	12,000	—	—	12,000
General - General fund					
Unrestricted	59,970	100,516	93,883	(38,000)	28,603
Sub-total for General	59,970	100,516	93,883	(38,000)	28,603
Grand total	61,841	113,203	94,896	—	80,148

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the receipts and payments method.

Policy on reserves

We don't have any formal reserves policy, but our intention is to work towards holding reserves that equate to six months costs, assuming that one full-time pastor is employed. Designated fund monies are held until used for their specific purpose.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity receives the income.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when the expense is paid by the Charity.