



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 Period start date To 31/12/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Appledore Baptist Church CIO

Charity registration number: 1181638

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The primary purpose of the charity is to share the love of Jesus Christ within our community and further afield and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him. To achieve this, we work closely with other local Christian Churches and organisations, our local Primary School, local councils and voluntary groups like the RNLI. We are involved with Community projects and support local businesses whenever possible.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Church, while not being exclusive in any way, encourages Christian beliefs, practices and values. These are all centred around the Lordship of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Sunday worship forms an important part of meeting our objectives as a Christian Charity and our services are designed to meet all ages. We have up to 12 children of Primary school age, who attend "The Catch" and we also run a youth Alpha for the children of Secondary school age. Under the Power of the Holy Spirit, we have grown in Sunday morning attendance to between 80 and 90 on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Church is a community of believers and as such mid-week activities are crucial. We have a lively Mum's & Toddler group meeting on Tuesday mornings in term time with up to 30 families with under 5's children attending. Each meeting ends with a short Christian time.</p> <p>Powerhouse Prayer meets on a Wednesday evening for worship, praise and prayer with up to 30 church partners attending.</p> <p>Thursday evening sees our Youth group FUEL meet. We have 30+year 5 & 6's from 15.45 to 17.45 with supervised games and</p>

		<p>craft activities. The children are given a hot meal free of charge and there is a short gospel message is shared each week. From 18.00 to 19.30, we have another 30+year 7 & 8's for a more structured time, again concluding with a gospel message. This year we added a third group for school years 9 onward from 19.30 to 21.00.</p> <p>Mid-week day time and evening activities include Homegroups which are an important part of growing as a Christian community, with Bible teaching in small groups now numbering 7.</p> <p>Oasis is a lady's group with meets on a monthly basis on a Wednesday afternoon attracting over 40 ladies from the village, most of whom are not Christians. They play games, have craft activities, tea and cakes and of course a short Gospel message.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees receive all communications from the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We support a number of Christian Charities and other organisations, some on a regular basis and others when there is a need. We support CEP, which is providing spiritual and practical help for the people of Ukraine and for Israel in their fight against Hamas
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We could not operate as we do without our dedicated team of Volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have seen significant expenditure in the last financial year, both in terms of supporting Christian Charities, setting up Fuel Youth and in maintaining our church building. All this has been funded from our reserves, and at the end of the financial year were in a good position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We aim to hold £25,000 cash reserves, to support the work of the Church and to safeguard paying our Pastor should the unexpected occur.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The vast majority of our income comes from the generous contributions from our Partners. Second only to this is the Gift Aid refunds we receive.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Our Church was founded in 1888 and has during this time face numerous challenges. There is only one risk, should a future Governments pass anti-Christian laws which would drive the church underground.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution as a CIO adopted in October 2018
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	As a CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected from among Church Partners, having been in Partnership for a minimum of 12 month. The initial term in office as Trustee is for three years, followed by a second term of three years if re-elected. After serving two consecutive terms in office Trustees' must stand down for 12 months before seeking re-election.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees are inducted into their role with a half day training, which covers the legal responsibilities for the Charity as deemed by the Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	As a Baptist Church, we are an independent entity, with Jesus Christ as our Head. We fall under the umbrella of the Baptist Union of Great Britain but not subject to their decisions. Likewise, we are also part of the South West Baptist Association. We work, as already stated, closely with local schools, Councils, voluntary groups like the RNLI and local business.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Appledore Baptist Church CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1181638
Charity's principal address	Meeting Street, Appledore, Bideford. EX39 1SF Communications please via. Rev Andrew Littlejohn, Nethania, Torridge Road, Appledore, Bideford. EX39 1SF

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	John Kidd	Pastor/Elder		Church Partners
2	Andrew Littlejohn	Elder/ Hon Treasurer		Ditto
3	Robert Deakin	Elder/Secretary		Ditto
4	Ruth McMahon	Elder		Ditto
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information



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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

John Kidd	Andrew Littlejohn
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Pastor/Elder	Elder/Hon Treasurer
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Date

18 Mar 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Appledore Baptist Church CIO

No (if any)
1181638

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2025

To

Period end date
31/12/2025

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					
Standing Orders	73,147	-	-	73,147	68,094
Sunday Offerings	3,590	-	-	3,590	2,934
Donations	1,452	-	-	1,452	1,707
Toddler group	814	-	-	814	680
Bibles for school	800	-	-	800	808
Hall lettings	730	-	-	730	670
Gift Aid refund	15,416	-	-	15,416	14,854
Fuel Youyh Club	4,627	-	-	4,627	5,321
CEP (Ukraine)	1,415	-	-	1,415	1,169
Church Events	1,301	-	-	1,301	1,009
Refunds	271	-	-	271	104
Interest	347	-	-	347	
Seaman's Mission	9,540	-	-	9,540	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	113,450	-	-	113,450	97,350
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	113,450	-	-	113,450	97,350
A3 Payments					
Salaries	46,328	-	-	46,328	31,536
Manse	7,307	-	-	7,307	8,516
Other Ministry costs	1,475	-	-	1,475	2,892
Cleaning	2,542	-	-	2,542	1,494
R&M	6,932	-	-	6,932	3,375
Utilities	7,671	-	-	7,671	8,024
Administration	5,889	-	-	5,889	4,122
Equipment	1,986	-	-	1,986	6,591
Mission	8,082	-	-	8,082	7,805
Children & Youth	6,650	-	-	6,650	5,351
Catering	6,156	-	-	6,156	4,206
Seaman's Mission	3,715	-	-	3,715	-
Sub total	104,733	-	-	104,733	83,912
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	104,733	-	-	104,733	83,912
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,717	-	-	8,717	13,438
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,910	-	-	54,910	41,472
Cash funds this year end	63,627	-	-	63,627	54,910

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	Lloyds Bank Plc	63,627	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	63,627	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	
			16/02/2026	
			16/02/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Appledore Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1181638

Set out on pages

1/2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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's trustees, 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 6/2/2026

Name:

Nic Hopkinson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Address:

Fairfield, Park Avenue
Westward Ho!
EX39 1LP

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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