

## Trustees' report April 2025

At the AGM we look back on the past year in the life of the church and also look forward to how God might be at work in the coming year.

Looking back we can give thanks for many blessings: for the worship on Sunday mornings and the systematic teaching through sermons and the two Bible study groups; for the regular monthly prayer mornings and the occasional Healing service; for new friends joining the church and for greater contact with the local community. It was a special joy to witness the baptism of James and to share the occasion with so many of his family and friends.

As well as the joys there have inevitably been difficulties and sadness too. Many of the church family have experienced ill health and some are struggling with ongoing illness and pain. We have mourned the passing of John Parkin, Anne Berresford's son Robert, and Molly Laver. The love and care shown by the church family counts for a lot in these difficult situations.

Our engagement with the community has continued through our regular ministries: the coffee morning, men's breakfast and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. Each of these has seen an increase in numbers attending; and an additional activity has been the occasional ladies' craft sessions which have been much enjoyed and appreciated. The regular monthly services at Humfrey Lodge have continued but we have also welcomed residents with their families and carers to a Christmas and an Easter service at the church.

Our link with the Primary School is flourishing. Jim is regularly taking assemblies and over the year many of the pupils have visited the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest input and activities. We hope to run a craft morning for the children during the summer holidays.

Sermons from Sunday mornings are now posted on the website together with a monthly reflection from Jim. We contribute to the Thaxted Community Magazine which is delivered to every home in Thaxted, and Jim and others make frequent contact with the shopkeepers and businesses in the town.

Joint events with the other churches in the town have been the Good Friday Walk of Witness, the Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' and the Harvest service and supper. A new venture for 2024 was a summer picnic for everyone in the Clarence House Conservation Garden and it will be repeated this summer. Some members of our church help with the monthly Messy Church sessions at the URC and also with the summer holiday Bible club.

The proposed changes to the church building to make it more welcoming and efficient are progressing, albeit more slowly than we would like.

We are blessed to have a church family where everybody plays a part in the life of the church in some way or another, many in more ways than one! The deacons are grateful for your support and prayers. We are grateful too for the generous giving which enables the church not only to run smoothly but also to support other ministries in the UK and abroad such as BMS World Mission, the Bible Society and Carmel Ministries.

The reserves policy of Thaxted Baptist Church is to hold £10,000 from the free cash reserves to cover church running costs and the cost of ministry for six months. This policy will be reviewed annually.

The TBC website states that our aim as a church is 'To follow Jesus, love people and serve our community'. May we, in the coming year, with God's help fulfil each of these more effectively.

Jim Ford, Carole Marchant, Paul Tingey and Frances Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

1182813

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	16,275	-	-	16,275	16,570
Donations & Other Income	1,842	-	-	1,842	2,366
Manse Rent	12,135	-	-	12,135	10,247
Raised for other Causes	-	555	-	555	790
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,364
Building & Repair Fund	387	-	-	387	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>30,639</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,194</b>	<b>32,337</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,639</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,194</b>	<b>32,337</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	5,625	-	-	5,625	4,389
Mission	4,715	400	-	5,115	5,000
Church Running Costs	9,422	-	-	9,422	7,563
Manse	9,422	-	-	9,422	3,997
Administraion	2,173	-	-	2,173	3,167
Outreach / Evangelism	425	-	-	425	230
Church Repairs / Improvements	8,599	-	-	8,599	3,602
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,381</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,781</b>	<b>27,947</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,381</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,781</b>	<b>27,947</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 9,742</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,587</b>	<b>4,390</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,419</b>	<b>80,029</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,832</b>	<b>84,419</b>



## 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		74,677	155	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

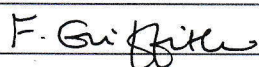
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Unclaimed Gift Aid Tax 2023/24	2,825	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Building	Unrestricted	-	1,342,740
	Manse	Unrestricted	-	333,434
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Church)	Unrestricted	-	63,336
	Furniture & Furnishings (Manse)	Unrestricted	-	25,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	BMS World Mission	Restricted	155	January 2025
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	F. GRIFFITHS	4/05/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1182813

Set out on pages

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(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 31/12/2024.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

Ann Forsyth

Date:

8th April 2025

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Ann Forsyth

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(if any):

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