

## **Thaxted Baptist Church**

### **Trustees' report April 2026**

We thank God for His goodness over another year.

In our Sunday morning services we are blessed to have worship enhanced by our musicians and systematic Bible teaching through the sermons. The two Bible study groups are flourishing and the regular monthly prayer mornings are continuing. In October a special 'Day of Peace' with talks and practical sessions was much appreciated by all who attended. Numbers on a Sunday morning are increasing gently and it has been a joy to welcome younger members to the church family as well as older friends.

Many of the church family have experienced ill health and other difficulties during the year and we mourn with Margaret especially in the loss of Bryan. In all the ups and downs of life the love and care shown by the church family is a great source of strength and comfort.

Our engagement with the local community has continued through our regular activities: the coffee morning, men's breakfast, Community choir and Coffee & Company for those who have been bereaved. Liz and her helpers have arranged more craft days which are always much enjoyed by all who attend.

The regular monthly services at Humfrey Lodge continue and we again hosted some of the residents, their carers and families at the church for Christmas and Easter services. A new venture is a monthly service at CraftAbility (formerly Thaxted Centre for the Disabled). A seated exercise class is held every week and is very well-attended. We have maintained our support for the Foodbank with a lot extra at Harvest, and the fresh produce from Harvest is given to Pam's Place for the community lunches.

Classes from the Primary School have visited at Christmas, Easter and Harvest; the pupils enjoy the story and craft activities. Jim also goes into the school to take assemblies.

Jim's sermons and monthly reflections are posted on the church website and events are also posted on the town Facebook page. The monthly reflections are also posted on the local websites. We contribute to the Thaxted Community Magazine which is delivered to every household in the town, and Jim and others make frequent contact with the shopkeepers and local businesses.

We have shared in Thaxted Churches Together events including the Good Friday walk of witness, the Big Brekkie, a summer picnic and the Harvest service and supper. The Messy Church Summer Holiday Club was a lively event enjoyed by a good number of children.

The building project is making slow progress: the application was finally submitted to the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee in September 2025 and after making the changes requested, we await their decision imminently.

The deacons wish to thank everyone who contributes in any way to the life of the church; many of you fulfil more than one role and the deacons appreciate your support and prayers. We are grateful too for the generous giving which enables the church to run well and, in turn, to support other ministries in the UK and worldwide.

The reserves policy of the 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 is reviewed annually.

As we deacons look forward to this next year we feel that God has given our church a special vision to seek his heart in prayer. The early church was steeped in prayer and the results were spectacular. The deacons encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities for corporate prayer in church life.

The world these days so often seems full of confusion, pain and violence. We pray that TBC will be a place where people feel welcome, safe and cared for, and that the church will be a beacon of light and hope in Thaxted and beyond.

Jim Ford, Carole Marchant, Paul Tingey & Fran Griffiths



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THAXTED BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Offerings	25,082	-	-	25,082	16,275
Donations & Other Income	1,542	-	-	1,542	1,842
Manse Rent	10,353	-	-	10,353	12,135
Raised for other Causes	-	851	-	851	555
Gift Aid	5,561	-	-	5,561	-
Building & Repair Fund	-	-	-	-	387
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,538</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,389</b>	<b>31,194</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>42,538</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,389</b>	<b>31,194</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Ministry	4,158	-	-	4,158	5,625
Mission	5,740	795	-	6,535	5,115
Church Running Costs	7,549	-	-	7,549	9,422
Manse	4,358	-	-	4,358	9,422
Administraion	1,489	-	-	1,489	2,173
Outreach / Evangelism	556	-	-	556	425
Church Repairs / Improvements	8,186	-	-	8,186	8,599
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>32,036</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>40,781</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>32,036</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>40,781</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,558</b>	<b>- 9,587</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>74,677</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,832</b>	<b>84,419</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>85,179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,390</b>	<b>74,832</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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		85,179	211	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>85,179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

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	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)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church Building	1389717	-	-
	Manse	349105	-	-
	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment (Church)	65552	-	-
	Furniture & Furnishings (Manse)	25000	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	BMS World Mission	Restricted	211	January 2026
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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F. GRUF FITHS

12/04/26





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Thaxted Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1182813
Set out on pages	1-3 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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: Ann Forsyth Date: 31/3/2026

Name: Ann Forsyth

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**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.**

N/A