

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Earl Shilton Baptist Church

Other names charity is known by

LBC Earl Shilton

Registered charity number (if any)

1183482

Charity's principal address

Mill Lane

Earl Shilton

Leicester

Postcode

LE9 7AW

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	Helen Burchnall		Until 11.03.24	Church Members Meeting
2	Philip Evans	Treasurer		Church Members Meeting
3	Anthony Law		From 11.03.24	Church Members Meeting
4	Helen West			Church Members Meeting
5	Antony Wakefield			Church Members Meeting
6	Victoria Wakefield			Church Members Meeting
7	Marie Porter			Church Members Meeting
8	Elizabeth Evans			Church Members Meeting
9	Jennifer MacDonald	Secretary		Church Members Meeting
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the Church Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In September 2022 Earl Shilton Baptist Church joined with the network of churches known as LBC (Londonderry Baptist Church, Charity Number 1197875) and are now known locally as LBC Earl Shilton. The network are supporting Earl Shilton church in its principle purpose to advance the Christian faith locally and wider to other parts of the world.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In order to achieve our purpose, and with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the Trustees report the following activities that have been undertaken in the reporting period:

- Weekly church services run, mainly in person but with a Zoom option for those unable to attend.
- Regular Bible study groups, in person and/or online
- Contributed to the running of a local Foodbank which, during the reporting period, has relocated to our church.
- Community Hub, meets weekly, providing drinks and snacks, friendship and fellowship to members of the local community. A Christians Against Poverty life skills course runs out of this periodically.
- During 2023, the Mobile Community Pantry has set up a site at LBC Earl Shilton on Tuesday afternoons, in coordination with the Hub and Warm Space. This is an external organisation (supported by Cadent) whose social mission strongly ties in with our social activities.
- We run an annual free Community Barbecue, with family-friendly activities, usually around the August bank holiday weekend.
- Links and support to LBC Pakistan church.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A key part of our outreach and social activity remains our weekly Community Hub, which provides a welcome and friendly space for people to drop in for conversation, hot drinks and cake. Periodically, we run courses such as the Christians Against Poverty Life Skills or the Alpha course out of the Hub, though this did not happen during 2024. During the winter months, the Hub transforms into the Warm Welcome, with longer opening hours and (free) hot soups provided at lunch time.

The Mobile Community Pantry continued to operate out of the Hub throughout 2024, providing discounted food items for people in need. This initiative, supported by Cadent, also involves contact with NGOs and Citizens' Advice, who periodically send representatives along. Unfortunately, towards the end of 2024 Cadent withdrew their funding for this and it is likely that it will cease to operate early in 2025.

While meeting the physical needs of disadvantaged members of the community, these events also practically demonstrate the love that Jesus called us to show (see, for example, Matthew 25:34-40, James 2:15-16). Several people we meet on a Tuesday have begun to join us in worship on Sundays as well.

Our Sunday worship services continue a key part of our work, and attendance fluctuates quite strongly but with a good core of about 20-25 people. We have a group of people within the church who will lead services and preach, and the LBC leadership in Birmingham send us speakers, usually twice a month, to help share the load. We continue to advertise and search for a minister, and in the meantime to build up our reserves to allow us to run a deficit budget once a minister is appointed. We are close to being able to afford three years of ministry, which may make us a more attractive option for potential candidates. We have also joined together on several occasions for united services with the other churches in Earl Shilton and will be hosting such a service early in 2025.

In the Summer we put on our second free barbecue for the local community, providing food (of course) and also fun activities for individuals and families. This was well attended, reaching around 200 people from the local area. We plan for this to be an annual event, although are considering the best date on which to run it.

The other major achievement of 2024 was the major renovation of the car park and surrounding lands, using funds raised by the sale of a portion of the land last year, and the generous support of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council via their Parish Community Initiative Fund. This work saw the aging and crumbling boundary wall and its topping of shrubs removed, and the ground landscaped to a gentle slope. This has significantly improved the visibility both of activities within the grounds (our first burger at the barbecue was served to someone who was just passing and saw what was going on) and of the road junctions around Almey's Lane / Mill Lane / the Anglican church. At the end of 2024 we are still awaiting the final phase of this work – the installation of a new fence and the planting of native, wildlife-friendly plants.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As standard we hold 3 months' full running cost in reserves. We are actively seeking a minister and have secured the promise of financial support towards this from the East Midlands Baptist Association. Even with that in place, our finances are such that, barring some sizable change in income, any form of ministry will require an operating loss. We are therefore actively working to raise our reserves to the level required to guarantee an office holder a 3-year contract with our current income; this equates to reserves of circa £87,000 (not including the standard 3 months' running costs) – we are nearing this level of reserve now.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Helen West

Philip Andrew Evans

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)**

Trustee

Treasurer

Date

03/06/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Shilton Baptist Church

1183482

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2023		12/31/2023

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					
Donations and offerings	28,923	848	-	29,771	29,985
Rent of rooms & Manse	12,340		-	12,340	7,259
HMRC tax refund	5,304		-	5,304	4,746
Raised by specific activities	1,114	1,201	-	2,315	2,391
Raised for external causes			-	-	887
Misc	4,501	-	-	4,501	1,059
Grants	1,500		-	1,500	1,200
Land sale and subsequent interest			-	-	52,696
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,682	2,049	-	55,731	100,223
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,682	2,049	-	55,731	100,223
A3 Payments					
Ministry costs	1,456	-	-	1,456	2,162
Pension deficit payments	10	-	-	10	12
Bills	9,884	-	-	9,884	12,367
Maintenance	5,030	-	-	5,030	8,632
Donations	4,410	-	-	4,410	5,250
Other	6,520	26,340	-	32,860	5,930
Spent by specific activities	996	-	-	996	1,538
Capital expenditure	2,325	-	-	2,325	4,783
Paid out to causes money was raised for		848	-	848	892
Sub total	30,631	27,188	-	57,820	41,567
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,631	27,188	-	57,820	41,567
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,050	25,139	-	2,089	58,657
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	85,255	52,696	-	137,951	79,289
Cash funds this year end	108,306	27,556	-	135,862	137,946

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	Barclays bank / BUC trust fund	111,584	27,568	-

Cash	1,232	122	-
Uncleared transactions	- 4,510	- 134	-
Total cash funds	108,306	27,556	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

Details

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

Details

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Church building	Restricted	-	-
Manse	Restricted	-	-
Church furnishings and equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

Details

B5 Liabilities



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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	Philip Evans	1/8/2025
	Helen West	3/11/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Earl Shilton Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

Dec 31
2024

Charity no
(if any)

1183482

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis
of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**

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: 9/3/24

Name:

AMANDA PHILLIPS

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

Address:

79 ELWELL AVE, BARWELL, LE9 8FH

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.	NONE.