



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31st December 2024

Charity name: Llanwenarth Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1184281

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.</p> <p>The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.</p>
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 activities may include but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;• baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;• the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;• evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;• the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;• nurture and growth of Christian disciples;• education and training for Christian and community service;• giving and encouraging pastoral care;• supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;• encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.• being fully involved as appropriate with the local community.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All Church members and deacons who contribute to the running of the church do so voluntarily.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	<p>The Church made donations of £500 to good causes such as Christian Aid, Leprosy Mission and</p> <p>The Church made donations of £66 monthly to the Baptist missionary Society.</p> <p>The Church has continued to offer services to all who wish to praise God. This includes Christmas and Easter services when local people attend.</p> <p>The Luncheon Club offers a good value meal and company for local people.</p> <p>A Messy Church was started for younger children.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		No formal targets were set.
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No formal targets were set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Our investments made by Brewin Dolphin increased by 10.71% in the year to 31st December 2024
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 31st December 2022 the charity has liquid assets of £300,922. Also property assets for Church use of £690,000
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves in order use the returns to contribute to providing ministry at the Church, and the upkeep of the church.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£300,922
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	Congregational Offerings. In addition to congregational giving we also received tax repayment from Gift Aid.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We invest to make a return that can be used to contribute to paying for Ministry and upkeep of buildings.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Falling membership.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Election to post by the membership.

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	<p>The Charity Trustees will make available to each new Charity Trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it;</p> <p>a copy of the Church's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts; and</p> <p>a summary of key issues that have recently been under consideration by the Charity Trustees with sufficient background information to enable the newly appointed Charity Trustee to gain an understanding of the ways of working among the Charity Trustees with the intention that a newly appointed Charity Trustee will be helped to understand the work of the Church and their responsibilities so as to contribute positively to Charity Trustees meetings as soon as possible after their appointment.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Church is membership organisation and its leadership team consist of Minister and elected deacons/trustees. The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Wales and the Gwent Baptist Association. It is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Llanwenarth Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184281
Charity's principal address	8 Glanmoor, Gilwern, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire. NP7 0DT

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	Andrew David Baker	Church Secretary	From July 2019	
2	Allan Williams		From February 2020	
3	Helen Dawn Botting		From July 2019	
4	Nansi Mort		From July 2019	
5	Derek Carpenter		From February 2021	
6	Marian Macdonald	Church Treasurer	From Feb 2024	
7	Richard Miles	Minister	From November 1 st 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Welsh Baptist Union Corporation	Since 1990	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Church, School Room, Graveyard, Field, Manse
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	The Welsh Baptist Union Corporation (WBUC) is a full trustee for the property owned by Llanwenarth Baptist Church. The objects of the WBUC is THE PROMOTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WELSH BAPTIST DENOMINATION.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Deeds for assets held at Potheary, Witham and Weld, Solicitors for the WBUC.

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.

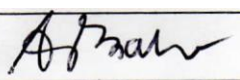
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew David Baker	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	
Date	16 th March 2025	

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew David Baker	
Position(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	
Date	16 th March 2025	

Llanwenarth Baptist Church

Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2024

General Receipts and Payment Account

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts			
Offering		18054.25	17019
Tax Refund		946.31	4223.58
Donations		1360.00	18.46
Rent		360.00	450
Fees		1860.00	2060
Raised for Other Causes		0.00	486.6
Miscellaneous		588.54	3994.69
Brewin Dolphin		0.00	0
Teas/Luncheon Club		752.92	892.61
Total Receipts		23922.02	29144.94
Payments			
Ministry and Mission	1	6411.34	281971.67
Upkeep of Premises	2	16111.06	14704.21
Administration	3	1353.16	1973.57
Passed to Other Causes	4	398.00	897.25
Miscellaneous		1452.76	
Brewin Dolphin		0.00	0
Total Payments		25726.32	299546.7
Net Receipts/Payments		-1804.30	
Balance at 31.12.23			59827.27
Unrepresented Cheques		0.00	
Balance at 31.12.24		58022.97	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.24

Assets			
HSBC Account		58022.97	59827.27
Brewin Dolphin		269644.51	241095.05
Held for Church Use	5	690000.00	690000
Total Assets		1017667.48	990922.32
Liabilities			
Pension Scheme Debt	6	0	0

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

Notes

1.00 Ministry and Mission	
Gross Stipend	4351.34
Expenses	0.00
Assessibles etc	0.00
Pension	0.00
Pension - Employer's	0.00
Employer's NI - HMRC	0.00
BUCC Pension Fund	10.00
Visiting Ministry	2050.00
Total	6411.34

A new minister was appointed in November 2024 and now acts as one of the church's trustees and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his services as Minister, including the provision of accommodation in The Manse.

2.00 Upkeep of Premises	
Manse	
Cost of Purchase/Legal Fees	262.00
Legal Fees	0.00
Gas/Electricity	587.48
Telephone/Broadband	74.61
Repairs/Maintenance	3798.76
Insurance	409.35
Water and Sewage	223.77
Council Tax	310.16
Chapel/Schoolroom	
Heat/Light	3721.45
Cleaning	1962.00
Insurance	3176.23
Repairs/Maintenance	6.18
Miscellaneous	1579.07
Total	16111.06
3.00 Administration	
Secretarial Expenses	110.00
Bank	107.20
Advertising/training	0.00
Subscriptions	949.38
Miscellaneous/Gifts	186.58
Total	1353.16
4.00 Passed to Other Causes	
Christian Aid	200.00
BMS	198.00
Total	398.00

5.00 Assets Held for Church Use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:

1. Church premises at Station Road, Govilon, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee [the Baptist Union of Wales Corporation Ltd] valued in the accounts at Exxx based on insured value.	400000.00
2. A burial ground at Station Road, Govilon.	
No meaningful value is available so it has not been included in the Statement of Assets.	
3. The Manse has not been revalued since it was purchased for £275,000	275000.00
4. The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of Exxx	15000.00
Total	690000.00

6.00 Pension scheme debt

The Church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme (the Scheme), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptists Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers. Since 2012 pensions have been paid by means of a Defined Contribution Plan. In November 2024 the church was given the following advice:

The Baptist Pension Scheme (the "Scheme") - Defined Benefit (the "DB") Plan
Update on risk reduction and future employer Deficit Recovery Contributions.
To all employers participating in the Baptist Pension Scheme's DB Plan.
The Baptist Pension Scheme (the "Scheme") - Defined Benefit (the "DB") Plan is now in surplus and the church no longer has any responsibility towards the DB Plan
This email is being sent to you jointly from the Baptist Union and the Trustee of the Scheme as a participating employer in the Defined Benefit section of the Baptist Pension Scheme.
It sets out some very positive news on the future of the Scheme's DB Plan and your contributions to it.