



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
Period end date

Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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

		<b>appropriate with the local community.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>I confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

	<b>No formal targets were set.</b>
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#### **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	<p><b>The Church made donations of £500 to good causes such as Christian Aid, Leprosy Mission and</b></p> <p><b>The Church made donations of £1018 to the Baptist missionary Society.</b></p> <p><b>The Church has continued to offer services to all who wish to praise God. This includes Christmas and Easter services when local people attend. The Luncheon Club offers a good value meal and company for local people. A Messy Church was started for younger children. The Church now runs a monthly coffee morning in the village hall for local people, with takings going to a charity.</b></p>
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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	<b>No formal targets were set.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>Our investments made by Brewin Dolphin increased by 6.1% in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 the charity has liquid assets of £332,559. Also property assets for Church use of £690,000</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>We hold reserves in order use the returns to contribute to providing ministry at the Church, and the upkeep of the church.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£332,559</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

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

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>

How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	<b>Election to post by the membership.</b>

### 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><b>The Charity Trustees will make available to each new Charity Trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</b></p> <p><b>a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it;</b></p> <p><b>a copy of the Church's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts; and</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p><b>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.</b></p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>None</b>
Other		

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## 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)
Andrew David Baker	Church Secretary	From July 2019	
Allan Williams		From February 2020	
Helen Dawn Botting		From July 2019	
Richard Miles	Minister	From November 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024	
Derek Carpenter		From February 2021	
Marian Macdonald	Church Treasurer	From Feb 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	
<b>Welsh Baptist Union Corporation</b>	<b>Since 1990</b>	

### 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	<b>The Welsh Baptist Union Corporation (WBUC) is a full trustee for the property owned by Llanwenarth Baptist Church.</b> 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
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**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)**

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

Andrew David Baker	
Church Secretary	

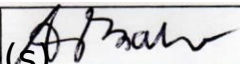
**Date**

<sup>th</sup> March 2025 16
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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

5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
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# Llanwenarth Baptist Church

## Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2025

### General Receipts and Payment Account

	Note	2025	2024
<b>Balance at 1.1.2025</b>		<b>58022.97</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Offering		24148.95	18054.25
Tax Refund		5561.56	946.31
Donations		6647.76	1360.00
Rent		185.00	360.00
Fees		1525.00	1860.00
Raised for Other Causes		334.25	0.00
Miscellaneous		923.58	588.54
Teas/Luncheon Club		599.50	752.92
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>39925.60</b>	<b>23922.02</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Ministry and Mission	1	35013.54	6411.34
Upkeep of Premises	2	12344.21	16111.06
Administration	3	1947.23	1353.16
Passed to Other Causes	4	2501.75	398.00
Miscellaneous		120.97	1452.76
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>51928.19</b>	<b>25726.32</b>
<b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>		<b>-12002.59</b>	<b>-1804.30</b>
<b>Balance at 31.12.25</b>		<b>46020.38</b>	<b>58022.97</b>
<b>Unpresented Cheques</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Balance at 31.12.25</b>		<b>46020.38</b>	<b>58022.97</b>

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31.12.24

#### Assets

HSBC Account		46020.38	58022.97
Brewin Dolphin		286514.93	269644.51
Held for Church Use	5	1830296.00	1830296.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>2162831.31</b>	<b>2157963.48</b>

#### Liabilities

None

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	26807.52
Expenses	85.00
Assemblies etc	0.00
Pension	7803.24
Visiting Ministry	300.00
Outreach	18.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>35013.54</b>

The minister 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. This is the first full year of this ministry.

### 2.00 Upkeep of Premises

#### Manse

Telephone/Broadband	397.14
Repairs/Maintenance	80.00
Insurance	280.45
Water and Sewage	462.38
Council Tax	1948.71

#### Chapel/Schoolroom

Heat/Light	2883.18
Cleaning	1631.00
Insurance	3325.95
Repairs/Maintenance	389.65
Miscellaneous	945.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>12344.21</b>

### 3.00 Administration

Secretarial Expenses	148.23
Bank	86.49
Advertising/training	0.00
Subscriptions	1223.70
Miscellaneous/Gifts	488.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>1947.23</b>

### 4.00 Passed to Other Causes

Christian Aid	200.00
BMS	892.00
The Leprosy Mission	585.00
Other Causes	824.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>2501.75</b>

### 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 based on insured value.

1503264.00

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 52032.00

**Total**

**1803296.00**



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
LLANWENARTH BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1184281

Set out on pages

(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 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:

Date:

10 FEBRUARY 26

Name:

IAN STUART DRAPER

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

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