

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

SECTION A

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Oldham Baptist Church CIO

Registered charity number 1185319

Charity's principal address: Oldham Baptist Church
Chaucer Street
Oldham
Lancashire
OL1 1BA

Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Arthur Janes (Minister)
Elaine Lunn (Secretary)
Colin Heywood (Treasurer)
Barbara Heywood
Catherine Janes
Alex Jess
Sandra Jones
Femi Salako
Christine Thornborough

SECTION B

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document: Baptist Union Corporation Ltd – CIO Association Model

How the charity is constituted: CIO Association Constitution

Trustee selection methods: The appointment of a minister is at a Special Church Members' Meeting and must receive votes from 70% or more of members present and voting. (Constitution item 13) The appointment of other trustees is at an Annual General Meeting and the individual(s) must receive votes from 51% or more of members present and voting. (Constitution item 14)

SECTION C

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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

1. The advancement of the Christian faith according to the Principles of the Baptist denomination.
2. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and / or other parts of the world.
3. Nothing in this Constitution shall authorise an application of the property for purposes that are not charitable in accordance with Section 7 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or Section 2 of the Charities Act.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects

The church has gathered for worship each Sunday and observed and celebrated all the major Christian festivals.

The leadership team and the general Church Meeting have continued to meet regularly. A Bible study group has met weekly and a prayer breakfast monthly and a programme of social activities has been held throughout the year. The sensible use of social media is one of our main ways of communicating with everyone.

Welcoming others into our building and seeking to serve the local community continue to remain important.

The information about all activities is shared via an Annual Report and the Annual Budget of the church includes the provision for supporting our local, national and international commitments.

SECTION D

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the past year we have continued on a path to normality and have enjoyed the encouragement of many new faces becoming part of the fellowship.

As a town centre church we draw diverse attendees from quite a wide geographical area. One aspect of this is that our fellowship still attracts many whose first language

is not English. We have to recognise that such people are not always with us for any length of time but in this role as a transitional church we still aim to make everyone feel welcome whilst they are with us. Our regular church attendance averages more than 50 and covers several age groups. Services, including all the major Christian festivals, are varied and seek to offer a balance between a traditional and modern approach to worship, as well as aiming to integrate adults, children and young people into all aspects.

We have created occasional opportunities for the fellowship to review our church life and tried to act on new suggestions both in worship and meetings. Several social events have also been included in the calendar. In the past year the Friday drop-in for those in need has grown considerably. As a fellowship we have also continued to support other worthwhile causes. The building continues to be well used by various outside groups with whom we have good relationships. We have also ensured that our building is kept well maintained.

The Church trustees have continued to meet and plan monthly. Pastoral care and general information about the fellowship has been shared via text, WhatsApp, email and newsletter which together with phone calls and personal visits has helped to keep everyone connected. The website and notice boards are other ways in which our presence is made known.

Financially we continue to be grateful that our members give sacrificially and our reserves provide a realistic cushion for any unforeseen events.

The church is a happy and steady one and is positive about its future.

SECTION E

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church holds its funds in four account areas (General Receipts and Payments Account, Building and General Reserve Fund Receipts and Payments Account, Legacies Receipts and Payments and Communion (Benevolent Fund) Receipts and Payments Account). Over the last year our room usage has remained the same, but our car park usage has decreased. Our expenditure is higher than last year due to our continued maintenance and renewal policy (for both the Church and the Manse). This year has seen the five year Electrical Inspection, on the Church, which required work to be done to bring it up to the current Electrical Standards. Our fund raising events are being run as social events.


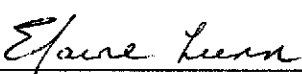
SECTION F
LAND AND BUILDINGS

The church has the use of two buildings. The Church building on Chaucer Street, which is used for weekly communal worship and community activities. And also, a manse which provides a home for the incumbent minister and family. The deeds to both buildings and land are held by The North Western Baptist Association and would be managed by the association in the event of church closure.

SECTION G
DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full Names	ARTHUR RICHARD JONES	ELAINE LUNN
Position	MINISTER	Church Secretary
Date	9/7/25	9 th July 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Oldham Baptist Church CIO

1185319

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Weekly Offerings	40,716	-	-	40,716	40,468
Gift Weekend	2,942	-	-	2,942	2,997
Donations and Other Income	30,381	120	-	30,501	31,498
Investment Income	2,645	-	-	2,645	1,976
Raised for Other Causes	2,554	-	-	2,554	2,150
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Car Loan Repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	2,895
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,238	120	-	79,358	81,984
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,238	120	-	79,358	81,984
A3 Payments					
Ministry	39,968	-	-	39,968	43,192
Mission	8,460	-	-	8,460	8,327
Upkeep of Church Premises	30,880	-	-	30,880	27,242
Administration	1,046	-	-	1,046	958
Buildings & General Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolent	80	-	-	80	200
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	80,434	-	-	80,434	79,919
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,434	-	-	80,434	79,919
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,196	120	-	- 1,076	2,065
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,240	15,168	-	91,408	89,343
Cash funds this year end	75,044	15,288	-	90,332	91,408

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Bank	4,137		-
Building Society	70,907	14,288	-
Consolidated Stock		1,000	-
Total cash funds	75,044	15,288	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

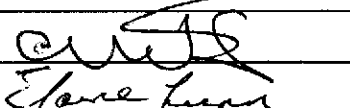
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Church		-	-
Manse		-	-
Church Fixtures and Fittings		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ARTHUR JAMES	8-6-25
	ELAINE LUNN	8 June 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Oldham Baptist Church CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1185319

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 31/03/2025.

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:

6/6/2025

Name:

MICHAEL A CLEGG

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

NONE

Address:

47 PALIN WOOD ROAD, DELPH, OLDHAM
OL3 5UW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

Examined and found Correct.

[Signature]

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

Independent

Examiner's statement

Signed

Name

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

Address