

# **Welton Baptist Church CIO**



## **Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Charity Registration No.  
1188181**

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## **Welton Baptist Church CIO**

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### **Trustees report For the period ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

The principal office of Welton Baptist Church is at Welton Baptist Church, West Road, Welton, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, BA3 2TP.

Welton Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, No 1188181.

We are a member of the West of England Baptist Network which in turn is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The trustees of the charity during the year are:

Matt Hebditch  
Matt Coomes  
David Kingswood  
Linda Munro  
Chris Bennett - Treasurer  
Michael Blowers  
Jonathan Cooper  
Harriet Coomes – appointed 04.06.24  
Scott Williamson – resigned 09.10.25  
Clare Green  
Jeremy Bedrock – resigned 09.10.25  
Sally Petit – Church Secretary

The Church leadership are responsible for the day to day running and organisation of the church during the year were as follows:

#### **Team Leader**

Matthew Hebditch

#### **Co Leader**

Mathew Coomes

#### **Elders**

David Kingswood  
Harriet Coomes – appointed 04.06.24  
Linda Munro  
Clare Green  
Jonathan Cooper (Advice Elder)  
Michael Blowers (Advice Elder)

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Other organisations or persons significant to the affairs of the church were as follows:

Bank – The Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner – Marco Martin FCCA CTA - The Waldron Partnership Ltd, 30 Circus Mews, Bath, BA1 2PW

### **Structure, governance and management**

The church, which is a charitable incorporated organisation, is run under a formally adopted, governing document which sets out in detail the requirements of church membership, together with the appointment and/or election process for ministers, officers of the church, paid employees and trustees. In addition, the governing document details the format of meetings and formal voting arrangements in regards to church decision making.

The church employs a full time Team Leader and a full time Co Leader along with a full time children and families worker. The church also employs a part-time Minister in Training, a part time administrator and a part time finance assistant.

The church has a leadership team comprising of Elders & Advice Elders, who are primarily responsible for assisting the Team Leaders in the spiritual direction and aims of the church as well as financial matters associated with the church. The appointment of Elders is made on a formal voting basis at a church meeting by the entire membership as laid down in the governing document. The selection of Trustees is defined within the document and comprises of the Pastor (Team Leader), two church officers (Treasurer and Secretary) together with the appointed Elders. Each Trustee is approved and elected by the church membership.

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## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Purpose**

The primary long term strategy and objective of the church is to promote the Christian message, and specifically the teaching of the truth of the Bible and of Jesus Christ, within the communities of Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Paulton and surrounding areas, together with supporting the wider Christian church within the UK and overseas.

This has been achieved by the provision of weekly church services, held at a Paulton Rovers Football Club and the running of mid-week house groups and other regular weekly activities for all ages.

The church operates a diverse range of youth work, running mid-week groups and a range of Sunday school classes, held in conjunction with the weekly church services, for children and youth from 0-18 years of age. The church also has a varied social activity programme which is used to achieve its objective and runs a number of events throughout the year.

The church also has an active interest in promoting the Christian message in other parts of the UK and overseas. Several of the membership are currently working for overseas Christian agencies or directly representing the church and are involved in a variety of activities to support this aim. This "mission" funding to charitable activities also includes such work as mission outreach in the local communities and to members on mission overseas, long and short term, which require financial support. There is also an Elders discretionary fund which is also for people within the church who the leadership consider require support of the church. This list is reviewed and updated on a cyclical basis and changes agreed by the church meeting upon recommendations of the leadership.

The church summarises its objectives in the "Vision Statement", a document issued by the leadership, which covers the key aspects of the church's "raison d'être" and is designed as a daily, individual and corporate guide to focus church members upon the short term aims of the church to enable the longer term objectives be achieved. All members have access to this document which is based upon Biblical principles and in conjunction with the Bible forms a key element of the church's teaching.

### **Achievements and performance**

Our annual membership review meant that a number of people ceased their membership whilst others transferred their membership either because they had moved away from the area or in order to worship at another local church.

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#### **Financial review**

The funds of the church are donated almost exclusively by the members of the church itself. No specific activities are undertaken to raise funds and a point is made at all events where a collection is taken to point out that there is no expectation upon non-members to contribute. Donation of funds are considered an act of worship.

During the year a deficit of £447,684 (2024 - £126,514 surplus) was recorded due to expenditure costs on our chapel refurbishment project. This was primarily covered by our brought forward building fund and built-up resources within our general fund. Total incoming resources were £332,518 (2024 - £339,601) which included donations and special gifts towards our chapel renovation fund. We were successful in securing grants of £46,500 towards our chapel renovation project and secured an interest free loan of £50,000 from Baptist Building CIO repayable over 10 years. Total expenditure was £780,282 (2024 - £213,087) of which £543,435 related to the chapel refurbishment.

Our Chapel renovations were completed in December 2024 and is regularly used for church and community activities.

At 31 March 2025 the Charity had general unrestricted reserves of £130,394 (2024 - £326,153). Brought forward restricted and unrestricted building funds have been fully cleared down and utilised towards the chapel project.

#### **Reserves policy**

The only fund held at the end of the financial year is that of the General fund.

The current situation does not preclude the future possibility of building up designated funds for any specific purpose considered to be within the church's charitable objects. No funds were materially in deficit at any time in the year.

#### **Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others**

The church building, the Chapel at West Road, is held by Welton Baptist Church as custodian trustee on behalf of the West of England Baptist Network (WEBNET). The ownership of the building by WEBNET and its use by Welton Baptist Church is directly within the charitable objects of both organisations in the provision of a place of worship. All significant changes to the building must be approved by WEBNET in addition to any local authority planning and listed building consent.

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### **Trustees report**

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### **Trustees report (continued)**

#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Approved by the board of trustees on: .....18<sup>th</sup> January 2026.....

and signed on its behalf by: .....Matthew Coomes.....

Trustee

**Welton Baptist Church CIO**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for year	Year ended 31 March 2024
		2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	229,459	33,295	229,459	192,155
Chapel project fund	2		46,500	33,295	105,778
Grants awarded - chapel	2			46,500	25,000
Investment income	3	6,151		6,151	
Other income	4	17,113		17,113	16,668
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>252,723</u>	<u>79,795</u>	<u>332,518</u>	<u>339,601</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	235,917		235,917	192,830
Chapel renovations	5	211,715	332,260	543,975	19,657
Governance costs	5	850		850	600
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>448,482</u>	<u>332,260</u>	<u>780,742</u>	<u>213,087</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>		(195,759)	(252,465)	(448,224)	126,514
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		326,153	252,465	578,618	452,104
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>130,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,394</u>	<u>578,618</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



**Welton Baptist Church CIO**  
**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	Note	31-Mar 2025 £	31-Mar 2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	<u>7,595</u>	<u>10,269</u>
		7,595	10,269
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	8	76,565	24,381
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>119,812</u>	<u>552,235</u>
		196,377	576,616
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(27,328)	(8,267)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>169,049</u>	<u>568,349</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within more than one year</b>	10	(46,250)	-
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>130,394</u>	<u>578,618</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>130,394</u>	<u>578,618</u>
<b>Funds</b>	11		
Unrestricted Funds		130,394	290,512
Restricted building funds		-	14,054
Restricted Chapel funds		<u>-</u>	<u>274,052</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>130,394</u>	<u>578,618</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:

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Signed, on behalf of the Trustees

.....Chris Bennett.....

**Chris Bennett, Treasurer**



**Sally Petit, Church Secretary**

**Welton Baptist Church CIO**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1 Principal accounting policies**

Welton Baptist Church CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below:

***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting By Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis. They do not include accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

***Fund Accounting***

Unrestricted funds - are general funds available for use at the Leadership's discretion to further the general objectives of the Church and which have not been designated for specific purposes.

Restricted building funds - are historical restricted funds collected towards a new building. As plans have developed towards our chapel renovation project, it was agreed that these funds could be used towards ongoing costs and have been fully utilised during the year.

Restricted chapel funds - are funds that can only be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. It was agreed that at the end of the chapel project, any amounts left in the fund would be transferred to the unrestricted fund and used for general church purposes.

***Incoming Resources***

All incoming resources are accounted for as receivable.

The majority of incoming resources are through direct bank deposits in the form of tithes and offerings. Additional gifts have been received towards our chapel renovation plans.

Income tax recoverable on gifts from donors is recognised on receipt of the related gift.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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***Resources expended***

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributable to one of the functional categories of resources used in the SOFA. The Church is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost of the volunteers for their service.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

***Fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 (for a single item or group of similar items and including acquisition expenses) are capitalised at cost.

Fixed assets are depreciated at the following rates in order to write them off over their useful lives:

Computers	33% on cost
Equipment	20% on cost

***Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total for year</b>	<b>Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 £</b>
Net gifts made under gift aid	164,870		164,870	136,155
Gift aid reclaimed	37,521		37,521	50,753
Gifts received gross	23,638		23,638	19,050
Cash offerings	3,430	-	3,430	1,543
Other gifts – chapel project		33,295	33,295	90,432
Grants towards Chapel project		46,500	46,500	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>229,459</u>	<u>79,795</u>	<u>309,254</u>	<u>322,933</u>

  

<b>3 Investment Income</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>Total for year £</b>	<b>Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 £</b>
Bank interest received	<u>6,151</u>	-	<u>6,151</u>	-

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	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
<b>4 Other income</b>				
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
WEBNET Grant	7,810		7,810	7,810
3P Gift	9,303		9,303	8,857
	<u>17,113</u>		<u>17,113</u>	<u>16,667</u>
<b>5 Resources expended</b>			<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Church management & administration	137,666	-	137,666	115,479
Fellowship activities	31,144	-	31,144	28,192
Mission – local & overseas	40,149	-	40,149	30,167
Premises and equipment	26,958	-	26,958	19,292
Chapel project	211,715	332,260	543,975	19,657
	<u>447,632</u>	<u>332,260</u>	<u>779,892</u>	<u>212,487</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>			<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiner fee & payroll	850	-	850	600
	<u>850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>6 Staff costs and expenses</b>			<b>31.03.25</b>	<b>31.03.24</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross salaries and Employer NIC			121,507	105,160
Employee expenses			1,567	1,722
Pension			16,157	10,318
Training			2,394	2,166
			<u>141,625</u>	<u>119,366</u>
<b>Employee information</b>				
Average number of employees			5	5

No employees received remuneration exceeding £60,000.

The Church pays Baptist pension contributions for its 2 paid leaders to a pension fund. The pension funds are defined contribution schemes and are not related in any way to the church.

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**7 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computers £</b>	<b>Equipment £</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	7,462	52,227	59,689
Additions			
At 31 March 2025	<u>7,462</u>	<u>52,227</u>	<u>59,689</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	7,451	41,969	49,420
Charge for the period	<u>4</u>	<u>2,671</u>	<u>2,675</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>7,455</u>	<u>44,640</u>	<u>52,095</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>7</u>	<u>7,587</u>	<u>7,594</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>11</u>	<u>10,259</u>	<u>10,269</u>

**8 Debtors** **31.03.25** **31.03.24**

Gift aid recoverable	11,646	15,847
Other debtors & prepayments	<u>64,920</u>	<u>8,534</u>
	<u>76,565</u>	<u>24,381</u>

**9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year** **31.03.25** **31.03.24**

Other creditors and accruals	23,578	<u>8,267</u>
Baptist Loan	<u>3,250</u>	
	<u>27,328</u>	

**10 Creditors: amounts falling due within more than one year** **31.03.25** **31.03.24**

Baptist Loan	<u>46,250</u>	-
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	At 01.04.24	Received in year £	Utilised in year £	Balance transfers £	31.03.25
<b>11 Movement in funds</b>					
	£				£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	<u>326,153</u>	<u>252,723</u>	<u>(448,482)</u>		<u>130,394</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u><b>326,153</b></u>	<u><b>252,723</b></u>	<u><b>(448,482)</b></u>		<u><b>130,394</b></u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Building fund	252,465	79,795	(332,260)		-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u><b>252,465</b></u>	<u><b>79,795</b></u>	<u><b>(332,260)</b></u>		<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>578,618</b></u>	<u><b>332,518</b></u>	<u><b>(780,742)</b></u>		<u><b>130,394</b></u>

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**12 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted/ Designated funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>
Fixed assets	7,595	-	7,595
Current assets	122,799	-	122,799
	<u>130,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,394</u>

**13 Related party transactions**

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited, charity number 249635, which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is a member of West of England Baptist Association.

In accordance with the charity's governing documents, the pastor, Matthew Hebditch, is a trustee of the charity. Matthew Coomes is employed by the church as a Co-Leader and also acts as an Elder and as laid down in the constitution, is also a trustee of the Charity. Sally Petit is employed by the church as an Administrator. They are also therefore remunerated by the charity.

There were no related party transactions during the period.

## **Welton Baptist Church CIO**

**Charity number:** 1188181

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Welton Baptist Church CIO**

I report on the accounts of Welton Baptist Church CIO for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Signed: Marco Martin

Marco Martin FCCA CTA