

## ABBEY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CHARITIES COMMISSION 2025

The Church, as well as weekly Sunday services, Sunday Club with activities for young children, have been involved in the following over the past year.

1. Foodbank – Our local Foodbank continues to use the lower ground floor space as their warehouse, with offices and a client drop-in centre, and satellites in Millom and Ulverston. Occasionally the Church hall is used for training and as an extra space during busy times like the Christmas period. They also hold their AGM there.
2. Toddler Groups – The toddler groups meet twice weekly during term time and weekly in holidays. They provide facilities for 60+ babies and children and their responsible adults, as well as a time for singing with actions and stories. Snacks and refreshments are also provided which always include fruit and toast.
3. Brunch Clubs – Once a month on a Saturday and weekly during school holidays the Church has free brunch clubs, providing activities and games for both toddlers and older children. Lunch is provided for 20-30 families. We also include action songs and stories from the Bible.
4. Children's Christmas Party – This is held on a Saturday in December for up to 70 children aged 0-11 years. It is open to anyone in the community on a first come, first serve basis.
5. Meeting Place – The Church continues to provide a weekly Meeting Place throughout the year, we offer a free cooked lunch, with refreshments and activities for 20-30 people. Open to the community it offers easy access for people with mental health and learning disabilities who can attend and be welcomed.
6. Community Soup Lunch – Our soup lunches continue to be a popular, weekly, social get together for 25-40 people in the community. Each week a healthy, home-made soup, is provided. Anybody is invited to join, from people with health and financial difficulties, to those who live alone or like to enjoy a get together with others.
7. Christmas Day Lunch – After the service on Christmas Day, we provide lunch to anyone who otherwise may be alone or struggle during this time. Around 30-40 people attend, and those who are able, donate towards the cost. With this lunch and other services, people have been directed to us by the Foodbank, GP surgeries, social and mental health services, and from other local churches on the day.
8. Later Lunches – One Monday a month we provide a lunch aimed at older people. Initially in conjunction with Age UK it is now run by the Church. With a 2-course hot lunch and refreshments for 40-70 people, those who attend enjoy a sing-along, quizzes, stories, crafts and games activities.
9. After school Club - With children mainly from Furness Academy, the Church provides a local 'drop-in' on Thursdays during term times. With light refreshments and snacks, we provide a 'safe space' along with activities and a listening ear for up to 200 children each week.
10. Community And Support Groups – Various community and support groups use areas of the building during the week. Alcoholics Anonymous regularly use our premises for several support group meetings. Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous hold weekly support meetings. The NHS Casualty Union hold training sessions here regularly. A local Games Group meet weekly along with occasional all day sessions. The Church has weekly groups of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the hall. Another community group meet for Line Dancing, and an Exercise Group meets weekly. Local singing group Voce rehearse regularly in the Church, also the Barrow Operatic and Dramatic Society rehearse in the Hall. Recently the church has provided space for the Asylum Seekers Support Group monthly who through donations give out clothes and household goods to people new to the area and country. Age UK hold weekly activities for older people in the hall. We also have an astronomy group use the Upper Room once a month.
11. Children's Parties – Throughout the year, local families hire the hall and the use of the kitchen for a small fee to hold birthday/celebration parties, being spacious enough for bouncy castles etc.
12. Trinity Church – Trinity Church Centre continues to use our Church for their regular services and host a monthly coffee morning.
13. Benevolent Fund – This fund continues, through donations, to provide small grants to those in need, including people who have been made homeless. We have supported people by assisting in house

moves, help with access to benefits and support as well as co-ordinating items needed to furnish a new home.

14. Aldi – Aldi continue to donate surplus and close to expiration foods which we use in meals, and given to people who can use the food. Aldi also have given non-food items too, providing to those who struggle with funds and reducing food waste. B&Q have also donated decorating products in the past as well.
15. Extra Events – These include the Furness Community Network meetings, and the Liverpool Philharmonic Pop-up concerts, a community Agape meal, concerts by the Barrow Male Voice Choir and the Flookburgh Brass Band. Also

All are welcome to our Church with no exceptions, as our Lord Jesus welcomed us with His message to 'Love one another' This is at the heart of everything we do, with prayer and a listening ear always available for anyone who asks.

God Bless.

Abbey Road Baptist Church  
Statement of Assets 2025

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Current Account | £24,749.97       |
| Stipend Account | <u>£1,309.55</u> |
| Total in Bank   | £26,059.52       |

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Baptist Union Corp | <u>£1,275.14</u> |
| Total Assets       | £27,334.66       |

Prepared by M.J. Bourne  
Examined by Mrs M Hall  
24.02.2026

*MJ Bourne*  
*Mrs M Hall*

## ARBC Current/Stipend Account 2025

### 1. INCOME

|                |                   |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Plate          | £1,926.58         |                   |
| Gift Aid plate | £90.00            | 1000046012        |
| Gift Aid bank  | £13,260.00        | 1000046014        |
| HMRC refund    | <u>£2,910.00</u>  | 1000046018        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£18,186.58</b> | <b>£18,186.58</b> |

### 2 Use of premises

|                      |                   |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Parties              | £68.00            | 1000046013        |
| Parties Gift Aid     | £40.00            | 1000046015        |
| Food Bank rent       | £5,644.02         | 1000046016        |
| Trinity Church       | £3,000.00         | 1000046017        |
| BODS                 | £1,040.00         | 1000046019        |
| Astronomical Society | £180.00           | 1000046020        |
| Hire of premises     | £11,955.00        | 1000046021        |
| Hire of premises GA  | £130.00           | 1000046022        |
| Age UK               | £720.00           |                   |
| Casualty Union       | £800.00           | 1000046023        |
| Furness Refugees     | £40.00            | 1000046024        |
| R+R                  | <u>£710.00</u>    | 1000046025        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>£24,327.02</b> | <b>£42,513.60</b> |

### 3. Donations

|                          |                   |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Misc Individual GA       | £740.00           |                   |
| Misc Individuals         | £2,894.25         |                   |
| For car park             | £2,361.00         | 1000046026        |
| From W&F council         | £8,200.00         | 1000046027        |
| Stewardship              | £2,662.00         | 1000046028        |
| Loan for lights          | £2,000.00         | 1000046029        |
| For Church work          | £13,000.00        | 1000046030        |
| Risedale Nursing home    | £45.00            | 1000046031        |
| Food Bank donation       | £6.95             |                   |
| Church anniversary       | £2,401.00         | 1000046032        |
| DoL Veterans Association | <u>£300.00</u>    | 1000046033        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>£36,610.20</b> | <b>£79,123.80</b> |



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| Administration     |                  |            |  |
| Paper              | 31.89            |            |  |
| Ink                | 166.98           |            |  |
| Cables             | 65.98            |            |  |
| Auditor            | <u>£100.00</u>   |            |  |
|                    | £364.85          | £22,512.38 |  |
| Subscriptions      |                  |            |  |
| Baptist Union      | £175.50          |            |  |
| CCLI               | £342.86          |            |  |
| Churches Together  | £30.00           |            |  |
| Conferences        | <u>£1,467.00</u> |            |  |
|                    | £2,015.36        | £24,527.74 |  |
| 4.Church Utilities |                  |            |  |
| Electric           | £4,670.18        |            |  |
| Gas                | £6,705.27        |            |  |
| Water              | <u>£820.17</u>   |            |  |
|                    | £12,195.62       | £36,723.36 |  |
| Church maintenance |                  |            |  |
| FTS                | £149.83          |            |  |
| Zoom               | £155.88          |            |  |
| Bunzl              | £255.06          |            |  |
| Keys               | £60.95           |            |  |
| Caterkwik          | £677.04          |            |  |
| Various            | <u>£1,122.63</u> |            |  |
|                    | £2,421.39        | £39,144.75 |  |
| Church buildings   |                  |            |  |
| Baywind            | £648.64          |            |  |
| Tony Quinn         | £1,215.00        |            |  |
| Car Park           | £18,240.00       |            |  |
| Skip hire          | <u>£720.00</u>   |            |  |
|                    | £20,823.64       | £59,968.39 |  |

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|                    |                |            |  |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| Manse utilities    |                |            |  |
| Electric           | £507.64        |            |  |
| Gas                | £831.07        |            |  |
| Water              | <u>£824.38</u> |            |  |
|                    | £2,163.09      | £62,131.48 |  |
| Manse maintainance |                |            |  |
| Gas works          | £70.00         | £62,201.48 |  |
|                    |                |            |  |
| 5. Insurance       |                |            |  |
| Church             | 3319.97        |            |  |
| Manse              | <u>661.05</u>  |            |  |
|                    | 3981.02        | 66182.5    |  |
| 6. Good News       | £348.00        | £66,530.50 |  |
| 7. Evangelism      |                |            |  |
| Barrow Deanery     | £135.00        |            |  |
| Outreach books     | £306.80        |            |  |
| Hospitality food   | £5,993.24      |            |  |
| Outreach craft     | £93.95         |            |  |
| Gifts              | £102.30        |            |  |
| Crafts             | £229.18        |            |  |
| Books              | <u>£794.54</u> |            |  |
|                    | £7,655.01      | £74,185.51 |  |
| Benevolent fund    | £1,365.33      | £75,550.84 |  |
| Miscellaneous      |                |            |  |
| Bank fee           | £12.00         | £75,562.84 |  |
|                    |                |            |  |
|                    |                |            |  |
|                    |                |            |  |

## ARBC Current/Stipend Account 2025

### 8. Transfers

|                        |                  |            |
|------------------------|------------------|------------|
| To Current Account     | £2,000.00        |            |
| To Stipend             | £1,500.00        |            |
| To Baptist Union GBO55 | <u>£5,000.00</u> |            |
|                        | £8,500.00        | £84,062.84 |

|        |                |            |
|--------|----------------|------------|
| To HMF | £2,400.00      |            |
| TO BMS | <u>£900.00</u> |            |
|        | £3,300.00      | £87,362.84 |

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE                    £87,362.84**

### Baptist Union Corp Acc GBO55

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Balance               | £11,186.74        |
| Deposited in year 2025        | <u>£5,000.00</u>  |
|                               | £16,186.74        |
| Interest in 2025              | <u>£88.40</u>     |
|                               | £16,275.14        |
| Withdrawals in year 2025      | <u>£15,000.00</u> |
| Closing balance on 31.12.2025 | £1,275.14         |

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Total income         | £105,620.66       |
| Plus opening balance | <u>£7,801.70</u>  |
|                      | £113,422.36       |
| Less expenditure     | <u>£87,362.84</u> |
| Closing balance      | <b>26059.52</b>   |

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Current account | <b>24749.97</b>       |
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|                         |            |  |             |
|                         | £2,708.20  |  | £84,036.17  |
| 4.HMF Grant             | £3,692.28  |  | £84,036.17  |
| BMS giving              | £20.46     |  | £84,036.17  |
| BMS birthday            | £20.00     |  | £84,036.17  |
|                         | £3,732.74  |  | £82,856.54  |
| 7.Evangelisation        |            |  |             |
| Benevolent Fund         | £958.50    |  |             |
| For Easter eggs         | £120.00    |  |             |
|                         | £1,078.50  |  | £83,935.04  |
| 8. Transfers            |            |  |             |
| From Stipend to Current | £2,000.00  |  |             |
| From Current to Stipend | £1,500.00  |  |             |
| From GB055              | £15,000.00 |  |             |
|                         | £18,500.00 |  | £102,435.04 |
| Miscellaneous           |            |  |             |
| Funeral Service         | £234.00    |  |             |
| Rebate Eon              | £2,951.62  |  |             |
|                         | £3,185.62  |  | £105,620.66 |
| EXPENDITURE             |            |  |             |
| 1. Ministry             |            |  |             |
| Stipend                 | £12,784.56 |  |             |
| Tax/N                   | £2,250.82  |  |             |
| Baptist Pension         | £4,764.93  |  |             |
|                         | £19,800.31 |  | £19,800.31  |
| 2.Ministry Expenses     |            |  |             |
| Council Tax             | £2,347.22  |  |             |
|                         |            |  | £22,147.53  |

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