



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Bovey Tracey Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1192694

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principle purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and / or other parts of the world (extracted from the BTBC Constitution dated 8 th December 2020).
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	The activities may include but are not restricted to: 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 children and 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 (extracted from the BTBC Constitution dated 8 th December 2020).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees believe that the work of the church acts to strengthen individuals spiritually and therefore in doing so, acts in the public interest. They have regard for the guidance on the public benefit issued.

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	Volunteers make up the core of workers for most of the activities the church undertakes. They are the backbone of how the church functions.
Other		-

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference Para 1.20	
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.		The church fundamentally believes in the power of God, through the sacrifice of Jesus, to change people's lives. The church provides a framework of committed believers who work together to show God's love to others and encourage them towards faith for themselves. This group of people can testify to how God has changed lives for the better, and how that impacts on those around them and as a consequence to society more widely.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Active support of mission partners resulting in the team setting out clearly their purpose which includes encouraging the whole church to be actively engaged.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		-

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year we remain in a healthy financial position as can be seen in the annual accounts submitted with this report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover the ministry costs for one year in the event of a reduced income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£148,627
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	BTBC is funded through voluntary contributions made by church members and attenders, including reclaimed gift aid.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There is no foreseeable risk.
Other		-

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Approved Governing Document – Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Trustees are recruited by Church Members and are appointed for an initial three-year term with the opportunity to be nominated for reappointment for a further three year term. The processes involves notice being ahead of a Church Members' Meeting at which the election is to be held. Nominations must be submitted with the support of two other Church Members and the consent of the candidate. Voting is by secret ballot at a Church Members' Meeting and Scrutineers appointed to count the votes and report the outcome. The number of candidates, being not more than the number of vacancies, receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected provided each candidate shall have received votes from at least 66% of those members voting (extracted from the BTBC Constitution dated 8th December 2020).

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Guidelines issued by the Charity Commission are given to new and prospective Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Our church is governed by a board of Trustees appointed by the membership. We are part of the South West Baptist Association who look after our interests regionally and we are a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We are part of the South West Baptist Association who look after our interests regionally and we are a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.
Other		-

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bovey Tracey Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	1192694
Charity's principal address	Bovey Tracey Baptist Church Hind Street Bovey Tracey Devon TQ13 9HL

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	Mark Godbeer	Minister		Church Membership
2	Keith Lawson	Elder and Treasurer		Church Membership
3	Paul Ayres	Elder		Church Membership
5	Helen Daggar	Deacon and Safeguarding Lead		Church Membership
6	Chris Bartlett	Deacon		Church Membership
7	Jacqueline Surtees	Deacon		Church Membership

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

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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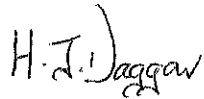
Other optional information

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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)	HELEN DAGGAR.	Jacqueline SURTEES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee.	Trustee

Date 13/5/25

Bovey Tracey Baptist Church

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Report to the trustees of Bovey Tracey Baptist Church on the accounts of the year ended 31 December 2024

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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

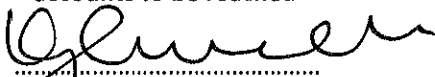
Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - 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



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Date

BOVEY TRACEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Trustees' Approval of the accounts

Trustees approval of the accounts for Bovey Tracey Baptist Church on the accounts of the year ended 31 December 2024

In accordance with our terms of engagement, I approve the financial information which comprises the income and expenditure account and balance sheet. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis, and for providing Bibby's with all information and explanations necessary for its completion.

Keith 11.3.25

H.J. Daggan - 11/3/25

Date

BOVEY TRACEY BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Property - Chapel	250,000		250,000	
Property- Manse	370,000		370,000	
Equipment	1,238		-	
		<u>621,238</u>		<u>620,000</u>
Current Assets				
Other debtors	10		-	
Cash at bank	60,565		57,769	
Deposit account	50,000		50,000	
Restricted bank account	38,052		26,030	
		<u>148,627</u>		<u>133,799</u>
Less: Current Liabilities				
Net Current Assets		<u>769,865</u>		<u>753,799</u>
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General fund brought forward		731,601		716,268
Excess of income over expenditure in the year	3,717		15,333	
General fund balance		<u>735,318</u>		<u>731,601</u>
Restricted fund Brought foward	22,198		21,388	
Excess of income over expenditure in the year	12,348		810	
Restricted fund balance		<u>34,546</u>		<u>22,198</u>
Accumulated fund balance		<u><u>769,865</u></u>		<u><u>753,799</u></u>

BOVEY TRACEY BAPTIST CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income							
General donations including Gift Aid		113,791		113,791	115,452		115,452
Other Donations	5	877		877	5,135		5,135
Restricted funds	6		18,063	18,063		2,580	2,580
Total income		114,669	18,063	132,732	120,587	2,580	123,167
Overheads							
Ministry Costs		33,525		33,525	30,859		30,859
Home Mission		-		-	4,000		4,000
Mission partners	7	8,690		8,690	8,690		8,690
Mission discretionary fund		408		408	-		-
Manse expenses		5,759		5,759	3,831		3,831
Outreach expenses		3,864		3,864	2,556		2,556
Chapel expenses		11,495		11,495	7,834		7,834
Presentation		159		159	83		83
Pastoral fund		244		244	358		358
Bank charges		137		137	220		220
Accountancy fee		936		936	936		936
Gifts	8	-	660	660	-		-
Gift Megan Wilkes		-		-	300		300
Project 200 Bibles for Bovey		-	3,965	3,965			
Subscriptions		2,068		2,068	1,969		1,969
Administration expenses		16,109		16,109	14,717		14,717
Telephone		1,368		1,368	1,448		1,448
Website		578		578	232		232
Sundries		109		109	55		55
Wages and salaries		25,492		25,492	28,925		28,925
		110,941	4,625	115,566	107,013	-	107,013
Net Excess of Income over expenditure for the year		3,727	13,438	17,166	13,575	2,580	16,155
Restricted funds movement							
Baptist pension fund write off	9	(10)	(1,090)	(1,090)	(2,580)	(2,580)	(5,160)
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3 Regular giving

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4 Related party transactions

No related party transactions

5 Other donations	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Legacy Donation	-	5,000.00
Quiz night funds	-	125.00
Council cost of living contribution	-	5.54
Photocopies	-	4.16
Gifts for New Church Bibles	-	-
Bank interest received	877.40	-
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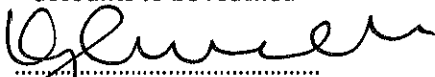
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