Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	North End Baptist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1192736
Charity's principal address	195 Powerscourt Road
	Portsmouth
	Hampshire
	Postcode **PO2 7JH**

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	Rev Tracey Ansell	Minister		
2	Christopher Green	Treasurer		
3	Linda Ashley	Deacon		
4	Catherine Johanson	Deacon	01/03/2025 – 23/03/2025	
5	Kevin Sumner	Deacon		
6	John Webster	Deacon		
7	Oraine Wheatle	Deacon	23/03/2025 – 31/12/2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We induct trustees and encourage them to do continual training. We are affiliated with the Baptist Union and members of the Further Faster Network.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We provide worship services on a Sunday morning.,

We run several bible study groups, and children and youth groups for people of all ages.,

We rent out our rooms to local community groups.

We run a community food pantry to help and service our local area.

We are in the final stages of opening a nursery to provide childcare to our local community and further develop relations between the Church and its local community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We cannot do what we do without our volunteers and regularly have 10 to 50 volunteers in the building each week.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Ministry and Activities Review

The year began with a church-wide initiative of 14 Days of Prayer, focusing on the theme *"Rooted in God."* This provided a meaningful start to the year as the church gathered to seek God together and reflect on key spiritual themes including trusting God completely, growing in hunger for God, strengthening faith, living as a light for Christ, and embracing new seasons and fresh beginnings while remaining rooted in Christ and bearing fruit.

Early in the year we had hoped that the sale of our flats at auction would complete successfully; however, the auction did not result in a sale. During this time, we welcomed representatives from Compassion who shared an update on their work and the projects we sponsor in Burkina Faso, helping the church remain connected with the wider global mission.

The North End Pantry continued to develop as an important ministry within our community. Cooking demonstrations held through the Pantry led to the creation of a very successful women's cooking group, helping families learn to cook healthy meals from scratch while also building friendships and mutual support.

We also launched an Alpha course which ran on Sunday afternoons and began with a special afternoon tea. It was encouraging to see many guests attending and exploring the Christian faith in a welcoming and relaxed environment.

Hall Refurbishment

In February, work began on the refurbishment of the church hall, a significant project aimed at ensuring that the building is fit for future ministry and community use. During the refurbishment period all church groups made use of the sanctuary as the hall was closed.

We were grateful for God's provision during this project. The church was successful in receiving over £90,000 in grant funding, and in addition the sale of one of the church flats helped contribute towards the refurbishment costs. During 2024 the church and wider community had also raised over £19,000, bringing the total available funding for the project to £178,629.

The refurbishment project was successfully completed and the hall

was officially reopened at the end of May 2025 by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Gerald Vernon Jackson, marking an important milestone in the life of the church.

Community Life and Worship

In March we held a One Kingdom Sunday celebration, including a bring-and-share lunch which celebrated the many cultures represented within the church family.

The church also continued its commitment to community outreach through the Hilsea Pantry initiative. Following the success of the original pilot, we remained committed to keeping the pantry van operating and later opened a second Hilsea Pantry site at the Rugby Club, enabling us to reach more families in need.

Another new outreach began in March with fortnightly services at Mary Rose Nursing Home, led by Ian and Gina Thorburn. These services provide pastoral support, worship, and encouragement to residents.

At the church Annual General Meeting, Oraine Wheatle was appointed as a new Deacon. Oraine brings significant experience in worship ministry and has taken responsibility for overseeing this area of church life.

Our relationship with the Further Faster Network continued to strengthen. Our minister, Rev. Tracey Ansell, attended their Strategic Planning Event, and a team of fifteen from the church attended the Further Faster Conference in Halesowen. Those who attended returned encouraged and energised with a renewed vision for reaching people who do not yet attend church.

Development of North End Nursery

During the year our plans to open a nursery provision began to take clearer shape. The sale of the second flat to a private buyer released the funds needed to cover start-up costs.

A Nursery Manager, Abbie Reynolds was appointed and began work in September, with the nursery scheduled to open in January 2026. The nursery will be known as North End Nursery.

A steering group was established to oversee the project and report to the church's Deacons/Trustees. Portsmouth City Council has provided considerable support and awarded a grant of £58,880 to fund building improvements required for the nursery, including installing a more secure front door, cupboards, and a new floor in the sanctuary.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever. **Psalm 118:1**

Pastoral Care and Discipleship

The church continued its commitment to becoming a Bereavement

Friendly Church, receiving certification from the charity At A Loss. Chris Aston and Juliet Costen led two further Bereavement Journey courses, serving both members of the congregation and people from the wider community.

The church also celebrated baptisms, baby dedications, weddings and funerals throughout the year, marking important moments in the lives of many families connected with the church.

Small groups remain central to discipleship at NEBC. Leadership of the small group ministry passed to John and Judy Webster, and attendance across the groups increased as more people engaged in deeper fellowship and spiritual growth.

On Easter Sunday, the church celebrated the baptism of three young people, which was a particularly encouraging moment for the church community.

Leadership and Church Development

In June the Deacons gathered for a leadership away day, taking time to pray together and reflect on the church's decision-making processes and future direction.

The church also continued to strengthen its safeguarding practice, holding a safeguarding training day in November to ensure that all ministries maintain high standards of care and protection.

Our search for a Children's, Youth and Families Worker took an unexpected but encouraging turn. After interviewing a number of candidates without making an appointment, it became clear that God might be calling someone already within the church family. It was agreed that Elizabeth Kumi, a member of the congregation, would take on the role once she had completed her maternity leave. She is due to begin the position in March 2026.

Wider Ministry and Community Engagement

In May, our minister Rev. Tracey Ansell was appointed Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. In this role she regularly attended civic events, opened council meetings with prayer, preached at Portsmouth Cathedral, and led the city's VE Day and Remembrance services.

The church also continued to support asylum seekers in the local area, particularly those transitioning from Home Office accommodation into council housing after receiving their right to remain.

Bring-and-share lunches remained a regular feature of church life, strengthening relationships and building community across the fellowship.

Men's Ministry and Youth Activities

Several members of the church attended the CVM "The Gathering" men's conference, which proved to be a time of encouragement and spiritual renewal.

During the year John Webster stepped down from leading the men's ministry, with Rotimi Akano taking on leadership. Rotimi organised a Men's Conference in October along with several social events aimed at building friendship and strengthening faith among the men.

The church's young people also demonstrated remarkable initiative by raising funds to support the building of water wells overseas. Through activities such as bake sales and a board games afternoon, they successfully raised enough money to fund five wells, an achievement the church is very proud of.

Technology and Communications

As part of preparations for the nursery and to improve overall digital security, the church transitioned to a managed IT solution and migrated staff and trustees to a Microsoft 365 system.

At the same time the church refreshed its branding and digital presence, adopting the domain name nebc.church and beginning work on a new website. Social media continues to be an important tool for communicating with the community and sharing news of church activities.

Seasonal Events and Celebrations

In November the church hosted a Christmas Fayre, raising over £3,000 towards the nursery project. The event included a raffle for the first time following careful discussion with both the church meeting and a group that hires our rooms. The fayre proved to be a successful community event and helped launch the Christmas season.

Our Christmas Eve Christingle service welcomed over 200 people, including many families from the local community. A puppet show was performed by members of the church, adding to the festive atmosphere. Attendance at the Christmas Day service was also higher than usual.

North End Pantry

The North End Pantry continues to grow and remains one of the church's most significant community ministries. The Pantry successfully secured two rounds of Household Support Fund (HSF) funding, allowing subsidised food to be provided for members.

Additional initiatives included kitchen equipment swaps, toy swaps, and expanded community cooking groups run in partnership with the local council. Two additional cooking groups were added during the year, bringing the total to four groups.

Section D Achievements and performance

The Pantry welcomed a number of external organisations who visited to offer advice and support to members, and the team began recording signposting referrals to other services to better understand the wider support being provided.

The Pantry area was also improved with a small refurbishment, including converting a former toilet room into additional storage space.

This ministry now regularly welcomes over 120 families each week, providing practical help, friendship, and encouragement. In December a chaplaincy pilot began within the Pantry, offering pastoral support and spiritual care to those who wish to receive it.

We continue to thank and give praise to God for all He is doing to build His kingdom through us all at North End Baptist Church.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Our aim is to have 3 months' worth of expenditure in cash. We have 2 buildings as assets, and have invested in a community nursery to provide continuity of income.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds comes from donations from our members. We are in the final stages of opening a community nursery.

We have 4 full time and 6 part time members of staff who ensure that the charities objectives are met.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	TRACEY LYNN ANSELL	CHRIS GREEN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair / Minister	TRUSTEE
Date	6th May 2026.	

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

North End Baptist Church		1192736		
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2025	To	Period end date	31/12/2025

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income					
Donations and similar items -NEBC	153,471	103,575	-	257,046	171,276
Donations and similar items -Pantry	-	158,359	-	158,359	88,606
Other Activities to further charities objects - NEBC	2,123	-	-	2,123	3,357
Other Activities to further charities funds - NEBC	9,774	-		9,774	7,331
Other Activities to generate funds - Pantry	23,371	-	-	23,371	26,517
Total	188,738	261,934	-	450,673	297,087
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities -NEBC	236,955	191,824	-	428,779	115,340
Charitable activities -Pantry	708	77,156	-	77,864	65,026
Management and Administration - NEBC	70,310	-	-	70,310	67,563
Management and Administration - Pantry	-	18,336	-	18,336	20,836
Total	307,973	287,316	-	595,290	268,765
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	- 119,235	- 25,382	-	- 144,617	28,322
Proceeds on sale of flats	138,626	-	-	138,626	-
Net income/(expenditure)	19,391	- 25,382	-	- 5,991	28,322
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	19,391	- 25,382	-	- 5,991	28,322
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	53,814	50,955	-	104,769	76,447
Total funds carried forward	73,205	25,573	-	98,778	104,769

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Tangible assets (Note 4)	B01	1,419	-	-	1,419	2,127
Total fixed assets	B05	1,419	-	-	1,419	2,127
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	B07	2,444	-	-	2,444	-
Investments	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	B09	74,382	25,927	-	100,309	102,642
Total current assets	B10	76,826	25,927	-	102,753	102,642
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	B11	5,040	354	-	5,394	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	71,786	25,573	-	97,359	102,642
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	73,205	25,573	-	98,778	104,769
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	73,205	25,573	-	98,778	104,769
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	B18		25,573		25,573	53,814
Unrestricted funds	B19	73,205		-	73,205	50,955
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	73,205	25,573	-	98,778	104,769

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*	✓	the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
• and with*	✓	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

• and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	***Not Applicable***
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	***Not Applicable***
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	***Not Applicable***

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS102 SORP).

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS102 SORP).

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Section C — Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 3 Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

3.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	150,999	104,570
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	6,103	4,248
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	157,102	108,818

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working: Not Applicable

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working: Not Applicable

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding

No employees received employee benefits (excluding: Not Applicable

3.2 Average head count in the year

		This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	Fundraising	-	-
	Charitable Activities	9	7
	Governance	-	-
	Other	-	-
	Total	9	7

Note 4 Tangible fixed assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

4.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings £	Other land & buildings £	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
At the beginning of the year	-	-	4,690	-	4,690
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	4,690	-	4,690

4.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate			33.30%		
At beginning of the year	-	-	2,563	-	2,563
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	708	-	708
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	3,271	-	3,271

4.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	2,127	-	2,127
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	1,419	-	1,419

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 5 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3	-	-
Short term deposits	-	
Cash at bank and on hand	100,309	102,642
Other	-	-
Total	100,309	102,642

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	North End Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1192736
Set out on pages	1 to 7		

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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Certified Public Accountants Association.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:**	
Name:	Martin Rudling		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCPA		

Address:	63 Castle Road,
	Southsea, Portsmouth,
	Hampshire, PO5 3AY

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	