

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

**Charity name: Calne Baptist Church**

**Charity registration number: 1195404**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purposes of the Church are:

- 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.
- In fulfilling the purposes, the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

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 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.

## **Public benefit declaration**

The trustees have noted their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance and are committed to ensuring that the activities of the Church are well publicised and open to members of the public. Activities are published on the Church website.

## **Contribution made by volunteers.**

The trustees are glad to acknowledge that the activities of the Church go ahead only with the voluntary engagement of members of the congregation. The trustees would like to thank all those who willingly give their time and effort to the services conducted by the church.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During 2025 the church continued weekly worship on Sunday mornings, including Junior Church for children at Primary School. Regular prayer times also continue, two Sunday evenings a month. A weekly coffee morning continues to serve all members of the community. The 'Warm Space' that began in November 2022 has continued as 'The Living Room' and has been regularly attended by more than twenty people and this number increased for our Christmas Special. Whilst numbers are relatively small, the opportunity to develop relationships are particularly good and significant conversations are able to take place. This has been especially helpful for people facing emotional difficulties and needing someone to talk to. The group is especially useful for people who live alone and need company.

We put on a Community Big Lunch in June 2025 which was attended by at least one hundred people from the church and the local neighbourhood. This enabled the church to offer hospitality to all and to build relationships with others. Hospitality was again offered at the annual Motorbike meet held in July. Returning visitors were very interested in the plans for the church development and many complimentary comments were received. These events are also opportunities to share our faith with people and answer questions that they may have.

Several volunteers from the church continue to work with other churches in the Calne Partnership of Churches to run a monthly 'Messy Church'. The Calne Methodist Church host this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and has volunteers from most of the churches in the Partnership.

We joined with Partnership churches during the year at various times including the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Lent groups, and Easter services. For the third time, we jointly ran a stall at the Christmas lights event in November. We had a nativity scene and costumes for people to dress up and take their own photograph. We also gave out three hundred children's books from Bible Society and had many conversations with members of the public.

The 'Open the book' team has also continued to visit three of the local Primary schools and seems to be well appreciated by staff and children.

From April to July, the church ran an 11 week course, called 'Freedom in Christ'. This was well attended by many in the church congregation. This course is designed to help the Christian to grow in their faith and spiritual life.



In continuing efforts to engage with local families, we started a second weekly toddler group on Friday mornings, which welcomes between 10 - 15 families each week. The church also held a 'Pumpkin Party' as a Halloween alternative on 31<sup>st</sup> October. This was well attended by families from the toddler group and local neighbourhood. The minister has also held assemblies at 2 local primary schools and has been invited back to hold more.

Christmas was also a busy period. Throughout the Sundays in December, there was a BFC Christmas Special, a Boys Brigade and Girls Assn Awards Presentation, a children's Nativity, and a Carols by Candlelight service. In 2025 for the first time, the church also hosted a Remembrance & Thanksgiving event led by the local funeral directors. This event was very well attended by people from, not just the town, but from many miles away. It has been agreed that a similar service will be held in December 2026.

'Big Family Church (BFC)' – an informal monthly service for families exploring faith – continued each month throughout 2025 (except Jan & Aug). This was well attended and well received, with over 70 people of all ages coming along. The Christmas Special saw around 100 people, many of whom were first-time visitors.

The church partnered with the organisation Boys Brigade to launch '1<sup>st</sup> Calne Boys Brigade & Girls Association' in May 2025. The BB team is made up of trained volunteers from the church, including the minister. 20 plus children – boys and girls – aged 5 to 11, regularly attend each Thursday evening. During the year, there were 2 Parade Services & Award/badge Presentations, which were attended by the children, their families, and the regular church congregation.

Through these ministries (BBGA, Toddlers, BFC) and our regular midweek & Sunday activities, the church baptised 12 people, ages ranging from 8yrs to 85yrs old. Several were also welcomed into formal church membership.

With oversight from the minister, pastoral care has continued throughout the year by members of the church who visit and support those in need in many ways. Regular prayers are also said for all those whom we are aware of with specific needs. There are now 3 home groups in the church that meet on a weekly basis.

Having gone to tender before the Summer, the 2020 Group chose the most suitable building company to undertake the work of demolishing the existing building and constructing the new. However, there is currently a shortfall in funds. We continue to fundraise in order to have the capital to begin work.

## **Financial Review**

During this year we had receipts totalling £262,042 and payments of £108,975 creating a surplus of £153,070. This means we ended the year with cash funds of £240,326. We are hopeful this will put us in position where we can start our building project in 2026. Our Building Trust Fund remains at £1,478,743. The coming year will be a challenging year for us as we raise the necessary funds for our building project.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Church is governed by a constitution dated 23 May 2021

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Any person qualified to be a Member of the Church is eligible for election as a Charity Trustee (unless disqualified by statute) provided that they affirm in writing when accepting nomination that they uphold the Purpose of the Church as stated in clause 3 and the Beliefs as stated in clause 4 of the Constitution.

The Church Secretary and Church Treasurer shall automatically be a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities.

Any Minister or Ministers appointed to serve the Church shall automatically be a Charity Trustee.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Regional Association known as webnet.

The Church supports the work of BMS World Mission and Home Mission.

The Church is a member of the Calne Partnership of Churches and is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

## **Reference and Administrative details**

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Calne Baptist Church          |
| Registered charity number   | 1195404                       |
| Charity's principal address | Castle Street, Calne SN11 0DX |

## **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.**

| Trustee name        | Office (if any)     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mr Terry Mills      | Treasurer           |
| Mrs Rosina Witchell | Deacon for Worship  |
| Mrs Jenny Woods     | Secretary           |
| Wayne Lawther       | Minister            |
| David Witchell      | Deacon for Property |
| Therese Walker      | Safeguard co-lead   |

Mrs Ros Mills stepped down as deacon and trustee at our March AGM and Rosina was appointed as deacon and trustee.

## **Looking ahead**

In February, we have 2 baptisms scheduled, and also a family dedication service. We are aiming to have online prayers, twice a day, during Lent. We will also begin the 'Christianity Explored' course in January, and have several people signed up to attend for the 7 sessions. Other courses, such as 'The Bible Course' and 'Discipleship Explored' are also planned for throughout 2026. We are hopeful that enough funds will be raised to begin work on our building project at some point before April 2026. However, at January's church meeting, the members and trustees will discuss together whether to continue with fundraising or to reconsider present plans.



Pastoral Care will continue to be a priority and we will explore the possibility of forming a Pastoral Care Team to ensure all our members are supported spiritually and practically. Presently we have three home groups but, as members are added to our number, we hope to see this increase further.

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |               |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature(s)                        | T. Mills      |  |
| Full name(s)                        | TERENCE MILLS | WAYNE EDWARD LAWTHER                                                                |
| Position<br>(e.g. Secretary, Chair) | TREASURER     | MINISTER                                                                            |
| Date                                | 04/03/2026    | 04/03/2026                                                                          |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Caine Baptist Church

1195404

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations                                             | 29,897                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 29,897                          | 28,139                        |
| Gift Aid Claims                                       | 6,792                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,792                           | 6,653                         |
| Interest                                              | 807                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 807                             | 1,628                         |
| Rental Income                                         | 8,922                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 8,922                           | 1,257                         |
| Investment Income                                     | 47,160                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 47,160                          | 63,750                        |
| Gifts in memory of Lettice Mills                      | 1,225                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,225                           | -                             |
| Room Hire                                             | 1,676                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,676                           | 2,220                         |
| Warm Spaces                                           | 287                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 287                             | 1,599                         |
| Toddlers Income                                       | 887                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 887                             | -                             |
| Boys Brigade Income                                   | 1,602                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,602                           | -                             |
| Film Night                                            | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 12                            |
| Coffee Morning                                        | 22                                        | -                                    | -                                   | 22                              | 4                             |
| CARP                                                  | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| BMS                                                   | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Building Fund                                         | 162,766                                   | -                                    | -                                   | 162,766                         | 48,549                        |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>262,042</b>                            | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>262,042</b>                  | <b>153,811</b>                |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>262,042</b>                            | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>262,042</b>                  | <b>153,811</b>                |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Accountancy Fees                                      | 1,517                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,517                           | 1,393                         |
| Bank Charges                                          | 284                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 284                             | 117                           |
| Boys Brigade Expenses                                 | 1,379                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,379                           | -                             |
| Cleaning                                              | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 43                            |
| Donations                                             | 5,800                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 5,800                           | 5,510                         |
| General Expenses                                      | 3,929                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,929                           | 7,730                         |
| Community Lunch Expenses                              | 429                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 429                             | -                             |
| Insurance                                             | 2,204                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,204                           | 2,085                         |
| IT Software and Consumables                           | 631                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 631                             | 270                           |
| Legal Expenses                                        | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Utilities                                             | 10,918                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 10,918                          | 11,189                        |
| Ministers Costs                                       | 41,084                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 41,084                          | 37,585                        |
| Marketing                                             | 399                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 399                             | 2,267                         |
| Pension                                               | 6,717                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 6,717                           | 5,402                         |
| Postage and Stationery                                | 140                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 140                             | 211                           |
| Pulpit                                                | 225                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 225                             | 1,110                         |
| Rates                                                 | 2,190                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,190                           | 2,070                         |
| Repairs and Maintenance                               | 1,786                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,786                           | 12,662                        |
| Staff Training                                        | 378                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 378                             | 294                           |
| Telephone & Internet                                  | 714                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 714                             | -                             |
| Subscriptions                                         | 614                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 614                             | 733                           |
| Warm Places                                           | 1,094                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,094                           | 848                           |
| Property Fund                                         | 23,553                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 23,553                          | 62,447                        |
| Toddlers Expenses                                     | 1,799                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,799                           | -                             |
| BFC Expenses                                          | 1,188                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,188                           | -                             |
| Penny Pot                                             | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 170                           |
| BMS                                                   | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 82                            |
| Here I Stand                                          | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Syria                                                 | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>108,972</b>                            | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>108,972</b>                  | <b>154,216</b>                |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |

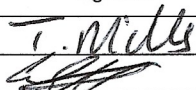


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|------------------------------------|---------|---|---|---------|---------|
| <b>Total payments</b>              | 108,972 | - | - | 108,972 | 154,216 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | 153,070 | - | - | 153,070 | - 405   |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  |         | - | - | -       | -       |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b> | 87,256  | - | - | 87,256  | 87,661  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | 240,326 | - | - | 240,326 | 87,256  |

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

| Categories                                          | Details                                                                                                                                                                           | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £                                                              | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £                                                                        | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | <div>Held by Church</div> <div>Paypal account</div> <div>Building Fund</div> <div><b>Total cash funds</b></div> <div>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</div> | <div>28,419</div> <div>581</div> <div>211,326</div> <div>240,326</div> <div></div>              | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div></div>                                         | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div></div>                                         |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | <div>Calne BC 3 month notice trust account</div> <div>Calne BC Trust Funds</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                                                  | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>                   | <div>1,398,520</div> <div>89,223</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>              | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>                           |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | <div>Church premises at insured value</div> <div>Manse at insured value</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                                                                 | <div>General fund</div> <div>General fund</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>             | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>                                        | <div>2,757,041</div> <div>352,134</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>                          |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                                                                                   | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                                                                                                           | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                         | <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>                           | <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>                                 |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature                                                                                                                                                                  | Print Name                            | Date of approval   |
|                                                             | <br> | TERENCE MILLS<br>WAYNE EDWARD LAWTHOR | 04/03/26<br>4/3/26 |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
Calne Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Charity no  
(if any) 1195404

**Set out on pages**

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(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 **31/12/2025**.

**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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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

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.

Signed: J. Janaviciene

Date: 03/03/2026

Name: Justina Janaviciene

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

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**Address:**

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Devizes, Wiltshire

SN10 1DU



**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.**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed:

J. Janaviciene

Date:

03/03/2026

Name:

Justina Janaviciene

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

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