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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period: 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Ackhill Baptist Church  
**Registered charity number** 1195592 (Date of registration: 23 August 2021)  
**Principal address** Ackhill Manse, Dolley Green, Presteigne, LD8 2EE  
**Charity Trustees** (appointed by voting members of Ackhill Baptist Church)

Name	Office Held	Dates Acting
Richard John Mansell	Pastor and Chairman	For the full financial year
Philip Pain	Elder	For the full financial year
Benjamin Peter Thornton		For the full financial year
Cherry Tooley		For the full financial year

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

**Type of charity** Ackhill Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**Governing document** Ackhill Baptist Church is governed by its constitution, Revision 1 dated: 24 April 2023

**Trustee selection** All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith as set out in the constitution. New trustees are proposed by the existing trustees or the leadership team at a members' meeting. A two-thirds majority of voting members is required for the proposed new trustee(s) to be appointed.

**Policies and procedures** Although Ackhill Baptist Church is a small fellowship (typ. 35 people attend Sunday worship each week), we nevertheless have put in place a number of policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our attendees and the proper management of our affairs. These include:

- Health & Safety Policy (including a series of risk assessments for activities where hazards could lead to injury or harm)
- Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy (to ensure trustees' outside interests or loyalties do not compromise their ability to make decisions in the best interests of Ackhill Baptist Church)
- Financial Controls Policy
- Reserves Policy



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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable objects as set out in our constitution

The Object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Statement of Faith.

### Main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We exist to glorify God and to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples. We do this in a variety of ways. We:

- Gather for corporate worship, prayer and praise, welcoming all who would join us
- Proclaim the salvation available by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone
- Teach children the Word of God in Sunday School
- Run a mother-and-toddler group
- Encourage our members to live godly lives, understanding what God expects of them
- Stand ready to disciple new converts
- Observe the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Table
- Reach out to those we meet with the compassion which Christ affords us, hoping to be the fragrance of Christ
- Hold faithfully to the whole counsel of God in our teaching and practice
- Cooperate with other evangelical fellowships
- Support missionary work at home and overseas

### Grants and investments

Ackhill Baptist Church does not dispense grants, neither does it invest, other than at the bank in savings accounts. Total funds in our current and savings accounts do not exceed the FSCS compensation limit of £85,000 in any one institution.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Main achievements during the year

Attendance at Sunday worship has remained steady, averaging around 35 people of all ages. (The previous period average was 36.) We continue to receive visitors throughout the year. These include people on holiday who have looked us up via our website and visiting family members. Those who come among us in this way are a blessing to the regular attendees and often comment that they themselves have been blessed as they have come under the sound Bible preaching and teaching that marks Ackhill Baptist Church.

As a Congregational church, where members govern our affairs, we welcomed one new person into membership, although we had to say farewell to another elderly member as she went to be with the Lord. Total membership stands at 22. At November's AGM the members approved the appointment of an elder to support the pastor and at the April Members' Meeting, the church treasurer was formally appointed as a deacon.

Sunday School and the Dolley Tots mother-and-toddler group meetings are both running regularly, with all leaders and helpers being trained and DBS checked. Dolley Tots numbers continue to grow steadily. Sunday School

## Section D, cont

## Achievements and performance

### Main achievements during the year, cont.

numbers have fluctuated as families with Sunday School-age children have both joined and moved away from the area.

Our mid-week on-line prayer meetings continue as they have been found to suit those living further away from the Chapel and not wishing to drive, especially during winter months. Homegroup meetings continue for those wishing to meet face-to-face for fellowship, prayer and study during the week. Meetings are held twice a month, and numbers attending have typically been around 8 to 10.

Ackhill Baptist Church has continued to reach out to its congregation and the local community. In November, we began taking short services once a month at the Prestemedes Residential Care Home in Presteigne, where our most elderly member now resides. We have held three fellowship meals in the period – one in the Autumn after our harvest service, one at Christmas and a celebration meal in the summer. As well as regular chapelgoers, friends, family and neighbours were invited, all free-of-charge. The meal in the summer followed a service of thanksgiving to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our pastor's tenure.

We continue to support the local Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank with donations in kind, as well as by providing the services of the chairperson, treasurer and designated safeguarding officer free of charge. Both chairperson and safeguarding officer are also trustees of the foodbank.

The church has long been a supporter of the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal by making up boxes and acting as a local collection point for the area. This work continues under the oversight and direction of one of our trustees.

Several in the congregation are elderly and struggle with health problems of various kinds. As well as long term health troubles there are a number who have been waiting on operations. As we continue to remember one another in prayer and seek to encourage and support one another, there is a strong spirit of unity and love in the fellowship.

A new computer, video camera and sound system was installed towards the end of the period and after testing and fine tuning we will soon be in a position to record and/or livestream services.

Our Health and Safety policy has undergone a significant review towards the end of this reporting period and will be presented for approval at the next trustees meeting in September. The PAT testing, mentioned in last year's annual report, will be brought in-house in the coming year and beyond as one of our congregation has suitable qualifications to undertake this work.

Although Ackhill Baptist Church continues to be well-resourced financially, we have limited human resources for outreach activities. To gear our efforts to help achieve our stated aim of advancing the Christian faith for the public benefit, members agreed that we should make regular financial contributions to three Christian charities that have purposes in line with our own charitable objects. The three charities selected were CheckPoint Christian Youth Project (a local charity), the Soldiers and Aviators Scripture Reading Association (SASRA) and the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA). Each charity began receiving £150 per month from May, with a commitment to continue for a minimum of 2 years unless there is cause to reconsider.



## Section E

## Financial review

<b>Reserves policy</b>	<p>The level of reserves (i.e. total cash assets) at the end of the 2024/25 financial year was £99,196. Approximately £40k is required for 12 months of running costs assuming no exceptional items of expenditure. Therefore, at present there is approximately £59k available for major maintenance/repairs etc to the Chapel, Manse and Schoolroom and any significant ministry initiatives which accord with our charitable objects.</p> <p>Although this latter sum provides a reasonable level of resilience, particularly bearing in mind the option of making a specific appeal for funds for any individual one-off project, there would be greater protection for the long-term viability of the Church if this amount could be increased. These considerations will be borne in mind by the Trustees when reviewing the reserves year-on-year.</p>
<b>Funds in deficit</b>	<p>There are no areas where funds are in deficit.</p>
<b>Sources of funds</b>	<p>Income arises from weekly giving, monthly giving via standing order direct to the Ackhill Baptist Church bank account, one-off gifts and gift aid. One regular gift aided donation is still administered by Stewardship and paid by grant to the church each month.</p>
<b>Main areas of expenditure</b>	<p>Staff costs, electricity and water totalled £24,991, accounting for 64% of total expenditure in the period. Other significant items were: donations to other ministries (£3,617), purchase of equipment (£3,641), and Council tax (£2,586).</p>
<b>Payment to Trustee</b>	<p>As allowed within the Constitution, a salary and pension amounting to £23,030 for the year to 31 August 2025 was paid to the Pastor who is also a trustee of the church. Our independently reviewed financial statements are set out in the Appendix.</p>

## Section F

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above (at the trustees' meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

**Signature(s)**

**Full Name(s)**

Richard John Mansell

**Position**

Chairman

**Date**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2025



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# Appendix

## **Ackhill Baptist Church financial statements for the year to 31 August 2025**

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Ackhill Baptist Church

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2024		31/08/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Weekly Offerings	25,382	-	-	25,382	16,363
Stewardship	2,501	-	-	2,501	2,822
Giving with Gift Aid Declaration	18,510	-	-	18,510	21,800
Gift Aid Payments from HMRC	7,405	-	-	7,405	6,413
Other donations	484	1,505	-	1,989	2,305
Legacy Payments	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Resale of Teaching Materials	146	-	-	146	153
Interest Received	1,051	-	-	1,051	922
Prepayments (cash not banked)	240	-	-	240	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>60,719</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,224</b>	<b>50,778</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>60,719</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,224</b>	<b>50,778</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salary, Pension & Tax	23,631	-	-	23,631	21,779
Visiting Preachers	100	-	-	100	70
Various Missions	3,232	385	-	3,617	860
Insurance	948	-	-	948	915
Bank Charges	123	-	-	123	133
Council Tax and Water	2,983	-	-	2,983	2,661
Light and Heat	963	-	-	963	1,175
Repairs and Renovations	17	-	-	17	2,980
Purchase of Equipment	2,641	1,000	-	3,641	1,052
Health & Safety	618	-	-	618	786
Grounds Maintenance	268	120	-	388	760
Telephone/Broadband	498	-	-	498	478
Post, Stationery, Website, etc	25	-	-	25	196
General Expenses	754	-	-	754	246
Subscriptions & Licences	316	-	-	316	306
Professional Fees	372	-	-	372	2,344
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,489</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,994</b>	<b>36,741</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>37,489</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,994</b>	<b>36,741</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>23,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,230</b>	<b>14,037</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>75,966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,966</b>	<b>61,928</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>99,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,196</b>	<b>75,966</b>



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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC Current Account	7,285	-	-
	HSBC/UTB Savings Accounts	91,671	-	-
	Cash received but not banked	240	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>99,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

R.J. MANSELL  
PHILIP PAIN

14/09/25  
14/09/25



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
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**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity name  
ACKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1195592

**Set out on pages**

A1 AND A2

(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 / 08 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

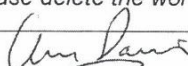
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 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:**

20/10/2025

**Name:**

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS NATHANIEL DAVIS

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

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

NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT.