

Charity registration number 1196764

Company registration number CE028232 (England and Wales)

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs L C Robinson J Robinson Dr N Rizk E Spence-Ross
Charity number	1196764
Company number	CE028232
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Charity is governed by an approved governing document which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The church's vision is 'to show and share Jesus in Bottesford and beyond'.

The charity provides for the advancement of the Christian faith in Bottesford and beyond by providing instruction for children, young people and adults in the Christian faith, holding public Christian worship, and having fellowship groups with other Christians.

The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and everyone is free to attend any of the Sunday services and mid-week activities. The church occupies premises which are held in trust by the East Midlands Baptist Association.

The church community works hard to fully implement the vision of 'showing and sharing Jesus in Bottesford and beyond'.

In March the church hosted a visit by a local infant school who brought 70 students to learn about baptism in a Baptist church. We opened the baptistry and the children were able to go down into the empty baptistry with help and learnt about Jesus being their best friend.

The regular community cafe (held weekly) continues to be a wonderful opportunity to encourage the older generations to come and meet up. Many of the attendees live alone due to bereavement, so it is great to see them chatting and not wanting to leave at the end of the morning.

When new people come along, they are welcomed and join tables of regular attendees, who get to know the new people and involve them in their conversations.

There is no cost for the refreshments, but there is a donation box if anyone wants to give. The money is banked during the year and the coffee morning people decide which charity they would like the money to be given to at the end of the year.

The money donated this year - £686 was given to Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

The church community agreed to give Lindsey Lodge Hospice £100 during the summer. At Christmas it was agreed to give any money donated in lieu of giving Christmas cards to each other, would be given to Lindsey Lodge Hospice. The donations came to £102 at Christmas.

The church partnered with local children's services to provide 20 Christmas hampers for families who would otherwise have had very little at Christmas. Local supermarkets were generous in giving produce and money off the final bill. The children from the families were given a chocolate selection box each and a small present.

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Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Throughout the year the church family and wider community have supported the Salvation Army foodbank by leaving items in a box in the church foyer. On a weekly basis these items are taken to the Salvation Army staff in Ashby for distribution to those in need.

At the church members meeting in June 2024 (AGM) it was agreed to give £1200 over the year to the Salvation Army foodbank (£300 per quarter).

Social event

The church community held a BBQ during the summer and invited the those on the fringes of the church, friends, neighbours and family to come together so that strangers could become friends. As strangers become friends, the opportunity to speak about Jesus becomes possible.

Care

Pastoral care is provided from within the church community. At the present the church does not have a paid minister. Where further support was required, the trustees were able to contact Rev Tom MacDonald (Connect Church, Scunthorpe) who is the moderator while the church has a pastoral vacancy.

Children and Youth

The church continues to grow and more families have become part of the church community this year. There are now 21 children and youth aged from babies to 18 years old. Teaching the children about Jesus continues on a Sunday morning with two groups (one group for the children aged 4-7 and a second group for the older children and youths).

A creche is available for those children who are under 4 years old. The service is relayed into the creche for the family member staying with their young child.

Discipleship

There is one discipleship group on a Thursday morning. This group has become a fellowship around the Bible, where personal care and support is always available. Everyone is able to join in the conversation around the passage being studied and no question is dismissed.

Sunday Gatherings

Over the year the church community has continued to be blessed with a wide range of speakers from within the church, ministers and preachers from the town and local areas as well as those from further afield. On Pentecost Sunday our visiting speaker asked for everyone who could speak another language (other than English) to come to the front and to say the Lord's prayer together to give the feeling of what it might have been like on that first Pentecost Sunday. We have received teaching as a series of four Sundays on Leviticus, three Sundays on being church and two Sundays on reconciliation.

Some of the preachers invited chose not to be paid but asked for their preaching fee to be given to a charity close to their heart. Money was given to the Weave Foundation (www.weavefoundation.co.uk/) which supports grassroots projects in Zambia.

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In April 2024 the church started to hold an all-age service on the first Sunday of each month, where the children stay in the main hall for the whole meeting. These are fun events with quizzes, sketches and memory verses. The gathering usually lasts around one hour.

On Remembrance Sunday the church held a short service and then the majority of the congregation went and joined the civic service at the cenotaph in Ashby.

On the Sunday before Christmas, the church held an evening carol service, with a nativity play from the children and youths.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

From registration and being given a charity number (1196764) by the Charity Commission on 25 November 2021, it took 16 months to complete the process to become a CIO. In the meantime, the church continued as the old entity under the East Midlands Baptist Association (EMBA).

As of 1 April 2023, the paperwork was completed and the unincorporated church was merged with the CIO.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs L C Robinson

J Robinson

Dr N Rizk

E Spence-Ross

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs L C Robinson

Trustee

15 August 2025

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bottesford Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Marie Craig FCCA
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Dated: 15 August 2025

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	42,691	1,418,609
Charitable activities	4	593	593
Investments	5	4,980	3,640
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Total income		48,264	1,422,842
 Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	60,906	57,956
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Total expenditure		60,906	57,956
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Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(12,642)	1,364,886
 Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,365,276	390
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Fund balances at 31 March 2025		1,352,634	1,365,276
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,303,648		1,333,865
Current assets					
Debtors	11	226		1,781	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,023		30,108	
		48,249		31,889	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12				
		737		(478)	
Net current assets			48,986		31,411
Total assets less current liabilities			1,352,634		1,365,276
Net assets excluding pension liability			1,352,634		1,365,276
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			1,352,634		1,365,276
			1,352,634		1,365,276

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 August 2025

Mrs L C Robinson
Trustee

Company registration number CE028232 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bottesford Baptist Church is an unincorporated charity (No. 1196754) registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when conditions attaching are fulfilled.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	33% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and gifts	42,691	35,460
Funds transferred from old charity	-	1,383,149
	<u>42,691</u>	<u>1,418,609</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Sale of goods	<u>593</u>	<u>593</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental income	<u>4,980</u>	<u>3,640</u>

BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****6 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	34,636	34,487
Mission direct costs	7,852	5,604
	<u>42,488</u>	<u>40,091</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	16,733	15,715
Governance	1,685	2,150
	<u>60,906</u>	<u>57,956</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>60,906</u>	<u>57,956</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Insurance	1,977	1,648
Utilities	4,353	3,487
Telephone and internet	1,058	797
Computer running costs	282	285
Repairs	7,184	7,807
Subscriptions	970	902
Stationery	906	744
Bank fees	-	45
Governance costs	1,688	2,150
	<u>18,418</u>	<u>17,865</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>18,418</u>	<u>17,865</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	1,335,000	28,146	5,207	1,368,353
Additions	-	1,462	5,171	6,633
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At 31 March 2025	1,335,000	29,608	10,378	1,374,986
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Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2024	26,700	4,490	3,298	34,488
Depreciation charged in the year	26,166	6,032	4,652	36,850
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At 31 March 2025	52,866	10,522	7,950	71,338
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Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2025	1,282,134	19,086	2,428	1,303,648
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At 31 March 2024	1,308,300	23,656	1,909	1,333,865
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11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	1,585
Prepayments and accrued income	226	196
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	226	1,781
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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	(737)	478
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BOTTESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,365,276	48,264	(60,906)	1,352,634
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Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	390	1,422,842	(57,956)	1,365,276
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14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.