



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date 1 April 2024 Period end date 31 March 2025

Charity name: Goodshaw Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1198013

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In fulfilling the purpose, 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.</p> <p>The activities may include but are not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 denominations
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees were involved in the transition from un-incorporated charity to CIO and followed guidance in documents and information issued by the Charity Commission. This was completed in July 2023 and enables us to better meet our objectives to serve our local community.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The church has made improvements to the premises this year including an extension to the car park and the installation of noise attenuation panels to ensure the building is more accessible for those people with additional needs. New banners and noticeboards have been installed which better enable us to promote our services and activities.</p> <p>New and existing ministries all seek to make Jesus known in our community through words and action. These include drop-in sessions with free refreshments and monthly free lunches after the morning service. The annual Garden Party provides free entertainment and food and drink. Free weekly children's club. Free weekly carer and baby/toddler group.</p> <p>We welcome everyone to take part in our worship and other activities.</p> <p>We support the local foodbank with regular donations and special offerings at Christmas and Easter. We support ministries at home and abroad through our annual harvest appeal.</p> <p>The church has strong links with our local school which uses our premises free of charge during the year. The local WI group meet in our building.</p> <p>The church continues to explore and plan for a building project which may remodel interior rooms and possibly extension work.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See separate financial statements for clarification to the statements in this section.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Trustees are selected according to the Church's constitution:</p> <p>The appointment of Charity Trustees shall be undertaken by processes that are public, clear and open so that all Church Members are enabled to consider prayerfully who should be appointed as Charity Trustees. The processes shall ensure that notice is given of any forthcoming election so that Church Members may freely nominate prospective Charity Trustees whose names shall be submitted (after they have indicated a willingness to be appointed) for decision to the Church Members with the intention of ensuring that those appointed have a sufficient level of support from them.</p> <p>The Church Members' Meeting shall appoint Charity Trustees to be responsible for the governance of the Church and where there is a Minister that person is a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Goodshaw Baptist Church
Registered charity number	1198013
Charity's principal address	Chapel street, Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 8BS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity at the date of signing the report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Appointed
Jayne Haworth		11/07/2023
Helen Bell		11/07/2023
Rachael Rogers		11/07/2023
Lynne Ainsworth		11/07/2023
Robert Cooper		11/07/2023
Christine Moores		11/07/2023
Susan Edwards	Treasurer	11/07/2023
Beverley Farrow	secretary	21/05/2024

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The North West Baptist Union	
Goodshaw Baptist Church Members	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Peter Terry FCA	The Croft, Cowpe Rd, Rossendale, BB4 7DQ

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Beverley A Farrow	
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Full name(s)	Beverley Ann Farrow	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary	
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GOODSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED

31 March 2025

Charity Number 1198013

Goodshaw Baptist Church

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I report on the unaudited accounts of the Church for the period ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts represented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the deacons and trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting recordshave not been met; and
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P Terry FCA
Independent Examiner
July 2025

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2024
	Unrestricted	
	Funds	Total
Notes	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Offerings	2 41,342	43,060
Investment income	3 4,499	6,177
Donations and other income	4 2,776	1,758
Contributions to other causes	5 -4,258	-849
Total Incoming Resources	44,359	50,146
Resources Expended		
Mission	6 6,611	2,445
Depreciation	9 1,060	622
Church Premises	7 28,403	8,767
Administration	8 1,362	2,268
Total Expended	37,436	14,102
Net resources for the year (Outgoing)	6,923	36,044
Funds transferred into CIO 1st July 2023	0	862,721
Total funds brought forward	898,765	0
Total funds carried forward	905,688	898,765

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and the statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All the activities of the church are classed as continuing.

GOODSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	688,219	684,894
Current assets			
Cash at Bank and in hand		3,145	7,328
Deposit with Baptist Corporation		95,302	91,593
Business Reserve		34,023	25,583
Redwood Bank Deposit		85,000	89,367
		<u>217,470</u>	<u>213,871</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net current assets		217,470	213,871
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	0	0
Total assets less liabilities		<u>905,688</u>	<u>898,765</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted - General purposes	12	905,688	898,765
Restricted	13	0	0
Designated Funds	14	0	0
		<u>905,688</u>	<u>898,765</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2025
and are signed on their behalf by:

B Farrow Church Secretary

GOODSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The property has not been depreciated. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the current Charities SORP and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

Legal status

This charity was formed and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 22nd February 2022. No financial transactions occurred until 1st July 2023. On that date the unincorporated association known as Goodshaw Baptist Church transferred (by way of gift) all its assets and all its activities to this trust. The assets transferred were:

Monetary Assets	£
Bank balances	276,940
Non Monetary Assets	
Church building	575,781
Graveyard	10,000
Total recognised as a transfer	862,721

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of tangible assets at insurance value.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Income Tax Recoverable

Income tax recoverable on gift aid and investment income is recognised on receipt.

Fixed Assets

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the church building, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd: Properties comprising the church with fixtures and fittings are all included at cost.

Depreciation

Properties held by the Church are stated at cost. Properties are maintained in a state of repair such that their estimated residual value is not less than their carrying value. The annual charge for depreciation is therefore nil. This represents a departure from the statutory rules requiring all assets with a finite life to be depreciated over their economic life.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less the estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of the asset as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings - 10% straight line per annum.

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Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Offerings - unrestricted	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Weekly offerings</i>		
Cash, envelopes, SO and CAF	35,263	26306
Gift aid tax reclaim	6,078	16754
	41,342	43,060
3 Investment income		
Interest received	4,499	6,177
4 Donations and other income		
General Donations	2,008	805
Other donations		228
Fellowship		355
Church Socials		270
Other	268	
Churchyard	500	100
	2,776	1,758
5 Tithes & Funds		
<i>Incoming</i>		
BMS	685	575
Toddler group	458	150
	1,143	725
<i>Remitted</i>		
BMS	1,904	525
Home Mission	2,204	750
Other	1,235	0
Pathfinders	0	249
Toddler Group	58	50
	5,401	1,574
Net incoming/(outgoing)	-4,258	-849

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		2025	2024
		£	£
Mission			
6	Socials	232	276
	Discoverers	90	191
	Fellowship	368	871
	General Donations	645	270
	Support Donations	4,417	397
	Hospitality	418	262
	Pulpit Supply	440	178
		<u>6,611</u>	<u>2,445</u>

		2025	2024
		£	£
Church premises			
7			
	Gas and electricity	9,110	1,680
	Water Rates	525	838
	Insurance	2,741	2,754
	Repairs and Property Expenses	9,628	1,394
	Church Supplies	4,392	1,015
	Grass Cutting	1,106	505
	Training	348	0
	Equipment	553	581
		<u>28,403</u>	<u>8,767</u>

8 Administration			
	Printing, photocopier, stationery	408	419
	Subscriptions	713	638
	Professional fees	240	1,211
		<u>1,362</u>	<u>2,268</u>

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Tangible Fixed Assets			
9	Church Premises £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
<i>Valuation</i>			
At 1 April 2024	679,297	6,219	685,516
<i>Additions</i>			
Organ & AV		4,385	4,385
<i>Depreciation</i>			
At 1 April 2024	0	622	622
Charge for year	0	1,060	1,060
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,682</u>	<u>1,682</u>
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 31 March 2025	679,297	8,922	688,219
At 31 March 2024	<u>679,297</u>	<u>5,597</u>	<u>684,894</u>
 Statement of Assets			
12	2025 £	2024 £	
Unrestricted funds			
Fixed assets	688,219	684,894	
Current assets/ liabilities	217,470	213,871	
Creditors: Amounts due after more than one year	0	0	
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