



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Westward Ho! Baptist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1198050
Charity's principal address	Nelson Drive
	Westward Ho!
	North Devon
	EX39 1LQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev Tim Sutton	Pastor		Church members
David Wilson	Deacon/Secretary		Ditto
3 Nic Hopkinson	Deacon/Treasurer		Ditto
Laurence Boys	Deacon		Ditto
Rod Smith	Deacon		Ditto
Chris Lowe	Deacon	04/24 - 11/24	Ditto
Graham Fish	Deacon		Ditto
David Frisby	Deacon		Ditto
Julia Ousley	Deacon		Ditto

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution adopted 1st October 2022.

How the charity is constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods Trustees must be members of the Church with a demonstrated commitment to the life and events of the church and to their faith. Trustees are elected by the church members for a period of 3 years, and then can offer to stand again for re-election or stand down. they may be subsequently stand for a re-election for further 3 year term.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The principal purpose of the Charity 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 other parts of the world.

The Church wishes to show the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as their Living Lord.

The Church whilst not being in any way exclusive, endorses the traditional beliefs of the Christian faith in matters of justice and morality and accepts the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

Central to the work and witness of the church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. Morning and evening Sunday worship, along with weekday prayer and Bible teaching sessions are regularly held, with the Sunday morning service being relayed on line.

The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, where anyone is free to attend any of the times of worship.

Home groups meet weekly or fortnightly to maintain pastoral contact and develop growth in faith and discipleship.

TODDLERS,WHY,POPPIN,LIFT OFF and BREAKFASTS

The Church runs a number of Community groups and activities. A Toddler group for Parents, Carers and Toddlers meets weekly during term time. A children's club (Shine) and Youth club (WHY) run weekly in the main worship space every Thursday and Friday with holiday clubs running throughout the year.

Our Saturday morning community event Poppin runs weekly, with a remit to offer friendship, support and signposting to local resources.

Lift Off also meets weekly on a Tuesday afternoon with a program speakers activities and support.

Monthly on a Saturday, we hold separate breakfasts for Men, Women and Kids, providing friendship and fellowship.

HALL HIRINGS.

The hall is in regular use by community groups, including an arts group, a group catering for the disadvantaged and disabled, community children's parties, other charities, and the use for a polling station.

SAFEGUARDING

The Church ensures that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are vetted through DBS checks and has full safeguarding policies in place.

PASTORAL CARE.

The Church has a strong ethic for Pastoral care, both for it's members and the community. A Pastoral care team is running, which meets monthly endeavouring to maintain a high standard of care and concern. The Church also runs a Hardship Fund to assist with those needing financial assistance.. We also hold a mini food store for those who we know are in need of help plus the ability to give vouchers for the local foodbank.

The church uses a significant portion of its income to make donations to other charities who have similar aims to the charity, working in either the UK or overseas. This year we have supported the Baptist missionary society, Baptist Union Home Mission, London City Mission, Hope from above and Operation Mobilisation.

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

CAP.

We have continued with financial support of the local Christians Against Poverty (Debt and addictions work) inter churches group as well as participation in their activities.

ALPHA

We have resumed Alpha groups to provide a safe space for those exploring issues of faith.

CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

Our Pastor is a member of the Christian Ethos committee enabling him to visit the visit the local school regularly, and also for the children to come and visit us for their annual service.

The Trustees have ha regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing such benefit.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

There has been no change in the church's structure, leadership, activities or groups arising from the transfer to a CIO charity in October 2022.

RENEWING OUR VISION.

The Leadership holds an annual day of retreat to review how the year has gone, and how we feel led to proceed in the future. This is then fed back at the next available Church members meeting.

The Church continues to be well supported financially by its members and has had no need for fund raising activities. The financial support has enabled the purposes of the charity to be carried out as well as donations to be made to other charities with similar charitable purposes.

WORSHIP

Our morning congregation has seen a rise in numbers which is very encouraging. We have continued to live stream our morning worship on Social media, with the evening service being in-person only.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity keeps sufficient reserves to meet all legal obligations in the event of the Charity being wound up. This is principally to cover the Ministers salary during a contractual period of notice. A designated Sinking Fund to cover fabric repairs and maintenance is set up. This reserve will be held in addition to that held for legal reasons. The reserves level reflects the fact that Church Charities are rarely wound up suddenly and so liabilities can be reduced over a period of time.

The charity ensures that there are no funds in deficit.

The principal source of funding is the giving by church members and visitors. Income is also received from the hiring of the church hall.

•

Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J Ousley	
Full name(s)	Julia Frances Ousley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	20/10/2025	

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity Number 1198050

Financial Statement and Accounts

January 1st 2024 – December 31st 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Westward Hol Baptist Church

No (if any)
1198050

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings and Tax Recoverable	111,612		-	111,612	108,012
Bank Interest	1,073		-	1,073	433
Lettings	5,452		-	5,452	5,088
Other Receipts	59,891	10,459	-	70,350	4,158
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	178,028	10,459	-	188,487	117,691
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	178,028	10,459	-	188,487	117,691
A3 Payments					
Mission	10,100		-	10,100	11,164
Pastoral	316		-	316	3,175
Church Repairs & Maintenance	16,478		-	16,478	19,114
Equipment	2,803		-	2,803	3,284
Manse	7,990		-	7,990	4,218
Insurance & Legal	4,101		-	4,101	3,831
Utilities	7,389		-	7,389	6,713
Outreach	2,894		-	2,894	4,528
Minister	38,758		-	38,758	35,070
Youth Work	17,194		-	17,194	9,719
IT	1,304		-	1,304	8,285
Miscellaneous	14,755	13,761	-	28,516	13,613
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	124,082	13,761	-	137,843	122,714
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	124,082	13,761	-	137,843	122,714
Net of receipts/(payments)	53,946	- 3,302	-	50,644	- 5,023
A5 Transfers between funds					
	34,200		-	34,200	39,223
A6 Cash funds last year end	88,146	- 3,302	-	84,844	34,200
Cash funds this year end					

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 £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Community Account	3,373	-	-
	HSBC Business Manager Account	520	4,041	-
	BU Account	20,000	-	-
	BU Deposit A/c	56,000		
	Cash	910		
	Total cash funds	80,803	4,041	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Chairs & Tables		-	-
	Kitchen Equipment		-	-
	Computers, PA & Television		-	-
	Pool Table		-	-
	Children's Groups Equipment		-	-
	Scaffold Tower		-	-
	Music Equipment		-	-
	Fire Extinguishers		-	-
	Bibles		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity No. 1198050

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information is supplied in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Acts:

- 1 The Church is known as Westward Ho! Baptist Church. The Church is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission with number 1198050
- 2 The Church is an evangelical fellowship of Christians, who acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The first meeting in Westward Ho! was in 1887.
- 3 The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant Trusts) of assets, the legal titles to which are held by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited. The assets comprise the Church, the Church Hall and the Manse.
- 4 The activities of the Church and the appointment of leaders of the constituent groups are the responsibility of the Trustees (Deacons), who at the commencement of the Accounts year were: Rev. Timothy Sutton (Pastor), David Wilson (Church Secretary), Nic Hopkinson (Treasurer), Rod Smith, Laurence Boys, Chris Lowe
- 5 The stipendiary Minister, Rev. Timothy Sutton, took up his post in September 2016.
- 6 Separate details are maintained for the individuals who support the Church financially by means of Bankers' Orders, and in other ways, so that a record is maintained of the contributions made, especially for Gift Aid Tax reclaim purposes.
- 7 The Church had no fund-raising costs during the year.
- 8 The financial transactions between the Church and Trustees were:
David Wilson was reimbursed against invoiced minor purchases.
Nic Hopkinson was reimbursed against invoiced minor purchases.
The Minister Rev Timothy Sutton is de facto one of the church's trustees and receives a stipend and other benefits in respect of his services as Minister, including the provision of manse accommodation owned by the church. He was reimbursed against invoiced expenses arising from his pastoral role.
Rod Smith is a Trustee and is also employed by the church as the Site and Operations Manager. He received a salary for his employment but no other financial reward.
He was reimbursed against invoiced expenses arising from his employed role.
No trustee claimed or was given payment in lieu of expenses
- 9 These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- 10 The Previous Year 2022 Income and Expenditure figures are considerably less than the current year as the Charity began operating on 1st October 2022

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity No. 1198050

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

FIXED ASSETS

The Fixed Assets of the charity are the properties listed below under Insurance.
The Value of the Assets are declared as the Insurance values.

FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2024	2023
Current Assets:		
Community Account	3,372.94	2,314.23
Business Money Manager Account	4,561.21	10,835.29
BU Account	20,000.00	20,000.00
Cash in hand	910.41	951.45
BU Deposit Account	56,000.00	
Old Current Account	0.00	100.00
Total of Current Assets	84,844.56	34,200.97

LIABILITIES

The Church has no Financial Liabilities

Insurance: All Index linked

Church	Building Cover	2,596,218
Church Hal	Building Cover	1,088,996
Church and Church Hall		168,881
	Contents combined cover	
Manse	Building cover	499,000
	Official contents	5,000
	Employer's Liability cover:	10,000,000
	Public Liability cover:	10,000,000

Accounts Approved on

2025



Tim Sutton (Church Pastor)



Julie Ousley (Church Secretary on behalf of the Trustees)



Nic Hopkinson (Church Treasurer)

Financial Statement prepared by Church Treasurer

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity No. 1198050

Details of Receipts and Payments

Receipts – All Funds

	2024	2023
Offerings and tax recoverable		
Gifts - Cash *	5,174.14	6,224.39
Gifts – Named	83,484.00	81,541.76
Gift Day	3,487.62	5,186.60
Tax Reclaimed	19,466.43	15,059.26
Sub Total	111,612.19	108,012.01
Bank Interest	1072.64	432.84
Lettings		
Hall Hire	5,452.00	5,088.00
Sub Total	5,452.00	5,088.00
Other receipts		
Donations	1,981.81	1,244.00
Vaccine Clinic		1,000.00
Legacies	56,084.21	
Logos Hope Trip	9,763.70	
Lee Abbey	695.00	
Men's Breakfast	1,014.22	1,019.75
Junior Church/Clubs	728.93	70.05
Miscellaneous	32.38	
Postbox	50.00	824.00
Sub Total	70,350.25	4,157.80
Total Receipts	188,487.08	117,690.65

Payments - All Funds

Donations

Mission Donations		
Antioch Support	1000	
Derbyshire	1,800.00	1,800.00
Bideford Foodbank		600.00
BMS	2,000.00	1,000.00
BUHM	2,000.00	3,217.50
Jack Saunders	100.00	600.00
London City Mission	200.00	200.00
Dave Frisby OM	3,000.00	3,746.37
Sub Total	10,100.00	11,163.87
Pastoral Gifts	316.31	1401.62
Hardship Fund	2339.87	1772.84
Sub Total	12,756.18	14,338.33

Repairs and Maintenance

Site Manager & Cleaning	13,205.80	10,963.43
Maintenance – Buildings	3,271.81	8,150.19

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity No. 1198050

Maintenance – Equipment	2,802.93	3,283.85
Maintenance – Manse	7,990.15	4,217.52
Sub Total	27,270.69	26,614.99
Utilities, insurances etc		
Insurance & Legal	4,101.20	3,830.68
Utilities	7,389.43	6,713.12
Sub Total	11,490.63	10,543.80
Other payments		
Outreach	2,894.39	4,528.47
Postbox	105.00	807.00
Children & Youth	1,143.40	1,655.52
Youth Worker	16,051.02	5,949.52
SWYM	0.00	2,114.00
Office & Printing	1,133.72	1,055.94
Lee Abbey	1,691.00	
LOGOS HOPE Trip	9,730.31	
Bank Charges	219.45	166.16
Men's Breakfast	826.38	1,028.11
Subscriptions	2,603.97	2,150.40
Catering	2,575.17	1,998.05
Visiting Speakers	100.00	450.00
Minister – Stipend	31,833.94	28,803.32
Minister - Pension	4,249.64	3,988.83
Minister - General Expenses	2,674.16	2,277.79
Ministry Assistant	5,152.00	5,012.00
Training & Courses	1,116.60	435.00
IT & Church Online	1,303.60	8,285.58
Miscellaneous	922.24	510.20
Sub Total	86,325.99	71,215.89
Total Payments	137,843.49	122,713.01
Excess of Receipts over Payments	50,643.59	-5,022.36
Brought Forward Balance	34,200.97	
Total carried forward balance	84,844.56	34,200.97

Westward Ho! Baptist Church

Registered Charity No. 1198050

Funds Summary

	B/F Bal	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/F Bal
GENERAL - U	3,546.03	176,121.17	119,960.71	-57,444.84	2,261.65
Building Maint - D	3,234.30		3,271.81	2,578.23	2,540.72
Legacy - D				56,000.00	56,000.00
Lee Abbey - R		695.00	1,691.00		-996.00
LOGOS HOPE Trip - R		9,863.70	9730.31	-133.39	0.00
Lift Off - R		991.25	520.00		471.25
Poppin - R	741.48	815.96	329.79	-1,000.00	227.65
Hardship - R	6679.16		2,339.87		4,339.29
Reserve	20,000.00				20,000.00
R(estricted) Totals	27,420.64	12,365.91	14,610.97	-1,133.39	24,042.19
All Funds Totals					84,844.56



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Westward Ho! Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1198050

Set out on pages

1

(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 31/12/2024.

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:

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: 01/03/2025

Name: Rev Andrew Littlejohn

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

ACAT

Address:

Nethania, Torridge Road, Appledore. Bideford EX39 1SF