

Kingsthorpe Baptist Church

Registered Charity 1198734

Trustees Annual Report

Year Ending 31st August 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered as CIO on 26 April 2022 the Annual General Meeting was held on the 6th April 2025. At the meeting the election of trustees and appointment of Officers took place in accordance with the Church CIO Constitution.

Financial Year End

In order to align the financial year end with that of the Kingsthorpe Community Church and Kingsthorpe Methodist Church a resolution was passed changing the year end from 31st December to the 31st August. This Annual Report covers therefore, the period 1st January 2025 until 31st August 2025. The next Annual report will cover the period 1st September 2025 until 31st August 2026.

The elected trustees are:

Adrian Hicks – Chair of Trustees
Catherine Bruce – Secretary & Trustee
Mary Reynolds – Treasurer & Trustee
Martin Turnbull - Trustee
Stephen Robbins – Trustee
Diane Jarvis - Trustee

What the charity does: Religious Activities

Who the charity helps: Children/young People.
Elderly/old People
Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
The General Public

How the charity helps: Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
Provides Services
Provides Advocacy/advice/information

Where the charity operates: Northamptonshire

Objective and Activities

The principal objectives of the charity as set out in the governing document are “The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, advancing education and carrying out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world”.

The church works through associations with the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Baptist Missionary Society, The Central Baptist Association and other similar Christian charitable organisations within the UK and world-wide.

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects during the period covered by this report are the work and witness of the church through regular public Sunday Worship services at 10.45 am and a quarterly afternoon tea service designed to be a more informal and accessible style of worship.

The church has now formed a Local Ecumenical Partnership in co-operation with the local Kingsthorpe Methodist Society known as Kingsthorpe Community Church.

Through Kingsthorpe Community Church the Baptist Church contributes to the running of a Girls Brigade Group and a Carers and toddlers' group as well as a 3rd Friday Lunch for Seniors.

Members facilitate weekly coffee mornings after Sunday service, open to the public, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

The Church continues to support the local Food Bank, Northampton Street Pastors, baby Basics and other local charities.

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

Financial Review

The reserves policy of Kingsthorpe Baptist Church is to hold between two and three months of all committed expenditure to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The trustees currently believe this amount to be £15,000. This policy will be reviewed annually by the trustees.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full names Adrian Philip Hicks

Chair



Catherine Isobel BRUCE

Secretary

Date 14 October 2025

Kingsthorpe Baptist Church Treasurer's Report Year Ending 31 August 2025

This has been another transitional year for Kingsthorpe Baptist Church (KBC) so to try and compare the income and expenditure to any previous years will be very difficult. Firstly, our year end was changed to 31st August so the accounts only reflect transactions over an eight-month period. Secondly, in March 2025 KBC joined with Kingsthorpe Methodist Church (KMC) to form Kingsthorpe Community Church (KCC) so from the beginning of April all offerings, donations and income from group activities was moved to KCC.

There was an agreement that both KBC and KMC would contribute £25,000 Seed Funding to KCC and this is shown in the accounts. KCC is a worshipping community and there is a Building Sharing agreement in place for its use of the KBC buildings. A formular was agreed with the Leadership team of KCC so that a realistic contribution could be made to cover the cost of the KCC use of the buildings and this is shown in the accounts as "KCC Charge".

KBC will continue to collect room hire, manse rental income and the Northampton Chinese Church donations. Pulpit expenses and all other charges relating to worship are also transferred to KCC as is the balance held by Tiny Tots & Carers Group and the Millenium Fund.

Income:

The total income for this period was £45,156.44.

- The total offering was £5,993.75 – as mentioned above the was moved to the KCC accounts after the end of March 2025. Gift Aid for the offering was received for the tax year 2024/25 at £4534.50; the amount showing in the accounts for Tax Recovered includes £2,275.33 which is VAT recovered from the new boilers.

- Trust income included The Timson Family Trust £500 and Princes Street Baptist Chapel £1,500 (to be used specifically towards blinds to be fitted in the Main Hall once the new windows are fitted and not spent by the end of the period).
- Donations total just over £1,000 and include mainly donations towards the KCC celebration lunch (£859.25) and a few other smaller donations.
- Funds raised by Jumble sales will be included in the KCC accounts going forward.
- Last year the room hire collected was £12,278. Two thirds of that would be £8,185 showing that the £6,528 collected during this period is a decline. One of the room hirers has moved from the main hall to the primary room to reduce costs in order to keep going and one of our regulars has moved their meetings to the Public Library – they used our buildings temporarily during the time the library was closed. Another group did not have their usual holiday clubs following a change in policy by their charity sponsors. Thank you to Barbara and Andy Ingman who continue to be our Room Hire stewards and do fantastic work so that we can continue to benefit from this valuable income.
- The interest on our BU bank account was £641.99 – this is only two interest payments in March and June – we would normally report four in a 12-month period. £20,000 KBC of the £25,000 seed funding contribution came from our interest earning account which will further reduce the interest.

Expenditure:

Our expenditure this period was £56,661.31.

- Church utilities were £15,749 last year – for 8 months £10,414.70 so very similar.
- Maintenance costs were relatively low with only routine services and ground maintenance being covered.
- We usually make our Church giving contributions at the end of the year. The £600 showing in the accounts was sent to the Red Cross following last Christmas' appeal.

The Balance Sheet shows an amount carried forward of £118,374.67.

Kingsthorpe Baptist Church**Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 August 2025**

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income		
Offering direct	4,946.00	
Offering cash	1,047.75	
Room hire	6,528.75	
Deposits	1,528.87	
Chinese Church	2,500.00	
Donations	1,003.25	
Weddings & Funerals	600.00	
Bank Interest	641.99	
Tax rebate/Gift Aid	6,809.83	
Trusts Grants	2,000.00	
KCC Charge	12,350.00	
Manse Rental Income	<u>5,200.00</u>	45,156.44
Expenditure		
Ministerial Expenses	91.80	
Cleaners Wages	3,446.39	
Pulpit	400.00	
Manse Maintenance	150.00	
Manse Insurance	424.08	
Church Utilities	10,414.70	
Church Maintenance	2,776.33	
Organ/piano	228.10	
Cleaning Materials	259.88	
Printing & Postage	267.22	
Church Insurance	3,529.38	
Renew & Replace	15.45	
Subscriptions	1,963.28	
Pathfinders	32.47	
Other expenses	6,986.64	
Charitable giving	600.00	
Bank charges	75.59	
Seed funding KCC	<u>25,000.00</u>	56,661.31
Loss:		<u><u>-11,504.87</u></u>
Debtors Account	779.40	
Barclays	421.92	
Lloyds	28,427.37	
Baptist Union	88,612.72	
Cash Account	<u>133.26</u>	
	<u><u>118,374.67</u></u>	

**KINGSTHORPE BAPTIST
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025
GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Offering	5,993.75	22,371.32
KCC Charge	12,350.00	
Donations & other Income	4,532.12	12,352.03
Tax Recovered	6,809.83	11,623.74
Investment Income	641.99	2,294.13
Rents & Contributions	14,828.75	22,473.85
Total Receipts	45,156.44	71,115.07
PAYMENTS		
Ministry	491.80	2,446.44
Mission	632.47	9,477.66
Upkeep	24,701.57	60,118.26
Administration	5,835.47	5,031.52
Seed Funding	25,000.00	
Total Payments	56,661.31	77,073.88
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-11,504.87	-5,958.81
Balance brought forward	129,879.54	135,838.35
Balance carried forward	118,374.67	129,879.54

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 AUGUST 2025

ASSETS

Bank Accounts:

Barclays Bank	421.92
Lloyds Bank	28,427.37
Baptist Union	88,612.72
Cash	133.26

OTHER ASSETS

Debtors	779.40
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LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	
Balance carried forward	118,374.67



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
Kingsthorpe Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1198 734

Set out on pages

(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'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

5/11/2025

Name:

Stephen Spandl

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

none

(if any):

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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.

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