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20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### **Trustees Report for Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

#### **Administrative Information:**

Birchington Baptist Church is situated in two premises, one in Crescent Road, the other in Station Road in the village of Birchington-on -Sea.

#### **Trustees:**

Reverend G. Watson – Minister	Appointed	September 2023
Mrs Jacolien de Geir – Secretary	Elected	22/01/2020
Mrs Mo Lawson – Treasurer	Elected	19/01/2022
Mrs Moira Burfutt	Elected	15/05/2019
Mr Kevin Field	Elected	15/05/2019
Mr Don Sanders	Elected	04/08/2021
Mrs Claire Walker	Elected	02/10/2024
Mr Richard Walker	Elected	02/10/2024

Following the AGM, held in October 2024, Mrs Bryan, Mrs Ebbs and Mrs Margrave stood down as trustees. We elected only two trustees to the team, these are Mr and Mrs Walker.

#### **Property Trustees**

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited  
Baptist House  
129 Broadway  
Didcot  
Oxfordshire  
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#### **Independent Examiner**

Mrs Jane Neame  
52 Ham Shades Lane  
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#### **Bankers:**

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Birchington Baptist Church was founded in 1923 and is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The church is governed by its members, through regular church meetings, and administered by Deacons (Trustees) who are elected by the church members for periods of three years.

**Operating as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity #1198807**



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Trustees are usually appointed at an Annual General Meeting. To qualify, candidates must be asked their permission to be nominated and the nomination must be seconded. All this is done by the members of the church. To be successful in their election, each candidate must receive at least 66% of the votes cast.

### **Charitable Objectives:**

The aim of the church is to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in Thanet and the world as a whole through the giving. For the most part this is financial.

We therefore support the Baptist Ministry Society - World Mission, who have medical, agricultural and educational projects around the world, their Home Mission, which helps other Baptist churches around the UK to reach out to their local communities.

We give regularly to the Tear Fund organisation who ensure that the financial aid required, in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, is given to those areas of the world in a timely manner.

The church can confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the churches aims and objectives, and in the planning of future activities.

### **Activities:**

In order to achieve our aims of being relevant in the local community and giving support to our members and residents living in Birchington, we involve ourselves in numerous activities throughout the year. The aim is to show the love of Christ in both word and deed and to bring people closer to a relationship with Jesus as the living word.

We continue to let our church buildings, following the guidelines at all times.

### **Storehouse foodbank:**

This facility has continued to grow and seems to be needed more now than it ever has. With the accompanying Open-door element, which provides a warm and comfortable space to enjoy a hot drink and biscuits, the outreach has expanded to allow people to just have a chat and, if they want, ask questions.

The addition of fortnightly clinics, offered by Citizens Advice, is enabling more people to be able to access the advice they require, without the need to make expensive phone calls or journeys.

### **Warm Spot:**

This outreach facility came about during the beginning of the financial crisis. The initial aim was for it to run during the winter months and to be a warm space where people could come together and not have to worry, for a while, about being at home in the cold. It continues to offer this but has grown to be an all-year-round event where people come to play various board games, do puzzles



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and generally socialise. Refreshments are offered as well as toasted sandwiches. This is another outreach event that has seen its numbers increase over time since its inception.

Both of the above take place in our Station Road building.

In our Crescent Road buildings, The Loft is held on Friday evenings. The aim being to provide a space for the 11years old to 18years old age groups to meet in a safe place with friends and to make new ones. They have the chance to learn about the Bible and ask any questions they may have. The evening is split into two, the first part being for year groups 7 to 8 and the second part for year groups 9 to 13. This runs during term time only, and is led by David Maidment with the help of a team of volunteers.

On a fortnightly basis we host Hi-Kent who are an organisation that run hearing aid clinics and with the help of volunteers offer basic maintenance of peoples hearing aids and replacement batteries. It is another event that offers people the chance for a chat while enjoying refreshments and biscuits.

Each summer, during the first two weeks of the school holidays, we take part, in various ways, in the Scripture Union beach mission which has now been running for over 130 years.

In his previous church our minister had been involved with the Open the Book project, run by The Bible Society. This is an initiative to take the Bible into schools and tell the stories in a fun and easy to understand format. The wording of the stories has been agreed between Ofsted and representatives of a number of faiths. Due to a lack of presence, not just in our immediate area but in the county as a whole, a small group of volunteers was gathered together to start the initiative in our local schools. At present schools have been a little reticent about the project, but the volunteers are raring to go anytime they are needed.

Throughout the year we support events organised by the Parish Council, either by opening our buildings or providing volunteers to help run these activities.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

With the appointment of a new Minister, we continued to focus on the activities and worship programmes we had in place while he made himself familiar with his new congregation, got to grips with his responsibilities and observed the way our church worked. We continued to use the gifts of our congregation together with contributions from the Minister.

Many of our outreach programmes still kept going thanks to the commitment of the teams involved and the love for people and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Financial Review:**

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The financial support of the church, by those who attend its services, meant that it was able to continue to carry out its functions and achieve its objectives. Many had changed to making their gifts by standing order which has made it easier for all concerned.

No outside appeal has had to be made for the church to continue and it has been able to meet its commitments to other charitable organisations.

### **The General Fund:**

As the name implies, this covers the day-to-day finances of the church and continues to be sufficient for the church's needs, at present.

The church is dependent on its volunteers, and those of other churches and those from non-church backgrounds, who help to keep its clubs and groups functioning. The Minister, part-time cleaner and part-time maintenance man are the only people salaried.

We are very grateful, for all the contributions made to all the functions of the church, by these people over the past months.

### **Property:**

The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland are the Property Trustees for the church buildings and the manse.

The insured value of the Crescent Road buildings is £1,043,907, the Station Road building is £1,840,932 and the manse is insured for £390,736. In addition, the church has the use of a small car park and an adjacent room, Spurgeon's Room, which are leased from Alvid Investment Co. Ltd.

Due to the change in our financial status, alluded to in our previous report, the trustees decided to make a recommendation to sell the property at 31 Station Road and request, from the Baptist Union, a list of suitable surveyors to provide a quinquennial report for both of our church buildings. The reports would allow us to determine what, if any, works would be required and in turn obtain estimates which would ultimately guide the decision and help with budgeting.

At the time of writing the situation is ongoing.

### **Financial Risks Policy:**

There is no specific risk policy, but the church would use the Reserve Fund if the income dropped to the extent that the Minister could not be paid from the General Fund. Both churches and the manse are insured against all normal risks, as well as public and products liability (£5,000,000), employer's liability (£10,000,000), publisher's indemnity (£100,000), property owner's liability (£5,000,000) and personal accident injury liability for employees (£10,000,000).

The policies are reviewed annually, but there is no provision for any damages not covered by the insurance policies.





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**Birchington Baptist Church**

**Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2024**

**General Receipts & Payments Account**

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Weekly offerings	1	62,651.29		55,574.71	
Gift Aid received		9,347.46		20,925.04	
Loft/Youth fund donations			355.00		1,164.27
Donations for BMS			195.00		1,015.00
Donations for HMF			195.00		175.00
Donations for Ride and Stride			0.00		1,194.00
Donations for birthday scheme			0.00		130.00
Disaster Fund			230.00		1,380.00
Rents and contributions for use of premises		8,098.62		13,469.45	
Legacies and donations		8,200.00		82,066.20	
Other income		1,897.69	2,693.45	470.00	
Investment income		-78.27		1,720.64	
		<u>90,116.79</u>	<u>3,668.45</u>	<u>174,226.04</u>	<u>5,058.27</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Ministry	2	39,250.43		21,121.07	
Youth Fund			0.00		3,161.35
Mission payments			1,152.50		8,410.00
Upkeep of church premises	3	31,521.34		27,477.98	
Ride and Stride			0.00		796.00
Birthday scheme			0.00		1,585.00
Administration	4	5,918.36		8,639.23	
Charity of the year			6,700.00		0.00
Manse expenditure	5	7,544.09		45,082.23	
Storehouse			0.00		430.00
Pantomime cost after receipts		0.00		1,420.00	
Special Giving			0.00		1,570.00
		<u>84,234.22</u>	<u>7,852.50</u>	<u>103,740.51</u>	<u>15,952.35</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		5,882.57	-4,184.05	70,485.53	-10,894.08
Transfer Loft/Youth Fund		210.27	-210.27	-3,154.77	3,154.77
Transfers BMS Funds		0.00	0.00	-6,500.00	6,500.00
Transfer Special appeal fund		-70.00	70.00		
Transfer Ride and Stride		398.00	-398.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Birthday Scheme Fund		-747.50	747.50		
Balance brought forward		92,633.51	1,803.87	31,802.75	3,043.18
Balance for the year		<u>98,306.85</u>	<u>-2,170.95</u>	<u>92,633.51</u>	<u>1,803.87</u>

**Birchington Baptist Church****Notes to the accounts****Year ended 31 December 2024****2024****2023**

1	<u>Weekly Offerings</u>		
	Loose Cash	5,867.85	2,544.94
	Standing Orders and Envelopes	56,783.44	53,029.77
		<u>62,651.29</u>	<u>55,574.71</u>
2	<u>Ministry costs</u>		
	Minister: Salary, pension, NI, Minister's expenses,	38,806.93	16,871.49
	Visiting preachers	200.00	2,778.39
	Outreach	243.50	621.19
	Extraordinary outgoing	0.00	850.00
		<u>£39,250.43</u>	<u>21,121.07</u>
3	<u>Upkeep of Church premises</u>		
	Cleaning salary and cleaning materials	4,151.06	4,302.00
	Gas and electricity	9,628.54	6,328.96
	Water costs	1,410.60	2,709.04
	Insurance	2,979.70	2,766.13
	Repairs and equipment servicing	7,042.30	4,897.46
	Maintenance salary	5,098.80	2,913.00
	Equipment and related costs	1,210.34	3,561.39
		<u>31,521.34</u>	<u>27,477.98</u>
4	<u>Administration</u>		
	Telephone and broadband	967.57	1,015.00
	Postage and Stationery	636.96	721.25
	Bank charges	49.23	98.81
	Hospitality	839.43	763.04
	Sundries	1,059.63	2,128.50
	Legal and Professional Fees	0.00	2,068.80
	Licences and memberships	1,714.22	1,843.83
	Equipment leasing costs	562.32	0.00
	SEBA	89.00	0.00
		<u>5,918.36</u>	<u>8,639.23</u>
5	<u>Manse expenditure</u>		
	Electricity and Gas	1,751.70	2,493.91
	Water	766.25	0.00
	Telephone	412.42	312.06
	Council Tax	2,251.28	2,147.17
	Insurance	450.89	400.00
	Servicing inspections	90.00	75.00
	Repairs	1,821.55	39,654.09
		<u>7,544.09</u>	<u>45,082.23</u>

**Birchington Baptist Church**

**Schedule of funds**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>A</b>		
<u>Loft/Youth Fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,164.27	6.58
Transfer from Loft Bank account	0.00	1,164.27
Transfer to general fund	-210.27	3,154.77
Donations	355.00	0.00
	<u>1,309.00</u>	<u>4,325.62</u>
Salary, pension and expenses	0.00	3,161.35
Balance carried forward	<u>1,309.00</u>	<u>1,164.27</u>
<b>B</b>		
<u>Ride and Stride</u>		
Balance brought forward	398.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	1,194.00
Transfer to general fund	-398.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,194.00</u>
Expenditure	0.00	796.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>398.00</u>
<b>C</b>		
<u>Birthday Scheme</u>		
Balance brought forward	-747.50	707.50
Transfer from general fund	747.50	0.00
Donations	0.00	130.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>837.50</u>
Expenditure	0.00	1,585.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-747.50</u>
<b>D</b>		
<u>Disaster Fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,796.60	416.60
Donations	230.00	1,380.00
	<u>2,026.60</u>	<u>1,796.60</u>
Transfer from special appeals	-1,500.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>526.60</u>	<u>1,796.60</u>
<b>E</b>		
<u>Storehouse</u>		
Balance brought forward	0.00	430.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>
Expenditure	0.00	430.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>F</b>		
<u>BMS Home mission</u>		
Balance brought forward	813.75	788.75
Transfer from general fund	0.00	3,250.00
Donations	195.00	175.00
	<u>1,008.75</u>	<u>4,213.75</u>
Expenditure	1,008.75	3,400.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>813.75</u>
<b>G</b>		
<u>BMS World mission</u>		
Balance brought forward	-51.25	693.75
Transfer from general fund	0.00	3,250.00
Donations	195.00	1,015.00
	<u>143.75</u>	<u>4,958.75</u>
Expenditure	143.75	5,010.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-51.25</u>
<b>H</b>		
<u>Special Appeals</u>		
Balance brought forward	-1,570.00	0.00
Transfer general fund	70.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
	<u>-1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Transfer to Disaster fund	1,500.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	1,570.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-1,570.00</u>
<b>I</b>		
<u>Charity of the Year</u>		
Balance brought forward	0.00	0.00
Transfer from general fund	0.00	0.00
Donations	2,693.45	0.00
	<u>2,693.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure	6,700.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>-4,006.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**Birchington Baptist Church**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Current account</u>		
Barclays account	0.00	0.00
Lloyds account	82,646.53	80,869.74
Baptists Together GB057	11,798.00	11,535.14
Baptists Together NB005	17,438.98	16,714.62
Baptists Together TB120	24,950.98	24,395.09
	<u>136,834.49</u>	<u>133,514.59</u>

**Balances on the following funds**

General Fund	98,306.85	92,633.51
Loft/Youth Fund	1,309.00	1,164.27
Ride and Stride	0.00	398.00
Birthday Fund	0.00	-747.50
Disaster Fund	526.60	1,796.60
Storehouse	0.00	0.00
BMS Home Mission	0.00	813.75
BMS World Mission	0.00	-51.25
Special Appeals Fund	0.00	-1,570.00
Charity of the Year	-4,006.55	0.00
BU 3 Month account	15,747.61	15,747.61
BU Trust Fund	24,950.98	23,329.60
	<u>136,834.49</u>	<u>133,514.59</u>

**BIRCHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Birchington Baptist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

17/07/2025.

Name:

Mrs Jane Neame

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

The Elders 52 Ham Shades Lane Whitstable Kent CT5 1NX

## **BIRCHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Ramsgate & Canterbury

## **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Birchington Baptist Church was founded in 1923 and is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Church is governed by the Church Meeting and Administered by the Deacons (Trustees) who were elected by the Church Meeting for periods of four years. However following the change in status to CIO, the period is for three years. Nominations are proposed and seconded by members of the church, and to be elected the successful candidates must receive 66% of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

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The aim of any charity that the Church involves itself in is to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in Thanet and throughout the World, through giving. We therefore support BMS (Baptist Missionary Society) World Mission, who have medical, agricultural and educational projects around the world, and BMS Home Mission, helping Baptist churches reach out into their local communities. There is also a disaster fund which we are able to use to donate sums of money to areas of the world hit by sudden disasters and in need of monetary help. We use the Tearfund organisation's expertise to ensure our money gets to the right places in a speedy manner. The Church confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Church's aims and objectives, and in the planning of future activities.

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We continued to let Church buildings, following the guidelines at all times.



### **Storehouse foodbank:**

This continued to grow in 2024, with the success of the Opendoor element, and the development of the Friendship Group who combine fellowship, an interest in crafts and fund raising for local charities.

### **Warm Spot:**

Warm Spot came about on a weekly basis, aiming to be an outreach project as a response to the financial crisis and was intended for families to come, have a chat, refreshment, play games and a free hot snack.

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Throughout the year we support events organised by the Parish Council either by opening the church buildings or providing volunteers to participate in planned activities.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

This was the first full year of being led by our new minister, Rev. Glyn Watson. During this time, we continued to grow and develop ideas to lead us onwards in our quest to continue our outreach programmes. Our Sunday services now have a small group of musicians and singer leading us through worship times. We have welcomed several new members during the year, and 'our' first babe arrived in September – JD.

### **Financial Review:**

The financial support of the Church by those who attend its services meant that it was able to carry out its functions and achieve its objectives. Many had changed to making online payments, which is easier for them and Church. No outside public appeal had to be made for funds, and we have continued to donate money to both National and International Christian Organisations.

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As the name implies, deals with the day-to-day finances of the Church and continues to be sufficient for the Church's running costs.

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**Statement of Financial Activities:**

This statement includes income and expenditure accounts for the Church organisations which have funds.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees (Deacons) of Birchington Baptist Church

**Secretary:**

Jacolien de Gier .....

**Trustee:**

Don Sanders .....

**Trustee:**

Kevin Field .....



**Birchington Baptist Church**

**Financial Statement for the Year ended 31 December 2024**

**General Receipts & Payments Account**

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Weekly offerings	1	62,651.29		55,574.71	
Gift Aid received		9,347.46		20,925.04	
Loft/Youth fund donations			355.00		1,164.27
Donations for BMS			195.00		1,015.00
Donations for HMF			195.00		175.00
Donations for Ride and Stride			0.00		1,194.00
Donations for birthday scheme			0.00		130.00
Disaster Fund			230.00		1,380.00
Rents and contributions for use of premises		8,098.62		13,469.45	
Legacies and donations		8,200.00		82,066.20	
Other income		1,897.69	2,693.45	470.00	
Investment income		-78.27		1,720.64	
		<u>90,116.79</u>	<u>3,668.45</u>	<u>174,226.04</u>	<u>5,058.27</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Ministry	2	39,250.43		21,121.07	
Youth Fund			0.00		3,161.35
Mission payments			1,152.50		8,410.00
Upkeep of church premises	3	31,521.34		27,477.98	
Ride and Stride			0.00		796.00
Birthday scheme			0.00		1,585.00
Administration	4	5,918.36		8,639.23	
Charity of the year			6,700.00		0.00
Manse expenditure	5	7,544.09		45,082.23	
Storehouse			0.00		430.00
Pantomime cost after receipts		0.00		1,420.00	
Special Giving			0.00		1,570.00
		<u>84,234.22</u>	<u>7,852.50</u>	<u>103,740.51</u>	<u>15,952.35</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year		5,882.57	-4,184.05	70,485.53	-10,894.08
Transfer Loft/Youth Fund		210.27	-210.27	-3,154.77	3,154.77
Transfers BMS Funds		0.00	0.00	-6,500.00	6,500.00
Transfer Special appeal fund		-70.00	70.00		
Transfer Ride and Stride		398.00	-398.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Birthday Scheme Fund		-747.50	747.50		
Balance brought forward		92,633.51	1,803.87	31,802.75	3,043.18
Balance for the year		<u>98,306.85</u>	<u>-2,170.95</u>	<u>92,633.51</u>	<u>1,803.87</u>

**Birchington Baptist Church****Notes to the accounts****Year ended 31 December 2024****2024****2023**

1	<u>Weekly Offerings</u>		
	Loose Cash	5,867.85	2,544.94
	Standing Orders and Envelopes	56,783.44	53,029.77
		<u>62,651.29</u>	<u>55,574.71</u>
2	<u>Ministry costs</u>		
	Minister: Salary, pension, NI, Minister's expenses,	38,806.93	16,871.49
	Visiting preachers	200.00	2,778.39
	Outreach	243.50	621.19
	Extraordinary outgoing	0.00	850.00
		<u>£39,250.43</u>	<u>21,121.07</u>
3	<u>Upkeep of Church premises</u>		
	Cleaning salary and cleaning materials	4,151.06	4,302.00
	Gas and electricity	9,628.54	6,328.96
	Water costs	1,410.60	2,709.04
	Insurance	2,979.70	2,766.13
	Repairs and equipment servicing	7,042.30	4,897.46
	Maintenance salary	5,098.80	2,913.00
	Equipment and related costs	1,210.34	3,561.39
		<u>31,521.34</u>	<u>27,477.98</u>
4	<u>Administration</u>		
	Telephone and broadband	967.57	1,015.00
	Postage and Stationery	636.96	721.25
	Bank charges	49.23	98.81
	Hospitality	839.43	763.04
	Sundries	1,059.63	2,128.50
	Legal and Professional Fees	0.00	2,068.80
	Licences and memberships	1,714.22	1,843.83
	Equipment leasing costs	562.32	0.00
	SEBA	89.00	0.00
		<u>5,918.36</u>	<u>8,639.23</u>
5	<u>Manse expenditure</u>		
	Electricity and Gas	1,751.70	2,493.91
	Water	766.25	0.00
	Telephone	412.42	312.06
	Council Tax	2,251.28	2,147.17
	Insurance	450.89	400.00
	Servicing inspections	90.00	75.00
	Repairs	1,821.55	39,654.09
		<u>7,544.09</u>	<u>45,082.23</u>

**Birchington Baptist Church**

**Schedule of funds**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>A</b>		
<u>Loft/Youth Fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,164.27	6.58
Transfer from Loft Bank account	0.00	1,164.27
Transfer to general fund	-210.27	3,154.77
Donations	355.00	0.00
	<u>1,309.00</u>	<u>4,325.62</u>
Salary, pension and expenses	0.00	3,161.35
Balance carried forward	<u>1,309.00</u>	<u>1,164.27</u>
<b>B</b>		
<u>Ride and Stride</u>		
Balance brought forward	398.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	1,194.00
Transfer to general fund	-398.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,194.00</u>
Expenditure	0.00	796.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>398.00</u>
<b>C</b>		
<u>Birthday Scheme</u>		
Balance brought forward	-747.50	707.50
Transfer from general fund	747.50	0.00
Donations	0.00	130.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>837.50</u>
Expenditure	0.00	1,585.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-747.50</u>
<b>D</b>		
<u>Disaster Fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,796.60	416.60
Donations	230.00	1,380.00
	<u>2,026.60</u>	<u>1,796.60</u>
Transfer from special appeals	-1,500.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>526.60</u>	<u>1,796.60</u>
<b>E</b>		
<u>Storehouse</u>		
Balance brought forward	0.00	430.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>
Expenditure	0.00	430.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>F</b>		
<u>BMS Home mission</u>		
Balance brought forward	813.75	788.75
Transfer from general fund	0.00	3,250.00
Donations	195.00	175.00
	<u>1,008.75</u>	<u>4,213.75</u>
Expenditure	1,008.75	3,400.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>813.75</u>
<b>G</b>		
<u>BMS World mission</u>		
Balance brought forward	-51.25	693.75
Transfer from general fund	0.00	3,250.00
Donations	195.00	1,015.00
	<u>143.75</u>	<u>4,958.75</u>
Expenditure	143.75	5,010.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-51.25</u>
<b>H</b>		
<u>Special Appeals</u>		
Balance brought forward	-1,570.00	0.00
Transfer general fund	70.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
	<u>-1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Transfer to Disaster fund	1,500.00	0.00
Expenditure	0.00	1,570.00
Balance carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-1,570.00</u>
<b>I</b>		
<u>Charity of the Year</u>		
Balance brought forward	0.00	0.00
Transfer from general fund	0.00	0.00
Donations	2,693.45	0.00
	<u>2,693.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expenditure	6,700.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>-4,006.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

<u>Cash Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Current account</u>		
Barclays account	0.00	0.00
Lloyds account	82,646.53	80,869.74
Baptists Together GB057	11,798.00	11,535.14
Baptists Together NB005	17,438.98	16,714.62
Baptists Together TB120	24,950.98	24,395.09
	<u>136,834.49</u>	<u>133,514.59</u>

Balances on the following funds

General Fund	98,306.85	92,633.51
Loft/Youth Fund	1,309.00	1,164.27
Ride and Stride	0.00	398.00
Birthday Fund	0.00	-747.50
Disaster Fund	526.60	1,796.60
Storehouse	0.00	0.00
BMS Home Mission	0.00	813.75
BMS World Mission	0.00	-51.25
Special Appeals Fund	0.00	-1,570.00
Charity of the Year	-4,006.55	0.00
BU 3 Month account	15,747.61	15,747.61
BU Trust Fund	24,950.98	23,329.60
	<u>136,834.49</u>	<u>133,514.59</u>