



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31 March 2024

Period start date To 31 March 2025

Period end date

Charity name:

Ebenezer Baptist Church CIO Abertillery

Charity registration number:1198946

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination; to achieve its principal objectives the church will engage in a range of activities in which the church and the wider community may be involved which aims to show the love of Jesus and to bring them closer to Him.
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	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. In addition to the main church activity of worship and bringing people closer to Jesus through services and small groups, the Church also runs a Foodcupboard, and a Warm & Well hub helping to support and feed the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits and have taken it into account in their decision making.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>No grants made</b>
	Para 1.38	<b>We are not involved in social investment</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Church is heavily dependent on the contribution made by both its membership working as volunteers, and by those volunteers in the community who help us to fulfil our charitable objectives. This includes those who carry out roles which enable Church services to function smoothly, provide administrative and financial support, as well as volunteers in the, Foodcupboard, Warm Hub and children's work.
Other		

## 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 seeks in all its activities to lead people closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. We do this through opportunities for praise and worship and through the many activities both, which lead people to ask questions of faith.</p> <p>We actively promote opportunities for fellowship through Sunday services, bible studies and prayer meetings throughout the year.</p> <p>We take the opportunity to foster a sense of belonging through weekday activities and services, in the activities we host and the use of our building.</p> <p>Ebenezer has become a hub for many activities within the community Including the Foodcupboard, warm hub, toddler group and Dads and Tots. The church is used extensively by the community</p> <p>During the year opportunities are created for reach into the community.</p> <p>We held an outdoor Family event in Jubilee Square with music by Drakeford from Nashville Tennessee.</p> <p>Our town centre location also provides us with opportunities to take part in the Aberfest and Winterfest activities in which the church plays a crucial part.</p> <p>This year we provided Cash Access UK with temporary accommodation in the Church, whilst it sought a permanent location.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:





## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£46,696
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Ebenezer Baptist Church seeks to hold in reserves a continuing minimum of six months of staffing costs. At current levels this minimum is £15,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£15,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not /Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No identified uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Member Donations</p> <p><u>Grant donations</u></p> <p>Cost of living fund Community Foundation Wales - £5000</p> <p>Loneliness Fund ALCC - £1570</p> <p>Welsh Churches Fund - £750</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent CBC Warm Hub - £1000</p> <p>Direct Food support £131.20 plus additional payment £412.27</p> <p>Arnold Clark Cost of living -£1000</p> <p>ALCC -£1000</p> <p>Margaret and Gwendolyn Davis Charity - £2000</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The church does not invest money
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity would be sudden decline in membership giving and a decline in grant funding obtained. The reserves policy sets a limit whereby, if necessary, Trustees will consider various options ranging from ceasing certain activities such Foodcupboard etc through to the continued employment of the pastor.
Other		





## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Ebenezer Baptist church was constituted as CIO in 2022
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	Trustees are selected from the membership of the church. They initially served for a period of three years. One third of the trustees will usually stands for re- election in each calendar year

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Upon appointment trustees are acquainted with the procedures of the church and familiarised with the policies of the Baptist Union, and familiarised with matters for the preceding year. As appropriate training is offered online.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is an autonomous member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Baptist Union of Wales who may offer guidance in the form of policy documents.  Trustees are appointed by the church to manage its affairs to whom they may offer guidance. The church meeting is the ultimate decision body, on matters including the minister's stipend. Each year the Baptist Union give guidance as to the minimum stipend which is considered both by the trustees and the membership.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Baptist churches are autonomous. Guidance from the Baptist Union is closely adhered to by the trustees
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Abertillery
Other name the charity uses	none
Registered charity number	1198946



Charity's principal address	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place Abertillery NP13 1HF

# 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)
1	Jason Wilkins	Minister		Church meeting
2	Eryl Dykes	Secretary		Church meeting
3	Joanne Beynon	Treasurer	From 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Church meeting
4	Keith Chaplin	Assistant Treasurer		Church meeting
5	Richard Angwin			Church meeting
6	Sandra Smith		Until November 2024	Church meeting
7	Marc Vacara			Church meeting
8	Ruth Elsey			Church meeting
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Baptist Union Corporation		



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. Wilkins
Full name(s)	JASON WILKINS
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	PASTOR / CHAIR.
Date	23/10/25.

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information



## **Income Statement**

	<b>2025</b>	Church	FoodCupboard	Warm & Well
<b><u>Income From:</u></b>				
Donations and Gifts	36560.62	29551.75	4911.29	1550.58
Grants	17224.87	11300.00	1600.00	4324.87
Charitable Rental Income	18272.50	35497.37	18272.50	
Other Income	10602.77	10453.71	105.50	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>82660.76</b>	<b>69577.96</b>	<b>6616.79</b>	<b>5875.45</b>
<b><u>Expenditure On:</u></b>				
Staff Costs	28716.12	28716.12		
Insurance	3624.74	3624.74		
Utilities	10251.02	10251.02		
Rates	2090.61	2090.61		
Repairs & Maintenance	6042.02	5425.02		617.00
Direct Costs	3379.54	2161.80		1217.74
Food Purchases	11330.54	0.00	9409.26	1921.28
Misc	7870.44	6540.34	500.00	830.10
Professional Fees	7800.92	7800.92		
Missionary	470.00			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>81575.95</b>	<b>66610.57</b>	<b>9909.26</b>	<b>4586.12</b>
Net Income for the year/ Net movement in funds	<b>1084.81</b>	<b>2967.39</b>	<b>-3292.47</b>	<b>1289.33</b>

Fund Balances as at 31 March 2024	45,611
Fund Balances as at 31 March 2025	46,696

**Balance Sheet**

Savings account	Missionary account		2025
	547.00	<b>Current Assets</b>	
		Cash at bank and in hand	54,880
		Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one year	-8184
43.56		<b>Net Current Assets</b>	46,696
<b>43.56</b>	<b>547.00</b>		

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2024/25

Opening Balance

Balance at EOY

£53,001.47

Church

32,464.78

Savings

2801.35

Warm & Well

4493.25

FoodCupboard

14773.32

Missionary Account

347.38

Balance

£54,880.08

Cash Gain

£1,878.61

Balance Sheet Movement

£0.00

Total Loss Needed

£1,878.61

Difference to Actual

Church movements excluded

Difference to Adjust

0.00

4/1/2024 Bank statement Opening Balance		53,001.57	Opening B statement
Add Deposits relating to previous year			Savings Ac
Deposit 100813	233.1		Missionary
Deposit 100814	114.05		Foodcupbr
Deposit 100815	88.35		Warm & we
Deposit 100816	208.45		Curent Acc
Deposit 100817	320.47		
total	<u>964.42</u>	<u></u>	
Less cheques relating to previous year presented after 31.3.24			
Cheque 101307 Gwent Baptist Association - annual Fe	-69		
Cheque 101308 - John Lewis TV	-429		
	<u>-498.00</u>		
Overall adjustment		466.42	
Amended Opening Balance		<u>53,467.99</u>	
4/4/2024 Closing Balance		54,880.08	
Add Deposits relating to 24-25 made after 31.3.25			
4/3/2025 curent account Deposit	443		
4/7/2025 curent account Deposit	1100		
	<u>1543</u>		
Less cheques not presented by 31.3.25			
3/24/2025 Warm & well not presented to bank before year end	-500		
3/30/2025 cashed after year end	-1100		
	<u>-1600</u>		
Overall adjustment		<u>-57.00</u>	

Amended Closing ~Balance	<u>54,823.08</u>	
Bank Statement surplus or Loss for year	1,355.09	
Accounts surplus or Loss for year	1,084.81	
Difference	270.28	- Missona

Balance as per bank	
1/4/2024	
Account	2757.79
Account	
Card	16465.79
Bill	3204.02
Account	30,573.97
	53001.57

Closing Balance as per bank			
statement 30/3/2025			
Savings Account	2801.35	43.56	
Missionary Account	347.38	347.38	
Foodcupboard	14773.32	-1692.47	
Warm & well	4493.25	1289.23	
Curent Account	32,464.78	1,890.81	
	54880.08	1878.51	



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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Ebenezer Baptist Church Abertillery

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/05/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1198946

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**

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

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:

*Grace Jackson*

Date:

24/09/2025

Name:

Grace Jackson ACMA CGMA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

CIMA

(if any):

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**Address:**

4 Beechwood Close

Newbridge

NP11 4NX

## 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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