

Noddfa Baptist Church

Our Valley, Our Community, Your Church
Church Rd, Abersychan, Torfaen NP4 7EF

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[Charity no 1199103](#)

Trustees Report and Statement of Accounts

Financial Year ending 31st December 2024

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Aims and Purpose

Noddfa Baptist Church's aim and purpose is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and teaching the word of God. Our Paster Rev John Funnell is employed by the Church to enable us to full this aim through pastoral care, evangelism and mission.

Objective and Activities

Noddfa Baptist Church provides a building where people are welcomed each week for Sunday services, prayer meeting, children's work, ladies and men's groups and local food share. We are open to the whole community and all are free to join us, we use social media to inform the local community. The commissions guidance on the public benefit and the specific advice for the advancement of religion has been considered when our activities are organized and planned. The objective of the church is also to support our members and visitors to enable them to live out their faith as part of the community in Abersychan and the surrounding area through

- Preaching the Gospel through the Word of God
- Worship
- Prayer Meeting
- Youth Work
- Mission Outreach
- Food Share

To enable all of these services to be provided it is essential that we maintain the church building and surrounding grounds.

Achievements and Performance

Preaching the Gospel

Each week on Sunday at 11 the Church meets, it is a service of worship and preaching and everyone is welcome to attend. During the service a Sunday School and Creche is held and afterwards a time of fellowship over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or cake. There are around 140 to 150 people attending this service from all walks of life and our aim as the bible says it to welcome all.

Sunday evening at 6 we held another meeting again open to all but this tends to be smaller with around 20 people attending during the year this has changed to three house groups meeting where the message from the morning is discussed, there is fellowship and prayer.

Monday Evening at 7 is our Ladies group called Bibles and Biscuits where the ladies study the word together and have a time of prayer. They all encourage one another having trips out together

Tuesday between 6-9 is our Teens group – they are taught about Jesus and the Bible and have games activities and trips

Wednesday Morning is our Bible study and prayer meeting – during the later part of the year we began meeting with High Street Baptist Church, at their church which is a few hundred meter's down the road.

Thursday Evening at 7 is our Men's meeting where the men study, sing and pray together – they also have trips

Friday Mornings – Feet up Friday – a coffee morning is held to welcome the community into our building and provide a warm hub

Friday at 6 is Noddfa Youth which is open to children from 8 to 13, there are activities and games a bible message and refreshments

Pastoral Care

The Pastor has been entirely responsible for the Pastoral Care of the members until very recently. We still have one Pastor but we also have four Life Groups led by the elders and deacons. This will enable everyone to have an extra layer of care and for the Pastor to be able to do everything that a growing congregation wants and needs.

Mission Outreach

In order for the church to fulfil its aims and purpose in spreading the gospel, we are expanded our work in schools through the provision of a singing teacher, Laura Robinson who is also one of our trustees. This is funded entirely by the church, and Laura goes into many of the local schools and care homes. The music provision in schools has had to be cutback due to a lack of funding and so Laura goes in each week and runs music lessons for all pupils where they learn to sing. Some schools make this compulsory but others make it optional. The numbers that are taught each week are in the region of 1000 who are learning to sing Christian hymns and songs in harmony.

All schools in Wales are expected to have links to their local places of worship and to allow the Pastors and other leaders to put on assemblies for the children. Pastor John goes into all of the local schools and shares the gospel with them. Very often, this is the only time they get to hear it.

We run youth clubs on a Tuesday and Friday evening. Noddfa Juniors is just into its third year since the relaunch post-Covid and we now have around 40 or so 8 to 13 year old's who come to be taught the gospel and to have fun. Noddfa Teens (Tuesday) restarted this September and we currently have around 12 young people who come and the numbers are growing. Many of the children of Church members come to Juniors and Youth but there are many for whom the Tuesday and Friday nights are their first taste of doing something in a church.

We leaflet the whole of our community several times a year to inform them of what is going on and this leads to many positive conversations on doorsteps and lets everyone know what we are doing and if they can benefit from it. We make it clear that all are welcome at our events.

The Valleys School of Theology is continuing for those who feel led to go into the ministry but who do not have the qualifications to get them into a seminary. It is a practical, hands-on course as well as one where they have to study and all aspects of it are designed to enable them to become Pastors in due course. One of our current students also runs the Foodshare. The funding for the VST comes from the Sycher Trust who partner with the church regular communication takes place to ensure that the governance of the grant is achieved.

Foodshare

The Foodshare was started in late 2019 in response to the observed need for parents, both working and not, to have help with feeding their children at lunchtimes. This was done entirely by Church members donating food for the families to collect. Very soon after this the pandemic struck with the accompanying lockdown which meant that many people were no longer able to have sufficient funds each week to pay for food because they were not able to earn. Therefore, we worked with local supermarkets to collect their surplus food and enable those in need to come to the church and

collect the food or, if they were unable to come to us, the food was delivered to them by church volunteers.

We have progressed from there to being part of a local food network which supplies some of our needs and the rest we buy with money regularly donated by Church members and others.

Abersychan Comp – Noddfa Hwb

During the year we were approached by the headmaster of the local comprehensive school to ask if we could provide space for them to run an offsite support for pupils who are known to disrupt the running of the school. This was brought to a church meeting, as volunteers were needed to work alongside the school to provide life skills and other extra curricula activities. After much consideration it was agreed and the Hwb was set up in June 2024. The church employs a leader and this is the main point of contact, the school pays the church a monthly fee to cover for this employee and other running costs. The school has already seen benefits of this arrangement and this has been recorded in the local press

Church Building

The Church Building refurbishment began in January 2024, this has been done by church members and tradesmen as required. The initial plan was to remove the rotten wooden floor and wall paneling and to replace these, so that the new heating could be installed. However, the condition of the building was far worse than anticipated, a river was discovered running under the church and the balcony was found to be unsafe so everything had to be stripped out. A new drainage system was installed and a concrete floor laid in April quite an achievement. Over the next few months work continued on the walls to insulate them and the electrics were installed. In October the new heating system was installed. The work continues to insulate the walls, new doors, chairs and carpets are all on order. We applied and have been awarded grant funding for some of this work from a number of different sources including Government and charities. We have also received gifts from other churches and from individuals in the church. This work is continuing and a new balcony is now on order.

Church

The church is made up of Christians from all different walks of life and we are more diverse than many would expect in the South Wales valleys. The membership continues to grow and we currently have approximately 80 members with a congregation in excess of 120 adults plus children who regularly attend.

Financial Review

Total income for the Church was £282,614, £64,666 was specific grants to support one of our Elders in Leadership training and the Valleys school of Theology (VST). We also received over £90k towards the refurbishment of the church these were from various sources including the local council, church members and other churches both in Wales and overseas. The Church has also received regular support from other churches, grants from various bodies and individuals who are not members of the church.

The expenditure of the church of £212,195 which was used to support the ministry of the Church, the pastor's stipend, the music ministry, the VST costs, the refurbishment of the church, the outreach of the church, the church running costs and donations.

There was a net surplus of £70,419 this includes the total annual support for the VST and grants and gifts for the improvements to the building which have not been spent yet and will be used in 2025.

The Church has a total cash balance of £350k, this is made up of both unrestricted and restricted funds, some of which have been set up as recommended by previous report, to cover works that needs to be done on the church building and the manse and to support the music ministry, training, VST and the refurbishment project.

Reserves Policy

The church maintains general funds for day to day expenditure of the Church which are currently held as unrestricted funds. It has historically held two separate accounts for maintenance and repair of the church and the manse these are currently at £32,778 for the church and £11,838 for the manse.

Volunteers

Noddfa Baptist Church would like to formally thank all of the volunteers who support the various ministries of the church, the band, the youth work, the food share, the leaflet posters, the gardeners, the tea and coffee makers, the cleaners and the many others tasks that are done that nobody realizes but are essential – like putting the bins out and buying supplies. They support all aspects of the work and ensure that our church is open and welcoming to the local community. We are grateful to God for the time that you give to ensure that the works of the church is able to carry on.

Structure, governance and management

Noddfa Baptist Church is an independent church and it is not part of any other religious organisation. The Church's constitution sets out the method and appointment details of our Church's roles from Paster through to church members and this has been agreed by the church membership. The Annual General Meeting is held in the spring and the regular members meetings are held to discuss church business and make decisions on how the church is run, its various ministries and of course how the funds are spent. The Elders and Deacons also have regular meeting to discuss the ministries of the church and the Trustees meet regularly to fulfill their duties. During the year 2 new deacons were appointed and 3 new Trustees. The church also has a safeguarding team, with policies and procedures to follow, all the volunteers are trained and supported in this area

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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S Davies - Trustee

Administrative information

Registered charity number - 1199103

Noddfa Baptist Church is in Church Road, Abersychan, NP4 7AA with the Manse Noddfa Cottage also situated on site.

Pastor John Funnell is the church leader and trustee, he is supported by two church elders, an emeritus elder, four deacons and eight trustees

Elders	- Mr Jason Miller
	- Mr Mark Gregory
	- Rev Steve Foley
Deacons	- Mr Wayne Probert
	- Mr Kevin Cooper
	- Mr Owain Manuel
	- Mr Andrew Priest
Trustees	- Mrs Audrey Cullis
	- Mrs Susan Davies (Treasurer)
	- Mrs Liz Perez Powell
	- Mrs Ellie Gregory
	- Mrs Laura Robinson
	- Mrs Sophie Tovey
	- Mrs Georgina Bolton
	- Miss Chloe Miller
	- Rev John Funnell

Bankers

HSBC UK Bank plc 1, Gwent Square Cwmbran Torfaen

Independent Examiner

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Independent Examination Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Noddfa Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Noddfa Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Tracey Metcalfe

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15/10/2025

Accounts


Statement of financial activities 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Gifts and Donations	86,959.76	179,008.02	265,967.78	167,963.91
Gift Aid Rebate	15,316.05		15,316.05	9,989.33
Interest	1,330.41		1,330.41	1,042.61
Total Receipts	103,606.22	179,008.02	282,614.24	178,995.85
Payments				
Ministry	34,285.39	72,265.05	106,550.44	58,025.37
Mission	11,491.92		11,491.92	11,080.01
Church Refurbishment		51,733.07	51,733.07	
Church Utilities	7,236.53	2,769.12	10,005.65	14,210.87
Professional fees	3,600.00		3,600.00	
Church Activities	12,177.42	16,636.09	28,813.51	6,272.43
Total Payments	68,791.26	143,403.32	212,194.59	89,588.68
Net Income/Expenditure	34,814.96	35,604.70	70,419.65	89,407.17
Reconciliation of funds				
Balance brought Forward	208,427.82	69,170.20	277,598.02	188,190.85
Balance carried Forward	243,242.78	104,774.90	348,017.67	277,598.02

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Last Year
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	245,042.78	104,774.90	349,817.67	277,598.02
Current liabilities				
Accruals	(1,800.00)	-	(1,800.00)	-
Net assets	243,242.78	104,774.90	348,017.67	277,598.02
Funds				
Unrestricted funds			243,242.78	208,427.82
Restricted funds			104,774.90	69,170.20
Total Funds			348,017.67	277,598.02

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/10/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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S Davies - Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis in accordance with FRS102 and under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 and guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Donations and other income are accounted for when received and tax refunds under gift aid are credited when the tax refunds are received. Expenditure is accounted for when the payments are initiated.

2. Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

3. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

4. Fund Accounting

Under the Church's governing document, the trustees of the Church are free to apply the unrestricted general funds for any of the Church's charitable purposes set out in the governing document. Except for donations specifically for the restricted funds set out below, all funds held by the Church are unrestricted.

The Church operates a number of restricted funds, The Leadership Fund, The VST Fund, The TCBC Refurb fund, The Fork2Fork Fund, The School Hwb Fund and The Refurb Fund. Details of these are found in the Trustees Report.

5. Ministry

The church incurred the following costs in its ministry activities

Pastors salary and costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Salary	18,291.88	7,400.55	25,692.43
Tax	5,021.50		5,021.50
Pension	1,942.22		1,942.22
Other	1,738.70		1,738.70
Total	26,994.30	7,400.55	34,394.85

6. Trustees remuneration

L Robinson received remuneration of £13,321 during the year for work within Music Ministry and the Valley's School Theology.

J Funnell received remuneration of £32,876 during the year for work within Ministry and Valley's School Theology.

No trustees received remuneration for their role as trustee.

7. Staff costs

	£
Wages and salaries	89,119
Social security	-
Pension costs	<u>1,840</u>
Total	<u>90,959</u>

The average number of employees was 6.

No employees received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

8. Restricted Funds Receipts and Payment details

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Leadership	6,593.32	6,666.64	5,480.00	7,779.96
Valley's School Theology	47,166.16	58,000.00	58,000.00	47,166.16
Refurbishment	7,910.72	40,764.78	9,876.41	38,799.09
Refurbishment Grants TCBC	7,500.00	49,937.00	46,470.32	11,029.68
Fork2Fork		15,270.85	15,270.85	
Abersychan School Hwb		8,368.75	8,368.75	
Totals	69,170.20	179,008.02	143,403.32	104,774.90

Detailed statement of financial activities 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Gifts and donations				
Offering	62,685.28		62,685.28	64,941.83
Donation	22,474.48		22,474.48	93,022.08
Donation of services	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Sycher (VST)		58,000.00	58,000.00	
Refurb		46,845.27	46,845.27	
Fork to Fork		15,270.85	15,270.85	
New Hope		4,419.51	4,419.51	
School		8,368.75	8,368.75	
TCBC		39,437.00	39,437.00	
Wales Leadership Forum		6,666.64	6,666.64	10,000.00
Gift Aid Rebate				
Tax refund	15,316.05		15,316.05	9,989.33
Interest				
Interest	1,330.41		1,330.41	1,042.61
Total Receipts	103,606.22	179,008.02	282,614.24	178,995.85
Payments				
Ministry				
Wages and salaries	26,141.68	13,228.46	39,370.14	31,764.92
Music	6,405.01	6,029.59	12,434.60	9,632.18
Visiting ministry				50.00
Council tax	1,738.70		1,738.70	1,650.03
Mission		5,480.00	5,480.00	5,140.00
VST		41,707.45	41,707.45	9,788.24
School		5,819.55	5,819.55	
Mission				
UFM donations	804.00		804.00	804.00
Tear fund donations	180.00		180.00	180.00
Food bank donations	3,737.47		3,737.47	3,945.82
Other donations	6,770.45		6,770.45	6,150.19

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Church refurbishment				
Refurbishment		27,876.41	27,876.41	
TCBC		23,856.66	23,856.66	
Church utilities				
Insurance	2,628.54	1,005.86	3,634.40	3,269.49
Gas and electric	3,919.78	1,499.91	5,419.69	4,573.51
BT	405.30	155.10	560.40	
Welsh Water	196.40	75.16	271.56	287.22
Waste	86.50	33.10	119.60	
Professional fees				
Accountancy fees	3,600.00		3,600.00	
Church activities				
Cottage and church repairs	2,105.76	805.80	2,911.56	6,080.65
Equipment	1,461.94	559.44	2,021.38	
Fork to Fork		15,270.85	15,270.85	
Youth clubs	1,504.44		1,504.44	929.27
Outreach materials	542.50		542.50	2,726.17
Church refreshments	669.26		669.26	338.36
Church envelopes	75.43		75.43	76.19
Communion wine	143.98		143.98	51.70
Bees	319.30		319.30	
Supplies and stationery	5,354.81		5,354.81	2,150.74
Total Payments	68,791.26	143,403.32	212,194.59	89,588.68
Net Income/Expenditure	34,814.96	35,604.70	70,419.65	89,407.17