

Noddfa Baptist Church
Noddfa Baptist Chapel
Church Road
Abersychan
Pontypool
NP4 7AA

1 May 2026

Our ref: N0085L/TM/CJ

Dear All,

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

I am pleased to enclose final accounts following our independent examination ready for your submission to the Charity Commission.

HMRC TAX RETURNS

From time-to-time HMRC may request that a registered charity submit a CT600 tax return, even when there is no tax liability due to the charitable exemptions.

In those instances, HMRC would give you sufficient warning, providing you with a written notice to file.

Should you ever receive a notice to file, please let us know.

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Our VAT invoice is being sent in a separate email, please pay the balance outstanding on your account of £1,200.00.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Metcalfe

Noddfa Baptist Church

Our Valley, Our Community, Your Church
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[Charity no 1199103](#)

Trustees Report and Statement of Accounts

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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
- Discipleship

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. Prior to the service at 10am a prayer meeting is held for the service. 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 hold three house groups meeting in different locations in the valley from Blaenavon to Pontypool, 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 food and trips

Wednesday Morning is our Bible study and prayer meeting – we meet with High Street Baptist Church at their building which is a few hundred meters 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 recently. We still have one Pastor but we also have four Life Groups led by the elders and deacons. This enables 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. During 2025, as agreed by the church membership, the church appointed two trainee assistant pastors who began their role in September, they assist the Pastor with preaching, prayer meeting, outreach and visiting and supporting the church members.

Mission Outreach

In order for the church to fulfil its aims and purpose in spreading the gospel, the Pastor and others visit schools and local care homes. Although we no longer have our music provision in schools as Laura Robinson has now left this role, other leaders have visited the schools to work with them and share the Gospel this includes stories, singing and craft. The schools are then invited to our various outreach events

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 and the team go 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 has around 30 or so 7 to 11 year old's who come to be taught the gospel and to have fun. Noddfa Teens (Tuesday) continues to grow and we currently have around 20 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.

We hold special services throughout the year especially at Easter and Christmas, our Christmas event called Carols Under the Arch, which is an outdoor service held underneath a local old railway bridge welcomes hundreds of people and has become a well-known Christmas community event. We also have a summer event when we welcome a team from a church in America and this year we had our first Summer under the Arch which again welcomed hundreds of people from the locality.

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 and another has taken up one of the assistant trainee pastor roles. 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.

Discipleship – The church has introduced a Discipleship course which involves the small groups being led through a 26 week program to enable deeper understanding of Theology, Christianity and Church works. The aim is to provide this for all members of the Church and others if they are interested.

Foodshare

The Foodshare service has been reviewed during the year and now the service is demand led if anyone who is in need asks for help then they are supported through their need, they would also be invited to the church so that they can also get social support too.

At Christmas time the church is provided with details of particular families in need and the church provides hampers and toys for them. Last year almost 50 local families were helped in this way.

Abersychan Comp – Noddfa Hwb

During 2024 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. 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 which began in January 2024, and is being done by church members and tradesmen as required. The work continues to insulate the walls, new doors, chairs and carpets are all on order. This work is still on-going with monthly work days, the work is taking longer than planned as the church is used each week and so progress is slow. We are currently preparing the rear of the church as a new balcony is on order. There are further plans to install a new stage area.

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 85 members with a congregation in excess of 150 adults plus children who regularly attend.

Financial Review

Total income for the Church was £233,906, £46,000 was specific grants to support the Valleys school of Theology (VST). The Church has also received regular support from other churches, grants from various bodies and individuals who are not member of the church.

The expenditure of the church of £172,959 which was used to support the ministry of the Church, the pastor's stipend, the music ministry, the VST costs, the trainee assistant pastors role, Noddfa Hwb, the refurbishment of the church, the outreach of the church, the church running costs and donations.

There was a net surplus of £60,947 this includes the total annual support for the VST and which has not been spent yet and will be used in 2026.

The Church has a total cash balance of £409k, this is made up of both unrestricted and restricted funds, some of which have been set up as recommended by previous reports, to cover works that needs to be done on the church building, the manse, to support the trainee assistant pastor, training, VST and the refurbishment project.

Reserves Policy

The church maintains a general fund for day-to-day expenditure of the Church which currently holds the balances of some of the restricted funds. It has historically held two separate accounts for maintenance and repair of the church and the manse these are currently at £33,390 for the church and £11,906 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. As previously mentioned two trainee assistant Pastors were appointed during the year. One of our Trustees went to be with the Lord during the year so we now have 7 Trustees, the church is planning on appointing a replacement during the coming year. 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 14th March 2026 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, NP44 7AA with the Manse Noddfa Cottage also situated on site.

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

Elders	- Mr Jason Miller
	- Mr Mark Gregory
	- Rev Steve Foley
Trainee Assist Pastors	- Mr Joe Levy
	- Mr Jose Tudela-Garcia
Deacons	- Mr Wayne Probert
	- Mr Kevin Cooper
	- Mr Owain Manuel
	- Mr Andrew Priest
Trustees	- Rev John Funnell
	- Mrs Audry Cullis
	- Mrs Susan Davies (Treasurer)
	- Mrs Ellie Gregory
	- Mrs Laura Robinson
	- Mrs Sophie Tovey
	- Mrs Georgina Bolton
	- Miss Chloe Miller

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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30/04/2026

Accounts

Statement of receipts and payments 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Gifts and Donations	135,989.45	78,024.35	214,013.80	265,967.78
Gift Aid Rebate	17,507.76		17,507.76	15,316.05
Interest	2,384.93		2,384.93	1,330.41
Total Receipts	155,882.14	78,024.35	233,906.49	282,614.24
Payments				
Ministry	38,025.50	70,208.32	108,233.82	106,550.44
Mission	12,776.95		12,776.95	11,491.92
Church Refurbishment		13,513.76	13,513.76	51,733.07
Church Utilities	4,893.43	9,908.51	14,801.94	10,005.65
Professional Fees	1,200.00			3,600.00
Church Activities	21,224.58	2,801.95	24,026.53	28,813.51
Total Payments	78,120.46	96,432.54	174,533.00	212,194.59
Net Income/Expenditure	77,761.68	(18,408.19)	59,353.49	70,419.65

Reconciliation of funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Balance brought Forward	243,242.77	104,774.90	348,017.67	277,598.02
Balance carried Forward	321,004.45	86,366.71	407,371.16	348,017.67

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

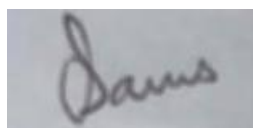
Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	324,069.97	86,366.71	410,436.68	349,817.67
Current Liabilities				
Trade Creditors	(1,865.52)		(1,865.52)	
Accruals	(1,200.00)		(1,200.00)	(1,800.00)
Total	321,004.45	86,366.71	407,371.16	348,017.67

Funds

Unrestricted funds	321,004.45	243,242.77
Restricted funds	86,366.71	104,774.90
Total Funds	407,371.16	348,017.67

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14th March 2026 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, its 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 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 oncosts

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Salary	19,676.86	6,806.24	26,483.10
Tax	5,505.10		5,505.10
Pension	2,581.17		2,581.17
Other	1,834.03		1,834.03
Total	29,597.16	6,806.24	36,403.40

6. Trustees' remuneration

L Robinson received remuneration of £8,535.27 during the year but £7,462.96 was paid as Statutory maternity pay

J Funnell received remuneration of £34,293.23 during the year for work within the Ministry and Valley School of Theology

No trustees received remuneration for their roles as trustee.

7. Staff Costs

	£
Wages and salaries	93,806.15
Social Security	
Pensions Costs	<u>2,219.48</u>
Total	<u>96,025.63</u>

8. Restricted Funds Receipts and Payment Details

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Leadership	7,779.96	0	5,412.00	2,367.96
Valley's School Theology	47,166.17	46,000.00	54,075.50	39,090.66
Refurbishment	38,799.09	6,565.60	456.61	44,908.08
Refurbishment Grants TCBC	11,029.68	4,000.00	15,029.68	0
Abersychan School Hwb	0	21,458.75	21,458.75	0
Totals	104,774.90	78,024.35	96,432.54	86,366.71

9. Church Assets

The church uses the church building for its services and outreach and the church manse is where the Pastor lives these assets are valued as per the insurance details. The church also has other assets such as TV, laptops and video equipment but none of these individual items are valued at more than £500.00.

Detailed statement of financial activities 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Gifts and donations				
Offering	82,125.73		82,125.73	62,685.28
Donation	53,863.72		53,863.72	22,474.48
Donation of Service				1,800.00
Sycher (VST)		46,000.00	46,000.00	58,000.00
Refurb		3,172.92	3,172.92	46,845.27
Fork to Fork				15,270.85
New Hope		3,392.68	3,392.68	4,419.51
School		21,458.75	21,458.75	8,368.75
TCBC		4,000.00	4,000.00	39,437.00
Welsh Leadership Forum				6,666.64
Gift Aid Rebate				
Tax Refund	17,507.76		17,507.76	15,316.05
Interest				
Interest	2,384.93		2,384.93	1,330.41
Total Receipts	155,882.14	78,024.35	233,906.49	282,614.24
Payments				
Ministry				
Wages and salaries	34,175.04	6,806.24	40,981.28	39,370.14
Music	1,229.76		1,229.76	12,434.60
Council Tax/Heating	2,620.71		2,620.71	1,738.70
Mission		5,412.00	5,412.00	5,480.00
VST		43,970.65	43,970.65	41,707.45
School		14,019.43	14,019.43	5,819.55
Mission				
UFM Donations	804.00		804.00	804.00
Tear Fund Donations	180.00		180.00	180.00
Food Bank Donations	511.47		511.47	3,737.47
Other Donations	11,281.48		11,281.48	6,770.45

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Last Year £
Church Refurbishment				
Refurbishment		456.61	456.61	27,876.41
TCBC		13,057.15	13,057.15	23,856.66
Church Utilities				
Insurance	1,875.99	2,168.39	4,044.36	3,634.40
Gas and Electric	2,058.56	6,631.78	8,690.34	5,419.69
BT	421.93	487.70	909.63	560.40
Welsh Water	167.45	193.54	360.99	271.56
Waste	369.50	427.10	796.60	119.60
Professional Fees				
Accountancy Fees	1,200.00		1,200.00	3,600.00
Church Activities				
Cottage and church repairs	13,679.92	2,171.39	15,851.31	2,911.56
Equipment	545.53	630.57	1,176.10	2,021.38
Fork to Fork				15,270.85
Youth Clubs	1,298.95		1,298.95	1,504.44
Outreach materials	2,208.63		2,208.63	542.50
Church Refreshments	892.72		892.72	669.26
Church Envelopes	63.08		63.08	75.43
Communion Wine				143.98
Bees	41.00		41.00	319.30
Supplies and Stationery	2,494.74		2,494.74	5,354.81
Total Payments	78,120.46	96,432.54	174,553.00	212,194.59
Net Income/Expenditure	77,761.68	(18,408.19)	59,353.49	70,419.65