

# HASLAND

## Baptist Church

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Financial Year Ending 30 June 2025





## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-2025

### REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Address:

Hasland Baptist Church, Eyre Street East, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0PF

Charity Registration Number: 1199485

#### Trustees

Mr Roy Smith, Chair of Charity Trustees and Treasurer (*re-elected 14 Nov 2024*)

Mr John Pickering, Pastor (Secretary)

Mrs Doreen Titmus, Elder (*re-elected 14 Nov 2024*)

Mr Darren Moore, Elder

Mr Peter Jones, Elder

#### Property Trustees

East Midland Baptist Trust Company Ltd.,

Baptist House,

129 Broadway,

Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT

#### Bankers

The Co-operative Bank,

P.O. Box 250

Delf House, Southway

Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

#### Independent Examiner

MG Walker Accountants

119A High St, Clay Cross,

Chesterfield, S45 9DZ

## CHARITABLE OBJECT

Hasland Baptist Church Charity is an association based Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by a constitution based on the 'Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches' underpinned by the Church's Trust deed. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or, following other modes of baptism, to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The church members normally meet four times per year and in association with the Trustees have responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with its constitution the members appoint (by election) a minimum of two and a maximum of four trustees. These Trustees, together with the Minister (Pastor), who is also a Trustee by nature of their role and responsibilities, are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the East Midlands Baptist Trust Company Ltd, on Trust which are entirely compatible with the above object.

The Pastor nor any other trustee receives any remuneration for their work in the Church Charity.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship, bible study and prayer. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30 am and each Thursday at 7pm. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the church notice board and the website at [haslandbaptist.co.uk](http://haslandbaptist.co.uk).

The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church is responsible for a toddler group, known as 'Humming Bees', which meets in the Church premises on Thursday mornings during school term time, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As of 30 June 2025, the Church membership was 25. Average attendance at the regular Sunday worship services was 38. Thursday evening fellowship, which was attended by 12-18 people each week, took several forms during the year including: an Alpha Course, bible study, and prayer & worship evenings and recently commenced a monthly evening communion & fellowship meal.

The Church has also welcomed guest speakers at their Sunday morning service and have been pleased to hear the message from members of its own congregation.

The church continues to play a role in the life of the community of Hasland to public benefit with its operation of a regular parent and toddler group, 'Humming Bees'. During the year the church was blessed to continue with a twice monthly 'Friday Lunch Club' for the local community; it has continued to be a sustainable project which will continue into the next 12 months. An annual service of remembrance is held, and at Christmas the church presented its annual carol service. The church congregation are also generous in their support for the local food bank with regular donations being made locally.

During term time, the church hall is used daily by 'Kids Zone Ltd' for before and after school care for children aged 6–10. The Church also appreciates the Kids Zone volunteers who run the weekly 'Humming Bees' parent and toddler group on its behalf.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, and from fees for the use of the Church Hall. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The pastor nor any other trustee receives any payment for their time or services.

Significant expenses incurred during the year included:

1. Completion of essential electrical maintenance work in the church and the church hall following inspection.
2. An upgrade of its audio-visual equipment that had, after ten years, become unreliable; this was partly funded by a personal donation received.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to local, national and international organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

During the year donations were made to Tear Fund, Aquaid Lifeline Fund, Barnabas Aid, Christian Aid, Compassion UK, The Bible Society, Good News for Everyone and Ashgate Hospicecare. The Church also contributed to the Baptist Union Home Mission.

The total value of mission donations was £6,870 (25.5% of total income) of which £671 was in the form of designated donations made directly as prescribed by the donors.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statement CC16a.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the balance sheet date, together with anticipated ongoing income, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

## RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have implemented a Reserves Policy to ensure the church maintains effective operations and can meet its obligations should there be a reduction in income or the occurrence of significant expenditure.


Following an assessment of potential risks relating to fluctuations in income and expenses, the Trustees have set an appropriate reserves range of £15,000 to £25,000. As of 30 June 2024, total reserves stood at £21,000 within the designated fund. Of this amount, £15,000 has been allocated for future replacement or refurbishment of the Church Hall roof, and £3,000 is reserved for repairs to the wall surrounding the south-west section of the church hall car park.

The balance of the designated funds is retained to cover six months' operating costs for the Church and its Mission commitments, both within the UK and in support of the children of Phalombe Village in Malawi.

*This report was approved by the Trustees of the Church Charity 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.*

Signe 

Roy Smith, Chair of Trustees

Signed: 

John Pickering, Pastor





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**To: The Trustees of Hasland Baptist Church**

I confirm that I am qualified under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the AIA and AAT.

I have completed my examination and can 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:

- The accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Geoff Walker'.

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Date: 25/09/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hasland Baptist Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/07/2024

To

30/06/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies	18,907	-	-	18,907	17,183
Trading Activities	5,375	-	-	5,375	5,075
Investments	750	-	-	750	926
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,032</b>	<b>23,184</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,032</b>	<b>23,184</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	26,154	-	-	26,154	27,796
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,154</b>	<b>27,796</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,154</b>	<b>27,796</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-1,122.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,122.00</b>	<b>-4,612.00</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	29,879	-	-	29,879	34,491
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,757</b>	<b>29,879</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	7,389	-	-
	Savings Account	21,064	-	-
	Cash on Hand	304	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	