

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1200212

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-08-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. 3.2 [NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.]

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. We engage in outreach activities both locally, nationally and internationally with a view to expressing the love of God in practical ways.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£125,548	£120,669	-	-
2024-12-31	£92,175	£79,511	-	-
2023-12-31	£144,225	£127,232	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Alison Mackay	Chair	2021-01-01
Alison Dance		2025-02-26
Angela Joanne Whitford		2025-02-26
Elaine Mary Willis		2023-03-01
Jeanette Adele Pugh		2026-02-25
Jeffrey Steers		2024-02-28
Lynne Thompson		2023-03-01
Rev David Gerard Kerrigan		2023-03-01

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Annual Report and Financial Statement

Year Ended 31 December 2025



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- A series on Relationships based on the bible's use of the phrase "One another"
- A study on the life of Peter
- Lent Study in the Wilderness
- A study through Ephesians
- Summer series on Children in the Bible
- And a series on the "I AM's of Jesus"

In May we welcomed Rev Jane Day to lead a ladies Day on Project Violet and lead our Church 385th Anniversary celebration.

In June we enjoyed the visit of Dr Rula Mansour from Nazareth who is Founder and Director of the Nazareth Peace Centre. Subsequently, the church agreed to partner with Rula and the work of the Peace Centre initially for a period of three years.

In July we successfully hosted the 3-day Baptist Historical Society Conference.

In September we were delighted when Jonna Fredrich joined the Alcester Baptist Church team, coming to us for 12 months from Berlin through the charity "Time For God". Jonna very quickly got involved with the young people, launching a Youth Hub on Tuesday evening. Jonna also joined the Junior Church and Little Angels team, as well as working with Alcester Day Care, The Crafty Lunch Club, and Alcester Academy helping GCSE student with conversational German.

We prayerfully continued our journey in what it means to be an inclusive church, and explored how we might go forward with Equal Marriage at ABC. No decisions were taken but this continues to be a subject we prayerfully consider together.

Junior Church continues to meet bi-weekly. The numbers can fluctuate from week to week and the Junior Church team do an excellent job of keeping two age groups going as much as possible. A fun 3-day Summer Program was held in August on consecutive Fridays.

Little Angels Toddler Group meets every Tuesday during term times, and continues to attract young parents, grandparents, carers and their little ones. The team run the program which includes supervised play, craft, storytelling, singing and dancing creating a vibrant atmosphere in a safe space at no cost, other than those who wish to make a small donation. This July we said goodbye to two children who now move on to begin their school life. This year this was marked with a graduation party.

Three house groups continue to meet each week, providing time and space for bible study, prayer, pastoral support and the deepening of friendships. In the Autumn we ran an Alpha Group, which allowed several people new to the church to explore Christianity.

The Wellbeing Café continues to meet on Wednesday mornings, where people drop in for a coffee and a chat with friends and those who come as more occasional visitors. This venture is well supported by church people, with a handful of others who attend.

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Meeting for prayer increased from Friday morning to now include Monday mornings too. This has been a good decision, and we have continued to see God answering our prayers.

On a Sunday morning the prayer team offer prayer support following the service. This is proving to be invaluable and enabling people to feel supported and loved.

This year we been blessed with a new worship group under the leadership of Peter Brookes, with Jonna, Gareth, Ruth and Gary leading our worship on alternative Sundays.

The new PA system has enabled us to have more clarity of vision and audio, and we are grateful for all the financial gifts that made this a reality.

Lastly, the church continues to be a most generous group of people. As is usual with most Baptist Churches, all our costs are met locally by the congregation. So as well as supporting local ministry (minister, buildings, utilities etc), the church has also supported mission work nationally (through the Baptist Union's Home Mission Fund) and internationally through the work of BMS World Mission.

In addition, gifts of various sizes have been raised for other charities as outlined in the accounts, including Alcester Day Care, Musalaha UK, Gilgal Women's Refuge in Birmingham, and Teams4U Shoebox appeal.

We look forward to 2026 with anticipation as we look to God to lead us and guide us in all things.

On behalf of the Trustees



Revd Alison Mackay
Minister

11 February 2026

Date

Treasurer's Annual Report For the Year ending 31 December 2024

We entered 2025 having passed a budget that required a small % increase in giving to meet our ongoing costs but which also agreed to draw a sum of £6000 from our reserves towards new audio-visual equipment for the church, if approved in the New Year. The church did indeed approve the purchase of new AV equipment at a cost of £37800 and duly raised £31,800. The new equipment will serve the church well for many years to come and brings a significant improvement to worship week-by-week. If congregational giving is an indicator of congregational health, then we appear to be in good shape!

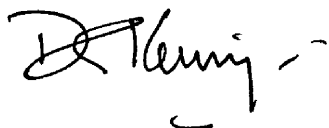
Having previously raised £8800 towards a second worker, we were delighted when our 'Time for God' intern joined us in September 2025 for a year, her costs being drawn from that Designated fund.

For three days each week 'Alcester Day Care' use our premises to host their programme caring for those with dementia. It is a wonderful ministry and we are privileged to host the work. However, plans are now afoot for Day Care to move from ABC in 2027 or 2028, as soon as they can raise funds to renovate and extend premises that have been gifted to them to use. This will lead us to lose over £11000 a year in income but we know this is the right move for the project.

The church has increased its support for BMS World Mission and Home Mission again this year as we share with other Baptist church across the UK the task of mission witness to our own nation and in countries far afield. Our support for Teams4U Shoebox Appeal has also been generously supported as has our annual donation towards the work of the Women's Refuge, Gilgal, in Birmingham.

We note our special thanks to local organisations whose grants have helped our Community Fridge work. These include Warwickshire County Council (Kind Communities Grant) and SLR Consulting, a global organisation committed to Sustainability who gave us a grant based on the fact that one of our Fridge volunteers works for them and applied on our behalf.

At the end of the year our general reserves – the amount we have in the bank - stand at 9.5 months of general expenditure, higher than the 6-8 months that is our target as approved by our Deaconate. But we are aware that in 2027 we are likely to be selling our current manse and buying a new one and we will probably need to find a significant extra sum towards that purchase. Extra reserves now will mean less to raise next year.



David Kerrigan
Treasurer

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH								
ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025								
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Note	Undesignated Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 DEC 2025			FULL YEAR ACTUAL 2024
1 INCOME 2025								
2 Weekly Offerings	1	57,360			57,360			56,601
4 Gift Aid	2	13,341			13,341			12,465
5 Fellowship Fund					0			0
6 AV Project Income			31,830		31,830			0
7 Designated Income (eg WBC)			357		357			173
8 Other - ABC		925			925			365
9 Other - ACF	3			4,864	4,864			2,144
10 Total Offerings		71,626	32,187	4,864	108,678			71,748
11 Hire and Lettings	4	13,516			13,516			15,555
12 External Grants & Gifts - ABC				0	0			0
13 External Grants & Gifts - ACF	3			1,300	1,300			2,500
14 Interest Received (BUC)					0			201
15 Interest on Savings accounts		654			654			689
16 Wider Mission Causes								
17 - BMS World Mission			624		624			780
18 - BU Home Mission					0			35
19 - Musalaha, Shoebox, Jamaica Appeal				777	777			575
20 Total Income		85,796	32,811	6,941	125,548			92,083
21 EXPENDITURE 2025								
22 Local Ministry	5	37,144			37,144			34,502
23 Time for God Intern			2,175		2,175			0
24 Manse	6	7,120			7,120			9,931
25 AV Project	3		37,819		37,819			0
26 Outreach Resources		2,684			2,684			2,630
27 ACF	7			7,108	7,108			8,785
28 Fellowship Fund		100			100			398
29 Exp against Desig Income (eg WBC)			85		85			161
30 Wider Mission Causes								
31 - BMS World Mission		2,400	615		3,015			3,070
32 - BU Home Mission		2,400			2,400			2,220
33 - e.g. Shoebox, Musalaha, Gilgal etc				777	777			575
34 Administration	8	4,183			4,183			3,530
35 Property - Repairs & Cleaning	9	6,050			6,050			4,919
36 Property - Utilities & Insurance	9	7,233			7,233			7,683
37 Sundry	10	2,775			2,775			1,107
38 Total Expenditure		72,090	40,695	7,885	120,669			79,511
39 Surplus/(Deficit)		13,706	(7,884)	(944)	4,879			12,572
40 MOVEMENT OF ACCOUNTS		Barclays Current A/C	Lloyds Current A/C	Lloyds 90-day Notice AC	Lloyds 30-day Notice AC	BU Trust Fund TA007	Cambs & County Bank	Total Funds
41 Opening Balance 1 Jan 2025		404.81	31,789.45	25,689.27	0.00	6,508.80		64,392.33
44 Total Incoming funds for 2025		3,720	121,343	274	209	2		125,548
45 Total Outgoing funds for 2025		(22)	(120,647)					(120,669)
46 Transfer in/(out) & Adj		(3,800)	4,829			(1,029)		(0)
47 Transfer in/(out) & Adj			25,963	(25,963)				0
48 Transfer in/(out) & Adj			(55,000)		40,000		15,000	0
49 Transfer in/(out) & Adj			5,482			(5,482)		0
50 Transfer in/(out) & Adj			209		(40,209)		40,000	0
51 Interest			(99)				99	0
52 Closing Balance 31 Dec 2025		303	13,870	0	0	0	55,099	69,271
53 Nett Movement in Funds								4,879
54 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS		O/Bal Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments			C/Bal 31 Dec 2025
55 RESTRICTED FUNDS								
56 ACF		5,552	6,164	(7,108)				4,608
57 BMS Harvest 24		0	624	(615)				9
58 Other Mission Giving		0	777	(777)				(0)
59 Total Restricted Funds		5,552	7,564	(8,500)				4,616
60 DESIGNATED FUNDS								
61 Time for God		8,800	0	(2,175)				6,625
62 Wellbeing cafe		172	357	(85)				444
63 AV Project		0	31,830	(37,819)				(5,989)
64 Total Designated Funds		8,972	32,187	(40,080)				1,080
65 GENERAL FUNDS								
66 - Current Accounts		17,670	(9,787)	593				8,476
67 - Lloyds Savings Accounts		25,689	40,482	(66,172)				0
68 - Trust Fund BU TA007		6,509	2	(6,511)				0
69 - Cambridge & Counties Bank		0	55,099	0				55,099
70 Total General Funds		49,868	85,796	(72,090)				63,575
71 Total Movement of Funds		64,392	125,548	(120,669)				69,271

Notes to the ABC 2025 Accounts			
		2025	2024
Note 1	Weekly Offerings		
	Gift-Aided Bank Giving	43768	43,781
	Gift-Aided Loose Giving	2482	3,581
	Gift-Aided Contactless Giving	9259	4,290
	Non Gift-Aid Giving	1850	4,780
		57360	56,422
Note 2	Gift Aid		
	Gift Aid on Identified Donors	11341	10,464
	Gift Aid on Loose Cash	2000	2000
		13341	10,464
Note 3	Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) Income		
	Donations - Cash	3366	1,987
	Donations - Contactless	1498	157
	Alcester Town Council (Grant)	0	1000
	Co-op (Grant)	0	500
	Warks County Council (Grant)	1000	1000
	SLR Consulting (Grant)	300	
		6164	4,644
Note 4	Hire and Letting of Premises		
	Alcester Musical Theatre	1964	1924
	Alcester Day Care (£888.00 Jan 2025 was paid Dec 2024)	9741	11248
	Yoga Classes	1773	2293
	Other	39	90
		13516	15,555
Note 5	Local Ministry		
	Minister, (Missioner 2023) - Stipends, NI and Pension	35095	31,941
	Travel, Courses	1564	1,943
	Visiting Preachers	415	369
	Mobile	70	120
		37144	34,373
Note 6	Manse Costs		
	Council Tax	2976	2,836
	Heating, Lighting & Water	2300	2,363
	Landline, Broadband & Mobile	538	668
	Repairs and Maintenance	1015	3,383
	Insurance	607	680
		7436	9,931
Note 7	Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) Expenditure		
	Coordinator Salaries	5172	6296
	Electricity	1537	1641
	Repairs & supplies	71	848
	Grundon Waste Disposal	328	
		7108	8785
Note 8	Administration		
	Post, Stat, Tel, Broadband at ABC	475	556
	Printing, Stationary & Office Supplies	1472	1,223
	Fees, Licenses	2066	1,739
	Bank Charges	170	0
		4183	3,518
Note 9	Property Upkeep		
	Church Repairs and Maintenance * see below	6050	4,919
	Heating and Lighting	4944	5,556
	Water	231	208
	Insurance	2058	1,919
		13283	12,602
	Church Repair and Maintenance *		
	Cleaning	1642	1,254
	New Heater	1796	0
	Tree Surgery	0	350
	Upper room brickwork	0	270
	Upper room Stairs - replastering & painting	0	285
	Baptistry (part-payment)	0	500
	Other	2612	2,260
		6050	4,919
Note 10	Sundry Other Costs		
	Defibrillator	1170	
	Laptop	400	
	Other	1205	1107
		2775	1107

Legal Information

Charitable Status

Alcester Baptist Church ('The Church') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 30 August 2022, though the Church traces its roots in Alcester back to 1640.

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Church St
Alcester B49 5AJ

Trustees

During the year to 31 December 2025, and through to the signing of the Annual Report and Accounts, the following people served as Trustees in their various roles:

Revd Alison Mackay (Minister)
Mrs Elaine Willis (Church Secretary)
Rev David Kerrigan (Treasurer)
Mrs Mary Elizabeth Bowld
Mrs Alison Dance (from February 2025)
Mr Jeff Steers
Mrs Lynne Thompson
Ms Angela Whitford (from February 2025)
Mr Brian John Williams

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
Baptist House
129 Broadway
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Bankers

Lloyds Bank
Independent Examiner
Mr Eddy Rye FMAAT

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Alcester Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1200212
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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 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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

E. J. Rye

Date:

4 February 2025

Name:

Edward John Rye

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

FMAAT

Address:

**62 Westhill Road,
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- Study of 2 Corinthians 8 & 9
- The life of Abraham
- Summer series on Seaside stories
- And a series on the Letters to the Churches in Rev 1 – 3
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We welcomed Rev Tony Peck to lead out Church Retreat and Rev Keith Osmund -Smith to conduct our Church Anniversary.

In September we launched a new more meditative service on the 3rd Sunday evening of each month, known as “Sacred Space”.

In January 2024 Alcester Baptist Church registered to become part of the Inclusive Church Network. Adopting their mission statement as our own: “We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of **age, disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity** or **sexuality**. We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”

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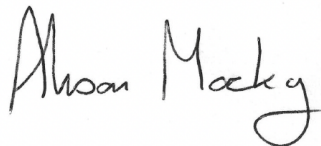
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Much energy and prayer have been involved in the appointment process for a new Community Link Worker, yet sadly this post still remains vacant. The search and recruitment team are to be commended for their time, diligence and commitment to this task. We continue to wait on God for the right person to join the team.

On behalf of the Trustees



14 February 2025

Revd Alison Mackay
Minister

Date

Treasurer's Annual Report
For the Year ending 31 December 2024

Recent years have seen considerable pressure on household budgets, with the cost of fuel significantly higher than recent years because of the war in Ukraine, and as a result inflation reached 11% before falling away in 2024.

Against this difficult backdrop, the ministries of the church have been sustained and enhanced by the generosity of God's people. Part of our goal this year was to appoint a second worker but sadly we were unable to do so. However, a healthy sum of money has been given to help us consider whether to take this step again in 2025.

During the year we have introduced Contactless giving and we have been pleased to see how the ease of using a contactless device has enabled our giving to grow. We have introduced a second contactless device in the Community Fridge in December as we seek to encourage 'a suggested donation' of £1 per visit to cover some of the costs of the project.

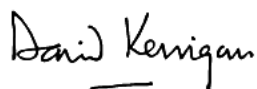
Each week 'Alcester Day Care' use our premises to host their programme and this has increased from two to three sessions per week this year with a significant increase in rental income. Other groups use the premises on a weekly basis and fit easily around the regular activities of the church.

The church has increased its support of BMS World Mission and Home Mission as we share with other Baptist church across the UK the task of mission witness to our own nation and in countries far afield. Our support for Teams4U Shoebox Appeal has also been generously supported as has our annual donation towards the work of the Women's Refuge, Gilgal, in Birmingham.

We note our special thanks to a number of local organisations whose grants have helped our Community Fridge work. These include Alcester Town Council, Warwickshire County Council and the Mid-Counties Co-op Community Fund.

What cannot be costed so easily are the thousands of hours given by church members, in tasks seen and unseen, that enable the ministry of the church to run smoothly. People do not look for credit for they see it as part of their Christian service, as indeed it is. But time and again we see quiet words of encouragement and thanks to those who serve faithfully in quiet ways.

We look to the future with confidence in the God who is known as the one who provides for his people's needs. Often, of course, that works by enabling the people of the church to make that provision themselves – and to do so joyfully. In the spirit, we look forward to 2025 with confidence in our heavenly Father.



David Kerrigan
Treasurer

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH							
ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024							
		A	B	C	D	E	G
		Undesignated Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total to 31 Dec 2024		FULL YEAR ACTUAL 2023
RECEIPTS 2024	Note						
1 Weekly Offerings	1	49,832	6,600		56,432		51,950
2 Gift Aid	2	12,465			12,465		24,031
3 Communion		169			169		194
4 Fellowship Fund		0			0		0
5 Designated Income (eg WBC)			173		173		160
6 Other - ABC		365			365		1,894
7 Other - ACF	3a			2,144	2,144		950
8 Total Offerings		62,830	6,773	2,144	71,748		79,179
9							
10 Hire and Lettings	4	15,555			15,555		8,612
11 External Grants & Gifts - ABC	5			0	0		5,000
12 External Grants & Gifts - ACF	3b			2,500	2,500		8,990
13 Interest Received to Current AC		201			201		232
14 Interest on Savings accounts		689			689		
15 Raised for Baptist causes							
16 - BMS World Mission				780	780		810
17 - BU Home Mission		35			35		137
18 - Other Baptist Causes		93			93		129
19 Raised for Non-Baptist Causes							
20 - Teams4U Shoebox Appeal				575	575		1,511
21 Total Income		79,403	6,773	5,999	92,175		104,600
22							
EXPENDITURE 2024							
24 Local Ministry	6	34,502			34,502		40,569
25 Manse	7	9,931			9,931		8,902
26 Local Mission							
27 - Outreach Resources		2,630			2,630		5,000
28 - ACF	8			8,785	8,785		10,678
29 - Fellowship Fund		398			398		1,412
30 - Exp against Desig Income (eg WBC)			161		161		
31 Wider Mission							
32 - BMS World Mission		2,290		780	3,070		2,810
33 - BU Home Mission		2,220			2,220		2,100
34 - Other Baptist Causes		0			0		129
35 - e.g. Shoebox, Disaster, Gilgal etc				575	575		1,511
36 Administration	9	3,530			3,530		3,145
37 Property Related Costs	10	12,602		0	12,602		23,042
38 Sundry		1,107			1,107		0
39 Total Expenditure		68,103	161	10,140	79,511		99,299
40							
41 Surplus/(Deficit)		11,300	6,612	(4,141)	12,664		5,301
42							
Movement of Accounts		Barclays Current A/C	Lloyds Current A/C	Lloyds 90-Day Savings AC	Barclays Savings A/C	BU Trust Fund TA007	Total Funds
44							
45 Opening Balance 1 Jan 2024		28,402	0	0	15,589	7,737	51,728
46 Prior year adjustment							0
47 Total Income for 2024		30,932	60,544	689	58	(48)	92,175
48 Total Expenditure for 2024		(17,158)	(62,353)				(79,511)
49 Transfer in/(out)		(41,771)	41,771				0
50 Transfer in/(out)			15,647		(15,647)		0
51 Transfer in/(out)			(25,000)	25,000			0
52 Transfer in/(out)			1,180			(1,180)	0
53 Closing Balance 31 Dec 2024		405	31,789	25,689	0	6,509	64,392
54							
56 Nett Movement in Funds							12,664
57							
ANALYSIS OF FUNDS		O/Bal Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Adjustments		C/Bal 31 Dec 24
59 RESTRICTED FUNDS							
60 ACF		9,693	4,644	(8,785)			5,552
61 BMS Harvest 24		0	780	(780)			0
62 Teams4U Shoebox 24		0	575	(575)			0
63 Total Restricted Funds		9,693	5,999	(10,140)			5,552
64							
67 DESIGNATED FUNDS							
68 Second Staff Worker		2,200	6,600	0			8,800
69 Wellbeing cafe		160	173	(161)			172
70 Total Designated Funds		2,360	6,773	(161)			8,972
71							
72 GENERAL FUNDS							
73 - Current Accounts		16,349	53,655	(52,325)			17,680
74 Savings Accounts		15,589	25,748	(15,647)			25,689
75 BUC Trust Fund TA007		7,737		(1,228)			6,509
76 Total General Funds		39,675	79,403	(69,200)			49,878
77							
78 Total Funds		51,728	92,175	(79,511)			64,392

Notes to the ABC 2024 Accounts			
		2024	2023
Note 1	Weekly Offerings		
	Gift-Aided Bank Giving	43,781	41,677
	Gift-Aided Loose Giving	3,581	4,484
	Gift-Aided Contactless Giving	4,290	0
	Non Gift-Aid Giving	4,780	6,459
		56,422	52,415
Note 2	Gift Aid		
	ABC Gift Aid - relating to Current Year (2024)	12,464	
	ABC Gift Aid - relating to Current Year (2023)		11,407
	ABC Gift Aid - relating to Previous year (2022)		12624
			24031
Note 3a	Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) Income		
	Donations	2144	950
Note 3b	Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) Grants		
	Rotary Alcester		500
	Alcester Town Council	1000	1500
	LIDL		500
	Co-op	500	1490
	Hubbub		1000
	Warks County Council	1000	0
	Alcester Food Festival		4000
		4,644	9,940
Note 4	Hire and Letting of Premises		
	Alcester Musical Theatre	1924	1530
	Alcester Day Care (inc £888.00 Jan 2025 paid in advance)	11248	5370
	Yoga Classes	2293	1712
	Other	90	0
		15,555	8,612
Note 5	External Grants & Gifts ABC		
	Moor Field Charity (soundproofing)		1000
	Church St Properties (front Paving)		4000
		0	5,000
Note 6	Local Ministry		
	Minister, (Missioner 2023) - Stipends, NI and Pension	31,941	37,737
	Travel, Courses	2,063	2,292
	Mobile, Broadband, landline	130	100
	Visiting Preachers	369	440
		34,502	40,569
Note 7	Manse Costs		
	Council Tax	2,836	2,703
	Heating, Lighting & Water	2,363	2,630
	Landline, Broadband & Mobile	668	740
	Repairs and Maintenance	3,383	2,221
	Insurance	680	608
		9,931	8,902
Note 8	Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) Expenditure		
	Coordinator Salaries	6296	5607
	Electricity	1641	1539
	Repairs & supplies	848	3532
		8785	10678
Note 9	Administration		
	Post, Stat, Tel, Broadband at ABC	556	499
	Printing	1,223	1,226
	Fees, Licenses	1,739	1,420
		3,518	3,145
Note 10	Property Upkeep		
	Church Repairs and Maintenance * see below	4,919	17,638
	Heating and Lighting	5,556	3,318
	Water	208	181
	Insurance	1,919	1,905
		12,602	23,042
	Church Repair and Maintenance *		
	Cleaning	1,254	
	Tree Surgery	350	
	Upper room brickwork	270	
	Front of Church Paving		4,448
	Upper Room Refurbishment		1,224
	Upper room Stairs - replastering & painting	285	1,530
	Hall - Soundproofing		3,839
	Hall - strip & repolish		1,530
	Hall - new heater		1,426
	Hall - new TV		300
	Baptistry (part-payment)	500	537
	Other	2,260	2,804
	Total	4,919	17,638



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Alcester Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024 **Charity no
(if any)** **1200212**

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And (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: **23 January 2025**

Name: **Edward John Rye**

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

FMAAT

Address:

**62 Westhill Road,
Kings Norton, Birmingham
B38 8TN**

Legal Information

Charitable Status

Alcester Baptist Church ('The Church') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 30 August 2022, though the Church traces its roots in Alcester back to 1640.

The Church Registration Number is 1200212

Church Address

Alcester Baptist Church
Church St
Alcester B49 5AJ

Trustees

During the year to 31 December 2024, and through to the signing of the Annual Report and Accounts, the following people served as Trustees in their various roles:

Revd Alison Mackay (Minister)
Mrs Lynne Thompson (Secretary)
Rev David Kerrigan (Treasurer)
Mrs Mary Elizabeth Bowld
Mr Christopher Denis Gough (until 28 February 2024)
Mrs Mildred Ann Gough (until 28 February 2024)
Mr Jeff Steers (from 28 February 2024)
Mrs Catherine Barbara Tomlinson
Mr Brian John Williams
Mrs Elaine Willis

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
Baptist House
129 Broadway
Didcot OX11 8RT

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Independent Examiner

Mr Eddy Rye FMAAT

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www.alcesterbaptist.org.uk

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1200212

Accounts

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Report and Financial Statement for

the 16-month period

30 August 2022 to 31 December 2023



Charity Number 1200212

Alcester Baptist Church

Report for the period 30 August 2022 to 31 December 2023

Accounting Period

Although Alcester Baptist Church is now in its 384th year, we registered as a new Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) with effect from 30 August 2022. Therefore these accounts cover the period from 30 August 2022 to 31 December 2023. Future reports will revert to the Annual January to December pattern.

Charitable Object

The purposes of the Church are 'the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.'

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership of the Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ, who commit themselves to regular worship at the church, a willingness to serve through the ministries of the Church, to support the church financially and prayerfully and to live a life in keeping with being a disciple of Jesus.

Members are interviewed for membership as a way of getting to know their faith story, and a recommendation is brought to the Church Members Meeting for decision. The Church is in membership nationally with 'The Baptist Union of Great Britain', also known as 'Baptists Together' and regionally with our local Association of Baptist Churches known as 'The Heart of England Baptist Association.'

Church members take all the major decisions in the life of the church, including those that relate to the appointment of a Minister, other Church Staff, Church Trustees or Church Property. Four members meetings are held a year so that the whole fellowship is involved in all decision making at the church.

Appointment and removal of Trustees is by the Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Constitution (Section 14) and Charity law. The minister(s) are automatically Trustees, and all Trustees manage the day to day running of the church. Between them they cover all areas of church life, which include worship services, pastoral care and discipleship, children, families and community outreach, administration and premises management.

The church currently has 46 members as at the end of 2023 but many more who attend either regularly or occasionally. Two of our longstanding church members died in this last year and one person was baptised by immersion.

Safeguarding of Children, Young Adults and Adults at Risk.

The church has a safeguarding policy in place which promotes the protection of children, young adults and adults at risk through clearly defined processes and procedures. This policy gives clear guidance on how to maintain a safe environment for all. The Safeguarding Policy is reinforced to the church as a whole at the Annual General Meeting, where the abridged version is read in its entirety. DBS checks are regularly undertaken for all who work and volunteer at the church and whose role entails contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Our Designated Person for Safeguarding is Elaine Willis and our Safeguarding Trustee Lynne Thompson.

Activities during the Period

This period has been a busy and fruitful period in the life of the church, with many encouragements. Our numbers of young people attending has begun to increase and given us confidence to begin a new teenage group early in 2024.

In Autumn 2022 we took the decision to employ Beth Clarke as our Family Missioner, and although Beth felt the need to step down from her role at the end of August 2023, she made a big impact in the life of the church in her short time with us. Beth facilitated a number of outreach initiatives, including our 'Friday Fun and Food' summer outreach for the community in August 2023. This was the second successful summer outreach programme over the last two years and we anticipate this continuing in future.

A significant time in the last year was the period of sabbatical I was able to take from June to August. Baptist Ministers are afforded this privilege every seven years and I'm grateful to the Church for enabling this to happen. My thanks to Rev David Kerrigan, one of our church members, for taking on full ministerial duties during my sabbatical period.

In the first half of the year we started a monthly Monday evening singing worship gathering which attracted a reasonable number of people from the church and beyond. This was discontinued after the summer.

Little Angels, our Tuesday morning toddler group, continues to attract young parents, grandparents and their little ones. Play, storytelling, singing and dancing create a vibrant atmosphere in a safe space at no cost, other than those who wish to make a small donation.

Three housegroups meet each week, providing time and space for bible study, prayer, pastoral support and the deepening of friendships.

The Wellbeing Café continues to meet on Wednesday mornings, where people drop in for a coffee and a chat with friends and those who come as more occasional visitors. Over the 2022/23 winter this was also advertised as a 'warm hub' to enable people to find a warm space whilst avoiding high utility bills at home.

The Alcester Community Fridge continues to thrive, with upwards of 45 volunteers involved in collecting food from supermarkets and those generally managing the project behind the scenes, making it available through our 6-day a week opening hours. Over 30 of those volunteers are from the wider Alcester community rather than from the church community. Two new part-time paid coordinators started in September 2023.

During the Autumn 2023 season we ran our first Alpha Course for some years. This was well attended, mostly by church folks, nevertheless, this enabled us to get reacquainted with the Alpha material and ethos, and to reexamine matters of faith together. This was held on a Saturday morning, including breakfast. We are grateful to the breakfast crew for facilitating this each week. Our hope would be to revisit Alpha later in 2024, maybe through a different approach within house settings.

On a Sunday morning we now have a new prayer team, facilitated by David Hurst. This has added to the overall spirituality of the church, and it is good to see the team in action on a Sunday morning, practicing grace and faith following a morning service.

Over the last year we have been exploring what it means to be an inclusive church, and on Sundays we've looked at understanding better the issues raised by those who live with, for example, mental health concerns, those who are disabled, neuro-diverse, or financially less well off as others, as well as those whose sexuality is other than heterosexual. The mind of the church has long been to ensure that everyone is welcome and able to play a full part in the life of our church, irrespective of their personal circumstances. As a result, at our church meeting on 22 November we agreed to become a member of the Inclusive Church Network (<https://www.inclusive-church.org>) and look forward to working out the fullness of this commitment in the years to come.

On behalf of the Trustees



5 February 2024

Revd Alison Mackay
Minister

Date

Treasurer's Annual Report For the Year Ending 31 December 2023

Although Alcester Baptist Church has existed since 1640, the decision was taken in 2022 to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission. This was done with effect from 30 August 2022. This first set of accounts for the new CIO covers the 16-month period up to 31 December 2023, as required by the Charity Commission.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says "...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt 6:21). Having recorded a 13% rise in regular giving in the year to December 2022, and now a further 34% rise for the year to December 2023 it is clear that our growing congregation has their heart in the witness of the church.

Baptist Churches historically are known for their generosity and it is our understanding that how we use our wealth – however much or little we have – is part of our commitment to being followers of Christ. Giving 'generously, proportionately and sacrificially' is our approach to money.

A significant portion of the extra regular giving enabled us to employ Beth Clarke as Missioner, though we are sorry that Beth felt the need to step back from her paid role at the end of August 2023. In 2023 also we were also able to catch up on a backlog of Gift Aid receipts which allowed us to address a number of repairs and make some significant property improvements. Gift Aid will revert to a more normal level of around £10,000 pa in 2024.

Rental income held up well during the period covered by these accounts and looks stronger for the early part of 2024. We are delighted to see our premises used by the wider community, seeing this as part of our wider commitment to the people of Alcester.

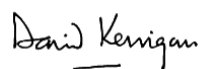
Our Alcester Community Fridge (ACF) project opened in August 2022 and continues to thrive in its second year, with success in attracting grants and personal donations that covered the cost of the project. The work of the ACF rests upon the dedicated service of more than 45 volunteers, most of whom come from the wider community.

Thanks to a generous Grant from the Baptist Insurance Corporation (BIC) in late 2022 we were able to initiate a number of outreach projects in 2023 including a summer outreach to the community that was incredibly well received.

The church remains generous towards others, and our support for BMS World Mission and the Baptist Union's Home Mission Fund remained strong in 2022 and 2023 and will be increased in 2024. The church responded also to appeals connected to the Turkey/Syrian earthquake in February 2023, the Women's Refuge 'Gilgal' in Birmingham, and towards support of those addressing the suffering in Gaza in recent months.

We would like to note our special thanks to a number of local organisations whose grants have helped our community outreach work. These include 'Moor Street Charity and 'Church Street Properties' Alcester, Hubhub, Alcester Academy, Warks County Council, Alcester Food Festival, Rotary Club (Alcester), Alcester Town Council, Co-op and LIDL.

We are grateful to God for his many blessings upon our church in this season of growth and look forward with confidence to the year ahead.



David Kerrigan
Treasurer

ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH						
ACCOUNTS 30 AUGUST 2022 to 31 DECEMBER 2023						
		A	B	C		D
INCOME	Note	Undesignated Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		Total 16 months to 31 Dec 2023
Weekly Offerings	1	64,727	1,200			65,927
Gift Aid	2	28,682				28,682
Communion		204				204
Designated Income (eg WBC)			160			160
Other - ABC		2,238				2,238
Other - ACF	5			1,642		1,642
Total Offerings		95,851	1,360	1,642		98,853
						0
Hire and Lettings	3	13,263				13,263
External Grants & Gifts - ABC	4			11,010		11,010
External Grants & Gifts - ACF	5			15,982		15,982
Interest & Other		265				265
Raised for other Baptist causes						0
- BMS World Mission		810	1,244			2,054
- BU Home Mission		137	564			701
- Other Baptist Causes			129			129
Raised for Non-Baptist Causes						0
- Earthquake Relief (Turkey/Syria)		230		1,511		1,741
TOTAL INCOME		110,557	3,297	30,145		143,998
EXPENDITURE						
Local Ministry	6	51,521				51,521
Manse	7	10,867				10,867
Local Mission						
- Outreach		684		5,000		5,684
- ACF		0		16,920		16,920
- Fellowship Fund		1,412				1,412
Wider Mission						
- BMS World Mission		2,810	1,342			4,152
- BU Home Mission		2,100	700			2,800
- Other Baptist Causes - EBF			129			129
- NBC Earthquake/Gilgal etc		230		1,511		1,741
Administration	8	5,200				5,200
Property Upkeep	9	21,806		5,000		26,806
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		96,630	2,171	28,431		127,232
Surplus/(Deficit)		13,927	1,125	1,714	0	16,766
MOVEMENT ON ABC ACCOUNTS		Current A/C	Savings A/C	BU Trust Fund TA007		Total Funds
Opening Bal 1 Sep 2022		11,526	15,442	7,658		34,626
Total Income for 16 mths to Dec 2023		143,998	147	345		144,490
Total Expenditure for 16 mths to Dec 2023		(127,232)		(265)		(127,497)
Closing Bal 31 DECEMBER 2023		28,292	15,589	7,737		51,618
MOVEMENT IN ABC FUNDS Aug 22 to Dec 23						16,992
RESTRICTED FUNDS		O/Bal 30 Aug 2022	Income	Expenditure		C/Bal 31 Dec 23
ACF		9,680	17,624	(16,920)		10384
Summer & Monday Outreach (BIC)		0	5,000	(5,000)		0
Church St Prop & Moor Field		0	5,000	(5,000)		0
Relief Appeals		0	1,511	(1,511)		0
Other			1,702			1702
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		9,680	30,145	(28,431)		11394
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS		0	3,297	(2,171)		1125
GENERAL FUNDS (GF)						
- GF in Current Account		1,846	110,556	(96,630)		15772
- GF in Savings Account		15,442	147	0		15589
- GF in Trust Fund BU TA007		7,658	345	(265)		7738
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS		24,946	111,048	(96,895)		39099
TOTAL ALL FUNDS INC SAVINGS ACs		34,626	144,490	(127,497)		51618

Notes to the Aug 2022 - Dec 2023 Accounts					
		£			
Note 1	Weekly Offerings		Note 6	Local Ministry	
	Gift-Aided Bank Giving	54811		Minister and Missioner - Stipends, NI and Pension	47,472
	Gift-Aided Loose Giving	4694		Travel, Courses	2,802
	Non Gift-Aid Giving	6422		Mobile, Broadband, landline	369
		65,927		Visiting Preachers	878
					51,521
Note 2	Gift Aid		Note 7	Manse Costs	
	Gift Aid - relating to Current Year (2023)	24032		Council Tax	3,579
	Gift Aid - relating to Previous year (2022)	4650		Heating, Lighting & Water	3,531
		28,682		Landline, Broadband & Mobile	740
Note 3	Hire and Letting of Premises			Repairs and Maintenance	2,409
	Alcester Musical Theatre	1,990		Insurance	608
	Alcester Day Care	8,990			10,867
	Yoga Classes	2,283			
	Other		Note 8	Administration	
		13,263		Post, Stat, Tel, Broadband at ABC	751
				Printing	1,876
Note 4	External Grants & Gifts ABC			Fees, Licenses	2,573
	Moor Field Charity (for soundproofing)	1,000			5,200
	Church St Properties (2023 for front Paving)	4,000			
	Baptist Insurance	5,000	Note 9	Property Upkeep	
	Alcester Town Council (ex Western Power)	0		Church Repairs and Maintenance *	20,402
	Alcester Male Voice Choir	1,010		Heating and Lighting	4,318
		11,010		Water	181
				Insurance	1,905
Note 5	External Grants & Personal Donations - ACF				26,806
	Rotary Alcester	500			
	Alcester Town Council	1500		* Church Repair and Maintenance	
	LIDL	500		Front of Church Paving	4,448
	Co-op Charity of the Year	1490		Upper Room Refurbishment	1,224
	Hubbub	1000		Upper room Stairs - replastering	1,530
	Cornerstone	0		Hall - Soundproofing	3,839
	Alcester Academy	0		Hall - strip & repolish	1,530
	Warks County Council	3810		Hall - new heater	2,820
	Alcester Food Festival	7182		Hall - new TV	300
	Small Donations	1642		Baptistry (part-payment)	537
		17,624		Other	4,174
				Total	20,402

**Report of the Independent Examiners
to the Trustees of Alcester Baptist Church
on the accounts for the 16 months from 30 August 2022 to 31 December 2023**

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiners

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) but that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

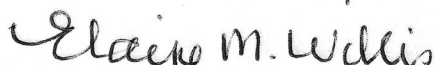
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- 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)

We have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by the Examiners



Elaine Willis =
Alcester



Tom Catterall
Alcester

6-2-24.

Date

6/2/2024

Date

Legal Information

Charitable Status

Alcester Baptist Church ('The Church') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 30 August 2022, though the Church traces its roots in Alcester back to 1640.

The Church Registration Number is 1200212

Church Address

Alcester Baptist Church
Church St
Alcester B49 5AJ

Trustees

During the 16 months from 30 August 2022 to 31 December 2023, the following people served as Trustees in their various roles:

Revd Alison Mackay (Minister)
Mrs Lynne Thompson (Secretary)
Mr William Reg Rose (Treasurer – until 1 March 2023)
Rev David Kerrigan (Treasurer – from 1 March 2023)
Mrs Mary Elizabeth Bowld
Mrs Catherine Barbara Tomlinson
Mrs Mildred Ann Gough
Mr Christopher Denis Gough
Mr Brian John Williams
Mrs Elaine Willis (from 1 March 2023)
Mrs Beth Clarke (from 1 January until 31 August 2023)

Property Trustees

The Baptist Union Corporation Limited
Baptist House
129 Broadway
Didcot OX11 8RT

Bankers

Barclays Bank
Leicester L87 2BB

Independent Examiners

Mrs Elaine Willis
Mr Tom Catterall

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