



Clarence Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GOD · GROW TOGETHER · SERVE OTHERS

**Clarence Park Baptist Church
Walliscote Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1ED**

Charity Number 1200257

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

LEGAL STATUS

Clarence Park Baptist Church was formed in June 1900 and established at the present site in Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare by a Deed of Trust dated 25 July 1904. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under reference number 1200257.

CHURCH ADDRESS

Clarence Park Baptist Church
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CHARITY TRUSTEES

The governance of the Church is in accordance with the Church Constitution dated 03 July 2022 which is based on the Approved Governing Document agreed between the Charity Commission and the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The Church is administered by the Minister and Deacons who are the Charity Trustees. During 2024 these were:

Secretary and Chair of Trustees Julie Dawkins
Treasurer Ruth Fuller

Deacons Jonathan Brownett
Elisabeth Speakman (until April 27th 2025)
Kaye Cooke
John Dawkins
Keith Newport
David Sewell
Susannah Weeks (until April 27th 2025)
Tori Harper
Jacky Arnold
Katherine (Sian) Roberts (from April 27th 2025)

The Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually with no limit to the number of terms they may serve. Deacons are elected for a term of three years and may offer themselves for re-election at the end of the term with no limitation on the number of terms they may serve. No Deacon receives payment other than the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

PROPERTY TRUSTEES

The West of England Baptist Trust Company (West) Limited, Little Stoke Baptist Church, Kingsway, Bristol BS34 6JW are the holding Trustees of the following properties -

1. Church and Hall at Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1ED
2. Manse at 137 Totterdown Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 4LW

No professional valuation of these properties has been made in recent years and the values shown in the Accounts are the current insured values.

BANKERS

CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Clive Bennett, 14 High Street, Banwell, Somerset BS29 6AE.

CONNECTED CHARITIES

The Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the West of England Baptist Association (Webnet) both of which are registered charities. The Church receives no grant funding from either of these bodies.

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OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The principal object 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.

The Church vision is: 'We seek to bring people to Jesus and together grow in our relationship with God and each other as we serve the community.' We do this under the strap line **WORSHIP God, GROW Together, SERVE Others**.

During 2025, the church has still been without a Minister so the Trustees have continued to ensure the work of the Church has been able to continue, including the holding of regular Sunday services and the provision of pastoral care. In consultation with the West of England Baptist Network (Webnet) Regional Ministers, the process was continued to discern the way forward for the Church and to consider the appointment of a new Minister.

To achieve its objective the Church provides a variety of activities both to its members and to the community generally aiming 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 each Sunday, normally at 10.30am. The services are live-streamed on YouTube for those who are unable to attend in person or wish to watch on demand later in the week. There are occasional services at other times which are advertised at the services, in the weekly bulletins, on Facebook groups and on the Church website www.cpbpc.co.uk There is a Sunday club programme, usually on the first and third Sunday of the month, for children; the services on the other weeks of the month are aimed for an all age congregation. The Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of **House Groups** for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members. Details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a **Toddler Group** which meets on the Church premises on Thursdays, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. Also, on a Thursday, the Church holds a **Community Coffee Morning** open for anyone to attend where free tea and coffee is served, and people are welcome to come and chat and find help if needed.

There are also groups open for the community to attend which are both social but also Christian in nature. **Time Out** and **The Ladies Friendship Group** for women; a **Men's Group**; a **Craft Group**; a **Community Choir (Caprione)**; and a **Hand Chimes Group (the Clangers)**. A **Meet and Mix Group** arrange various activities for all but with a particular focus for those having special needs.

Our building is used regularly by a **Narcotics Support Group** and **The Mount Church**, an Indian speaking congregation who are part of a church in Bristol. The latter group shares with us in our Christmas community event, **Carols around the Tree**, and have used our baptistry for services of believers' baptism.

The Deacons have continued to meet with the Church leaderships from Milton Baptist, Worle Baptist, and Bristol Road Baptist Churches to explore how we can better work together for mission within our town and build on the projects that are already being held. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been set up to enable this. One combined activity has been providing a safe space for the community to experience 'peace' in the form of a **Renew Centre**.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, encouragement and influence in people's lives. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2025 was a positive year in the life of the Church and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2026.

The Church is very fortunate in having people who are willing to give their time and talents to support its life and work. Whether it be leading study groups, setting up and packing away for services and meetings, staffing the office, providing refreshments, making music, supplying flowers, welcoming people into the premises, cleaning or many of the other tasks done quietly day by day. This is truly appreciated, and the Church wishes to record its thanks to all our members and friends for their support.

MEMBERSHIP

Members at 01 January 2025			96
Additions			3
			99
Deletions	Death	5	
	Transfer/resignation	15	20
Members at 31 December 2024			79

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church continues to raise the funds needed to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal for funds was made during the year.

Until 31 August 2024 the most significant expense of the Church had been our responsibility for the stipend and housing costs of our Minister, Revd Steve Christian. Following his resignation the manse was not needed for a Minister and he and his family have been renting the premises whilst they look for suitable alternative accommodation and have assumed responsibility for all other expenses relating to the manse.

Financially the Church offerings have been below our expected income but the balance in our reserves has enabled us to continue to operate all our activities. The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves, together with ongoing anticipated income, to enable the Church to function effectively in the coming year.

In terms of building maintenance, the necessary repairs and maintenance have been undertaken to keep the buildings in good condition.

The Church has continued to maintain its membership with the wider Baptist family through the Baptist Union, the West of England Baptist Association (Webnet); representatives of the Church have attended their meetings. During 2025 the Church supported Baptist mission work through donations to Baptist Union Home Mission and BMS World Mission. In addition, the Church has supported work in the local community such as Foodbank, Christians Against Poverty and elsewhere by responding to requests from national mission partners to help with disaster and poverty relief.

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. All meetings are open to the community at large.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUND

General Fund Working fund to meet general running expenses.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Agape Fund Confidential fund for meeting needs within the fellowship and the community.
Legacy Fund Holding fund for legacies pending final disbursement.
Fabric Fund General maintenance and repair to the Church premises.

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Manse Fund	General maintenance and repair to the manse.
Equipment Fund	Upkeep, upgrade and replacement of audio, visual and office equipment.
Youth Fund	For youth work.
RESTRICTED FUNDS	
Training Fund	Income from the invested capital may only be used for training purposes.
Agency Funds	The Church receives and distributes money for other registered charities, including Baptist Union Home Mission, BMS World Mission, Baptist World Aid, Operation Agri and Spurgeons Childcare. Individual funds are maintained for each charity to ensure that these amounts are separated from normal Church funds. By this means the Church can claim and pass on to those charities any tax rebates received under Gift Aid.

CHURCH GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

The various groups and organisations associated with the Church are listed with details of money they have received and paid. All money received and paid out by the groups and organisations has been included in the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND SAFEGUARDING

The Deacons, as Charity Trustees, are engaged in an on-going programme of risk assessment, including health and safety issues, relating to the Church buildings and the Church activities.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted through the Disclosure and Barring Service and receive Baptist Union of Great Britain Excellence in Safeguarding training relevant to their role.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income, resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2023 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUTHORISATION

The Annual Report and the accompanying Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 were approved by the Deacons on 1 April 2026 and we are authorised to sign the Report on their behalf.



Julie Dawkins
Church Secretary/Trustee
1 April 2026



Ruth Fuller
Church Treasurer/Trustee
1 April 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Clarence Park Baptist Church report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Clarence Park Baptist Church for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
the accounts do not accord with those records; or
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.

Clive Bennett

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

3rd March 2026

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Monetary Assets		
CAF Bank Cheque Account	6,726	54,938
CAF Income Bond	0	0
Baptist Union - 6 Month Deposit A/C	127,741	0
Baptist Union - 3 Months Deposit A/C	106,644	103,481
Baptist Union - 7 Day Deposit Account	13,032	12,899
CAF new CIO Account	47,416	29,799
Petty Cash	41	30
 Total	 <u>301,600</u>	 <u>201,147</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted General Funds	59,144	21,898
Designed Funds	230,637	166,446
Restricted Funds	7,953	7,953
Agency Restricted Funds	3,866	4,850
 Total	 <u>301,600</u>	 <u>201,147</u>
 Other Items		
Gift Aid Tax Rebates Due	2,367	1,954
Funds held by Church Organisations (18)	5,301	5,273
 TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	 <u>309,268</u>	 <u>208,374</u>
 Fixed Assets (Insured Values)		
Church Building & Organ	9,592,301	9,049,340
Furniture & Fittings, Instruments Etc	268,161	201,675
Manse	427,939	403,716
 Total Fixed Assets	 <u>10,288,401</u>	 <u>9,654,731</u>

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds (13) £	Restricted Funds (14) £	Agency Restricted Funds (15) £	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Income							
Donations & Legacies	2	65,233	56,419	-	2,561	124,213	144,180
Investment	3	9,582	5,036	-	-	14,618	8,801
Charitable activities	4	5,685	-	-	-	5,685	4,251
Total Income		<u>80,500</u>	<u>61,455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,561</u>	<u>144,516</u>	<u>157,232</u>
Expenditure							
Ministry	5	(681)	0	0	0	(681)	34,854
Mission	6	6,853	1,818	-	3,545	12,216	10,945
Community	7	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,682
Church Premises	8	15,495	2,874	-	-	18,369	19,321
Manse	9	560	292	-	-	852	3,127
Fellowship	10	5,543	-	-	-	5,543	5,440
Worship	11	4,574	-	-	-	4,574	3,848
Leadership	12	690	-	-	-	690	202
Total Expenditure		<u>35,534</u>	<u>4,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,545</u>	<u>44,063</u>	<u>80,419</u>
Net income / (Expenditure)		44,966	56,471	0	(984)	100,453	76,813
Funds Transfer		(7,720)	7,720			0	0
Total Funds Brought Forward		21,898	166,446	7,953	4,850	201,147	124,334
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>59,144</u>	<u>230,637</u>	<u>7,953</u>	<u>3,866</u>	<u>301,600</u>	<u>201,147</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for Year ended 31 December 2025

1 Basis of Accounts - General Fund

These Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and accord with Section 132 of the Charities Act 2011

2 Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds (13) £	Restricted Funds (14) £	Agency Restricted Funds (15) £	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Offerings	52,946	2,374			55,320	58,644
Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	11,617	171			11,788	16,484
Donations - General	670			2,561	3,231	6,490
Donation Fabric fund		150			150	-
Donation Stone repairs					-	7,062
Other Receipts (Legacy)	-	53,724			53,724	55,500
	65,233	56,419	-	2,561	124,213	144,180

During 2024 income was split as follows: Unrestricted £72,521, Designated £62,420, Restricted £3,000 and £6,239 Agency Restricted

3 Investment Income

Interest Received	182	5,036			5,218	5,601
Dividend Distribution					-	-
Capital Revaluation					0	-
Manse Rent	9,400				9,400	3,200
	9,582	5,036	0	-	14,618	8,801

During 2024 all investment income was Unrestricted except £5,566 Designated

4 Charitable Activities

Lettings / Fees - Wedding etc	5,685				5,685	4,251
	5,685	-	-	-	5,685	4,251

During 2024 all income from Charitable Activities was Unrestricted

5 Ministry Costs

Stipend	-				-	28,360
Employers National Insurance	-	681			681	-
Employers Pension	-				-	2,996
Staff Travel Expenses	-				-	870
Other expenses	-				-	496
Baptist Together - MIT	-				-	2,000
Payroll charges	-				-	132
	-	681	-	-	681	34,854

During 2024 all Ministry Costs were Unrestricted

6 Mission

BMS	2,976				2,976	3,010
Home Mission	2,976				2,976	3,010
Baptist Unions Subscription	556				556	638
Churches Together					-	-
Other	345				345	480
Agape Gifts		1,818			1,818	787
Agency Gifts				3,545	3,545	3,020
	6,853	1,818	-	3,545	12,216	10,945

During 2024 all Mission Costs were Unrestricted except £787 Designated Funds and £3,020 Agency Restricted

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	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds (13) £	Restricted Funds (14) £	Agency Restricted Funds (15) £	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
7 Community						
Sunday Club	-				-	-
Messy Church	-				-	-
Girls Brigade	-				-	-
New Initiatives	2,500				2,500	2,682
	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	2,682

During 2024 all Community Costs were Unrestricted

8 Church Premises						
Insurance	7,322				7,322	6,908
Heating & Lighting	6,637				6,637	6,715
Appliance Maintenance	508				508	924
Water and Sewage	262				262	225
Equipment Fund	-				-	13
Fabric Fund		2,874			2,874	711
Church Telephone	766				766	645
Charitable Inc Org Fees	-	-			-	-
Stone work repairs	-	-			-	3,180
	15,495	2,874	-	-	18,369	19,321

During 2024 all Church Premises Costs were Unrestricted except Designated Funds (Equipment £13, Fabric £711 and £3,180 Stone Repairs)

9 Manse						
Council Tax	-				-	1,127
Insurance	560				560	481
Heating and Lighting	-				-	550
Manse Repair Fund		292			292	70
Manse Repair (non-Fund)	-				-	120
Water and Sewage	-				-	384
Manse Telephone	-				-	395
Other Expenses	-				-	-
	560	292	-	-	852	3,127

During 2024 all Manse Costs were Unrestricted except £70 Designated Funds (Manse Repair)

10 Fellowship / Admin						
Advertising and Publicity	-				-	-
Photocopier	2,266				2,266	2,150
Postage and Stationery	352				352	563
Website	-				-	465
Catering	603				603	563
House Keeping	1,983				1,983	1,555
Bank Charges	120				120	121
Sundry Expenses	219				219	23
	5,543	-	-	-	5,543	5,440

During 2024 all Fellowship / Admin Costs were Unrestricted

11 Worship						
Preaching Fees	3,224				3,224	2,095
Books and Preaching Material	126				126	132
Organ and Pianos	-				-	504
Music	70				70	144
Copyright Licences	1,154				1,154	973
Sabbatical Preaching Fees	-				-	-
	4,574	-	-	-	4,574	3,848

During 2024 all Worship Costs were Unrestricted

12 Leadership						
Baptist Assembly	-				-	-
Ministers Conference	-				-	-
Training	690				690	105
Deacons training	-				-	97
	690	-	-	-	690	202

During 2024 all Leadership Costs were Unrestricted

Total Charitable Activities	35,534	4,984	-	3,545	44,063	80,419
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	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfer	closing Balance	Last Year
13 Designated Funds						
Agape Fund	3,171	2,545	(1,818)		3,898	
Legacy	131,188	58,760			189,948	
Fabric	11,487	150	(2,874)	3,308	12,071	
Manse	6,824		(292)	2,208	8,740	
Equipment	6,791		0	2,204	8,995	
CIO	1,109				1,109	
Youth	839				839	
Stone work	5,037				5,037	
Total	166,446	61,455	(4,984)	7,720	230,637	
14 Restricted Funds						
Training Fund Capital	3,654				3,654	
Training Fund Interest	1,299				1,299	
Youth	3,000				3,000	
Total	7,953	0	0	0	7,953	
15 Agency Funds						
BMS World Mission	0	445	(400)		45	
BMS Birthday	126	210	(301)		35	
Home Mission	0	0	0		0	
Baptist World Aid	0				0	
Build / Meet & Mix	95	72	(79)		88	
Clangers Group	251	245	(324)		172	
Mens Group	378	440	(390)		428	
Christians Against Poverty	0				0	
Flower Fund	307				307	
Operation Agri	2	198	(194)		6	
Weston Food Bank	0	17			17	
Pickleball	144				144	
Ladies Fellowship	580	800	(747)		633	
Boys Brigade	1,111				1,111	
Girls Brigade	856				856	
Community Café		134	(110)		24	
Steve C Leaving gifts	1,000		(1,000)		0	
Total	4,850	2,561	(3,545)	0	3,866	
16 BMS Donations						
Birthday Scheme			301			468
Envelopes, Boxes Etc			400			7
Christmas Post Box						
BMS Relief Fund						
Total Gifts			<u>701</u>			<u>475</u>
Budget Giving			<u>2,976</u>			<u>3,010</u>
Total Giving to BMS			<u><u>3,677</u></u>			<u><u>3,485</u></u>
17 Home Mission						
Envelopes, Boxes Etc						0
Christmas Post Box						0
Other Receipts			<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>
Total Gifts			<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>
Budget Giving			<u>2,976</u>			<u>3,010</u>
Total Giving to BMS			<u><u>2,976</u></u>			<u><u>3,010</u></u>
18 Church Organisations						
Boys Brigade	1,111				1,111	
Pickle ball	144				144	
Build Social Club	376				376	
Clangers	274	245	(269)		250	
Community Coffee Morning	31	225	(227)		29	
CPBC Men's Group						
(Donation Record)	342	500	(340)		502	
Flower Fund	323	50	(37)		336	
Girls Brigade	856				856	
Ladies Friendship Group	571	741	(656)		656	
Ladies "Time Out" Group	359				359	
So Crafty Group	96	305	(261)		140	
Tots and Toddlers	395	766	(686)		475	
Caprione Choir	4	1,193	(1,130)		67	
Total	4,882	4,025	(3,606)	0	5,301	