

# Rodbourne Baptist Church



## Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended-31 December 2024

RCBC is a Registered Charity No 1200814

**Trustees Annual Report**  
**For the period**  
**1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

**Section A**

**Reference and administration details**

Charity Name **Rodbourne Baptist Church**  
**(locally known as Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church)**

Charity's principal address **Cheney Manor Road, Swindon, SN2 2PE**

Charity's postal address **c/o 15 Frome Road, Swindon SN25 3PQ**

Charity Number **1200814**

Names of the charity trustees (henceforth referred to as Trustees) who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mr James Reeves	Minister		Church Members
Mr John Bosu	Elder		Church Members
Mr Philip Edgell	Elder		Church Members
Mrs Janet Clark	Deacon/Treasurer		Church Members
Mr Eric Clark	Deacon/Secretary		Church Members
Mrs Harriett Bosu	Deacon/Pastoral		Church Members
Mr Edmund Everest	Deacon/Building Maintenance		Church Members
Mrs Sarah Purnell	Deacon/Safeguarding	From November 2024	Church Members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
West of England Baptist Trust Company (East) Ltd., Charity No 1091251	

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Hilton Holding (BCom)	60 Studland Park, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 3HN
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc	82 Regent Street, Brunel Centre, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 1TZ
Solicitors	Wood, Awdry & Ford	3 St Mary Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3JL

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Constitution (Approved Governing Document) is the governing document and this is reviewed and updated when necessary. Last updated in May 2021 at a special church members' meeting to allow for Electronic Meetings. The amendments were passed unanimously.

How the charity is constituted  
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The charity is constituted as a Baptist Church

Trustee selection methods  
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Nominated and elected by church members at church meetings

Additional governance issues  
(optional information)

The Church employs James Reeves as our Minister. The Minister Elders and Deacons together with church members and regular attendees form the body of the church.

Elders are nominated by the pastor/elders and elected by church members. They must be over the age of 21 and have been in church membership for at least two years. They serve on the Trustee Body for a period ideally not exceeding 3 years after which time they may stand for re-election.

Deacons are nominated and elected by church members. They must be over the age of 16 and have been in church membership for at least one year. They serve on the Trustee Body for a period not exceeding 3 years, after which time they may stand for re-election.

The Deacons and Elders attend Training Days held by the Baptist Union and the West of England Baptist Association when appropriate.

The church is a member of the West of England Baptist Trust Company (East) Ltd and a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, both of whom are registered charities. The church does not receive grant funding from the West of England Baptist Trust Company but can apply for and may receive a grant from The Home Mission Section of the Baptist Union.

The Trustees have examined the financial risks and the Health and Safety risks, and the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and systems have been put in place to enable regular reports to be given to trustees and members at the bi-monthly and Annual General meetings, so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. (See page 11). Safeguarding Training is also given to all those working with Children Young People and Adults at Risk.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Charities Act (2011). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and must take reasonable steps to ensure the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and

was granted a charity number in October 2022 (1200814) however we were not fully affiliated until the end of March 2023.

Summary of the objects of the Charity set out in its governing

The object of the church is to fulfil the great commission (Matthew 28 v 18 – 20 & Acts 2 v 42 – 47)

Document Summary  
Of the main activities  
in relation to these objects

The main activity of the church is to promote the Christian Gospel to the local community

Additional details of objectives and activities  
(optional information)

All the activities are run by volunteers, who attend or who are connected with the church. Also working together with churches in the area we help to meet the needs of the local community through friendships and support.

A typical week's activities at the church during 2024 were as follows:  
**Sundays** – Morning Services held in person and also live streamed from the church on You Tube and Facebook. Evening Services are mainly contemplative for people to attend in person.  
Church Members Meetings held bi-monthly in person at the church.  
**Tuesdays**– Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)  
**Wednesday** – Evening youth meeting at the church  
**Thursdays** – Thursday Connect (am), Little Bookworms (pm) at the church (See reports Pages 6 and 7)  
Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)  
Trustees Meetings held monthly.  
**Fridays** – Music Practice for the Sunday service

Home Groups also meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays either on Zoom or in person.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Church has continued with a membership of 43, comprising mainly of folk from the local area with approximately 40 - 50 people attending the morning service, including children and young people. In order to maintain contact with everyone at the church we have a list of 5 different fellowship groups based on all those who are connected with the church and within those 5 groups are Home groups (a smaller number of people) who meet regularly either in person or on Zoom.

## REPORT FROM OUR MINISTER – Rev'd James Reeves

Dear Church Family,  
As I reflect on the past year, it has been a time of both challenges and opportunities. Many in our fellowship and community have faced trials, navigating sickness, mental health struggles, and life's many pressures. It often feels like we are surviving rather than thriving. Yet, in the midst of it all, I am reminded of God's unwavering faithfulness.  
Jesus promises in Hebrews 13:5, "*Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.*" And Psalm 23 reminds us that even in the valley of the shadow of death, we need not fear, for God is with

us, guiding and comforting us. No matter our circumstances, I encourage you to draw near to Him. God is at work, writing His redemption story in each of our lives through Christ Jesus.

### **The YAC (Youth and Community) Shack at Pembroke Gardens**

This year has been significant for our ministry at the YAC Shack. Through the generous support of the Baptist Insurance Group, we were able to recruit two interns, Albert and Brandon. Albert brings a wealth of experience in youth ministry, while Brandon has started exploring Christianity as a direct result of our outreach. Their involvement has been a great encouragement, and we're excited about the impact they will have.

We remain in active discussions with the Parish Council, who are planning to rebuild the current brick built changing rooms into a permanent youth and community hub. This is a direct result of the work we have been doing on Pembroke Gardens. As a church, we are committed to supporting their fundraising efforts in 2025 and hope to secure a service-level agreement that will allow us regular access to this facility for ministry use.

The summer project at the YAC Shack was a resounding success, with an average of 30-50 children and young people attending each session. The gospel was faithfully preached, and we witnessed many responding to the message of Jesus. While this has not yet translated into regular attendance at RCBC, seeds have been planted, and we are prayerfully exploring what church might look like for children and young people who encounter Jesus through our outreach.

### **Nova Hreod Academy**

The Listening Service at Nova Hreod Academy has continued to thrive, with the addition of Naomi Ackland, Director of Swindon Youth for Christ, to our team. Naomi is not only expanding the Listening Service to other schools but is also setting up group sessions at Nova to support students in mental wellbeing and character development.

Another exciting development has been the launch of "*Come & See*," an afterschool club inviting students to explore Jesus through *The Chosen* series. In partnership with Christian art teacher Joanna Vandervalk, this club has seen students engage deeply with the gospel message, ask questions, and continue their journey of discovery.

### **Prayer Ministry**

I firmly believe that prayer is foundational to our life as a church. In 2025, I will focus on establishing a dedicated prayer ministry team, available weekly during our morning services, to ensure prayer is accessible for all who seek it.

Additionally, as a church, we are dedicating 2025 as a year of prayer. We will intentionally seek God's guidance, power, and provision for our lives, our church, and our community. Through prayer, we anticipate breakthroughs in spiritual growth, unity, and kingdom impact.

### **2025: A Year of Breakthroughs**

As we look to the future, I believe 2025 will be a year of breakthroughs for RCBC. Whether through our ministries, our community outreach, or our personal faith journeys, I am confident that God is preparing us for something greater. He is calling us to step out in faith, trust in His promises, and believe that He can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

### **Community Outreach and Events**

In 2024, we continued to prioritize outreach, demonstrating God's love in practical ways. Key highlights included:

- **The Open-Air Carol Service at Pembroke Gardens:** Supported by Asda's generous £400 donation, this event brought the community together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- **The Good Friday Walk of Witness:** A powerful public declaration of faith, uniting believers across Swindon to share the gospel.

### **Challenges and Encouragement**

While we celebrate these achievements, we also recognize the challenges we face as a church and as individuals. Yet, we take heart in Jesus' words: *"In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33).

Even in difficulty, I have been encouraged by the faithfulness of our congregation and the evidence of God's work in our midst. I encourage us all to continue trusting in His plans, knowing that He is with us every step of the way.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we approached our 60th anniversary on December 8th 2024, I am still filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead. Our vision remains to be a beacon of light in our community, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and serving with love, humility, and faith.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and dedication this past year. I am honoured to serve alongside you, and I look forward to seeing the breakthroughs God will bring in 2025.

With every blessing,  
Rev James Reeves  
Minister, Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church

## **OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY WORK IN THE CHURCH**

### **Thursday Connect Annual report from Ann Kemp**

Thursday Connect is a way of connecting the church to the local community in a variety of ways.

For the last 20 years Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church has been open every Thursday morning, unless of course it is Christmas Day in which case we have moved to a different day. In 2024 the church was opened on Boxing Day and was greatly appreciated by those who would otherwise have had a very lonely time! Refreshments are served and a place is provided for friends to talk and share each other's company.

There are always people who are available to talk and share problems with and help is given wherever it is possible. Prayer is available all the time and is usually accepted when offered.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks are available along with toast and biscuits.

We are very grateful to members of the community who have donated their “no longer needed” belongings. We have sold them, very cheaply, and raised money for a lot of different charities. We support three children in Africa through Compassion UK providing for their education and healthcare. All money left over goes to different charities.

During 2024 we have sent donations to: Mercy Ships; Guide dogs for the blind; Headways; MND; Homes for Good; Mind; Prospect Hospice; Owens World; Street Pastors; Compassion Children’s families; Prospect Hospice and Julia House Children’s Hospice.

We have a very good team of faithful people working well together. I haven’t been able to attend for at least the last eight weeks during which time the wheels were kept running smoothly overseen by Paul and Hilary Entwistle. All prayer requests or problems are sent to me during the morning.

Many people come into the sale saying that they love to come because it is so peaceful!!!! They are obviously sensing the presence of God as physically it is anything but!!!!

Ruth Edgell visits us every Thursday during school holidays and provides a craft table for children. It’s quite amazing how many adults like to sit and join in with the crafts she brings along!

Please continue to pray for all who come into the sale. To run this is very hard work and is not something that we do just to raise money. The main purpose is to introduce people to Jesus and to lead them to Salvation and form a deep relationship with God that will develop during the rest of their lives.

We are very grateful to Carl, Peter and the youth group for helping with the set up most weeks. It is also good to have our two interns helping on Thursday mornings, Albert and Brandon.

### **Little Bookworms from Shirley Adams**

Little Bookworms runs on Thursday afternoons from 12 to 2.30 and is for parents with children from 0 – 5 years of age. All those adults who volunteer to help with Little Bookworms have attended Safeguarding Training.

We meet at 12 o’clock starting with a time of free play and craft which gives us time to come alongside both parents and carers. At 1 o’clock we stop and have lunch together sitting around the tables. Parents and carers bring their own packed lunches and we provide crisps, cakes and a drink. Then we have another half an

hour of free play. At 2 o'clock we tidy up and play board games or do a big puzzle together then we have fun with the parachute, a story and songs.

We unfortunately lost 4 families to school and nursery places so at present we need to encourage more families to attend. Leaflets are available so please feel free to hand them to any families you know, this would be very helpful. If You know of any local shops, doctors surgeries or libraries that could put posters up about bookworms this would also be useful. Leaflets are on the desk by the door of the church.

We currently have 7 children attending most weeks.

We are also recruiting more staff. This is due to most of our team working all day on a Thursday so if you would like to join us please talk to Shirley

Thanks for your support

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

The church hall is available to hire for private parties etc.,  
Please contact Dave Ayliffe via the church to hire the hall.



### **House Group Reports**

RCBC is currently operating four House groups and they either meet via Zoom or in person. Information is printed in the church monthly bulletin.



### **Prayer**

As a church we have continued with weekly prayer meetings via Zoom and these have been attended by an average of 8 people. They are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If there is a special requirement for prayer then the time can be extended. There is also a morning prayer meeting held on a Tuesday morning in a church members home. The prayer life of the church has certainly been of benefit to all concerned. A few people now meet for a short time before the morning service and the Sunday evening services are also a time for prayer and reflection. We also have a church prayer chain headed up by Nigel Adams where any items for prayer can be emailed out to those on the prayer chain. These prayers must always have the agreement of the person who is being prayed for in order to maintain the strictest confidence or anonymity.

### **RCBC Bible School report 2024 - Lata Egonu - Youth and Children's Co-ordinator**

Bible School has been relatively stable this year as we have maintained the 2 monthly sessions each month for all three classes we cater to.



There were two Children and Youth led services in 2024 (March and June). These have been put on hold while the church decides on the future of this activity.

We held a Children's themed Christmas service in December, it was a really enjoyable and blessed time shared by all.

### **3 to 5 year olds**

Shirley continues to lead this class with support from different people, all depending on availability. Her classes have not been as regular because the main attendee hasn't been coming as regularly. A new family has started attending and they have a daughter that is within this age group.

### **5 to 11 year olds**

Sarah and Sue are still Teacher and TA in this class. Their attendees have increased to 4 which is a 75% increase on numbers from last year. It continues to be a lively and fun class which the children enjoy.

### **11 to 17 year olds**

Carl and Peter continue to teach on alternate Sundays with Denise and Jean as TA's. They have had two new support members join, Albert and Brandon. The latter two will also get involved in teaching and supporting Sunday school as scheduled in the Rota. A few of the regular attendees, aged out and have since gone to university.

### **Senior Youth Group led by Carl Egonu**

Senior youth activities were scaled back in 2024. The Wednesday evening group was discontinued as quite a few of our youth have gone to university leaving only a few remaining for the Wednesday group.

Sunday school for the older youth has carried on. It happens every two weeks with either Peter Dabbs or myself leading. Albert Ocran and Brandon Harris our two new interns have been observing the sessions to see how they run. Albert and Brandon are officially joining the Sunday school rota for the older youth starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

We had one youth outing last year to go ice skating and have lunch at Nando's. It would be good to have more outings especially when youth return from university during the holidays. It would be a good encouragement to the ones who are still in education in Swindon.

## Accounts



The accounts are independently examined each February and are adopted by the Members at the Church's Annual General Meeting held in March. An Independent Examiner is appointed each year at this meeting. We would like to thank Mr Hilton Holding for the time he has given to examining these accounts. (See his report on Page 15). The church now has a card pay system in place so that people can pay direct on their credit/debit cards into the church bank account.

### Brief statement of the Charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the church to try and maintain around £10,000 in the current Account as an operating amount and a minimum of £20,000 in the Business Reserve Account. The current account is topped up as necessary from the reserve account to maintain a viable amount to enable all bills to be paid. We have managed to exceed both these amounts over the last year. The reserve account is funded mainly by rental of our Church Manse, Gift Aids and Gift Aid Small Donations. Any Grants received are also paid into the Reserve Account. In the reserve account we have several designated amounts e.g. £16,000 for the kitchen refurbishment, £20,000 for Pembroke Gardens interns and future removal of the portacabin when necessary and at least £20,000 should our minister give us 6 months' notice. Designated funds are transferred over to the current account as and when necessary. We also have a new card payment system in place in the church to enable those who wish to pay by card on a Sunday to do so. The Trustees would like to thank all those who contribute to the church finances either through the bank or in the weekly offering

## Section F

### Other optional information

The church continues to remain a place of worship within the community and maintains strong links with other churches in the surrounding area and throughout Swindon as well as links with our Baptist Family.

The churches in the local area meet up together for an annual service during the week of prayer for Christian Unity which is held in January. This gives an opportunity for people from different churches to see each other and helps maintain our local links.

The church maintains its links with WEBNET (West of England Baptist Association) not only with regards to informing them of our finances, but also through any training days held for trustees of the Baptist churches in the area.

Several people in the church deliver the Good News Newspapers to residents in and around the local area.

### **PENSION DEFICIT PAYMENTS**

*\*Notes to explain the pension payments (See Finance Section)*

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). Our current Minister is part of the Baptist Pension Scheme under the Defined Contributions Scheme.

Upon the departure of the previous Minister from the church in 2007, the

Church had a cessation event under Section 75 of the Pensions Act 1995, from 2007 to Dec 2010. This made the Church liable for the proportion of the overall deficit (assessed by reference to the cost of securing benefits by the purchase of annuities) applicable to its previous Ministers who were members of the Scheme

What did this mean for future contributions? The Trustee and the Baptist Union agreed that DRCs would reduce to £1 per month for each employer from the August 2022 payment until June 2026. However, this was superseded in November 2024. The Trustees of the scheme entered into an agreement with the insurance company Just Retirement Limited ("Just") in 2022 to secure DB Plan members' benefits. In November 2024 the DB Plan benefits were transferred over to Just and therefore the Trustees of the Deficit Recovery Contributions (DRC's) ceased the collection of the £1 per month at the end of October 2024, The direct debits for these payments have been cancelled and DB Plan employers no longer have any further responsibility towards the DB Plan.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full Name(s) James Reeves

Eric Clark

Chair

Secretary

Date

Date

## Risk Management Policies

**Finance Policy** *Controls to prevent Loss of Funds Implemented by the church in May 1994.*  
*Updated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

**This Policy has been reviewed in the light of moving from an unincorporated organisation to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) . The policy remains the same with one exception to allow for online banking and the use of a church debit card. As of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 this policy will continue to be enforced**

The opening and closing of any bank accounts must be witnessed by two authorised signatories together with the pastor's signature. In the absence of a pastor the secretary will sign in their place. Two authorised signatures must be on all cheques. Signatories must be made fully aware what they are paying for prior to purchase and a receipt/bill must be produced at the time of signing a cheque.

If any signatory or anyone in their family is to benefit from a cheque issued by the church they cannot be a signatory to that particular cheque.

All offerings, tithes, gift aids, gifts and any monies given to the church will be counted and recorded in the book provided for that purpose on a Sunday. This action will be carried out by at least two people one of whom should be a trustee. No money will leave the main sanctuary to be counted until the two persons counting the said money have collected the offering bags. They will sign the book when they are satisfied that all the money is accounted for.

The book will then become part of the annual Independent examination of the accounts by the designated accountant. The accounts are independently examined by a qualified accountant and are adopted by the church members at the Annual General Meeting.

Two persons (one of whom must be a managing trustee) are to complete the computerized accounts monthly and ensure that bank balances are reconciled. A yearly budget is prepared by the management trustees in September for approval by church members in November.

**To adopt modern banking practices, RCBC will follow online banking processes in accordance with good practice supported by an agreed internal process in line with the requirements of this policy. Where a debit card is used the expenditure will be agreed by two trustees.**

## Safeguarding Policy

The church adheres to the current Baptist Unions Safeguarding Policy to protect children, young people and adults at risk. These Baptist Union Publications give guidelines on protection for the local church and its youth leaders. All those with a responsibility for looking after children, young persons or adults at risk in the church have seen a copy of the New Safeguarding Policy and systems are in place so that any child, young person or adult at risk will be protected should the need arise. All those involved in children's and young persons' work and who work with adults at risk attended Safeguarding training courses during 2022 to Grade 2 level. Management trustees and the children's co-ordinator had training to Grade 3.

A risk register is in the process of being prepared and reviewed in relation to Health and Safety, Finance, and Safeguarding Policies.

## Health and Safety Policy

A representative from the membership has agreed to be responsible for Health and Safety issues. Church attendees have been fully briefed as to what to do and where to assemble in the event of the fire alarm being raised, and church trustees have been given responsibilities for checking the fire panel and who rings the fire brigade etc. Appropriate notices are prominently displayed and the fire extinguishers and exit signs are maintained annually.

Those responsible for Food preparation have attended training courses and have obtained certificates in Food Hygiene. These are updated as and when necessary. Trained First Aiders make sure all accidents and incidents are recorded in a book specifically for that purpose. A First Aid box is kept fully stocked.

Smoking is not allowed on the premises, nor is the consumption of alcohol. The above policies are reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Church in March. A book is available in the church for any repairs to the fabric of the church to be noted down. The Trustees check this book on a regular basis and action any repairs necessary.

## Receipts and Payments Accounts **Rodbourn Baptist Church** For the period **1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

Section A Receipts and payments					
A1 Receipts to nearest £	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds Jan - Dec	Total funds	Last year 2023
General Income less Gift Day 1,2	61,399			61,399	66,945
Gift Day (Gift Aided) 1,2			0	0	
Gift Day (Not Gift Aided) 3			100	100	125
Manse Rental 4	12,020			12,020	12,240
Hospitality/refreshments 5	595			595	600
Hire of Halls 6	50			50	100
Outreach/Evangelism Gen 7	153			153	1,441

Pembroke Gardens Portacabin 8		1,941	15,277	17,218	430
Youth Work Donations 9		0		0	0
Small Equip/Prop Donations 10		0		0	20
Thursday Connect 11			9,270	9,270	9,142
Sub total	74,217	1,941	24,647	100,805	91,043
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales etc</b>					
Total Receipts	74,217	1,941	24,647	100,805	91,043
<b>A3 Payments to nearest £</b>					
Pastor's Salary/Expenses * 8,9	43,779				42,128
27 Alder Close Expenses 10	665				689
Pension Deficit Payments 11	10				12
Thursday Connect 12			9,220		9,142
Church Expenses 13	5,832				5,179
General Expenses 14	6,520				12,434
Outreach/Youth/Mission 15	9,526				7,270
Pembroke Portacabin/Gen 16		1,433	1,807		2,095
Hospitality/Welfare 17	2,171				1,173
Property church 18	4,244				7,964
Sub total	72,747	1,433	11,027	85,207	88,086
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Total payments	72,747	1,433	11,027	85,207	88,086
Net of receipts (payments)	1,470	508	13,620	15,598	2,957
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>				82,268	79,311
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,470	508	13,620	97,866	82,268

For a more detailed explanation of the accounts see over the page

**A. General Receipts incl: Jan 01 2024 - 31 Dec 2024**

1. Gift Aids	£	29,007.00
Tax Refunds	£	9,335.41
2. Loose Plate, Non Gift Aid		
Love Gifts, Other Income, Bank Int	£	23,056.76
3. Gift Day (Not Gift aided)	£	100.00
4. Manse Rental	£	12,020.00
5. Hospitality/Refreshment	£	595.00
6. Hire of Halls	£	50.00

7. Outreach/Evangelism General	£	153.31
8. Designated Portacabin funds Gen	£	1,941.00
8 Portacabin/Intern Designated	£	15,277.00
9. Youth Work Donations	£	0.00
10. Small equipment /Prop Donations	£	0.00
11 Thursday Connect Donations	£	9,269.79

**Total Receipts for the whole year = £ 100,805.27**

**B. Payments incl: Jan 01 2024 - 31 Dec 2024**

8.Pastor's Salary	£	38,499.96
9. Pastor's Expenses (Pension, NI PAYE etc)	£	5,278.74
10. 27 Alder Close	£	665.24
11. Pension Deficit Payments*	£	10.00
12. Thursday Connect Gifts	£	9,219.60
13. . Church Expenses incl (Elec/Gas/Tel/Ins/Water/zoom)	£	5,832.32
14. General Expenses incl:		
Subscriptions/Copyright	£	1,992.26
Office Expenses	£	96.86
Small Equipment	£	970.69
Training Courses	£	167.60
Love Gifts	£	691.48
Legal Expenses	£	575.00
Other Expenses incl:	£	998.20
(Flowers,Communion,,Speakers etc.)		
Books/Literature	£	551.48
Independent Examiner	£	275.00
Live Streaming Equip	£	201.20
15. Outreach/Youth/Mission	£	9,525.69
16. Pembroke Portacabin Ge/Desig	£	3,240.05
17 Hospitality Welfare	£	2,171.41
18. Property	£	4,243.70

**Total Payments Jan to Dec £ 85,206.48**

**Receipts – Payments = 15,598.79**

**\*See note re pensions deficit pages 10**

<b>Section B</b>	<b>Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>
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**B1 Cash Funds**

Details	Unrestrict ed funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	
Current a/c	11,403		11,403

Reserve a/c	29,843	56,620	86,463
Total Cash Funds	41,246	56,620	97,866

Agree balances with receipts and payments accounts

B2 Other Monetary Assets	Details	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £

B3 Investment Assets	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current value (optional)

B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's own use

Details	
Manse - 27 Alder Close Insured Value - January 2023	272,189
Church - Cheney Manor Road Insured Value - January 2023	1,409,353

The restricted funds in the reserve account are £21,620 for the Portacabins ongoing costs and possible removal of same, £16,000 raised by church members for a new community kitchen, and £20,000 to be kept in reserve to pay for a minister.

Signature - James Reeves

Print Name James Reeves

Signature - Philip Edgell

Philip Edgell

Signed by one or two Trustees  
On behalf of all Trustees

Date of Approval 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

"The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practices: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2005) issued in March 2005, UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011"

The charity is an excepted charity under Section 30 (2)(b) of Charities Act 2011 and the power not to produce an Annual Report is now in Section 168(2) of the Charities Act 2011 .

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MANAGING TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF**

### **RODBOURNE CHENEY BAPTIST CHURCH – CHARITY NO. 1200814**

On the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of managing trustees and independent examiner**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my responsibility to

state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met.

In my opinion no other matter needs attention to be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Dated: 17 February 2025