



# **SALENDINE NOOK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD3 3SF**

**Registered Charity 1201300**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>	<b>1201300</b>
<b>DATE OF REGISTRATION</b>	<b>12th December 2022</b>
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>6th April 2025</b>
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>5th April 2026</b>
<b>LEGAL STATUS</b>	<b>Registered Charity</b>
<b>CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE</b>	<b>The Baptist Union Corporation Limited</b>
<b>TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING THE YEAR TO 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Rev. Ian Lovell (Minister) Mrs. Susan Thornton (Treasurer &amp; Chair) Mrs. Karen Kent (Assistant Secretary) Mrs. Linda Aspinall Mr. Peter Fairbank Mrs. Pamela Hebblethwaite Mrs. Joyce Moorhouse Mr. John Swift</b>
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>Constitution adopted on 31st July 2022</b>
<b>CHARITABLE OBJECTS</b>	<b>The principal purpose of the church is 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.</b>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Salendine Nook Baptist Church Moor Hill Road Salendine Nook Huddersfield West Yorkshire HD3 3SF</b>
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	<b>HSBC 2 Cloth Hall Street Huddersfield West Yorkshire HD1 2ES</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	<b>Anthony Taylor</b>

## **Salendine Nook Baptist Church**

### **Aims and Purposes**

The principal purposes of the Church at Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Huddersfield are the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptists Together (Baptist Union of Great Britain).

The Trustees of Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Huddersfield (Minister, Officers & Deacons) work together to promote the mission of the Church. This is done through worshipping God and promoting the Christian Gospel through evangelistic, pastoral, social and ecumenical activities. The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and for two other properties: The Manse at 4 Gatesgarth Crescent, Lindley, Huddersfield HD3 3LG and The Caretaker's Home at 91 Moor Hill Road, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3SF.

### **Affiliations**

Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Huddersfield is a member church of the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA) and Baptists Together (Baptist Union of Great Britain). We regularly send delegates to the YBA assemblies and occasionally to the BUGB annual assembly. We regularly support the initiatives of both BMS World Mission and the BUGB Home Mission.

The church has continued to connect with neighbouring churches in the local area and is a member church of Churches Together in Huddersfield North West (CTHNW).

### **Governance and Management**

The Minister, Church Officers and Deacons form a Leadership Team that is responsible for the oversight and management of the church. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed annually at the AGM. There is an annual election of Deacons each year. Each deacon serves for a 3 – year period being eligible to stand for another 3 – year term if they so desire. The Leadership Team meet monthly (except August) where issues pertaining to the church both in terms of maintenance and worship/outreach are discussed and prayed for.

Although this is the Trustees' report, Rev. Ian Lovell who is Minister of the Church wants to record his gratitude and the gratitude of the church for the way in which the Church Officers and Deacons as Trustees have guided and moved the church forward in the last several years. Each of the Church Leadership Team makes a vital contribution to the life of the church and their strength is in what they do together so that the church may continue in the coming days.

The church has an established Safeguarding Policy which is overseen by the Leadership Team and is reviewed annually at the church's AGM. Three of the church Leadership Team make up a dedicated Safeguarding Team and is available to deal with any safeguarding issues that may arise in the life of the church.

The Church Meeting forms the Governing Body of the church. This meeting is open to every member and attendee of the church, and it is here that the members look to find the common consensus as they seek together 'the mind of Christ' so that major decisions about the overall life and strategic direction of the church can be made.

Many people in the life of the church volunteer and make their gifts available for the furtherance of the mission that the church is called to undertake in its purposes as a Christian Community. This is demonstrated through acts of kindness, good will and wonderful generosity. Some of this is done in a very public way and some of it is done in a quieter and behind the scenes way. Some

of it is formal and some of it through informal networks within the church and local community. The Trustees want to express their real gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who does this for the benefit of the church.

The church also employs a Church Caretaker who lives within the church grounds and who maintains the cleaning of the church premises and other various roles within the church.

### **Church Activities & Outreach**

Salendine Nook Baptist Church has a variety of activities that are part of the church's life and mission. We meet regularly on a Sunday morning for about an hour and a half to worship and praise God. We follow this with refreshments and encourage people to stay and have fellowship with each other. On the first Sunday of each month (except August) we have what we call 'Fellowship Lunch' and this is a meal that we invite anyone to join in with. Currently there are on average about 25 people who stay to the lunch. This event has been going now for several years and was begun to alleviate the loneliness of living alone. As a church we see this as a great opportunity to meet the needs of individuals who might spend time on their own, especially on a Sunday. Other church activities that happen within the life of the church consists of: Homegroups, Women's Fellowship, Tuesday Circle, Coffee Mornings etc. These meetings are not always weekly but may happen several times during the year.

We are blessed as a church to have a large building that can and is used regularly by community groups. During term – time a Playgroup rents our church hall, and this generates an additional income into the church. During the week, several other groups meet in the church, such as Slimming World, Two Art Groups, Huddersfield Wind Band, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, and Explorers. The church tries to maintain an active involvement with these groups and some of the members of the church either help run or are involved with the various groups.

The church also provides facilities for, and conducts, Weddings, Dedications for parents of babies and young children, Adult Believers Baptism, and Funerals and prepares people spiritually for these occasions. Church members also give of their generosity through donations of food and finance to the local 'Welcome Centre' Foodbank.

In terms of our attempts to outreach into the community that we find ourselves part of, the church has a monthly link through our Minister, conducting a small reflection and Communion service at the 'Mortons' which is a Retirement Living Complex across the road from the church. There are approximately 10 residents who share in this activity and many of the residents attend our monthly coffee morning, and some attend our Sunday morning services. The Manager of the Complex and the residents refer to our Minister as their Residential Minister, a term of warmth and affection for all that he does for them.

During 2024 / 2025, we have sought to outreach into the surrounding area so that we can share the love of Jesus with others. We have done this through several events. In June 2024 and December 2024 and Huddersfield Wind Band held a concert at the church to which about 70/80 people attended. Also, they held a Christmas Concert at the church in December 2024.

One of our biggest outreach events is during the season of Advent when Huddersfield Wind Band share a Christmas Concert with us as a church, as we have mentioned above. This event easily attracts over 100 people, and this give us the opportunity to invite others to our Christmas services. Our Coffee Morning during Advent is also a major part of our outreach program as it sees many people come into the church building for a time of fellowship, friendship, and festivities around Christmas. Another outreach opportunity that we have during Advent is our

yearly Carol Singing at Salandine Nook Shopping Centre. At this event we sing outside Sainsbury's and share through Carols and Bible Readings the wonder of what Christmas is all about, we have done this over the last several years with other churches from the CTHNW group.

## **Membership**

During 2024/25 we have seen several people who attended church move away to other parts of the country. We remember them with heart – felt thanksgiving for all that they have done for Salandine Nook Baptist Church down through the years, their contribution to the life of the church, and their dedication to the ongoing legacies that they have given to future generations.

It has been a privilege for us as a church to witness all who have come into church membership, and who have begun and are able to contribute to the life of the church.

We are a predominantly elderly congregation, but we find ourselves in good spirit, with a positive outlook for the future. We are a church that has a heart for people, and we believe that our vision statement endorses this as it says: 'As a church we seek to be disciples of Jesus in an ever – changing world'.

The church is committed to the love and inclusion of all people; the Leadership Team and the wider church body having affirmed the diversity in sexuality of same – sex marriages. We are also committed to the love and inclusion and affirming different ethnicity, age, physical ability, learning disability, neurodiversity, and mental health.

## **Achievements & Performance**

The church measures the success of all that it does through its programmes and provision to some extent in the numbers of people attending services and events. However, the Trustees would want to say and feel that more important by far are the less quantifiable aspects of church life, such as:

- Quality and effectiveness of teaching and preaching within the church.
- Spiritual, emotional, and practical support that is both given and received.
- Christian growth and maturity of individuals in the church.
- Inclusiveness of all ages, abilities, nationalities, and backgrounds within the church.
- Quality of fellowship and the encouragement experienced.
- Involvement of the wider community within the life of the church.
- Involvement of the church in the wider community.

## **Concluding Remarks**

Throughout the course of 2024/25, Salandine Nook Baptist Church has had several high points in its journey to fulfilling its purpose – to be the people of God in this part of his kingdom – that we call our spiritual home. The future is unknown, and we are glad in many ways that we cannot know what the future really holds. However, as we move into 2026, this needs to be a time for us as a church here at Salandine Nook to explore whether we want to be a church that prosper and grows or whether we are content with the status quo and hope to carry on just the ways we are. This we believe is good for us, but extremely daunting. The areas that God will move us into is not something that the Pastor alone can do, it takes a whole team to achieve it. It will take all of those who see themselves as being part of the Church at Salandine Nook Baptist Church to be loving towards one another, working together with one another and seeking the heart and mind of God together. Maybe the question needs to be – are we prepared to be part of what God wants

to do with and for us as a church in the future. This last year has seen some amazing things happen for us as a church family and we are eternally grateful for the way in which each individual have supported one another and that God supplies all of our needs in the most extraordinary ways possible.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Receipts</b>			
Weekly offerings		19,148.49	19,383.24
Donations and other income	2	91,801.00	7,943.36
Income tax recovered on gifts		6,133.88	5,109.12
Investment income		14,006.69	13,679.26
Rents and contributions for use of premises		25,094.20	22,993.00
Graveyard		985.60	3,329.04
Raised for other causes	3	1,204.76	1,100.64
Transfer from Mary Lockwood Dividend Account		11,000.00	6,000.00
Interest transferred from Leslie Hollingworth legacy account		300.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>169,674.62</b>	<b>79,537.66</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Ministry	4	43,124.87	35,267.41
Mission	5	3,076.25	3,337.50
Upkeep of church premises	6	35,098.51	37,111.61
Upkeep of church graveyard		1,073.28	2,212.47
Administration	7	3,229.13	4,685.68
Amounts passed on to other causes		1,358.00	1,299.50
Funds transferred to Leslie Hollingworth legacy account		80,000.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>166,960.04</b>	<b>83,914.17</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>2,714.58</b>	<b>-4,376.51</b>

**MARY LOCKWOOD LEGACY FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Receipts</b>			
Investment income		6,888.31	6,686.51
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>6,888.31</b>	<b>6,686.51</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Transfer to general fund		11,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>-4,111.69</b>	<b>686.51</b>

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**LESLIE HOLLINGWORTH LEGACY FUND RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Receipts</b>			
Transferred from general fund		80,000.00	
Interest paid		880.95	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>80,880.95</b>	
<b>Payments</b>			
Transfer to general fund		300.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>300.00</b>	
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>80,580.95</b>	

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 5 APRIL 2025**

	Note	2024/25	2023/24
<b>Assets</b>			
Bank and other cash balances			
HSBC Bank Account		9,588.41	6,873.83
Mary Lockwood Legacy Account		9,288.27	13,399.96
Leslie Hollingworth Legacy Account		80,580.95	
Other monetary assets:			
Investment Assets	8	481,551.97	503,827.87
Assets Held for Church's own use	9	6,737,853.00	6,319,919.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>7,318,862.60</b>	<b>6,844,020.66</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1. Basis of accounts**

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

**2. Donations and other income**

	2024/25	2023/24
Donations	7,407.00	6,328.56
Manse Insurance claim payout	2,894.00	
Leslie Hollingworth legacy	80,000.00	
Coffee morning / refreshments	1,500.00	1,614.80
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>91,801.00</b>	<b>7,943.36</b>

**3. Raised for other causes**

	2024/25	2023/24
BMS / Operation Agri/ Christian Aid	767.00	634.85
Uk charities	437.76	465.79
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,204.76</b>	<b>1,100.64</b>



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**4. Ministry**

	2024/25	2023/24
Minister's stipend	21,952.45	19,888.43
Pension contribution	6,574.84	6,182.13
National insurance	3,972.46	3,894.36
Expenses	644.65	546.78
Manse costs	9,340.47	4,595.71
Visiting preachers	640.00	160.00
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>43,124.87</b>	<b>35,267.41</b>

**5. Mission**

	2024/25	2023/24
Home Mission	1,800.00	1,800.00
BMS World Mission	1,276.25	1,537.50
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>3,076.25</b>	<b>3,337.50</b>

**6. Upkeep of church premises**

	2024/25	2023/24
Lighting and heating	13,409.41	11,985.71
Caretaker	7,907.19	7,653.83
Water	1,142.28	666.00
Insurance	4,985.66	5,120.20
Repairs and maintenance	7,653.97	11,685.87
<b>Total Upkeep of church premises</b>	<b>35,098.51</b>	<b>37,111.61</b>

**7. Administration**

	2024/25	2023/24
Printing and stationery	2,309.37	2,948.54
Telephone and postage	316.44	464.60
other	603.32	1,272.54
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>3,229.13</b>	<b>4,685.68</b>

**8. Investment Assets**

	2024/25	2023/24
Investment with YBA	9,704.17	9,246.80
Investment at Redmayne Bentley - Church Account	317,912.72	335,781.16
Investment - Mary Lockwood legacy fund	153,935.08	158,799.91
<b>Total Investment Assets</b>	<b>481,551.97</b>	<b>503,827.87</b>

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<b>9. Assets Held for the Church's own use</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
Church premises at Moor Hill Road (building insured value)	5,625,156.00	5,445,502.00
Church Manse at 4 Gatesgarth Crescent, Huddersfield (insured Value)	706,919.00	555,535.00
Church Caretakers House at 91 Moor Hill Road, Huddersfield (insured value).	405,778.00	318,882.00
A burial ground at Moor Hill Road, Huddersfield. No meaningful value is available so it has not been included In the Statement Of Assets And Liabilities		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,737,853.00</b>	<b>6,319,919.00</b>

**Report of Independent Examiner to Deacons and members of Salendine Nook Baptist Church**

In accordance with the provision of Section 145(1) of Charities Act 2011, I have examined the receipts and payments account and Statements of Assets and Liabilities of Salendine Nook Baptist Church set out on pages 1,2,3 & 4 relating to the year end 5th April 2025. This examination did not extend to a comprehensive audit of such accounts and statement. I confirm that the Accounts and Statements accord with Accounting Records of the Church and those records satisfy the requirement of the Act. I am not aware of any other matter of which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the Accounts.

Signed:

  
P.A. TAYLOR

Dated:

24 June 2025