

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1202746

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-04-17

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** Our activities include:Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;baptism; evangelism and mission; teaching and encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; nurture and growth of Christian disciples; education and training for Christian and community service; giving and encouraging pastoral care; supporting charitable social action in the UK and abroad

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- North Yorkshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£130,582	£126,516	-	-
2024-12-31	£134,160	£209,614	-	-
2023-12-31	£79,055	£53,665	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Anita Hill		2026-04-15
Anna Eve Welford		2024-01-17
Billa Duggal		2025-04-23
Jane Melanie Taylor		2023-04-17
Joanne Baker		2025-04-23
John Hedley Stuart Wilson		2026-04-15
Marina Redyhoff		2026-04-15
Philip Nixon		2025-04-23
Rev John Emerson Gleghorn		2024-02-19

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# Accounts

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## 2025 Annual Report



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**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**  
**Registered Charity Number – 1202746**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: Period start date 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 To: Period end date 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Charity name: Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

Charity registration number: 1202746

Company number: CE032015

### Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The principal purposes of the Church are:-</p> <p>The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.</p> <p>The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and its church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for children, young people, people with learning difficulties and adults of all ages in the main services.</p> <p>General pastoral support, discipleship, teaching and encouragement are through our home groups and fellowship groups and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team.</p> <p>Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad, and local charities working to support those in need.</p> <p>Our church hall is made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>Mission Support Policy</b> Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough will give 20% of voluntary income (offerings plus gift aid) to Mission outside our own church setting and ministry.  Our aim is to advance the Kingdom of God, as envisioned by Christians, locally, in the UK and worldwide. We will do this by giving to organisations and individuals that: a) Preach the Christian gospel and bring people to Christ b) Support people practically where they are in need
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	None of our activities could run without the dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time, talents and money to carry on the ministry of the church.  We are so grateful for those doing practical jobs like making tea, cleaning and maintaining the buildings, operating audio/video and streaming services, maintaining the website and FaceBook pages, producing the newsletter, accountancy, banking and other administration work; also those preaching, leading services and leading worship; those teaching and leading groups, those welcoming, pastoring, discipling others and all of us supporting one another in our Christian journey.
Other		.

## Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>We believe that this has been a successful year for Ebenezer Baptist Church because there have been several significant achievements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Increase in membership: The number of members has declined in recent years due to several factors including the COVID pandemic. However, in 2025 we reversed this trend by increasing the numbers from 76 to 85, an increase of 9 (12%) which is very pleasing. Having more members means of course that we can reach out to our community with greater effect.</li><li>2. Our members have always been most generous in their giving and this has enabled us to increase our financial support for Christian outreach/mission both at home and abroad. It is particularly pleasing that we can give strong financial backing to The Rainbow Centre in Scarborough which offers help to the most deprived residents of Scarborough.</li><li>3. A great deal of work has been carried out to the Church building, the Church Hall and the Manse to ensure that the premises are safe, attractive and fit for our members and guests to use.</li><li>4. The Leadership Team consisting of Elders and Deacons has grown so that we now have three Elders and six Deacons. The number of planned Leadership meetings that support the running of the church and the important quarterly Members' Meetings has increased.</li><li>5. There has been an increase in the use of the Church Hall for social activities supporting mission. These activities include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday Supper Club</li><li>• Faith on Friday lectures</li><li>• Men's breakfasts</li><li>• Barn Dance</li><li>• Crazy Golf</li></ul></li></ol>
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>6. Junior Church, (often called Sunday School) offered during our Sunday worship service (10.30 to 12.00 ) to younger people in the congregation, has three age groups. There is a 0 to 5 group and a 5 to 11 group that both meet in the refurbished hall. The 11 to 17 group has returned to The Underground. We are praying for an increase in the number of children/youth to regularly attend. There is also a newly formed youth group meeting from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the Church.</p> <p>7. Members meet during the week in house groups to further sustain their mission. The number of groups increased in 2025 which is very pleasing.</p>
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## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our reserves are comfortably above the minimum reserve, and voluntary income increased by 12.7% this year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Because the church relies on donations, its income cannot be guaranteed, so it is important to have some working capital to meet its regular expenditure. As employers of staff, the church needs to be able to guarantee that they can be paid, even if income dips temporarily.</p> <p>It is unlikely that the church's income would cease completely within a short space of time. There may however be various circumstances under which it could be reduced.</p> <p>In the event of the church having to make staff redundant, the church should have sufficient funds to pay any office holders and/or employees made redundant their salaries and associated costs for the full term of their notice.</p> <p>The reserve is currently set at £25,000</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The reserve at 31.12.2025 was £36,437
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We are an independent church, dependent on our congregation for finance. £121,225, which represents 93% of our income, came from individual donations and Gift Aid.</p> <p>Additional income comes from the letting of church premises to local groups &amp; individuals.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Our investment policy is to invest any surplus funds in deposit accounts which provide benefits to support the Baptist Church, the wider Church family, or the local community.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>We believe that our Safeguarding &amp; Data Protection policies, employment contracts, volunteer agreements and risk assessments for activities are sufficiently robust to protect employees and volunteers and the people to whom we are ministering. We also have Health &amp; Safety and Counter-Terrorism Policies in operation.</p> <p>We have Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover to protect personal liability for actions carried out in accordance with their constitutional responsibilities</p>
Other		None

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document:	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and Constitution last amended on 22nd January 2025
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees of the church are elected by the Church Members, as set out in the Church Constitution.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are trained according to the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union and the Charity Commission. Training for Trustees, paid staff and volunteers continues through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We are an independent church. The Trustees of the church are the Minister (ex officio), Church Secretary, Treasurer, the Elders and the Deacons, all of whom are elected by the Church Members.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.</p> <p>EBC is a member of Churches Together in Scarborough and we join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.</p>
Other		None

## Reference and administrative details

Charity name	<b>Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1202746</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ</b>

### Names of the charity 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)
1	Rev. John Gleghorn	Minister		
2	John Games	Elder		
3	Joanne Baker	Elder	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
4	William Holmes	Secretary (Chair)		
5	Phillip Gott	Treasurer		
6	Jane Taylor	Deacon		
7	Anna Welford	Deacon		
8	Billa Duggal	Deacon	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
9	Philip Nixon	Deacon	23.04 to 31.12.2025	
10	Janet Wilson	Deacon	01.01 to 23.04.2025	

### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	None
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### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
<b>Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated.</b>	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Anna Wiffen FCCA FMAAT	Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB
Legal Property & Trust Officer	Ann Chesworth	Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable
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## Other optional information

None
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## Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	<i>W. Holmes</i>	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>
Full name(s)	William Paul Holmes	Phillip Raymond Gott
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair & Church Secretary	Treasurer
Date	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2025	To	Period end date 31st December 2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	100,187	-	-	100,187	94,968
Gift Aid	21,038	-	-	21,038	21,627
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	7,899
Income from Charitable Activities	2,418	-	-	2,418	638
Other Trading Activities	5,406	-	-	5,406	4,986
Investment Income	182	-	-	182	2,948
Other Income	1,190	161	-	1,351	1,094
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>130,421</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>130,421</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising Funds	417	-	-	417	205
Paid Staff and Volunteers	47,291	-	-	47,291	82,826
Other Ministry Expenses	4,559	-	-	4,559	8,194
Mission Support	23,890	-	-	23,890	21,000
Premises and Equipment	42,760	-	-	42,760	88,335
Administration	6,465	-	-	6,465	6,563
Governance	874	-	-	874	2,016
Other expenditure	-	260	-	260	475
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>126,256</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>126,256</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>75,454</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>32,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,371</b>	<b>248,826</b>
<b>Manse Sale and Purchase</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,572</b>
<b>Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,429</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,437</b>	<b>32,371</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Current Account	3,336	-	-
	CAF Bank Gold Deposit Account	12,994		
	Community First Credit Union	20,036	-	-
	Petty Cash	71	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>36,437</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Ebenezer Baptist Church Hall, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Manse at 25 Scardale Crescent, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Note: The above properties are held in trust by Yorkshire Baptist Association		-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures & fittings in Church & Hall buildings	General Fund	-	-
	Computers, audio/visual, musical and other equipment in church premises	General Fund	-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>	Phillip Raymond Gott		

## Fund Reports

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure by Fund</b>						
<b>Year ended 31st December 2025</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Church Lights</b>	<b>Mustard S</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Income and Endowments</b>						
Donations and Legacies	99,532	300	355		<b>100,187</b>	<b>94,968</b>
Gift Aid	21,038				<b>21,038</b>	<b>21,627</b>
Grants					<b>0</b>	<b>7,900</b>
Income from Charitable activities	2,164		253		<b>2,417</b>	<b>638</b>
Other trading activities	5,407				<b>5,407</b>	<b>4,986</b>
Investments	182				<b>182</b>	<b>2,947</b>
Other Income	1,190			161	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,094</b>
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>129,513</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>£130,582</b>	<b>134,160</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Fundraising Trading costs	417				<b>417</b>	<b>205</b>
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	47,291				<b>47,291</b>	<b>82,826</b>
Ministry: other expenses	4,141		419		<b>4,560</b>	<b>8,194</b>
Mission Support	23,890				<b>23,890</b>	<b>21,000</b>
Premises & Equipment	42,593	135	32		<b>42,760</b>	<b>88,334</b>
Administration	6,431		34		<b>6,465</b>	<b>6,564</b>
Governance	873				<b>873</b>	<b>2,016</b>
Other Expenditure				260	<b>260</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>125,636</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>£126,516</b>	<b>209,614</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>-75,454</b>
Brought forward balance	29,704		2,667	0	<b>32,371</b>	<b>248,826</b>
Transfers to/from			-99	99	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Manse Sale/Purchase					<b>0</b>	<b>-118,572</b>
Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC					<b>0</b>	<b>-22,429</b>
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>33,581</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£36,437</b>	<b>32,371</b>

### General Fund

Our total income was £20,513 more than was budgeted.

Donations increased by an amazing 12.7%, giving us an extra £15,290 this year. Receipts from events were £1,964. Letting of premises earned £5122. We received a £1,190 insurance claim for storm damage.

Our total expenditure was £16,636 more than was budgeted, mainly due to the roof replacement and refurbishment of the church hall upper floor, which cost £15,948. We also had storm damage to the guttering, which cost £1,290 (£1,190 received from Baptist Insurance).

The work to upgrade the manse was completed with UVPC Fascia, Soffit & Gutter costing £660 and a new Electrical Consumer Unit £527.

Fellowship events cost £1,460 and Outreach Events £769 (ticket sales of £1,964 received).

Thanks to the increased giving, we were able to increase our Mission Support from £21,000 to £23,890, giving an extra £770 each to Baptist Mission Society and Home Mission, £200 each to The Rainbow Centre and Westway Open Arms, and £1,000 to the fund to support Baptist ministry students displaced from Spurgeons College when it closed suddenly.

Equipment purchases included a mobile scaffolding tower £880 and an additional coffee machine £252. The cost of lighting and heating was £9,754.

Administration costs included Church broadband £1,058, Software £762, Licences £2,111, printing costs £1,308 and subscriptions £666.

Governance costs included auditors' fees £828 and Trustees' expenses £50.

## Church Lighting Fund

This fund was created to provide illumination for the church at night at an estimated cost of £610. This is being achieved through internal floodlights.

Donations of £300 were received, and the floodlights cost £135.

Wiring and installation costs are yet to be invoiced; any deficit will be met from the General Fund.

## Mustard Seed

We were grateful for legacy of £350 from the late Janet Gordon, a former member and Mustard Seed leader. Members' subscriptions for the Saturday meetings were £253.

Ministry expenses were: meals & refreshments £362 and resources £57. Equipment purchases were £32. Administration costs were: Stationery £6 and Postages £28.

## Collections for Other Causes

Mustard Seed support a child at the Stepping Stones Orphanage in India, a charity based in Scarborough, giving £20 per month (plus an additional £20 this year). Members are invited to make a contribution to the cost, and any shortfall is made up from Mustard Seed funds.

This year, £161 was collected and £260 was donated to Stepping Stones. The difference of £99 was transferred from Mustard Seed to balance the fund.

## Budget for 2026, as approved by the Church Members' Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Overall Charity	General	Church	Mustard	Charity	Budgeted	Actual
Budget for 2026	Fund	Lighting	Seed	TOTAL	2025	2025
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and Legacies	95,640	0		95,640	85,200	100,187
Gift Aid	21,360	0		21,360	19,800	21,038
Grants				0	0	
Income from Charitable activities	0		150	150	150	2,417
Other trading activities	4,300			4,300	3,900	5,407
Investments	100			100	100	182
Other Income	0			0	0	1,351
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>121,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>121,550</b>	<b>109,150</b>	<b>130,582</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
Raising funds				0	0	417
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	50,500		50	50,550	47,550	47,291
Ministry: other costs	4,400		600	5,000	6,100	4,559
Mission Support	23,400			23,400	21,000	23,890
Premises & Equipment	43,000	315		43,315	26,700	42,728
Administration	7,000		100	7,100	7,100	6,463
Governance	1,300			1,300	1,300	907
Other Expenditure				0	0	260
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>130,665</b>	<b>109,750</b>	<b>126,515</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>-8,200</b>	<b>-315</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-9,115</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>4,067</b>
Transfers to/from	-150	150	0	0	0	
Brought forward balance 1 January	33,581	165	2,692	36,438	32,371	32,371
<b>Carried forward balance at 31 December</b>	<b>25,231</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>27,323</b>	<b>31,771</b>	<b>36,438</b>

As our reserve carried forward from 2025 is £11,438 above our minimum reserve, the Trustees have authorised the go-ahead for the refurbishment of the church toilets in 2026, at an estimated cost of £20,000. We also need to replace the large screens in church, which have served us well for nearly 10 years and lay new flooring in the upstairs rooms and steps in the hall.

To pay for these projects and to cover the general running costs of the church, I estimate we will need to see an increase in regular donations of around 2.5% this year to maintain our reserve at £25,000.

Phillip Gott, Treasurer

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ebenezer Baptist Church Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

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.

Signed: *Wiffen*

Name: Anna Wiffen

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
FCCA, FMAAT

Address: Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB

Date 26/03/2026

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1202746

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# Accounts

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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCARBOROUGH

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## 2024 Annual Report



**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough**  
**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**  
**Registered Charity Number – 1202746**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ**



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			Period end date			
From	1st	January	2024	To	31 <sup>st</sup>	December 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1202746**

Charity's principal address

Ebenezer Baptist Church	
Columbus Ravine	
Scarborough	
Postcode	YO12 7QZ

### Names of the charity 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)
1	Rev. John Gleghorn	Minister	19.02.24 to 31.12.24	
2	Rebecca Coates	Pastor	01.01.24 to 31.07.24	
3	Paul Smith	Elder	01.01.24 to 18.04.24	
4	John Games	Elder		
5	William Holmes	Secretary (Chair)		
6	Phillip Gott	Treasurer		
7	Jane Taylor	Deacon		
8	Janet Wilson	Deacon		
9	Anna Welford	Deacon	17.01.24 to 31.12.24	
10	Peter White	Deacon	01.01.24 to 18.04.24	

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated (custodian Trustees)	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Accountant</b>	Anna Wiffen FCCA FMAAT	Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB
<b>Solicitor</b>	Jodie Wilding	Anthony Collins LLP 134 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2ES
<b>Legal Property &amp; Trust Officer</b>	Ann Chesworth	Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

Type of governing document )	Trust Deed and Constitution adopted on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership, as set out in the Church Constitution adopted on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**The Trustees**  
The Trustees of the church are the Minister (ex officio), Church Secretary, Treasurer, the Elders and the Deacons, who are elected by the Church Members.

**Training**  
New trustees are trained according to the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union and the Charity Commission. Training for Trustees, paid staff and volunteers continues through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.

**Affiliations**  
We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance. EBC is a member of Churches Together in Scarborough and we join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.

**Major Risks**  
We believe that our Safeguarding & Data Protection policies, employment contracts, volunteer agreements and risk assessments for activities are sufficiently robust to protect employees and volunteers and the people to whom we are ministering. We also have Health & Safety and Counter-Terrorism Policies in operation.

We have Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover to protect personal liability for actions carried out in accordance with their constitutional responsibilities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and its church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for children, young people, people with learning difficulties and adults of all ages in the main services, Our church hall is made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.

General pastoral support, discipleship, teaching and encouragement are through our home groups and fellowship groups and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team.

Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad, and local charities working to support those in need.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

### **Our Missionary Support Policy is:**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough will give 20% of voluntary income\* (offerings plus gift aid) to Mission outside our own church setting and ministry.

Our aim is to advance the Kingdom of God, as envisioned by Christians, locally, in the UK and worldwide. We will do this by giving to organisations and individuals that:

- a) Preach the Christian gospel and bring people to Christ
- b) Support people practically where they are in need

\* This does not apply to gifts given for specific projects or ministries.

### **Volunteers**

None of our activities could run without the dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time, talents and money to carry on the ministry of the church.

We are so grateful for those doing practical jobs like making tea, cleaning and maintaining the buildings, operating audio/video and streaming services, maintaining the website and FaceBook pages, producing the newsletter, accountancy, banking and other administration work; also those preaching, leading services and leading worship; those teaching and leading groups, those welcoming, pastoring, discipling others and all of us supporting one another in our Christian journey.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

There can be little doubt that the most significant event in the life of Ebenezer Baptist Church in 2024 is the appointment of the Revd. John Gleghorn to be our full-time minister. He took up this post on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and we are delighted to welcome him and his wife, Hilary, into the life of our church.

The manse that was available for the Gleghorn family proved to be unsuitable for a modern minister and much of the year was taken up with the selling of that property and the purchase of an alternative residence that is much more appropriate. Fortunately the church finances were robust enough to support this without requiring a mortgage and John and Hilary moved into the new manse at the end of the year.

Hope Whitby became an independent organisation on August 1<sup>st</sup> and we wish them well.

In September the provision of separate teaching groups for Junior Church was reinstated. There is now a group for ages 0 to 4, one for 5 to 11 and another for ages 11 upwards (youth). Volunteers to teach these groups were forthcoming but a few more would be desirable.

The leadership team consisting of the Minister, Elders and Deacons now meets once a month and this is proving very useful. John Gleghorn at the meeting of 13.1.25 asked for opinions about “what went well?” in 2024 and the following responses were offered:

- 1) Praying for 10 couples: The church membership has fallen in recent years and praying for 10 extra couples took place regularly. This has worked (thank you Lord!) and we do indeed have that number of couples who have joined us over the last year. A “newcomer’s lunch” was organised and this worked very well indeed.
- 2) The Sunday morning service start time has reverted to 10.30 rather than 11.00 and all agree this is a sound move.
- 3) The worship group has gained several new musicians and singers and all agree this is a good development.
- 4) A “barn dance” held in the church hall was well attended and helped both new and old members to get to know each other better.
- 5) Many church members took part in a “Lantern Parade” in the local area during the advent season and the front doors of the church were decorated with the multi coloured Christian message “Jesus is the Light of the World”. This was illuminated at night and looked excellent!
- 6) The “Vision Day” on 30<sup>th</sup> November, concerning the way forward, was very well attended and whilst no overall conclusions could be drawn, all thought it was a worthwhile event.
- 7) There has been some work necessary on the fabric of the buildings and we are very grateful to a small team who have worked on this.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Because the church relies on donations, its income cannot be guaranteed, so it is important to have some working capital to meet its regular expenditure. As employers of staff, the church needs to be able to guarantee that they can be paid, even if income dips temporarily.

It is unlikely that the church's income would cease completely within a short space of time. There may however be various circumstances under which it could be reduced.

In the event of the church having to make staff redundant, the church should have sufficient funds to pay any office holders and/or employees made redundant their salaries and associated costs for the full term of their notice.

The reserve is currently set at £20,000. This policy was last reviewed and agreed at the Church Members' Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, with the proviso that we return to a reserve of £25,000 as soon as possible.

The Trustees will review the level of reserves at least quarterly, and considering what action (if any) needs to be taken.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

No funds are in deficit at present.

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are an independent church, dependent on our congregation for finance. £116,595, which represents 87% of our income, came from individual donations and Gift Aid. Letting income from church premises was £4,986 and investment income £2,948. We also received £7,899 in grants for the Food Bank in Whitby.

In order to provide regular services of worship, we engage a Baptist Minister, who is supported by volunteers to provide preaching, sung worship, teaching in Junior Church, Youth, Mustard Seed and Home Groups. The cost this year was £91,020. The cost of equipping, maintaining and heating the church buildings used for these purposes was £26,819.

The church is obliged to provide its Minister with a manse, in order to better perform his duties. The manse at 48 Ashville Avenue, which has been let out since 2017, does not meet the current required standard, so, with the agreement of the custodian trustees, this property was sold and a new property at 25 Scardale Crescent was purchased at a net cost of £118,572. To make the property safe, secure and comfortable, there were refurbishment costs of £25,736. This was financed from the balance of the Manse Fund built up during letting, a Gift Day, which raised £4,350, with the remaining £125,603 taken from General Reserves.

In accordance with our Mission Giving policy, we gave 20% of our General Fund donations to our Mission Partners serving their local communities at home and abroad, a total of £21,000 this year.

Our investment policy is to invest any surplus funds in deposit accounts which provide benefits to support the Baptist Church, the wider Church family, or the local community.

## Section F Other optional information

In 2022, we realised that the Hope Whitby missional community could not become self-sufficient whilst employing a full-time Pastor, so it was decided that Ebenezer would give Hope Whitby a grant of £60,000 to support them for a further 2 years, after which they would need to become an independent organisation.

In January 2024, we gave notice to the Hope Whitby Pastor to end her contract with Ebenezer on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The Hope Whitby Team formed a Community Interest Company in May 2024, which began operating as a volunteer-led organisation from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The members of Ebenezer agreed to transfer the balance of funds held by us on behalf of Hope Whitby, £22,429, to Hope Whitby CIC (registered no, 15731350)

The number of members of the church at the end of 2024 was 76. This has declined over recent years and is a cause for concern. The end of year numbers are as follows:

2024: 76 2023: 91 2022: 89 2021: 100 2020: 110

Some of the decline can be attributed to the deaths of our older members, some to the difficulties of the lock down due to the pandemic and the difference between the numbers for 2024 and 2023 is partly due to the movement of Hope Whitby to independent status. We are encouraged that we welcomed 9 new members during the year.

Whilst the number of church members is one way to assess the viability of a church it is not the only way and we still believe Ebenezer to be an important Christian presence in Scarborough.

We wish to note the passing of Anne White, a long-time member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. We miss her and pray that the Lord keeps her close.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W P Holmes</i>	<i>P R Gott</i>
Full name(s)	William Paul Holmes	Phillip Raymond Gott
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair & Secretary	Treasurer
Date	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	



**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	94,968		-	94,968	58,647
Gift Aid	21,627		-	21,627	11,136
Grants Received	7,899		-	7,899	1,844
Income from Charitable Activities	638		-	638	60
Other Trading Activities	4,986		-	4,986	4,957
Investment Income	2,948		-	2,948	2,411
Other Income	768	326		1,094	
	-	-	-	-	
<i>AR)</i>	133,834	326	-	134,160	79,055
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	133,834	326	-	134,160	79,055
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising Funds	205		-	205	94
Paid Staff and Volunteers	82,826		-	82,826	29,928
Other Ministry Expenses	8,194		-	8,194	4,875
Mission Support	21,000		-	21,000	7,830
Premises and Equipment	88,335 #		-	88,335	6,187
Administration	6,563		-	6,563	4,604
Governance	2,016		-	2,016	47
Other expenditure	-	475		475	100
<b>Sub total</b>	209,139	475	-	209,614	53,665
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	209,139	475	-	209,614	53,665
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 75,305	- 149	-	- 75,454	25,390
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 149	149		-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	248,826			248,826	
<b>Manse Sale and Purchase</b>	- 118,572			- 118,572	
<b>Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC</b>	- 22,429			- 22,429	
<b>Assets transferred from</b>					
Unincorporated Charity (1148674)	-	-	-	-	223,436
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	32,371	-	-	32,371	248,826

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Current Account	1,916	-	-
	CAF Bank Gold Deposit Account	10,322	-	-
	Community First Credit Union	20,048	-	-
	Petty Cash	85	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Ebenezer Baptist Church Hall, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Manse at 25 Scardale Crescent, Scarborough	General Fund	-	-
	Note: The above properties are held in trust by Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated			
	Furniture, Fixtures & fittings in Church & Hall buildings	General Fund	-	-
	Computers, audio/visual, musical and other equipment in church premises	General Fund	-	-
				-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>P R Gott</i>	Phillip Raymond Gott		28.03.2025

# Fund Reports

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure by Fund</b>										
<b>Year ended 31st December 2024</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Hall Toilets</b>	<b>Manse</b>	<b>Family Lights</b>	<b>Mustard S</b>	<b>Refuel</b>	<b>Hope</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2023</b>
							<b>Whitby</b>	<b>Others</b>		
<b>Income and Endowments</b>										
Donations and Legacies	85,744		3,500			130	5,594		94,968	123,110
Gift Aid	19,536		850			30	1,211		21,627	21,117
Grants							7,900		7,900	1,844
Income from Charitable activities	420					218			638	323
Other trading activities	4,823			163					4,986	11,688
Investments	2,933						14		2,947	5,929
Other Income			758	10				326	1,094	3,046
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>113,456</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,108</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,719</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>£134,160</b>	<b>167,057</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>										
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>										
Fundraising Trading costs				205					205	281
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	56,403					10	26,413		82,826	71,444
Ministry: other expenses	2,788			1,216	425		3,765		8,194	13,928
Mission Support	21,000								21,000	19,900
Premises & Equipment	26,811	33,976	25,736	56	8	1,112	635		88,334	24,773
Administration	6,098				93		373		6,564	11,308
Governance	2,016								2,016	1,388
Other Expenditure								475	475	240
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>115,116</b>	<b>33,976</b>	<b>25,736</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>31,186</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>£209,614</b>	<b>143,262</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>-1,660</b>	<b>-33,976</b>	<b>-20,628</b>	<b>-1,304</b>	<b>-158</b>	<b>-1,112</b>	<b>-16,467</b>	<b>-149</b>	<b>-75,454</b>	<b>23,795</b>
Brought forward balance	170,374	20,000	13,597	2,871	2,974	114	38,896	0	248,826	225,031
Transfers to/from	-139,010	13,976	125,603	-1,567	-149	998		149	0	0
Manse Sale/Purchase			-118,572						-118,572	
Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC							-22,429		-22,429	
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>29,704</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£32,371</b>	<b>248,826</b>

## Notes on the accounts:

1. The different funds represent the income and expenditure within the various activities of the church.
2. The 2023 total includes all the activities of the church for the whole year, both as an unincorporated charity and as a CIO.

## Income.

**Income from Charitable Activities:** contributions/subscriptions received for church events; wedding and funeral fees received.

**Other trading activities:** rents received from letting out the church hall, church garage, substation site and the manse at 48 Ashville Avenue. Tuck shop receipts and book sales.

**Investments:** interest earned on deposit accounts.

**Other Income:** insurance claims, sale of equipment, etc.

## Expenditure

**Fundraising Trading Costs:** goods purchased for resale, e.g. tuck shop stock

**Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers.** In addition to the Minister's stipend, provision of a manse, employer's pension and National Insurance contributions, this includes travel expenses and training expenses of paid staff and volunteers.

**Ministry: other costs:** refreshments, teaching and craft resources for the running of services and groups.

**Mission Support:** support for external charities to support mission locally, nationally and overseas.

**Premises and Equipment:** repairs and maintenance of the church, hall and manse; gas, electricity, water; purchase, repair & replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment. Rental of premises for events outside the church.

**Administration:** Licences, subscriptions, legal fees, printing, internet, IT and advertising

**Governance:** accountancy and audit fees, trustee training and expenses.

## Overall Charity Funds

Total funds at 31<sup>st</sup> December were £32,371, which is £6,957 more than we forecast in the 2023 Budget, thanks to additional regular donations and Gift Aid, together with a Gift Day which raised £4,350 for the Manse refurbishment.

# Fund Reports

## General Fund

Overall, Income was £13,956 more than was budgeted and Expenditure was £7,296 more than expected.

**Donations and Legacies:** Donations (including Gift Aid) were £12,280 more than budgeted, due to an increase in regular donors. Investment income was £1,433 higher, partly due to higher interest rates, but mainly because the funds for the manse purchase were on deposit longer than expected.

**Ministry:** Revd. Jim Purves continued to act as our Consultant Minister during January. His fees were £1,800. A buffet held after his last service cost £110. Revd. John Gleghorn began his Ministry with us in February. Speaker's fees and expenses and a buffet at his induction service were £500. The church paid his removal costs of £8,710 from Teddington to the rented flat at Glaisdale Manor and from there to the permanent manse. John attended the New Wine Leadership Conference (NWLC) and the Yorkshire Baptist Minister's Conference. Costs were £910, including £300 booking fee for NWLC 2025. A New Members Lunch cost £28 and the Vision Day lunch was £271. The Barn Dance cost £405, which was covered by ticket sales.

**Mission:** We continue to commit 20% of donations plus Gift Aid to support outside mission at home and abroad. We pledge 5% each to Baptist Mission Society and YBA Home Mission, support local charities Faith in Scarborough Schools, Rainbow Centre & Westway Open Arms, former member Ed Preston, training in church-planting, and overseas ministries Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors, People International, Stepping Stones and Worldshare.

**Premises & Equipment:** Cleaning, sanitary items and waste disposal cost £5,241; a new laptop and phone for the Minister were £1,284; light & heat came to £7,223. General repairs and renewals were £8,397 which included roof and guttering repairs totalling £4,905.

**Administration & Governance:** Church Broadband provision cost £1,059. Printer lease and copy charges were £1,013. Copyright licences for worship and streaming were £1,724. Subscriptions were: BUGB £500, Evangelical Alliance £150 and Churches Together in Scarborough £20. The audit fees for the 2023 accounts were £810 for the Unincorporated Charity and £810 for the CIO. The Trustees held an Envisioning Day at Cober Hill, cost £220.

## **Reserves**

£13,976 were used to complete the Hall Toilets and £118,572 for the purchase and refurbishment of the Manse.

## Mustard Seed

Members' subscriptions were £218 for the Saturday meetings. £149 was used to make up the deficit in contributions from members for the support of a Stepping Stones child.

## Collections for Other Organisations

Mustard Seed sponsored a child at Stepping Stones Orphanage £240. A collection for Rebecca Weightman raised £235.

## FUNDS WHICH CLOSED THIS YEAR

### Hall Toilets Fund

The project cost a total of £33,976 (£4,024 below budget) which was financed by the £20,000 donated last year and £13,976 from the General Reserve.

### Manse Fund

The Manse at 48 Ashville Avenue was vacated in February and sold in July for £185,000, less fees of £4,476; the new manse at 25 Scardale Crescent was purchased £295,000, plus fees of £2,296. We contributed £1,800 to YBA for their legal costs as Custodian Trustees. The net cost of £118,572 was transferred from the General Reserve.

The refurbishment of 25 Scardale Crescent cost £24,586, funded by the accumulated fund built up from letting 48 Ashville Avenue, a Gift Day which raised £4,350, with £7,031 transferred from the General Reserve.

## **FUNDS WHICH CLOSED THIS YEAR (continued)**

### **Family Lights**

After 2 years of providing Sunday groups, for which we are extremely grateful, the team handed over the running of the Junior Church and Youth groups to the main church. I have included the expenditure for these activities under this fund for the remainder of 2024, but they will be included in the General Fund budget for 2025, together with any Family Lights events. The remaining balance of the fund was transferred to the General Fund.

The tuck shop receipts were £164 and an X-box was sold for £10.

Family and Junior Church resources were £466, Youth Group and Chill'n'Chat evenings cost £668 and a team meeting and meal was provided for £32

### **Refuel**

A replacement refurbished iPad was purchased for £719, a Drum Pedal £240 and a Hi-Hat Cymbal Stand £153.

To simplify the accounts for next year, any Refuel expenditure will be included in the General Fund budget. The remaining balance of the fund was transferred to the General Fund.

### **Hope Whitby**

The accounts are for the 7 months to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, when Hope Whitby began operating as an independent CIC

Donations (including Gift Aid) were £895 below budget, and we received a grant of £7,900 from North Yorkshire Council for the Malachi Food Store. Expenditure was £6 more than budgeted.

“Hope Gives Hope” was provided at Penny Hedge weekly to support people struggling in the cost of living crisis. The cost of refreshments was £1,929. We are grateful to the management and staff of the Penny Hedge for partnering with us in providing free hosting and discounted food. To supplement food donated by the local supermarkets, additional food for food parcels and sanitary products for Wings were £1,110.

Refreshments for Hope Meets were £71 and a thank-you gift of £100 to Sanders Yard for hosting the gatherings; Youth expenses were £205 and HYP £256. Eastside Community Centre room hire for additional events was £215. Insurance for the CIC cost £330 and a replacement printer £90.

The balance of the fund, £22,429 was transferred to Hope Whitby CIC, together with the office furniture and equipment already in use by the team.

### **General Reserve Policy**

The minimum reserve was temporarily reduced from £25,000 to £20,000, in case of an overspend on the manse refurbishment.

## Budget for 2025

<b>Overall Charity Budget for 2025</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Mustard Seed</b>	<b>Charity TOTAL</b>	<b>Budgeted 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and Legacies	85,200		<b>85,200</b>	82,250	<b>94,968</b>
Gift Aid	19,800		<b>19,800</b>	18,450	<b>21,627</b>
Grants			<b>0</b>	0	<b>7,899</b>
Income from Charitable activities		150	<b>150</b>	150	<b>638</b>
Other trading activities	3,900		<b>3,900</b>	5,000	<b>4,986</b>
Investments	100		<b>100</b>	1,650	<b>2,947</b>
Other Income	0		<b>0</b>	0	<b>1,094</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>109,000</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>109,150</b>	<b>107,500</b>	<b>134,159</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
Raising funds			<b>0</b>	0	<b>205</b>
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	47,500	50	<b>47,550</b>	81,320	<b>82,826</b>
Ministry: other costs	5,500	600	<b>6,100</b>	9,810	<b>8,194</b>
Mission Support	21,000		<b>21,000</b>	19,920	<b>21,000</b>
Premises & Equipment	26,700		<b>26,700</b>	65,765	<b>88,335</b>
Administration	7,000	100	<b>7,100</b>	17,531	<b>6,562</b>
Governance	1,300		<b>1,300</b>	1,000	<b>2,016</b>
Other Expenditure			<b>0</b>		<b>475</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>109,000</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>109,750</b>	<b>195,346</b>	<b>209,613</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	0	<b>-600</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-87,846</b>	<b>-75,454</b>
Transfers to/from	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	
Brought forward balance 1 January	29,705	2,667	<b>32,371</b>	248,826	248,826
Sale/Purchase of Manse				<b>-120,000</b>	<b>-118,572</b>
Transfer to Hope Whitby CIC			<b>0</b>	<b>-15,566</b>	<b>-22,429</b>
<b>Carried forward balance at 31 December</b>	<b>29,705</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>31,771</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>32,371</b>



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1202746

**Set out on pages**

8 to 12 above

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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").

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.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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:**

*Wiffen*

**Date:**

31/03/2025

**Name:**

Anna Wiffen

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

FCCA

**Address:**

Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants

2 Belgrave Crescent

Scarborough YO11 1UB

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, SCARBOROUGH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1202746

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# Accounts

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# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH SCARBOROUGH

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## 2023 Annual Report



**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough**  
**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**  
**Registered Charity Number – 1202746**

**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough YO12 7QZ**



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
<b>From</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>To</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Columbus Ravine
Scarborough
<b>Postcode</b> YO12 7QZ

### Names of the charity 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)
1	Rebecca Coates	Pastor	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
2	Sheena Beadle	Elder	17.04.23 – 03.09.23	
3	Paul Smith	Elder	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
4	John Games	Elder	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
5	Phillip Gott	Treasurer	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
6	William Holmes	Secretary (Chair)	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
7	Jane Taylor	Deacon	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
8	Peter White	Deacon	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	
9	Janet Wilson	Deacon	17.04.23 – 31.12.23	

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Yorkshire Baptist Association Incorporated	17.04.23 – 31.12.23

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Accountant</b>	Anne Mead FCA	Ashby Berry Coulsons Chartered Accountants, 2 Belgrave Crescent, Scarborough YO11 1UB

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)


## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed and Constitution adopted on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are nominated and elected by the membership, as set out in the Church Constitution adopted on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**The Trustees**

The Trustees of the church are the Minister, the Elders and the Deacons. Elders and Deacons are elected by the Church Members.

**Elders**

Due to the illness of Sheena Beadle, John Games agreed to stand as an Elder to support Paul Smith, and he was duly elected at a Special Church Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Sadly, Sheena subsequently died in September. She served the church sacrificially in many different rôles over many years, and we miss her gentle, wise and prayerful ministry.

**Training**

New trustees are trained according to the guidelines issued by the Baptist Union and the Charity Commission.

Training for Trustees, paid staff and volunteers continues through attending suitable courses and events arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Yorkshire Baptist Association and others.

**Affiliations**

We are members of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Yorkshire Baptist Association, and are affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance.

EBC is a member of Churches Together in Scarborough and we join with the local and regional networks of New Wine for prayer, training and equipping events.

**Major Risks**

We believe that our Safeguarding & Data Protection policies, employment contracts and volunteer agreements and risk assessments for activities are sufficiently robust to protect employees and volunteers and the people to whom we are ministering. We also have a Counter-Terrorism Policy.

We have Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover to protect personal liability for actions carried out in accordance with their constitutional responsibilities.

There is a risk that Hope Whitby Fund will go into deficit within the next 12 months. The actions taken to remove this risk are set out in the notes to the accounts below.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

In fulfilling the Purpose the Church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- The nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity provides and maintains Ebenezer Baptist Church and its church hall for the purposes of holding regular public acts of worship, including religious instruction for children, young people and adults of all ages in the main services, Family Lights, Youth and Mustard Seed. Our church hall is made available to local residents and community groups at a modest rent.

General pastoral support, discipling, teaching and encouragement are through our missional communities, home groups and fellowship groups and we offer prayer support through our Prayer Chain and Prayer Ministry Team..

Hope Whitby seeks to reach out to its local communities with the gospel in Whitby, leading school assemblies, running groups and activities for local parents and children and gatherings for worship and teaching. The Malachi Storehouse supplies food parcels to those in need and we provide a drop-in coffee morning and warm spaces in Scarborough & Whitby.

Through our Missionary Support programme, we help finance those training for and working in evangelism both at home and abroad.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

### **Our Missionary Support Policy is:**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough will give 20% of voluntary income\* (offerings plus gift aid) to Mission outside our own church setting and ministry.

Our aim is to advance the Kingdom of God, as envisioned by Christians, locally, in the UK and worldwide. We will do this by giving to organisations and individuals that:

- a) Preach the Christian gospel and bring people to Christ
- b) Support people practically where they are in need

\* This does not apply to gifts given for specific projects or ministries.

### **Volunteers**

None of our activities could run without the dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time, talents and money to carry on the ministry of the church.

We are so grateful for those doing practical jobs like making tea, cleaning and maintaining the buildings, operating audio/video and streaming services, maintaining the website and FaceBook pages, producing the newsletter, accountancy, banking and other administration work; also those preaching, leading services and leading worship; those teaching and leading groups, those welcoming, pastoring, discipling others and all of us supporting one another in our Christian journey.

## Section E

## Financial review

### **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Because the church relies on donations, its income cannot be guaranteed, so it is important to have some working capital to meet its regular expenditure. As employers of staff, the church needs to be able to guarantee that they can be paid, even if income dips temporarily.

It is unlikely that the church's income would cease completely within a short space of time. There may however be various circumstances under which it could be reduced.

In the event of the church having to make staff redundant, the church should have sufficient funds to pay any office holders and/or employees made redundant their salaries and associated costs for the full term of their notice.

The reserve is currently set at £25,000. This policy was last reviewed and agreed at the Church Members' Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Trustees will review the level of reserves at least quarterly, and considering what action (if any) needs to be taken.

### **Details of any funds materially in deficit**

No funds are in deficit at present.

## Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity relies on donations from the local congregations in Scarborough and Whitby. Many members are regular donors, and their donations and Gift Aid represented 86% of our income. As well as receipts from letting out the Church Hall to local community groups, we also receive rental income from the garage and substation site on church land and from our manse.

Surplus funds are invested with institutions which exist to benefit local people, the Baptist community and the wider Christian church. BUGB and Kingdom Bank offer loans to churches for building projects to further mission. Community First Credit Union offers banking facilities, savings, loans and debt advice to those on low incomes.

## Section F Other optional information

This is the first annual report of the church as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, but the church has been active since its establishment by Revd. William Hague in 1771.

The CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and the assets, liabilities and activities of the previous unincorporated charity (no. 1148674) were transferred to this CIO on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

The search for a new Minister required us to create a church profile, set out our vision and objectives, and appoint a Search Team; following discussions in earlier Church Members' Meetings, these matters were agreed by Members in June 2023. Following a meeting of the Search Team, the post was advertised via the BUGB Settlement Process. We are grateful for the ministry and advice of Revd. Dr. Jim Purves and his wife Jennifer during the last 2 years.

Following an interview with the Search Team and a meeting with members, a Special Church Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at which the members agreed to call Revd. John Gleghorn, Minister of Teddington Baptist Church, to be the Minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church. We are delighted that he accepted the call, and will begin his ministry with us on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

The Trustees recognised that the current manse was no longer suitable as a Manse, and proposed that we sell the current property and seek to purchase a more suitable house. This was agreed by members at a Special Church Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

During the year, two of our sisters in Christ have gone to glory: Sheena Beadle and Hilda Hubbard. We honour the memory of them, both of whom had served the church faithfully for many years.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W. Holmes</i>	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>
Full name(s)	William Paul Holmes	Phillip Raymond Gott
Position	Chair & Secretary	Treasurer
Date	05.04.2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough

No (if any)  
1202746

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 17/04/2023 To 31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	58,595	52	-	58,647	-
Gift Aid	11,136	-	-	11,136	-
Grants	1,844	-	-	1,844	-
Income from charitable activities	60	-	-	60	-
Other trading activities	4,957	-	-	4,957	-
Investments	2,411	-	-	2,411	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>79,003</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,055</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>79,003</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,055</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising funds	94	-	-	94	-
Paid staff and volunteers	29,928	-	-	29,928	-
Ministry	4,875	-	-	4,875	-
Missionary Support	7,830	100	-	7,930	-
Upkeep of premises & equipment	6,187	-	-	6,187	-
Administration	4,604	-	-	4,604	-
Governance Costs	47	-	-	47	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,565</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,665</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>53,565</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,665</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>25,438</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,390</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Assets transferred from Unincorporated Charity (1148674)	223,436	-	-	223,436	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>248,826</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>248,826</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF General Current Account	15,102	-	-
	CAF Hope Whitby Current Account	18,896	-	-
	CAF Gold Deposit Account	60,167	-	-
	Baptist Union Deposit Account	74,092	-	-
	Community First Deposit Account	20,059	-	-
	Kingdom Bank Deposit Account	60,499	-	-
	Cash in hand	11	-	-
		<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>248,826</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	EBC General	-	-
	Ebenezer Baptist Church Hall, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough	EBC General	-	-
	Manse at 48 Ashville Avenue, Scarborough	EBC General	-	-
	Furniture, Fixtures & fittings in Church & Hall buildings	EBC General	-	-
	Computers, audio/visual, musical and other equipment in church premises	EBC General	-	-
	Office furniture, computer, musical and office equipment in Hope Whitby Manse	Hope Whitby	-	-
	Fixtures & fittings in garage at Queens Drive, Whitby	Hope Whitby	-	-
	Staging and musical equipment for outside events	Refuel	-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Phillip R Gott</i>	Phillip Raymond Gott		05.04.2024

## Consolidated Accounts for the full year

This table includes all the activities of the church for the whole year, both as an unincorporated charity and as a CIO, in order to give a true comparison with 2022.

Income & Expenditure 1st January to 31st December 2023	Funds:										2022
	Network	General	Manse	Hall Toilets	Family Lights	Mustard S	Refuel	Hope Whitby	Others	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>Income and Endowments</b>											
Donations and Legacies		91,356	0	20,000	0	10	0	11,744	0	123,110	170,695
Gift Aid		18,679	0		0	96	0	2,342	0	21,117	30,176
Grants		0	0		0	0	0	1,844	0	1,844	12,451
Income from Charitable activities		0	0		135	188	0	0	0	323	279
Other trading activities		4,421	7,140		127	0	0	0	0	11,688	13,698
Investments		5,260	0		0	0	0	669	0	5,929	1,400
Other Income		2,932	0		0	0	0	0	114	3,046	131
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,648</b>	<b>7,140</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,599</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>£167,057</b>	<b>£228,830</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>											
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>											
Fundraising Trading costs		0	0		281	0	0	0	0	281	313
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers		31,782	0		0	0	0	39,662	0	71,444	75,042
Ministry: Other Expenses		4,041	0		2,119	292	0	7,476	0	13,928	8,128
Mission Support		19,870	0		0	0	0	30	0	19,900	22,300
Premises & Equipment		19,222	3,246		521	21	1,464	299	0	24,773	21,166
Administration		8,780	1,380		0	31	0	1,117	0	11,308	7,956
Governance		1,388	0		0	0	0	0	0	1,388	810
Other Expenditure		0	0		0	0	0	0	240	240	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85,083</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>48,584</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>143,262</b>	<b>135,715</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,565</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-2,659</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-1,464</b>	<b>-31,985</b>	<b>-126</b>	<b>23,795</b>	<b>93,115</b>
Transfers to/from	-83,974	18,474			4,000	-126	1,500	60,000	126	0	0
Brought forward balance	83,974	114,335	11,083		1,530	3,149	79	10,881	0	225,031	131,916
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170,374</b>	<b>13,597</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>38,896</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£248,826</b>	<b>£225,031</b>

### Notes on the accounts:

The different funds represent the income expenditure within the various activities of the church.

#### Income.

**Income from Charitable Activities:** contributions/subscriptions received for church events; wedding and funeral fees received.

**Other trading activities:** rents received from letting out the church hall, church garage, substation site and the manse at 48 Ashville Avenue. Tuck shop receipts and book sales.

**Investments:** interest earned on deposit accounts.

**Other Income:** insurance claims, sale of equipment, etc.

#### Expenditure

**Fundraising Trading Costs:** goods purchased for resale, e.g. tuck shop stock

**Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers.** In addition to the Minister's stipend, provision of a manse, employer's pension and National Insurance contributions, this includes travel expenses and training expenses of paid staff and volunteers.

**Ministry: other costs:** refreshments, teaching and craft resources for the running of services and groups.

**Mission Support:** support for external charities to support mission locally, nationally and overseas.

**Premises and Equipment:** repairs and maintenance of the church & hall; gas, electricity, water; purchase, repair & replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment. Rental of premises for events outside the church.

**Administration:** Licences, subscriptions, legal fees printing, internet, IT and advertising

**Governance:** accountancy and audit fees, trustee training and expenses.

#### Overall Charity Funds

Total funds at 31<sup>st</sup> December were £248,826, which is £45,287 more than we forecast in the 2023 Budget. £33,000 of this increase was thanks to legacies and one-off donations; we also received an insurance claim of £3,046.

## Fund Reports

### Network Fund

Donations to this fund were made to support missional communities and outreach. It was agreed at the January Members' Meeting to close this fund and allocate £60,000 to Hope Whitby, and the balance to EBC General Fund to support Family Lights, Refuel and other outreach.

### General Fund

**Donations and Legacies:** Donations (including Gift Aid) were £14,035 more than budgeted, due to our receiving legacies totalling £13,000. Investment income was £2,260 higher, partly due to higher interest rates and partly due to receiving interest earlier than expected due to closure of our Skipton Building Society account. We received an insurance settlement of £2,932 for items damaged in the Underground flood. Expenditure overall was £2,433 less than expected.

**Ministry:** Revd. Jim Purves continued to act as our Consultant Minister during the Ministerial vacancy. His fees and the provision of a manse cost £29,979. We had a number of visiting speakers during the year as part of our search for a new Minister. This, together with interview costs, came to £1,518. Our liability to the Baptist Ministers' Final Salary Scheme was absolved at a cost of £1,001. A Coronation tea party for the neighbourhood was held, costing £300.

**Mission:** We continue to commit 20% of donations plus Gift Aid to support outside mission at home and abroad. We pledge 5% each to Baptist Mission Society and YBA Home Mission, support local charities Faith in Scarborough Schools, Rainbow Centre & Westway Open Arms, former member Ed Preston, training in church-planting, Swazi Vision Trust in Eswatini, and overseas ministries Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors, People International, Stepping Stones and Worldshare.

**Premises & Equipment:** There were no major building projects this year, with the general repairs and renewals costing £5,200, heat & light £5,299, and the replacement equipment for the Underground £654. We replaced our pew Bibles at a cost of £600 and upgraded our Internet connection with new routers and switches for £636.

**Administration & Governance:** Legal fees for the incorporation of the charity were £2,441 and a new secure file storage and email system was set up, costing £396. Copyright licences for worship and streaming were £1,470. Subscriptions were: BUGB £230, Evangelical Alliance £150 and Churches Together in Scarborough £20. Trustees' Safeguarding training cost £123 and travel expenses £458, which included attendance at the YBA Conference in Huddersfield. The audit fee for the 2022 accounts was £780.

### Manse Fund

The Manse at 48 Ashville Avenue continues to be let out and provided an income of £7,140, less management fees of £1,380. Repairs to the rear boundary wall cost £1,640 and the oven was replaced for £374. To prepare for the sale of the property, we had to register it with the Land Registry, which involved legal fees of £1,380.

### Hall Toilets Fund

We received an amazing donation of £20,000 specifically for this project, which will enable us to go ahead with the long-considered plan to refurbish the toilets in the Church Hall.

### Family Lights

The tuck shop purchases were £281 and receipts £127. Items for the Christmas 2022 gift bags were £138. They put on 5 "Big Breakfasts," including an Easter Day breakfast on the beach, at a cost of £465. A Maundy Thursday supper was £134, less £75 received in donations, a Pea & Pie Supper came to £150. Refreshments for Youth Nights were £266 and the Christmas meal at Florio's cost £150, less £60 received in donations. £229 was spent on a portable PA System with microphones, and £203 on the hire of a Beach Chalet for the year; we are so grateful to the 9 families who shared the actual cost of £2,030.

### Mustard Seed

Members' subscriptions were £284 for the Saturday meetings. Uncle Steve's Magic Show cost £50. £126 was used to make up the deficit in contributions from members for the support of a Stepping Stones child.

### Refuel

The main project this year was the setting up "the Dwelling Place," a place for worship and prayer. The trussing, fabric and fairy lights for the Prayer Tent cost £1,042; a Monitor and associated equipment for leading worship were £422.

### **Hope Whitby**

Donations (including Gift Aid) were £1,454 below budget, but investment income was £609 higher due to receiving interest earlier than expected due to closure of our Skipton Building Society account. Expenditure was £2,584 more than budgeted.

We are grateful to North Yorkshire Council, Whitby Seafoods, D Waring Builders and Lythe PCC, who gave grants to support the Warm Space and Malachi Food Store projects. The Warm Space provided at Penny Hedge weekly was continued throughout the year as “Hope Gives Hope” to support people struggling in the cost of living crisis. The cost of refreshments was £2,496. We are grateful to the management and staff of the Penny Hedge for partnering with us in providing free hosting and discounted food. To supplement food donated by the local supermarkets, additional food for food parcels and sanitary products for Wings were £4,149.

Refreshments for Hope Meets were £50; Youth expenses were £393 and HYP £312. Eastside Community Centre room hire for additional events was £237. Legal fees regarding the setting up of a CIO were £300.

### **The Future of Hope Whitby**

Hope Whitby was set up as a Missional Community in 2014 and has had the financial, administrative and pastoral support of the members and Trustees of Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough since then.

Rebecca Coates and the dedicated team of volunteers do amazing work in the community. Apart from leading school assemblies, running youth and children’s clubs, holiday clubs and outreach events, they provide food parcels and sanitary products to those who cannot afford them. In the recent fuel price crisis, they have provided a warm space with free breakfast, which has continued throughout the year. Members meet in various groups meet for worship, prayer, Bible study and fellowship throughout the week.

Finance has largely been provided by grants – two 3-year Church Planting grants from YBA, regular support from Fylingthorpe Methodist Church and Pudsey Baptist Church, with additional grants from All Churches Trust, Baptist Insurance Mission Fund. However, apart from the generous support given to the Malachi Food Store and Warm Space projects by the Co-operative, Sainsbury’s, North Yorkshire Council, the Rotary Club and local businesses, there have been few grants available over the last three years.

This, combined with a lack of regular donations, has meant that the Ministry at Hope Whitby has been running at a deficit of £2,000 per month. In January 2023, the members agreed to allocate £60,000 to the project, to allow time for the Trustees and the Hope Leadership Team to consider how to continue the ministry, given that we would be unable to provide any extra finance from Ebenezer funds in future years, which makes the ministry financially unsustainable. We are grateful for the wise advice from Regional Minister Alex Harris in this process.

We did consider helping the Hope Team to set up a separate CIO, in the hope of being able to get grant funding as a separate charity, but did not feel they had the skills to do this. It was concluded that the ministry could not support a paid full-time Pastor, but would need to operate with volunteers, which has meant that, in order to protect the charity’s funds, the Trustees have had to take the heart-breaking decision to close the project as part of Ebenezer and make Rebecca Coates redundant on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. This was agreed by members at a Special Church Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with a promise that the balance of the Hope Whitby Fund at that date would be available to the Hope Whitby team, should they be able to form a new charity to continue the ministry.

### **The Manse at 48 Ashville Avenue**

Having appointed a new Minister, we need to provide him with a manse. Having considered the current Baptist Union guidelines for a manse, we made the decision to sell the current manse and search for a more suitable property. The members authorised the Trustees to do this at a Special Church Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

It was agreed that we could use our reserves to fund the difference between the sale and purchase prices, to give us sufficient funds to purchase a property which met BU requirements.

### **General Reserve**

The minimum reserve has been increased from £20,000 to £25,000, to reflect 3 months’ operating costs.

## Budget for 2024

Overall Charity Budget for 2024	Funds:							Charity TOTAL	Budgeted 2023	Actual 2023
	General	Manse	Hall Toilets	Family L	Mustard S	Refuel	Hope W			
<b>Income and Endowments</b>										
Donations and Legacies	75,600			0			6,650	<b>82,250</b>	90,390	<b>123,110</b>
Gift Aid	17,400						1,050	<b>18,450</b>	21,300	<b>21,117</b>
Grants								<b>0</b>	0	<b>1,844</b>
Income from Charitable activities					150			<b>150</b>	150	<b>323</b>
Other trading activities	5,000							<b>5,000</b>	11,740	<b>11,688</b>
Investments	1,500						150	<b>1,650</b>	3,060	<b>5,929</b>
Other Income	0	180,000					0	<b>180,000</b>	0	<b>3,046</b>
<b>Total Income and Endowments</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>180,000</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>287,500</b>	<b>126,640</b>	<b>167,057</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>										
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>										
Raising funds								<b>0</b>	0	<b>281</b>
Ministry: Paid staff & volunteers	54,000			200	50	200	26,870	<b>81,320</b>	73,750	<b>71,350</b>
Ministry: other costs	2,700			2,800	600		3,710	<b>9,810</b>	8,500	<b>14,022</b>
Mission Support	19,920						0	<b>19,920</b>	21,400	<b>19,900</b>
Premises & Equipment	24,000	2,700	38,000	250		500	315	<b>65,765</b>	23,540	<b>24,773</b>
Administration	6,200	10,896	0	50	100		285	<b>17,531</b>	7,950	<b>11,308</b>
Governance	1,000							<b>1,000</b>	2,000	<b>1,388</b>
Other Expenditure		300,000						<b>300,000</b>	0	<b>240</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>107,820</b>	<b>313,596</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>31,180</b>	<b>495,346</b>	<b>137,140</b>	<b>143,262</b>
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-8,320	-133,596	-38,000	-3,300	-600	-700	-23,330	<b>-207,846</b>	<b>-10,500</b>	<b>23,795</b>
Transfers to/from	-140,000	120,000	18,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>
Brought forward balance 1 January	170,375	13,596	20,000	2,870	2,973	115	38,896	<b>248,826</b>	225,031	<b>225,031</b>
Transfer to Hope Whitby Charity							-15,566	<b>-15,566</b>	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Carried forward balance at 31 December</b>	<b>22,055</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,414</b>	<b>214,531</b>	<b>248,826</b>

We plan to replace our Manse in 2024 and refurbish the toilets in the Church Hall, which will use most of our reserves.

Hope Whitby will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, and the balance of the fund will be used to start a new charity.

We need to maintain a reserve of £25,000, so in 2025 and subsequent years we will need to maintain a balanced budget. To achieve this, I estimate our income will need to increase by about 8%

<b>Summary of Reserves for 2024</b>	
<b>Total Reserves at 1st January</b>	<b>£248,826</b>
less Hope Whitby	<b>-38,896</b>
<b>Ebenezer Reserves</b>	<b>209,930</b>
Manse sale & purchase	<b>-133,596</b>
Deficit for the year	<b>-12,920</b>
Hall Toilet Refurbishment	<b>-38,000</b>
<b>Total Reserves at 31st December</b>	<b>£25,414</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Ebenezer Baptist Church Scarborough

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1202746

**Set out on pages**

6 to 10 above

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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").

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.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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:** *Anne Mead*

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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