

**Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**  
**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**30th September 2024**

**A R R PRICE LIMITED**

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

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The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30th September 2024.

**Reference and administrative details**

**Registered Charity Name**            Melton Mowbray Baptist Church

**Charity Registration Number**    1203133

**Principal office**                    Baptist Church  
Bowling Green  
Melton Mowbray  
LE13 0FA

**The Trustees**                        Rev S M Dunn  
Mr M R Campbell  
Dr R D Jones  
Ms S J Birley  
Ms R L Gray  
Mr R M Nicholls  
Mr A D Smallridge

**Independent Examiner**          A R R Price FCA  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**

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**Structure, governance and management**

The Melton Mowbray Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 18th May 2023.

Following a decision by the Trustees of the unincorporated and unregistered charity to establish a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to take forward the charity's work and its conversion from 1st October 2023.

Its objects are set out in its constitution and include the following provisions:

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and or in other parts of the world.

The main decision-making body of the Charity is the board of Trustees.

**Recruitment of Trustees**

Notice is given of any forthcoming election so that Church Members can freely nominate prospective Trustees whose names shall be submitted (after they have indicated a willingness to be appointed) for decision to the Church Members with the intention of ensuring that those appointed have a sufficient level of support from them. Where there is a Minister that person is also a Charity Trustee because of their role and responsibilities.

Nominations are made to the Church Secretary no later than 3 Sundays before the Church Members Meeting at which the election is to be held. Nominations are in writing with the supporting signature of two other Church Members and the consent of the candidate. Requests for nominations are made regularly for 3 weeks before the election date.

Voting is by secret ballot at a Church Members meeting. Members are asked to vote for those candidates whom they believe could serve the Church well as Charity Trustees. Scrutineers count the votes in the meeting and report to the Chair the outcome. The number of candidates, being not more than the number of vacancies, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected, provided that each candidate declared shall have received votes from at least 70% of those members voting.

At the first Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Church all the of the first Trustees shall retire excluding any Minister and a process of re-appointment shall be undertaken for an initial term of 1,2 or 3 years.

One third of the elected Trustees excluding any Minister shall retire each calendar year.

Newly appointed Trustees are inducted. The induction covers the role of a Trustee, their responsibilities, a summary of the key issues and a copy of the constitution and the latest annual report and accounts are provided.

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**Objectives and activities**

Principal purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world. In fulfilling the purpose, the Church will engage in a range of activities including:

Regular public worship prayer; Bible study, preaching and teaching; Baptism; Communion; evangelism and mission; teaching; encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; nurture & growth of Christian disciples; education & training for Christian and community service; pastoral care; supporting charitable social action in the UK and abroad; encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

**Achievements and performance**

Our regular public worship on Sundays includes two services, a monthly meal, groups for children and young people aged 0-16 and have an increased attendance from around 200 around our AGM last year to a congregation that can regularly reach 250 and at its largest was over 270. Throughout these 12 months preaching has included, Acts, Genesis, the Lord's Prayer, the sermon on the mount and the gospel of Luke. We have had guest preachers from local churches and also speakers of national and international renown. The Gospel has been faithfully preached and God has been glorified through our worship together.

Our evening Gathered@7 has really developed and the team of preachers and worship leaders who take charge of these services have really given it life and variety. The preaching at Gathered has covered Deuteronomy, Psalms, Philippians and Parables. In addition, our small groups for Bible study have grown in numbers this last year.

In 2024 we had 11 Baptisms.

We continue to share Communion together at least once a month.

Evangelism and mission are carried out through Sunday morning preaching and through running the Alpha course twice in the last year giving new Christians and those exploring faith the opportunity to find out more. In addition, we ran a Community Day, Easter egg hunt for our local families and community at which hundreds of people attended. We also support the Community Chaplaincy team chatting to market traders and others twice weekly in the town and run ministries at local care homes. We also support overseas mission partners seeking to share God's word abroad including BMS World Mission.

As well as the Sunday morning children and young people group's we run a Friday night youth club and a youth alpha. We are committed to the nurture and growth of Christian disciples through Alpha and small groups. Education is linked intrinsically to discipleship which is delivered through the weekly teaching stream transforming individuals and church members to support others in the community. We have a pastoral visiting team to support those who are bereaved, poorly or in need of home visits for prayer and communion. We support Melton and District Money Advice Centre, Melton Foodbank, Teen Challenge Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre along with Hope for Justice, BMS World Mission and other charities working overseas.

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We continue to foster strong relationships with our local East Midland Baptist Association, other Baptist Churches and all churches within our local town, sharing resources and events where appropriate.

**Financial review**

We are pleased to report that the Charity's finances are in good order.

Income from the congregation continues to increase as the Church continues to grow. We have also seen a rise in our rental income from the hiring out of the building.

There is a small surplus of income over expenses.

Principal assets are the Church and Manse buildings and cash in the bank accounts.

There is one significant liability, an interest free loan from 2 members repayable over 15 years where £63,750 remains outstanding.

**Policy on Reserves**

The Church maintains a general reserve equivalent to £30,000 which is reviewed annually.

The target reserves will be achieved by maintaining a significant cash balance.

**Public Benefit**

Having regard to the guidance published by the Charity commission, the charity Trustees continue to provide public benefit by seeking to advance the Christian Faith and practice with the principles of the Baptist Denomination.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on ..... and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:



Rev S M Dunn  
Trustee

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Melton Mowbray Baptist Church ('the charity') for the period ended 30th September 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



**A R R Price FCA**  
**For and on behalf of A R R Price Limited**  
**Independent Examiner**

17 Newstead Grove  
NOTTINGHAM  
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*19th May 2025*

**Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**  
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**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Period ended 30th September 2024**

		2024	9 months to 30.09.2023	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	4	177,078	177,078	113,188
Charitable activities	5	19,018	19,018	10,745
Other trading activities	6	25,117	25,117	7,984
Investment income	7	221	221	—
<b>Total income</b>		<u>221,434</u>	<u>221,434</u>	<u>131,917</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>206,078</u>	<u>206,078</u>	<u>99,854</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>206,078</u>	<u>206,078</u>	<u>99,854</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>15,356</u>	<u>15,356</u>	<u>32,063</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,466,450</u>	<u>1,466,450</u>	<u>1,434,387</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,481,806</u>	<u>1,481,806</u>	<u>1,466,450</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.



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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	15	1,476,515	1,483,145
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	16	9,225	—
Cash at bank and in hand		71,082	59,780
		80,307	59,780
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	11,266	7,725
<b>Net current assets</b>		69,041	52,055
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1,545,556	1,535,200
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	18	63,750	68,750
<b>Net assets</b>		1,481,806	1,466,450
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		1,481,806	1,466,450
<b>Total charity funds</b>	20	1,481,806	1,466,450

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19.5.2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



**Rev S M Dunn**  
Trustee



**Mr A D Smallridge**  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity number 1203133 in England and Wales and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The address of the principal office is Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0FA.

**2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**3. Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

**Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.



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**3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

**Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date. For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

**Financial instruments**

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

**Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

**Taxation**

The church is a registered charity and is exempt from any liability to taxation on its income and capital gains. Income tax recoverable on donations and is treated as being received in the year in which the corresponding income is received.

**Legal Status**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. In the event of a winding up the members have no liability to contribute to its debts and liabilities.

**Judgement and key sources of Estimations uncertainty**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next year.

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**4. Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	148,529	148,529	90,134	90,134
Gift Aid	28,549	28,549	23,054	23,054
	<u>177,078</u>	<u>177,078</u>	<u>113,188</u>	<u>113,188</u>

**5. Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
Babies and Bumps	1,454	1,454	—	—
Parents and Toddlers	3,869	3,869	—	—
Other income from charitable activities	13,695	13,695	10,745	10,745
	<u>19,018</u>	<u>19,018</u>	<u>10,745</u>	<u>10,745</u>

**6. Other trading activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
Church hire	25,117	25,117	7,984	7,984

**7. Investment income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
Bank interest receivable	221	221	—	—

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**8. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds £	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
Minister and Staffing	79,456	79,456	50,138	50,138
Our Ministries	14,688	14,688	9,045	9,045
External Ministries	26,559	26,559	18,383	18,383
Premises	66,373	66,373	13,693	13,693
Support costs	19,002	19,002	8,595	8,595
	<u>206,078</u>	<u>206,078</u>	<u>99,854</u>	<u>99,854</u>

**9. Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
General office	16,404	8,421
Finance costs	295	—
Governance costs	2,303	174
	<u>19,002</u>	<u>8,595</u>

**10. Analysis of grants and donations**

	<b>2024 £</b>	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023 £
BMS World Mission	8,300	4,660
Baptist Union Home Mission Fund Appeal	8,300	4,660
Evangelical Alliance	—	400
Earthquake appeal	—	4,000
Hope for Justice	2,200	—
Teen Challenge	2,000	—
Good News for Everyone	500	—
Open Doors	400	—
Storehouse	400	—
Footsteps	300	—
Carpenters Arms	500	—
Engage Workshops	100	—
Farmers Community Network	100	—
Melton Mowbray & District Money Advice Centre	1,368	1,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	480	3,563
	<u>24,948</u>	<u>18,283</u>
Total grants and donations	<u>24,948</u>	<u>18,283</u>

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**11. Net income**

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2024</b>	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,630	—

**12. Independent examination fees**

	<b>2024</b>	2023 Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	960	—

**13. Staff costs**

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	Total Funds 9 months to 30.09.2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	69,916	42,249
Social security costs	—	—
Employer contributions to pension plans	3,986	2,756
Other benefits	5,833	3,201
	<u>79,735</u>	<u>48,206</u>

The average head count of employees during the period was 5 (2023: 4).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the period (2023: None).

**14. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

One Trustee has been paid remuneration and received other benefits from employment with the Charity.

Under the Constitution the Charity can employ, appoint and remunerate Trustees as is necessary for the carrying out of the work of the Charity

The Trustee remunerated is Rev S M Dunn who leads the church primarily through preaching the Scriptures and by equipping and leading church members to minister to one another and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Total remuneration paid including pension contributions and other benefits amounted to £41,803 (2023: £27,768)

No Trustee expenses have been incurred. (2023: None)

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**15. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold property -Church £	Manse £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost and or valuation</b>				
<b>At 1st October 2023 and 30th September 2024</b>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>449,995</u>	<u>33,150</u>	<u>1,483,145</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st October 2023	—	—	—	—
Charge for the year	—	—	6,630	6,630
<b>At 30th September 2024</b>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>6,630</u>	<u>6,630</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 30th September 2024</b>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>449,995</u>	<u>26,520</u>	<u>1,476,515</u>
At 30th September 2023	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>449,995</u>	<u>33,150</u>	<u>1,483,145</u>

**16. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b> £	2023 £
Trade debtors	954	—
Prepayments and accrued income	2,134	—
Other debtors	6,137	—
	<u>9,225</u>	<u>—</u>

**17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b> £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	5,000	5,000
Trade creditors	2,311	—
Accruals and deferred income	982	—
Social security and other taxes	2,973	2,725
	<u>11,266</u>	<u>7,725</u>

**18. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2024</b> £	2023 £
Loan	<u>63,750</u>	<u>68,750</u>

Included within creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount of £43,750 (2023: £48,750) in respect of liabilities payable or repayable by instalments which fall due for payment after more than five years from the reporting date.

The total loans in note 17 and 18 amounting to £68,750 (2023: £73,750) is unsecured and interest free.



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**19. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits**

**Defined contribution plans**

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £3,986 (2023: £2,756).

**20. Analysis of charitable funds**

**Unrestricted funds**

	At 01.10.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30.09.2024 £
General funds	<u>1,466,450</u>	<u>221,434</u>	<u>(206,078)</u>	<u>1,481,806</u>
	At 01.01.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30.9.2023 £
General funds	<u>1,434,387</u>	<u>131,917</u>	<u>(99,854)</u>	<u>1,466,450</u>

**21. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,476,515	1,476,515
Current assets	80,307	80,307
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,266)	(11,266)
Creditors greater than 1 year	<u>(63,750)</u>	<u>(63,750)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>1,481,806</u>	<u>1,481,806</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,483,145	1,483,145
Current assets	59,780	59,780
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,725)	(7,725)
Creditors greater than 1 year	<u>(68,750)</u>	<u>(68,750)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>1,466,450</u>	<u>1,466,450</u>

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**22. Related parties**

The custodian Trustee of the Charity is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited a registered charity number 249635 Company Number 00032743 registered in England and Wales.

The Church is also a member of The Baptist Union of Great Britain and of the East Midlands Baptist Association.

The Church makes voluntary contributions to Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission Appeal. This amounted to £8,300.

The total amount of donations received without conditions from Trustees amounted to £19,967.

**23. Merger**

Melton Mowbray Baptist Church an unincorporated unregistered charity merged with Melton Mowbray Baptist Church a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 1st October 2023.

The comparative figures for 2023 solely relate to Melton Mowbray Baptist Church and the 2024 figures solely relate to the Melton Mowbray Baptist Church CIO. The net assets at the date of the merger were £1,466,450. All funds are unrestricted.