

HGBCHURCH CIO

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2025
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE	The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.
CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ADDRESS	PO Box 44 129, Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
TRUSTEES	Rev'd Honesty Kachidza - Chair Richard Leach - Elder Pam Palmer - Treasurer Lorraine Alexander Matthew Leach
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	The church is governed by its own constitution and rules as approved at the church members' meeting.
LEGAL STATUS	Association CIO
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1203704
OBJECTIVES	VISION A Kingdom-Advancing Church MISSION Every Life Transformed by God's Kingdom. Every Community Impacted by His Love. Every Generation Empowered for Eternity.
ADDRESS	Hither Green Baptist Church Theodore Road Lewisham SE13 6HT
PRIMARY BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc 93 Lewisham High Street SE13 6BB
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Barrington Brown Balanced Books LDN 82a Muirkirk Road London Greater London SE6 1BH



TRUSTEES' REPORT

HGBCHURCH – For the Financial Year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” – Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

1. Vision Statement

At HGBCHURCH, we are committed to being **A Kingdom-Advancing Church**, rooted in Christ, fuelled by the Holy Spirit, and focused on eternity. Our mission is clear and compelling:

Every Life Transformed by God’s Kingdom. Every Community Impacted by His Love. Every Generation Empowered for Eternity.

2. Spiritual Reflection

This past year has been a testimony to the faithfulness of God and the power of vision aligned with Heaven. We have witnessed growth, transformation, and divine acceleration. As Jesus declared in Matthew 6:10, we have earnestly prayed and positioned ourselves to see His will done in our midst—and indeed, His Kingdom has come in fresh and tangible ways.

We stand amazed at what God has done and stirred by what lies ahead. We are not simply running programmes; we are building people. We have mobilised Kingdom life. We are not merely hosting events; we are hosting Heaven. We’ve seen the fingerprints of God on everything we have put our hands to, and our hearts burn with anticipation for all that lies ahead. HGBCHURCH continues to grow as a Spirit-led family, committed to making disciples, equipping saints, and reaching our community with the love and truth of Christ.

3. Objectives & Activities

At HGBCHURCH, our heartbeat is simple yet profound: to see every life transformed by God’s Kingdom, every community impacted by His love, and every generation empowered for eternity. Everything we do flows from this calling to promote the Christian faith in accordance with biblical principles, advancing education and charitable outreach both locally and globally.

This past year has been one of **growth, connection, and fresh opportunities to share Jesus**. Here’s how we have seen God at work among us:

- **Weekly Worship Gatherings:**

Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., our church family gathers to encounter God together in vibrant worship and biblical teaching. Highlights included our Easter Sunrise Service, Christmas Day Worship, and the powerful New Year’s Eve Watch Night Service — moments where hearts were stirred, faith renewed, and lives touched. We have also continued to **livestream our services**, allowing those at home and further afield to join in real-time and remain connected to the life of the church.

- **Prayer & Fasting:**

January set the spiritual tone for the year as we devoted the entire month to prayer and fasting under the theme “Thy Will Be Done.” Life Groups, youth, and ministry teams led heartfelt prayer gatherings,

creating an atmosphere where God's presence was tangibly felt and spiritual momentum built for the months ahead.

- **Life Groups & Discipleship:**

Our Life Groups remain a vital part of our church life — meeting in homes and online for prayer, study, and mutual encouragement. These gatherings are more than meetings; they are where disciples are made, friendships are formed, and faith is nurtured.

- **Times of Refreshing Devotionals:**

In September 2024, we launched Times of Refreshing — our online weekly devotional series. This initiative has been a source of encouragement and spiritual renewal, helping individuals pause, reflect, and realign their hearts with God's purposes throughout the week.

- **Children & Youth Ministry:**

We remain passionate about raising a generation that loves and follows Jesus wholeheartedly.

- Kingdom Youth (11–16) and Kingdom Light (5–11) provided age-appropriate teaching and spiritual formation.
- Two Kingdom Kidz conferences — “Kingdom Keepers” in April and “Living For the King” in October — saw over 40 children and youth from church and community engage with God's Word in powerful and memorable ways.
- Our young people also attended Satellites, a national Christian youth festival, deepening their faith and forging strong friendships.
- Together with BCB Church, we launched a joint monthly youth gathering, uniting young believers for worship, the Word, and fellowship.

- **Community Outreach & Fellowship:**

Our mission to love our neighbours was beautifully expressed through our **Community Christmas Lunch**, where people from across the neighbourhood came to enjoy a warm festive meal and experience the love of Christ in a welcoming atmosphere. This simple act of hospitality reminded us that the Gospel is best seen when it is shared with both words and actions.

Through these ministries and moments, we have witnessed God's faithfulness and felt a renewed sense of purpose. Each gathering, outreach, and act of service has been another step towards becoming a **Kingdom-Advancing Church**, fulfilling the mission He has entrusted to us.

4. Community Engagement & Public Benefit

HGBCHURCH exists not just for its members, our ministries seek to serve the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of the wider community. HGBCHURCH actively serves the public through:

- **Kingdom Tots Playgroup:** Offering a safe, welcoming space for young children and their carers every Monday.
- **Hall Hire to Community Groups:** Including hosting the Hither Green Ward Assembly by Lewisham Council and other civic engagements.
- **School Engagement:**
 - On 8 January and 22 January, HGBCHURCH members led assemblies and educational sessions for Brindishe School, engaging students with Christian faith and values.
- **Community Events:**
 - **Father's Day BBQ and Summer BBQ:** United families in celebration and outreach.
 - **Table Top Sales** (June & August): Fundraising for missions and a platform for local entrepreneurs.
 - **Pancake Day Fundraiser** (March): Raised over £265 for missions.

- **Share Jesus Community Lunch (March):** Provided free hot drinks and meals for the homeless and vulnerable with the love of Christ.

5. Achievements & Performance

- **Church Growth:** Five new members joined our church family, with increasing attendance across our weekly services and ministries.
- **Baptisms:** On 15 December, we hosted a joint baptism with Living Word Christian Fellowship, with five candidates publicly declaring their faith (three of the members were from Living Word Fellowship).
- **Child Dedications:** Three children were dedicated this year during joyful and heartfelt services.
- **Radiance Women's Ministry:**
 - **Radiance Conference (October):** Over 35 women attended an empowering day of teaching, worship, and fellowship.
 - **Mother's Day Dinner (March):** Celebrated the strength and legacy of mothers with over 45 in attendance.

Missions:

- Although **Mission Bulgaria 2024** was postponed due to flight costs, planning for 2025 is well underway.
- Our fundraising efforts have ensured we are financially and spiritually prepared for the year ahead.

6. Volunteers & Service

None of our progress would be possible without our faithful volunteers. Every event, meal, worship service, and outreach was carried by the selfless service of our members. In addition, many members actively serve in the wider community, bringing the light of Christ beyond the church walls.

7. Financial Overview

We give God thanks for His provision and the faithful generosity of our members and partners.

- **Total Income:** £174,416, primarily from tithes, offerings, and hall hire.
- **Total Expenditure:** £104,621, on ministry costs, missions, staffing, utilities, and events.
- **Reserves:** As of 31 March 2025, we hold reserves of £25,000 to ensure stability and future sustainability.

All financial planning and spending align with our commitment to good stewardship and Kingdom effectiveness.

8. Looking Ahead

Our hearts are full of expectation for the coming year. We believe God is positioning us for greater impact.

Key priorities include:

- **Mission South Africa** – In April 2025, we will partner with **Mighty Grace Church** in **Venda** to support evangelism, teaching, and community upliftment.
- **Mission Zambia** – Also in April, we will serve with the **Eva Chabala Foundation**, bringing hope and practical support to families and children.
- **Manse Purchase** – We are prayerfully working toward purchasing a church manse—an important step in establishing long-term stability and care for our pastoral leadership.
- **Radiance 2025** – Our women's conference will return next year, continuing to inspire and equip women to shine for the Kingdom.
- **Kingdom Kidz Conference (April 2025)** – Already in preparation to disciple the next generation in bold faith and joyful worship.

- **Mission Bulgaria 2025** – With resources in place, we will send a team to run a youth camp and youth discipleship.
- Strengthening our online ministry and digital outreach.

We are convinced that the best is yet to come. We are not just expanding property—we are enlarging our Kingdom influence. We are not just running a church—we are raising a generation. As we press forward, we do so with unwavering confidence, and HGBCHURCH has a vital part to play.

9. Conclusion

The trustees of HGBCHURCH lift their hearts in gratitude — first to God, whose faithfulness has sustained and guided us, and then to you — our members, leaders, partners, and volunteers — whose sacrifice, service, and prayers have made this Kingdom work possible. We are not merely managing a charity; we are faithfully stewarding a divine assignment, entrusted to us by the King of Kings.

As a church, we reaffirm our commitment to seeing lives transformed by God's power, communities touched by His love, and generations equipped to live for eternity. Every gathering, every outreach, every prayer is part of advancing His Kingdom on earth — and we count it a privilege to serve together.

Looking ahead, we do so with faith and expectation, believing that the best is yet to come. We stand on the promise:

“Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end...”
— Isaiah 9:7 (NKJV)

May this report not only reflect where we have been, but also ignite fresh passion for where God is taking us. Together, let us press forward — faithfully, courageously, and joyfully — until every life, every community, and every generation knows the reign and peace of Christ.

On behalf of the Trustees,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Kachidza', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Rev. Honesty Kachidza,
Chair of Trustees HGBCHURCH

Trustees:

Rev. Honesty Kachidza
Richard Leach
Pamela Palmer
Lorraine Alexander
Matthew Leach

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HITHER GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH CIO

Introduction

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of HGBCHURCH CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



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14th November 2025

HGBCHURCH CIO

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1203704

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS (SUMMARY) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024-25 £
Donations and Tax Refunds	92,173	1,960	68,982	163,115
Other Incoming Resources	11,300	0	-	11,300
TOTAL RECEIPTS	103,474	1,960	68,982	174,416

PAYMENTS

Costs of Activities in Furtherance of the Charity's Objects	81,314	0	12,086	93,400
Resources expended on Managing and Administering the Charity	11,221	0	-	11,221
TOTAL PAYMENTS	92,535	0	12,086	104,621
RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	10,939	1,960	56,896	69,795

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

HGBCHURCH CIO

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1203704

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS (DETAILED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total for Period £
RECEIPTS					
DONATIONS AND TAX REFUNDS					
Building Fund - Manse				55,924	55,924
General Fund		79,217			79,217
TV Fund				800	800
Gift Aid Refund		12,230			12,230
Streaming Equipment				2,311	2,311
Mission Bulgaria 2025			1,960		1,960
Mission South Africa				8,770	8,770
Kingdom Youth Camp				577	577
Kingdom Tots		331			331
Satellite Summer Camp				560	560
Conference Income		396			396
Total Donations & Tax Refunds		92,173	1,960	68,982	163,115
OTHER RECEIPTS					
Hall Hire		3,760			3,760
Equipment Hire		120			120
Interest Received		7,420	0		7,420
Total Other Receipts		11,300	0	0	11,300
TOTAL RECEIPTS		103,474	1,960	68,982	174,416
PAYMENTS					
FURTHERANCE CHARITY'S OBJECTS					
Minister's Stipend, Staff Salary & PAYE	3	49,674			49,674
Pension Costs	6	5,317			5,317
Manse Rental	3	14,400			14,400
Council Tax		2,038			2,038
Heat and Light		3,979			3,979
Gifts Within the Church		104			104
Gifts Outside the Church		460			460
Speakers Expenses		455			455
Kingdom Kidz / Youth				196	196
Satellite Summer Camp				1,080	1,080
Leadership and Fellowship		109			109
Radiance Conference		102			102
Mission Bulgaria 2025				3,385	3,385
Mission South Africa 2025				7,425	7,425
Ministry Operating Supplies		498			498
General Ministry Expenses		1,105			1,105
Equipment & Supplies	4	2,900			2,900
Computer & Software		173			173
Total Furtherance Charity's Objects		81,314	0	12,086	93,400
MANAGING/ADMINISTERING CHARITY					
Insurance & Rates	2	4,130			4,130
Health & Safety		539			539
Repairs & Maintenance		1,728			1,728
Travel & Subsistence		190			190
Telephone, Broadband & Website		2,335			2,335
Printing, Photocopying & Stationery		441			441
Subscriptions		459			459
Accounts Preparation		600			600
Independent Examiners Fee		800			800
Total Managing/Administering Charity		11,221	0	0	11,221
TOTAL PAYMENTS		92,535	0	12,086	104,621
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) FOR THE PERIOD		10,939	1,960	56,896	69,795

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1203704

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AT 31ST MARCH 2025

ASSETS

		2025
BANK & OTHER CASH BALANCES		£
Hither Green BC Current Account	280	
Hither Green BC Savings Account	0	
HGBCHURCH CIO Current Account	18,545	
HGBCHURCH CIO Savings Account	233	
London Baptist Property Board Deposit	249,350	
London Baptist Property Board Savings	25,077	
Cash in hand	40	293,525
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Debtors		65
TOTAL ASSETS		293,589

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors		(2,000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		291,589
LONG TERM LIABILITIES		
Loans		(91,000)
NET ASSETS		200,589

CAPITAL AND RESERVES

	Notes	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	7	47,427
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
Reserve Fund	8.1	25,000
Mission Bulgaria 2025	8.2	5,904
Mission South Africa 2025	8.3	1,345
		32,249
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Building Fund - Manse	9.1	118,169
Streaming Equipment	9.2	(1,646)
Kingdom Camp	9.3	2,995
Kingdom Kidz	9.4	96
TV Fund	9.5	1,300
		120,913
TOTAL		200,589

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

Buildings	10.1	1,074,615
Church Contents	10.2	87,724
Portacabin	10.3	7,303
		1,169,642

HGBCHURCH CIO

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1203704

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

- These accounts have been prepared on a **Receipts and Payments** basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.
- Managing / Administering the Charity represents direct expenditure incurred in the management of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to volunteers for their service.
- The Minister acts as one of the church's trustees and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his services as Minister, including the provision of manse accommodation rented by the church at a cost of £1200 per month.
- Office Equipment is not capitalised but expensed upon purchase.
- The custodian trustee of the church is the **Baptist Union Corporation Limited** which is a registered charity (number: 249635), and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the London Baptist Association.
- The church pays pension contributions for its Minister to a Private fund (Standard Life), which is a defined contributions scheme and not contracted out of the State Second Pension. The church also pays pension contributions for its Administrator to Nest Pensions, which is also not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

7. Unrestricted Funds	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Tfrs Designated/ Restricted £	Expenditure £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
General Funds	62,410	103,474	(25,923)	(92,535)	47,427
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8. Designated Funds		Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Tfrs Between Funds £	Expenditure £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Reserve Fund	8.1	-		25,000		25,000
Mission Bulgaria 2024		7,329	0	(7,329)		0
Mission Bulgaria 2025	8.2	0	1,960	7,329	(3,385)	5,904
Mission South Africa 2025	8.3	0	8,770		(7,425)	1,345
		7,329	10,730	25,000	(10,810)	32,249

9. Restricted Funds	Notes	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Tfrs Between Funds £	Expenditure £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
Building Fund - Manse	9.1	62,245	55,924	0	0	118,169
Streaming Equipment	9.2	(3,957)	2,311	0	0	(1,646)
Kingdom Camp	9.3	2,418	577	0	0	2,995
Kingdom Kidz	9.4	252	40	0	(196)	96
Kingdom Kidz Merchandise		(316)	0	316	0	0
Satellites		(87)	560	606	(1,080)	0
TV Fund	9.5	500	800	0	0	1,300
		61,055	60,212	923	(1,276)	120,913

- The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee, the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:
 - Church premises at Theodore Road, London SE13 6HT, valued in the accounts at £1,074,615, based on the insured value.
 - The church owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of £87,724.
 - The church also owns a portacabin, valued in the accounts at £7,303, based on the insured value.