



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1st	January	2025		31st	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ewyas Harold Baptist Church - CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1205543

Charity's principal address

Ewyas Harold

Herefordshire

Postcode

HR2 0EU

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	Sharon Jones			
2	Dianne Foster			
3	Robert Parkinson			
4	Keith Mitchell	Treasurer		
5	Paul Maslin	Safeguarding		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Church Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Members

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.

<p>The safeguarding team meet regularly and review policies to ensure they are relevant and up to date.</p> <p>The Church has the following policies in place: -</p> <p>EHBC Risk Assessment including safeguarding.</p> <p>Manual Handling.</p> <p>Hazardous Substance Record.</p> <p>Fire Risk Assessment Form.</p> <p>The Church is affiliated to Baptist Union of Great Britain, which provides support and guidance together with the local Heart of England Baptist Association.</p> <p>Trustees are appointed at the AGM of Church Members under the rules of the Church's Constitution. Up to four Member's meetings are held each year where the trustees report to the members with updates on the full range of the Church's life and work and where trustees are held to account.</p>

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

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)

In order to achieve the principal objectives which are set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community in general. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a close relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place on 3 Sundays a month at 10.30am. These services are advertised on the Church notice board, Good News Magazine, monthly email to friends and members and on the website www.ewyasharoldbaptistchurch.org.uk

On the 1st Sunday of the month and when there are 5 Sundays in the month an electronic message is sent out by email and hand delivered as required.

There are three regular weekday groups that meet once a month.

Tuesday Tunes – community singing

O Sew Simple – sewing of wall panels for the Chapel

Fellowship Group – for bible study and prayer

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regards to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The Church Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the Charity is providing a benefit to the public. This is reviewed regularly at trustee meetings.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial number, but also in less tangible areas such as fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure but believe that 2025 was a positive year in the life of the Church.

The Church continues to have a pastoral vacancy with no minister appointed. The trustees, along with the Church membership continue to explore options with reflection and consideration of future ministry of the Church.

There have been 35 church services and 16 messages on Sundays during 2025. These included 1 Café Services, Easter, Church Anniversary Service, Harvest Celebration, Remembrance Service, and Carol Service. However, the nature of God's Kingdom is such that we shall never know the real value of this ministry, or how it has touched and changed people's lives.

Music for our services is provided by piano. When it is not possible to have live music then we have the music provided by a PA system. Also, refreshments are provided after the Sunday morning services for a time of fellowship together.

Pastoral care of the fellowship and the wider community have still been a priority with cards being sent, prayer requests, and the Safeguarding Team taking care of specific situations. The Church also hopes to reach out to people in the community through our weekday groups.

Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group continues to meet once a month – usually on the 3rd Tuesday. We have a regular membership of 12 people plus occasional visitors. In the last year we have followed a study guide called "Depending on Jesus", which is part of the "Life-builder" series. We have all found this very helpful and encouraging and we have had lots of interesting discussions and times of sharing. This year we have begun another guide in this series called "Living in Christ". Our meetings always begin with refreshments, which are very much appreciated, and we always end with a time of prayer, which everyone finds very helpful.

Tuesday Tunes

This group usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month to sing a wide variety of music from musicals, pop, hymns and spiritual songs. There are also refreshments afterwards. We really would like to see more people sharing this time of fun together and so would welcome prayer for how we can help more people in the community to join us.

O Sew Simple

O Sew Simple Sewing Group meets from 10.00-12.00 on the second Thursday of each month, within School Term times, also weather permitting.

At the moment there are five dedicated members of the group who add their own individuality to the wall hangings, in some unique ways. The first wall hanging to be completed (apart from the border and backing material) is Autumn.

We are working to complete the summer wall hanging and work has started on the Spring wall hanging. A lot of preparation has been done

before sewing items onto the wall hangings.

Hundreds of individual leaves have been sewn, along with dozens of birds, flowers, bees and butterflies. There are also unique individual insects which have taken members weeks to sew.

Each individual wall hanging is unique, and each one depicts a different season of the year.

Most of the sewing is done by hand, with some machine work to create the panels for the fields and the rivers.

We are a happy group of 'Stitchers' and would welcome anyone over the age of eighteen who would like to join the group or just pop in for refreshments and a chat.

You don't need to be an avid sewer to join our group everyone is welcome. Members share their skills and there is always something new to learn and a friendly face to teach you.

Anyone is welcome to drop in to see the progress or to get an overall view of what the wall hangings are all about.

The Church continues to support The Rural Churches, and Christians Together in Ewyas Harold.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Contingency Reserve £9,000 (for emergencies i.e. 6 months of costs)
Major Maintenance Reserve £15,000 (for large maintenance projects, we have a Victorian Chapel to maintain)
Manse Reserve £21,841 (for income i.e. rent and maintenance of Victorian manse)
Minister's Stipend Reserve £30,000 (to be used when a minister is appointed to help pay a future minister's stipend)
Children's Reserve £181 (for future children's work)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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 principal source of funds is from giving and donations, these include regular payments on a weekly and monthly basis. Also, we have received some bequests.

The expenditure of the charity is for day to day running costs plus larger items of expenditure for maintenance work on the buildings. When a minister is appointed, this will be the largest regular monthly item of expenditure. Collectively all the above expenditure enables the Church to function and continue to serve the members and wider community.

Funds are held with Lloyds Bank and Baptist Together with a variety of savings deposits to maximise interest income.

Section F

Other optional information

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>K. Mitchell</i>	<i>Dianne B Foster</i>
Full name(s)	KEITH MITCHELL	DIANNE BAYNES FOSTER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	TRUSTEE

EWAYS HAROLD BAPTIST CHURCH**Charity Number 1205543****Receipts and Payments account for the year ending
31st December 2025**

		2024
General Income	£	£
Giving by Cheques & Cash	6,632.00	7,829.24
Giving by Bank Transfer	13,970.00	12,825.00
Total Giving	20,602.00	20,654.24
HMRC	7,133.13	4,026.23
Donations to EHBC		94.55
For purchase of books for Church library	200.00	
David Baines bequest	6,472.05	
George Grenfell Jones bequest	13,465.01	20,137.06
Cards	22.50	45.85
Donations for:-		
BMS Donations	170.00	175.00
Other Baptist Causes	101.85	77.00
Non Baptist Causes	140.00	455.00
Bank Interest	194.69	220.81
Baptist Together Deposit Interest	1,398.34	1,340.66
Telephone reimbursement		180.23
E.ON Solar Panels	290.71	239.95
Total General Income	50,190.28	27,509.52
General Expenditure		
Administration	3,183.75	3,269.00
Pension Deficit Payments		10.00
Fees & Subscriptions	2,084.80	2,160.34
Visiting Preachers Fees & Expenses	1,540.00	800.00
Regular Home Mission Payments	1,609.76	1,489.00
Regular BMS Payments	1,603.52	1,489.00
BMS funds raised	170.00	175.00
Giving to other Baptist causes from funds raised	77.00	137.00
Giving to non Baptist causes from funds raised	140.00	455.00
Donations made by EHBC	300.00	410.00
Travel	126.90	187.20
Telephone	10.00	10.00
Stationery/Print	280.01	325.70
Misc Pastoral Expenses	225.84	90.91
Maintenance/Repairs	1,889.06	7,387.10
Electricity	1,306.89	1,973.10
Water	133.29	95.55
Baptist Insurance	450.52	1,371.44
Total General Expenditure	15,131.34	21,835.34
General Account Surplus	35,058.94	5,674.18

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Manse Reserve

Rental Income	12,000.00	8,000.00
Agent's Fees	1,440.00	960.00
Repairs and Maintenance	11,448.88	1,892.50
Manse Reserve Deficit/Surplus	888.88	5,147.50

Major Expenditure Reserve

Restoration of ornate fascia board at the front of the Chapel	3,000.00
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Total Surplus/Deficit for the year	31,170.06	10,821.68
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

Current Assets

Lloyds Bank Current Account	3,609.00	4,031.97
Lloyds Bank Instant Access Savings Account	15,373.66	18,225.08
Lloyds Bank 32 Day Notice Deposit Account	10,046.11	
Baptist Together 3 Month Notice Deposit Account	62,302.98	37,904.64
	91,331.75	60,161.69

Current Liabilities

Nil

Long term Assets

Buildings and Land including Chapel, Manse and Hall

Notes to the Accounts

Trustee Keith Mitchell has received remuneration for administration work totalling £3,183.75

Independent Examiner

Signed

J.P. Barns-Graham

Date 16.1.2026

Printed

J.P. BARNES-GRAHAM

Approval of Accounts

These accounts were approved and accepted by Members of the Ewyas Harold Baptist Church - CIO

at their meeting on

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Signed on behalf of the Members and Trustees of Ewyas Harold Baptist Church - CIO

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

EWAYS HAROLD BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1205543

Set out on pages

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

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 Trust'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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J. Barns-Graham

Date:

16.1.2026

Name:

JACQUELINE PATRICIA BARNs-GRAHAM

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

RETIRED
FORMERLY ACAEW

(if any):

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ABBAYDORE, HEREFORDSHIRE
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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