

WIMBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1205604

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2023-11-07

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: The church provides Sunday services and some mid-week meetings to promote the gospel and encourage fellowship and cooperation between church attenders. The pastor also is regularly seen in the town and especially at the Allendale centre and is available for conversation. He is also a chaplain at the local school.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		-	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Ian Robert Thorpe	Chair	2023-11-07
Anita Jean Hicks		2023-11-07
Hilary Foster		2024-03-10
Roger Lord		2026-03-08

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Accounts

WIMBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

01 JANUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Objectives and Activities

To love and worship God.

To love and serve one another, our local neighbourhood, and the wider world.

To love and speak the Good News of Jesus so that others become His disciples.

Summary of The Main Activities

We conduct Sunday services in the main church building. There is a craft ministry for non-church people, which meets once a month. We also organise home groups and separate prayer meetings on Zoom and at the manse. Our Minister's wife also has a book club meeting once a month at the manse and during the summer months the Minister hosts a garden party/afternoon tea at the manse every month from June to September. The manse is well used as part of our church life.

We rent a room for £10.00 a session to the 1st Merley Guides during term time. We support the local Food Bank with food and with funds, usually from our Gift Day. Another organisation which benefits from our Gift Day is the Gideons. The Gideons are involved with schools and Universities nationwide.

We are involved with the Wimborne Folk Festival providing facilities for children to enjoy crafts and provide a safe space for nursing mothers. We hold Warm Space lunches for children as part of a Community Scheme. We support overseas Missions in Mexico, Senegal, P.N.G. and India through prayer and finance through a percentage of our giving and a monthly contribution to SCBA (Southern Counties Baptist Association) and the BUGB (Baptist Union of Great Britain) and Tearfund through the Big Quiz in November.

Our Minister has a pastoral role to the pupils and staff at Queen Elizabeth school in Wimborne.

Charity Commission Guidance

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Contribution Made By Volunteers

All office bearers are volunteers. All volunteers are appointed to various roles in the church, in accordance with Baptist Union rules at the Church AGM and appointed by the Membership. This includes Deacons, Health and Safety Officer, Auditors, Safeguarding Officer, Children' Coordinator, Communion Steward, Welcomers on the Door for Sunday, and other roles.

Achievements and Performance

We achieve our objectives by nurturing relationships with individuals and the Community. We aim to bring the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all we meet so that their lives are healed and made whole. Although a small church we are encouraged by new faces and inspired by the people we meet.

As we support Overseas Missions, we are regularly visited by those we support when they come back to the UK on furlough. They are working in difficult places. It is wonderful to hear how God is achieving His Purposes in a needy and for some, a terrifying world.

We don't measure performance, as such, as we rely on The Holy Spirit to guide us, and we take no credit for prayers answered or purposes fulfilled.

Financial Review

The Trustees registered Wimborne Baptist Church with the Charity Commission on 07/11/23 (charity number: 1205604). As the annual accounts for the year ending 31/12/23 have been issued to the Baptist Union, the receipts and payments accounts presented alongside this report cover the period 01/12/24 to 31/12/24.

2024 has been a difficult year financially, energy costs, repairs and maintenance on an old building have been very challenging.

Three people leaving the church meant our income from monthly giving reduced by £4,000 including Gift Aid no longer claimed. Gone are the days when people worked in a job for 30 years and had gold plated pensions. Our newer members are working and due to the cost of living cannot replace the income lost. An ageing congregation and the consequence of death also impacts on our monthly income.

We were extremely fortunate to receive a large unrestricted donation from a deceased member's estate, which has improved the charity's financial stability.

As at 31/12/24, the charity held £73,492 in net current assets, of which £1,000 was held in restricted funds, leaving £72,492 available for core funding. Total income was £86,996 for the year to 31/12/24. There were no funds materially in deficit and the charity is continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Constitution is agreed by the membership. The Charity is an unincorporated association. The election of Deacons/Trustees is every three years by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Charity's organisational structure is as follows:

- Deacons
- Minister

Other associations

Baptist Union of Great Britain
Southern Counties Baptist Association

Reference and Administration Details

Wimborne Baptist Church. Charity Number 1205604
Address:- Grove Road, Wimborne Minister, BH21 1BW.

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Date of Appointment	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee
1	Ian Thorpe	Pastor	07 November 2023	Members
2	Andrew Chadwick	Co-secretary	07 November 2023	Members
3	Anita Hicks	Co-secretary	07 November 2023	Members
4	Christine Stones	Treasurer	07 November 2023	Members
5	Hilary Foster	Co secretary	10 March 2024.	Members

Additional Information

The Church Building is held in the Fairbairn Trust in the BUGB.
The Manse is held in the Fairbairn Trust in the BUGB.

If the church building is ever sold the proceeds are held by the Fairbairn Trust and only released if the Members buy another building.


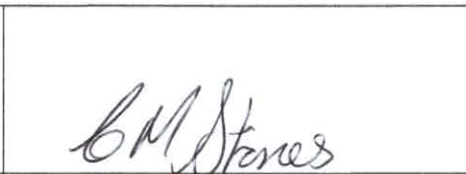
If the Manse is sold, the proceeds of the sale revert to the BUGB, Funds will be released if another dwelling is purchased.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Signatures

	
Andrew Micheal Chadwick	Christine Mary Stones
Co-secretary	Treasurer
03 March 2026	03 March 2026

Full names

Positions

Date



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st December 2024	To	31st December 2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations:	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	78,388	-	-	78,388	-
Gift Aid	4,528	-	-	4,528	-
Bank & Investment Interest	2,957	-	-	2,957	-
Rental Income	1,122	-	-	1,122	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,996	-	-	86,996	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,996	-	-	86,996	-
A3 Payments					
Church Costs:	-	-	-	-	-
Preaching & Mission Costs	5,026	-	-	5,026	-
Heat & Power	3,044	-	-	3,044	-
Water	118	-	-	118	-
IT & Telecoms	445	-	-	445	-
Insurance	1,554	-	-	1,554	-
Compliance & H&S	1,846	-	-	1,846	-
Subscriptions & Licensing	841	-	-	841	-
Advertising	294	-	-	294	-
Office Costs	820	-	-	820	-
Cleaning	480	-	-	480	-
Kitchen/Catering	65	-	-	65	-
Repairs & Maintenance	4,010	-	-	4,010	-
Manse Costs	4,090	-	-	4,090	-
Ministerial Costs	23,292	-	-	23,292	-
Sub total	45,925	-	-	45,925	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,925	-	-	45,925	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	41,071	-	-	41,071	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,421	1,000	-	32,421	-
Cash funds this year end	72,492	1,000	-	73,492	-

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	4,078	1,000	-
	Bank Premium Account	5,662	-	-
	Baptist Union Investment Account	62,752	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,492	1,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

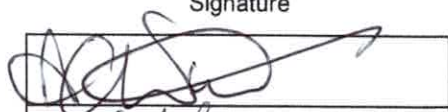
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andrew Chadwick	03 March 2026
<i>Christine Stones</i>	Christine Stones	03 March 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Wimborne Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1205604

Set out on pages

1 to 5

(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 / 2024.

**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 those 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

Signed:

Date:

03 March 2026

Name:

Mandy Stansfield

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

Affiliate member of Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Address:

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Wimborne

Dorset

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

The Trustees initially uploaded a set of accounts to the Charity Commission on 28 October 2025, declaring an income of £28,157 for the year ending 31 December 2024.

I am qualifying these accounts on the basis that £58,839 worth of income was not recognised, and that the uploaded accounts were not in accordance with the accounting records or the underlying bank transactions and therefore did not represent the charity's financial position as at the year end.

The Trustees weren't aware that an independent examination was required prior to uploading the accounts to the Charity Commission public record and completing and submitting their annual return.

This is the first set of independently examined receipts and payments accounts since charity registration.

The Trustees engaged a firm of accountants to undertake the bookkeeping in September 2025. I am satisfied that this this type of error will not reoccur.