

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	10	May	2024		31	Mar	2025

Charity name

Union Chapel Bath

Other names charity is known by

None

Registered charity number (if any)

1208198

Charity's principal address

Church Road

Combe Down

Bath

Postcode BA2 5JJ

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	Jonathan Ikin	Pastor		
2	David Beazer	Deacon		
3	Chris Stephens	Deacon		
4	Peter Addison	Deacon		
5	Russell Smith	Deacon		
6	Kerry Long	Deacon, Treasurer and Church Administrator		
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Pastor Jonathan (Jon) Ikin

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated by and voted for by the 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.

Our trustees are also the deacons of Union Chapel.

We are a small church struggling to keep its doors open with the help of dedicated church members.

As a church, we are currently members of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The purposes of the Church (in summary) are:

- 1). The advancement of the Christian faith as a church in accordance with the Basis of Faith
- 2). Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the trustees, further the work of the Church

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 main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects are:

- Two services every Sunday (11am & 5pm), with youth and Sunday School (children) departments running concurrently in the morning service.
- A senior citizens group ("Monday Meeting") on Monday afternoons
- A midweek prayer and Bible study meeting every Thursday evening
- Funerals
- Weddings

The Trustees of Union Chapel Bath have all been issued with the relevant paperwork on running a CIO to the benefit of the public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

- Occasionally we do a senior citizens outing in the summer

Union Chapel Bath receives most of its income from voluntary gifts to the charity. We also receive Gift Aid.

On occasion, we also accept a small payment from the local council to use our facilities as a polling station.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Union Chapel has continued its weekly worship services every Sunday (11am and 5pm), which are also recorded and put on our web-site for the benefit of others. The services are live-streamed each Sunday via Zoom as a ministry to those who cannot attend in person.

Each week we also run a small Sunday School. This includes a minibus picking up children to come to the chapel from our neighbourhood, by prior agreement with the parents.

In addition to this, we run a youth Bible Study group during the morning service for teenagers who may not be able to cope with the deeper Bible teaching in the regular sermon.

Tea and coffee are offered after the evening service as a time of fellowship and refreshment for the people who attend.

On Monday we run a group mainly for seniors called, "Monday Meeting" which is well attended and much appreciated by those in the community.

Regrettably, we have had to stop our midweek children's groups and youth clubs due to volunteer difficulties. Although we would still like to have these activities in our weekly program, they will not be returning in the foreseeable future due to our circumstances.

Our Thursday evening Bible Study and Prayer Meeting continues throughout the year.

Also throughout the year we have conducted weddings, funerals and Christmas carol services, plus extra services at Easter.

And on a personal level, we try to meet with individuals who seek spiritual support and guidance from us.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Union Chapel tries to maintain sufficient running costs while also giving to various charities and Christian workers. Further details are listed below.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Union Chapel has no outstanding debts, mortgages or loans.

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.

As already stated, Union Chapel Bath receives most of its income from voluntary gifts to the charity. We also receive Gift Aid.

On occasion, we also accept a small payment from the local council to use our facilities as a polling station

The expenditure of our income is a testimony to our objectives as a charity (for full details we have a financial statement sheet for this period available upon request). We support one full time worker (our Pastor) so that he is able to facilitate the running of the church, and prepare the necessary messages and meetings. This is our chief expenditure.

But along side this we also aim to give over 10% of our income to other related charities. One good example of this is our giving to The Genesis Trust which is a local charity in the Bath area, caring for the homeless and needy.

We also have to fund the running costs of a building for meeting in (Union Chapel), as well as a house for the minister's accommodation (the Manse).

We very occasionally make discretionary gifts to those in need or send flowers to those who are facing difficulties in life as an act of Christian kindness.

Then, we could also mention that we run a church web-site and also subscribe to SermonAudio.com which hosts our weekly church sermons, making them available to a wider audience – including those who are not able to join us on Sundays.

Finally, it is worth noting that the costs of running this small church would be higher still, but for the fact that many church members fund things for the different groups privately, bringing things to the meetings which they have already paid for without making any claims. These acts of generosity reveal how much the members of the church share a mutual concern for this work and the people we are trying to minister to, as well as a desire to spare the church some extra costs.

Section F

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

Date: 19/6/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Union Chapel Bath

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1208198

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

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 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.

Signed:

Susan M Huggins

Date:

30/11/25

Name:

SUSAN HUGGINS

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

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Section B

Disclosure