



ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31ST MARCH 2025

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO),
Company no. CE036402, Charity no. 1208563**

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1 Statutory Information

Registered Address	Poynton Baptist Church 22 Park Lane Poynton Cheshire SK12 1RE
Status	Member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Core Leadership Team (who function as the charity trustees) are appointed in accordance with the Church Rules agreed at a Church Meeting on 26 th September 2023. At a Church Meeting on 26 th September 2023 it was agreed that Poynton Baptist Church change its organisational structure to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Company No CE036402, Charity No 1208563.
Core Leadership Team and Trustees	Reuben Martin, Senior Minister
	Stephen Hughes, Administrator (appointed 06 June 2024)
	Andrew Firth, Treasurer (appointed 06 June 2024)
	Katie Phillips (appointed 06 June 2024)
	Joseph Yates (appointed 06 June 2024)
Youth Worker	Nate Evans
Assistant Church Leader	Will Dent (resigned 31 December 2024)
Assistant Church Leader	Joel Whitewood
Church Building Trustees	The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House 129 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester, M60 4EP The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House 129 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT
Independent Examiner	Melissa Bowers FCCA, Harts Limited, Westminster House, 10, Westminster Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 1BX

2 Annual Trustee Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

2.1 Introduction

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102)), and with the Charities Act 2011.

Poynton Baptist Church changed its organisational structure to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Company No CE036402, Charity No 1208563 on 1st April 2025.

The old entity, Poynton Baptist Church (Charity number 1130340) will be subsequently closed.

2.2 Charitable Objective

The Charity is governed by Church Rules which state that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith and practice according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and includes the advancement of education and other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

2.3 Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes

Members of Poynton Baptist Church (PBC) are accepted in accordance with the Church Rules which normally require them to be, or to have been, publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The Rules also allow other people who have not been baptised to be accepted into membership at the discretion of the Church Meeting.

The members' meeting normally takes place a minimum of four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Church Rules the Minister, the Church Administrator and the Treasurer are appointed by the members along with a number of other trustees and are collectively known as the Core Leadership Team ("CLT"). They are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness and for the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church members' meeting by the Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members in a Church members' meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Church Rules permit decisions to be made by the Church members' meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

2.4 Trustee Financial Responsibilities

For the purposes of charity law, the Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK law and generally accepted accounting practice and in particular, financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of its financial position at the year end.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and the Trust Deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the Church's Independent Examiner is unaware, and the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

2.5 Risk Statement

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which PBC faces and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks. There is a rolling programme of review of risk policies to ensure they remain up to date; particularly in the areas of Risk and Health & Safety and Safeguarding.

2.6 Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, PBC provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed in order to extend the Kingdom of God and glorify his Name and bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord. This has been summarised as follows:

1. Pursuing a deeper relationship with God
2. Building an authentic community
3. Connecting others with Jesus

No activities were undertaken during the year to further these purposes. Poynton Baptist Church (CIO), Charity No 1208563 did not become active until 01 April 2025.

2.7 Financial Review

No activities were undertaken during the year.

Income for the year to 31 March 2025 was nil. Expenditure for the year was nil.

Reserves as at 31 March 2025 were nil.

2.8 Public Benefit Statement

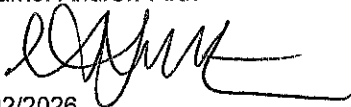
During the year the trustees have considered the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission together with the supplemental guidance on the application of the public benefit test to charities whose aims include advancing religion. The trustees are aware of their legal duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance and to report on this charity's compliance with the public benefit obligation.

Since the main Church is open to the public (and services run online) and no charge is made for attendance, there is the widest possible reach from the charity's activities.

The Trustee report was approved by the Trustees on ...04/02/2026.. and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee Name: Andrew Firth

Signature:



Date: 05/02/2026

3 Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Not Required