

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church



Registered Address:

147, Narborough Road, Leicester. LE3 0PD

Charity Registration Number:

208610

Trustees:

The Revd Hannah Colk (Minister)

Mrs Christine Smith

Mr Jeffrey Smith

Mrs Helen Smith

Mr Gareth Padfield

Mr Andrew Watson

Property Trustees:

East Midlands Baptist Association, West Bridgford Baptist Church,
Melton Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NF

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner:

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Annual Report for 2024

The trustees present their Annual Report for 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a constitution based on the Approved Governing Document for Baptist Churches. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Members Meeting normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint up to six Trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and 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 meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities

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. To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church 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 and to bring people into a closer 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 each Sunday at 10.45 am. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the church notice boards and the website at rhmbc.org.uk. There is a children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs two different weekly events which support our local community. On a Wednesday afternoon we run 'Meet and Eat' which seeks to provide a hot two course meal and refreshments to the community. Each week approximately 100 meals are provided free of charge and meals are either eaten in the Church Hall or taken away. This

ministry also is an opportunity for our clients to receive other forms of support. These included signposting and referral to other services, listening and advice and practical support such as warm clothes, food, sanitary products and household items. We also run a drop in free cafe on a Thursday afternoon which offers similar support as well as light refreshments. This is attended by around twenty people per week.

The Church has a bible study group called 'Bible Book Club'. This group meets once a month to look at a single book of the bible.

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

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church has been blessed with a large building, which has been well maintained over the generations. We see our building as a community resource and rent space to both individuals and community groups at a reasonable price. We have a Care Training Organisation and a Domiciliary Care Company who rent office space. We also have a photographer and textile artist who have studios in the building. Kick Boxing classes run five days a week and our kitchen is used each week for a WEA cooking class for adults with additional needs. Also, a Home Start Family support group runs during term times and the building hosts three twelve week King's Trust Youth Development Teams each year. There are eight different Christian congregations including our own who use the building for prayer and worship. We are also used by a Theatre group as a rehearsal space and a local day nursery for their Nativity Play and summer graduation. Among the other groups who use the building are, a drumming group, a poetry group, a Rambling Club, the local Multiple Sclerosis society and the Local Labour Party. Finally, we also host countless family parties and community gatherings. In all we estimate around one thousand people use our building each month.

As a church we are looking forward to our 125th anniversary in 2026 and our 130th in 2031. We are working hard to update and fully renovate our building as part of *Project 26* and *Beyond 26*. The aim of both projects is to ensure that we are 'revival ready' and fit to serve our community for generations to come.

Achievements and Performance

June 2024 was a big month for us as we officially became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and registered with the charity commission. Although there was still work to do with the transfer of our assets etc, this felt like a huge milestone. A highlight this month was our Church BBQ at a deacon's house. The weather stayed fine and we had a brilliant time of fun and fellowship.

In June we were also blessed to have another King's Trust group decorate meeting room one and upper room two, giving them a much needed refresh.

In July we said goodbye to a good friend of RHMBC, who had been a regular service user. His death came very much as a surprise to his friends, but we discovered later that he had been ill for some time. With his terrible jokes, cheeky smile, mumbling voice, florescent jacket, carrier bags, Elvis and snooker obsession, he had been part of the RHMBC family for many years. Hannah and another deacon were honoured to take a large group of his friends to the funeral and later refreshments. We were also privileged to be able to talk about the deep things of life, death and faith with his friends, including someone who would pass away toward the end of September.

The other notable event in July was that our new parking system 'went live'. This marked the end of a long process which included the refurbishment of the car park, and allows the church to generate significant revenue from our car park, as well as offering a resource for our community. In July we were also honoured to play host to our mission partners in Albania, as they began a new chapter in their ministry. It was a joy and an encouragement to hear how God is at work in them, both in the UK and in with the project they founded. We also welcomed another couple of families and a young woman into membership.

In August we said another sad farewell, this time to a man, who with his wife had been a long time member of the Church family until their retirement in Northumberland. It was an honour to play host to his friends and family as they celebrated his life.

We were also able to celebrate (all be it from a distance) the traditional marriage of a couple within the Church in their home country.

September came with some upheaval, following the discovery of damp which has caused a section of the floor of the small hall to rot. This meant that the room needed to be taken out of action. Previously the small hall had been our primary worship location for a number of years because it was easier and more economical to heat. Over the summer we had moved into the main sanctuary with the intention of moving back to the small hall in the autumn. When we had originally began meeting in the small hall over covid, we had prayed as a Church that when the time was right, God would move us back into the main worship area by growing the congregation so much that we could no longer fit in the small hall, and this is what God has done. During September it was a joy to once again share a harvest supper together as a church family and learn more about the work of BMS in Bangladesh. The meal afterward was wonderfully catered by a friend and member of the meet and eat team.

November was a month of mixed emotions. When at the beginning of the month a precious friend and trustee had a heart attack. Praise God he survived and was in good spirits as he began the long road to recovery. On a positive note It was wonderful to celebrate our 123rd Church anniversary together in the style with a BIG QUIZ in aid of Tear fund, a Church meeting and fellowship lunch.

The year concluded (as it always does) with Christmas. This was a precious season of celebration and reflection. The Meet and Eat Christmas dinner was as ever a triumph. Thankfully this year Hannah did not forget the Christmas pud.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise part of the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership, congregation and friends. The CIO was registered on 11 June 2024.

Total income was £28,818 there is no comparison with the previous year as this is a new entity.

The most significant expense related to the appointment of the Revd Hannah Colk Trustee as Minister of the Church, to lead and co-ordinate the church's activities including the Sunday Services, to provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and to equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness and service.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants totalling £387 to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

Total expenditure was £22,104. There is no comparison with the previous year as this is a new entity

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

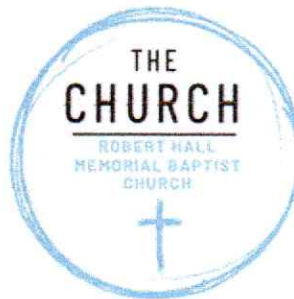
The church was a participating employer within the Defined Benefit section of the Bapt Pension scheme and has been making ongoing deficit payments of £1 per month to cover the costs of past service of its staff within the scheme until September 2024 when there was a buyout. The liability on 31 December 2024 was £0.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively and meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost.

Having considered the relevant risks of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of reserves is £12,000.

As of 31 December 2024, the church held total reserves of £15,868. All reserves were neither restricted nor designated.



Affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain
Registered with the Charity Commission 11 June 2024
Registration number 1208610

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

**ROBERT HALL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
LEGAL INFORMATION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and on 11 June 2024 registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. Registered charity number 1208610. It opened two new bank accounts with HSBC in the name of the new entity and is in the process of transferring assets from the old entity to the new entity assisted by the solicitors.

Church Address

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Trustees

Hannah Colk	21, Wolverton Road LE3 2AL
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Treasurer

Norman Smith	Apt 37, 31 Watkin Road LE2 7HY
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Independent Examiner

Colin Wood

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church
Charity Number 1208610
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 December 2024

Incoming Resources	Notes	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
Voluntary income	2	4,554.32	387.33	-	-	4,941.65	-
Investment income	3	18,322.60	-	-	-	18,322.60	-
Charitable activities	4	1,004.61	-	-	-	1,004.61	-
Other income resources	5	1,455.01	3,093.68	-	-	4,548.69	-
Total income resources		25,336.54	3,481.01	-	-	28,817.55	-
Resources Expended							
Grants and donations	6	342.75	1,717.53	-	-	2,060.28	-
Establishment	7	7,273.48	918.04	-	-	8,191.52	-
Ministry	8	2,690.84	-	-	-	2,690.84	-
Staff costs	9	8,749.70	-	-	-	8,749.70	-
Governance Cost	10	411.27	-	-	-	411.27	-
Total resources expended		19,468.04	2,635.57	-	-	22,103.61	-
Net incoming resources before transfers		5,868.50	845.44	-	-	6,713.94	-
Transfers between funds		10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income before revaluations and investment asset disposal		15,868.50	845.44	-	-	16,713.94	-
Surplus on revaluation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward		15,868.50	845.44	-	-	16,713.94	-

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church
Charity Number 1208610
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Tangible Fixed Assets	11	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	1,705.70	-
Bank and Cash	13	17,811.54	-
		<u>19,517.24</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	2,803.30	-
Net Current Assets		16,713.94	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		
Net Assets		<u>16,713.94</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable Funds			
Endowment Funds	16	-	-
Restricted Funds	17	-	-
Designated Funds	18	845.44	-
Unrestricted Funds		15,868.50	-
		<u>16,713.94</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form an integral part of these accounts
These accounts were approved by the Deacons on _____ and signed on their behalf by

Deacon

Deacon

**ROBERT HALL MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounting Regulations set out under the Charities Act 1993 and with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2005

b Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

c Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

d Room Hire and Car Park Rent

Room hire and car park rent is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes due.

e Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

f Fund raising and publicity costs

The Church does not make formal appeals for funds and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

g Grants/Donations payable

The Church makes donations to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

h Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance 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 the volunteers for their service.

i Fixed Assets

The value and status of the church buildings and manse have been updated in the light of recent revaluations and clarification of ownership by the EMBA in 2019. These are now reflected in the accounts.

j Depreciation

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church or the Manse premises because in the opinion of the Trustees, the residual value is not less than the cost price.

Depreciation on other fixed assets was calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life. These have now reached zero value and appear in the accounts as such.

k Investment Assets

All investments are shown at cost.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
2 Voluntary Income					
Offerings	4,554.32	-	-	4,554.32	-
Tax refunds (Gift Aid)	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds (appeals BMS etc)	-	387.33	-	387.33	-
	4,554.32	387.33	-	4,941.65	-
3 Investment Income					
Lettings	18,318.34	-	-	18,318.34	-
Bank Interest	4.26	-	-	4.26	-
Savings Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	18,322.60	-	-	18,322.60	-
4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Donations (church members)	1,004.61	-	-	1,004.61	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	1,004.61	-	-	1,004.61	-
5 Other income resources					
Legacy/Large Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Project 2026	-	3,093.68	-	3,093.68	-
History Project	-	-	-	-	-
Defibulator	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Home Mission)	1,430.01	-	-	1,430.01	-
Key Deposits	25.00	-	-	25.00	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	1,455.01	3,093.68	-	4,548.69	-

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6 Grants and Donations

BMS World Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Home Mission	-	-	-	-	-
BMS Harvest Appeal	-	317.33	-	317.33	-
Tear Fund	-	70.00	-	70.00	-
Others (Water Aid/Christian Aid)	-	-	-	-	-
Vulnerable Individuals and Families	-	1,330.20	-	1,330.20	-
Pastoral	342.75	-	-	342.75	-
	342.75	1,717.53	-	2,060.28	-

7 Establishment

General Maintenance	588.99	-	-	588.99	-
Utilities	2,837.32	-	-	2,837.32	-
Cleaner/Bettaclean/Ace	3,336.00	-	-	3,336.00	-
Cleaning Materials	50.16	-	-	50.16	-
Gift Day 2021 Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Project 26 Expenses	-	574.24	-	574.24	-
History Project	-	343.80	-	343.80	-
Defibulator	-	-	-	-	-
Lettings Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Building insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Major Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Manse expenses	436.01	-	-	436.01	-
Other (Key Deposits etc.)	25.00	-	-	25.00	-
	7,273.48	918.04	-	8,191.52	-

8 Ministry

Office Expenses (CCIL etc.)	393.37	-	-	393.37	-
Office Expenses (Sky)	89.82	-	-	89.82	-
Advertising, publicity & communication	222.14	-	-	222.14	-
Pulpit Supply	-	-	-	-	-

Outreach

Meet & Eat/Thurs Club	1,453.16	-	-	1,453.16	-
Major Events	532.35	-	-	532.35	-
Other Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
	2,690.84	-	-	2,690.84	-

9 Staff Costs

Minister

Stipend	7,149.99	-	-	7,149.99	-
Pensions	905.31	-	-	905.31	-
Expenses	641.90	-	-	641.90	-
Payroll Costs	52.50	-	-	52.50	-
	8,749.70	-	-	8,749.70	-

10 Governance Costs

Independent Examiner's fees	-	-	-	-	-
Baptist Union Affiliation Fee	-	-	-	-	-
Safeguarding Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	54.87	-	-	54.87	-
CIO Expenses	356.40	-	-	356.40	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	411.27	-	-	411.27	-

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11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Land & Buildings	Refurb of Church Prem	Manse	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost					
At 1st Jan 2024				-	-
Additions			-		
Disposals					
As at 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					
At 1st Jan 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Charge				-	-
On Disposal					
As at 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value at 31 Dec 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Net Book Value at 31 Dec 2023				-	-

All fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes

	2024	Movement	2023
12 Debtors			
Gift Aid + GADS	-	-	
Lettings	1,705.70	1,705.70	
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	
	1,705.70	1,705.70	-

13 Bank and Cash Balances			
HSBC Current Acc 95313007	17,807.28	17,807.28	
HSBC Savings Acc 95313015	4.26	4.26	
Baptist Together	-	-	
Baptist Together (Restricted)	-	-	
Cash in hand (not credited in bank + float)	-	-	-
	17,811.54	17,811.54	-

14 Creditors falling due within 1 year			
Key Deposits	-	-	
Utilities (Gas/ Electricity)	2,729.90	2,729.90	
Cleaning (Ace etc.)	60.00	60.00	
Bank Charges	13.40	13.40	
Uncleared Cheques	-	-	
	2,803.30	2,803.30	-

15 Creditors falling after more than 1 year			
Estimated Employer BPS Pension Fund Debt	-	-	-

16 Endowment Funds	Incoming 01/01/2024 Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31/12/2024
Capital Fund	-	-	-	-

This Fund comprises funds from sale of land to BT held by Baptists Together with conditions.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Fixed assets	Investment	Current asset	Total		
Capital Fund	-	-	-	-		
17 Restricted Funds		Incoming	Resources	Surplus on		
	01/01/2024	Resources	Expended	Realisation	Transfers	31/12/2024
Refurbishment & Building fund	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Fixed assets	Investment	Current asset	Total		
Refurbishment & Building fund	-	-	-	-		
18 Designated Funds		Incoming	Resources			
	01/01/2024	Resources	Expended	Transfers		31/12/2024
BMS Harvest Appeal	-	317.33	317.33	-		-
Other Charities	-	70.00	70.00	-		-
Vulnerable Individuals and Families	-	-	1,330.20	-		(1,330.20)
Gift Day (2021)	-	-	-	-		-
Project 26	-	3,093.68	574.24			2,519.44
History Project	-	-	343.80			(343.80)
Defibulator	-	-	-	-		-
	-	3,481.01	2,635.57	-		845.44

19 Analysis of net assets	Fixed assets	Investment	Transfers	Current assets	Total
Endowment Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	-	10,004.26	10,000.00	(4,135.76)	15,868.50
	-	10,004.26	10,000.00	(4,135.76)	15,868.50

20 Pensions

The Church is an employer participating in the Baptist Ministers Pension Fund.

21 Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the Church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is 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 East Midlands Baptist Association.

The Church made donations to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme set out in note 6



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church, Leicester

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1208610

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 31/12/2024

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the 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:

Date:

01.03.2025

Name:

Colin Wood

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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