

Barking Chapel Trustees Report 24-25

Barking Chapel is an independent Evangelical Free Church which was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 11th December 2024.

Before this the Church operated on a joint trust with Battisford Free Church, with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches as holding trustee.

Whilst a new constitution was adopted at this time the governance of the Church and the way it operates continued largely unchanged.

The purposes of the Church, as set out in the constitution are:

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively in Barking, Suffolk and the surrounding neighbourhood and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to; the prevention of, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life; provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

The Trustees of Barking Chapel, including the Pastor, Graham Steward have undertaken responsibility for promoting the mission of the Church through worships services, evangelistic outreach and social activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in their decisions.

The programme of the church offers a range of activities designed to enable people to better understand the Christian faith and to put it into practice

Pastoral care and counsel is provided as required through visits to the home, hospital or care home.

The church provides a range of services and meetings to cater for the needs of a wide range of people: The weekly Sunday morning services include sung praise, prayer, reading from the Bible and preaching from it. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month an all-age service takes place.

The twice monthly evening services vary in format. Some focus on praise; some focus on preaching; some are more informal and some are run 'cafe' style with food.

Whilst the numbers attending are not large, there is a large range of ages from under five to over ninety. This is particularly so on a Sunday evening.

The Church usually runs a four hour children's craft and activity session during each school holiday. This is geared towards primary age children.

In the wider community, the Pastor regularly conducts services in two local care homes. He is also able, along with a small team of others, to lead a weekly assembly in the local primary school in Ringshall. Our Pastor usually leads an annual village Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in conjunction with the local Parish Church.

The Pastor contributes an article in the local Parish Magazine, which is distributed in four villages. This enables us to publicise our services and events. The Good News christian newspaper is delivered each month. This presents the Christian message in an accessible format.

The Trustees are grateful to those who volunteer in many ways to enable the Church to function. This includes providing music, operating PA and projector, catering and also dealing with finance and many other tasks.

Barking Chapel CIO operates in accordance with the Constitution and Member's Handbook which were adopted by the Members Meeting on 1st December 2024

The Trustees are elected by the members at a Member's Meeting which is the primary decision making body of the Church. The Pastor is also elected by the members and is an ex-officio Trustee. The Trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church.

The Trustees are:

Graham Steward; Pastor and Chairman – ex-officio trustee

Michael Beales; Safeguarding lead – elected trustee

Simon Welham; Finance Officer- elected trustee

The Treasurer, Jonathan Green is not a trustee but is answerable to them via the Finance Officer

Finance

Total receipts were £12,834 with total payments being £26,018 resulting in a deficit for the year of £13,184. Cash balances held at the end of the year totalled £42,242 (£7,428 in current account and £34,814 in Reserve account). Although income was slightly higher than the previous year, expenditure was also slightly higher than the year before, the difference being higher CIO application costs. Although the income is below the threshold of requiring an independent examination, the trustees are happy to have one conducted and this accounting period is currently being reviewed by an independent examiner.

Barking Chapel raised its funds from donations within its own membership and congregation during this year. We have been able to support other Christian organisations who share the same charitable purpose as us. The beneficiaries of this support were UFM/Stewardship, Tear Fund and Barnabus Fund.

A full set of accounts for the year ending September 2025 can be seen accompanying this return.

Barking Chapel CIO

Registered charity; no. 1211369

Address:

Barking Chapel

Barking Tye

Ipswich

Suffolk

IP6 8HU



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Barking Chapel

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

October
2024

To

September
2025

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					
Offerings - General	10,526	-	-	10,526	10,324
Battisford Free Church - Tfr for gift aid	1,480	-	-	1,480	930
Gifts & Donations	565	-	-	565	867
Bank Interest	263	-	-	263	66
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,834	-	-	12,834	12,187
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,834	-	-	12,834	12,187
A3 Payments					
Electricity & Water	1,827	-	-	1,827	657
Insurance	619	-	-	619	582
Repairs & Maintenance	624	-	-	624	219
Ministers Stipend & NI	9,969	-	-	9,969	9,675
Ministers Housing Costs	7,200	-	-	7,200	7,200
Gifts - Pulpit	555	-	-	555	480
- (UFM/Stewardship)	255	-	-	255	820
- Tear Fund	210	-	-	210	172
- Barnabus Fund/Aid	214	-	-	214	161
- Faith Mission	-	-	-	-	1,000
Printing, Stationery, CD's	-	-	-	-	17
DBS checks/membership	150	-	-	150	145
Literature	508	-	-	508	512
CIO Application Exps.	3,528	-	-	3,528	1,358
WiFi exps.	-	-	-	-	194
Copyright Licence (inc streaming licence)	339	-	-	339	328
Find A Church	22	-	-	22	22
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,018	-	-	26,018	23,543
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,018	-	-	26,018	23,543
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,184	-	-	- 13,184	- 11,356
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55,426	-	-	55,426	66,782
Cash funds this year end	42,242	-	-	42,242	55,426

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	Current Account	7,428	-	-
	Reserve Account	34,814	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,242	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	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
	Graham Steward	23/7/26
	Michael Beales	23/7/26