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**"A growing body of people, committed
to Christ, loving one another, relevant to and
serving the community where we
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Report from the Leadership 2025

As we come to review the past year, we pause with grateful hearts to reflect on all that God has done in and through our church community. This year has been marked by some sadness but also countless moments of grace and we are deeply thankful for each of you who make up this body.

We were very sorry to see James and Ruth leave us in June after such a short stay with us, but very pleased their move worked out well and they settled in Swansea close to family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to their leaving gift and joined with us at their farewell service.

We were deeply sorry to hear of James's passing just before Christmas, now safely in the arms of His Lord we are thankful for having experienced his teaching and friendship as well as the gifts we benefited from in Ruth.

Throughout the year, we have seen God at work in powerful ways. Our worship gatherings have continued to be a place of encouragement, renewal, and connection with God.

Our ministries flourished because of faithful volunteers and generous hearts. Together, we have offered support to local families and extended Christ's love beyond our church walls. These efforts remind us that the church is not just a building, but a people on mission.

We are grateful for the financial faithfulness of our congregation. Your giving has allowed us to support ministry operations, pay bills, wages and ensure the upkeep of the building is in good shape.

We are very grateful to Mark, Andrew and Deborah for their efforts to ensure our finances are in good order and particular thanks for their hard work to move the bank account over to Nat West Bank. Nothing seems straight forward anymore but their tenacity to get things done is appreciated.

We remain committed to transparency, wise stewardship, and aligning our resources with God's calling for our church.

This year was not without its challenges. We faced moments that required patience, prayer, and unity. Through it all, God has been faithful—teaching us to trust Him more deeply and lean on one another with grace and humility.

The Leadership Team is at a good number with seven but more gifted help from members is always welcome.

The legal work with Anthony Collins to complete the CIO journey is still ongoing as is the Food Bank lease.

So many things that happen in our church are unseen and we need to be grateful for all we have achieved and not dwell on the things which could have been better.

Thank you for those who care for members and friends by giving them a call or a visit. Washing up, caring for our GB Company, cleaning, preparing services and keeping the day-to-day matters of the church ticking over.

We are very grateful we can put on weekly services with live music acknowledging that finding a preacher every week is quite a big task, so we say a huge thank you to everyone who has stepped up to lead, support and find visiting preachers.

As we enter the coming year, we do so with hope and expectancy. We are prayerfully discerning new opportunities for ministry, discipleship, and outreach, trusting God to guide our steps. Our desire is to continue growing as a Christ-centred, welcoming, and community driven church.

Thank you for your prayers, service, generosity, and commitment. It is an honour to serve alongside you.

May God continue to bless our church as we seek to love Him and love others in all we do.

With love, the Leadership Team

Alan Weston, Dawn Reszke, Dianne Rickett, Helen Lloyd, Lorna Bown, Mark Lloyd and Nicky Pearson

Safeguarding Report 2025

A very quiet year for safeguarding which is good.

Over the past year, the church has successfully delivered its planned services, groups, and activities in line with the church's safeguarding policies and procedures.

One incident was reported, which resulted in notices being displayed around the building to remind people that abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

The church remains committed to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all members, visitors, children, and vulnerable adults.

If you have a DBS and are registered on the renewal service (which everyone should be) please intermittently sign in and check that your renewal is still active. If you are not sure how to do this, please ask either of us to ensure your DBS is not removed from the records.

Finally, just a general reminder that risk assessments should be carried out for activities. Please check your groups risk assessment is up to date and if you ask anyone to help with your group, please remember that a DBS check may be required depending on the type of role they are doing. So please let me know and we can decide if one is necessary.

Dawn Reszke

Lorna Bown

Designated Officer for Safeguarding Trustee

Safeguarding

Finance Team Report 2025

Income was slightly up on budget, the offering was consistent and we want to thank everyone for their continued support, the major gains in the last year were as follows:-

1. Gift aid was up £473.91,
2. Room hire was up £5795.00
3. The insurance payout on James's stipend during the period he was on sick leave amounted to £5641.59. This money went towards the work carried out at the Manse, please see below.
4. There one major loss due to the interest rate going down, this affected the reserve account which was down £870.25.

Expenditure was down on budget, the main savings were

1. Utilities £4608.15 - believed to be due to the mild winter.
2. Maintenance £2710.93 - two major jobs carried out new lights in the car park and two new cookers
3. Manse £8855.00 was spent on essential work and improvements.

Giving

The Christmas offering of £500 was donated to Emmanuel House, Night Shelter, EMBA Home Mission donation of £1,500 and BMS World Mission £2,500

Accounts

The General and Reserve Accounts are slightly up on the year. There has been very little movement on the Communion Fund over the year and Kettles On is slightly down on the year.

Please see breakdown below

	B/F 2024	2025 NET	TRANSFE R	C/F 2025
General Account	£33,932.26	£12,766.61		£49,912.28
Reserve Account	£90,641.81	£929.75		£91,571.56
Communion Fund	£4,305.42	-£46.50		£4,258.92
Kettles On	£1,241.47	-£136.71		£1,104.76
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Manse Fund	£0.00	£3,213.41		£3,213.41
Total Carried Forward	£130,120.96	£13,513.15	£0.00	£143,634.11

We believe the Church is in a good financial position and look forward to the new year.

Many thanks,

Mark, Andy, and Deborah.

The Finance Team.

20th Nottingham Girls' Brigade

In 2025, our numbers remained steady with 15 girls, who have worked hard at their badgework gaining several awards during the year, we have also managed to get all our girls into Girls' Brigade uniform, so we are looking very smart as a group.

Our summer activities this year included "a summer fair" where we had a bouncy castle and side stall games, "campfire night" the girls learnt campfire songs and enjoyed a BBQ, a French night learning about French customs and trying French food, other nights we did crafts, games and quizzes.

We also restarted the band during the year with girls learning to play the drums and bugles they went out on the remembrance parade which was also their first parade coping to play and keep in step, well done girls.

Christmas saw us taking part in the Carol Service, which was led by Dawn and Lorna, introducing a number of parents to our Church who happily stayed for the refreshments after the service chatting to others who were there. Thank you to those within the Church who I know pray for the company, and to my fellow leaders who prepare the activities we do with the girls each week. May we face the challenges of this new year putting our trust in God to guide us.

Sue Pickering

Arnold Foodbank

The Foodbank continues to be a major part of Church life in Daybrook. It welcomes between 50-100 people each week to receive their three days supply of emergency food. Perhaps more importantly it also offers further support, through Citizens Advice, to access benefit checks, debt support and other means that can maximise the income of service users in the hope that they won't need to use the Foodbank, or, at least less frequently. In the past year they have supported people to make @£200,000 of gains or debt relieved - around £1,300 per person.

Foodbank is also in a position to support people with free SIM cards which last for 6 months - often saving them up to £150. To some of us this may seem like a luxury, but the reality is that internet access is a necessity in today's society. All Job Centre interactions are primarily through the internet. If you are homeless and phoneless then it can be nearly impossible to get support.

If anyone has upgraded their phone, and it is still usable, then please consider passing it on for our Foodbank users.

If anyone at church has not seen around Foodbank, and would like to, please ask Helen for a tour.

Helen Lloyd

Kettle's On!

"Kettle's On!" continues to thrive and develop. Numbers have generally remained stable with between 25-35 people coming in for a breakfast and to socialise each week.

Although we put various activities out on the tables the main highlight of each week is the games of "Sticky 13's" – basically bingo with playing cards – that our friend Bette, Community Champion from Asda, has brought to us. Unfortunately, Bette isn't able to come as often now but we have purchased our own set of cards and a few attenders will lead the game instead. It is a fun time, especially when our local PCSOs join in. Jo and Chris come regularly to chat and be present for any issues KO folk may have.

We also have Jenny who comes fortnightly to offer hand, neck, head and, occasionally, leg massages. She is always warmly welcomed.

This year the church invested in new cookers, which have been a welcome addition, as we can now guarantee the temperature of the ovens and be confident that they will actually turn on.

An Environmental Health inspection has seen us maintain our 5* rating – even before the new cookers arrived. Many thanks to Janet Clay for keeping us on track with all things Food Hygiene.

We have also been awarded a grant for £1250 from Gedling's Digital Inclusion Fund. So we will be able to purchase 2 or 3 laptops and other suitable equipment to enable KO guests to access and improve their Internet skills. We are also looking at course providers that will support and teach them the necessary basic skills.

On another note – we continue to start the session with a time of prayer, using Northumbrian Community Morning Prayer. Many folk start to gather from 10am (for our 10.30am start) so they are all invited to join us for prayer (or keep a respectful silence). We can have up to 15 people around the table with others listening and joining in from a distance. Some of the group, (other than our own church volunteers) have now started to ask for and offer prayers.

We also have a good core that will come along on a **Breakfast Sunday**. A few of these will only stay for the food but for some it is a major step for them just to be in a Church. Hopefully they find a place where they are loved and accepted, whether they stay for worship or not.

One highlight from this year was just before Christmas when one regular arranged for the group to meet up in Sherwood on the week we were going to be closed for Christmas. He said that the social aspect of the group was important to him – more than that, "it was family".

The joys and sorrows of family was highlighted in the loss of 5 of our regular participants. One was our own James – who loved coming in on a Wednesday and spending pastoral time with the group, many of whom were going through their own health issues. We also said sad farewells to Glenn, Giovanni, Kerry and Jill.

We have a good team – Janet, Elaine, Pam and Alan, Dianne. When Ruth left Carol kindly stepped in for a few weeks, despite it being a very difficult time for her. If you have time spare on some Wednesdays, why not pop in and see what goes on. If you can help out with holiday cover or want just to pop in and chat to people, please speak to any of the team.

Helen Lloyd

Coppice Home Group

Tuesday evenings have continued to be the time of meeting for the Coppice Home Group. We are a group of eight though mostly have six attending when available.

We continue studying God's word and praying for our community. Our most recent series of studies was 'Growing Older and Wiser'. Although we are a group of 'older' ladies, we had much to learn. It also made us consider the challenges younger people face.

We have continued to take some of the services on Breakfast Sunday. This has given us the chance to use the gifts of our members, and we look forward to taking more.

Thanks to Pam and Alan for hosting us and especially for the delicious flapjack Pam makes which we continue to enjoy.

BMS World Mission

We have no link missionary, at present and could now consider linking with another missionary in the field for BMS World Mission. This would give us a very personal insight into the work, needs and setbacks of working for God in other countries.

I make a plea for the Birthday Scheme which continues to run despite being very low in members. The idea of the scheme is that, at the time we are celebrating our birthday, we think of the children around the world who have very little. This is a vital cause in this world of war, persecution and natural disasters which cause internal and cross-border displacement, where things seem to get worse each year.

Members receive a birthday card, on their birthday, with it is an envelope to give a donation to the scheme either by returning it in the envelope or donating online. Please consider joining the scheme.

The change saving boxes' income has declined again this year. I know we use less cash these days, but this is a useful source of income for the BMS. Please ask if you would like a box.

Dianne Rickett

BMS secretary

Brought Forward 2024

General Account	£33,932.26
Reserve Account	£90,641.81
Communion Fund B/Fwd	£4,305.42
Kettles On	£1,241.47

Brought Forward 2024 **£130,120.96**

INCOME 2025

		Budget
Foodbank	£7,280.00	£7,280.00
Car Park Rent	£3,147.00	£2,472.00
Harvest Christmas Offering	£488.45	
Communion Fund Income	£0.00	
Gift Aid	£4,825.91	£4,352.00
Gift Received	£350.00	£300.00
Manse Rent	£5,420.00	£6,000.00
NI Rebate	£874.20	
Offering	£19,468.44	£30,896.00
Room Hire	£20,295.00	£14,500.00
BMS	£0.00	
Bowls	£5,316.00	£5,000.00
Westdale - Half Expences	£1,367.36	£1,700.00
Manse Fund (Insurance)	£5,641.59	
Kettles On	£1,510.00	£1,000.00
Funding Award	£0.00	
Reserve Account Interest	£929.75	£1,800.00
Refreshments	£0.00	
Leaving Gift	£184.60	
INCOME 2025	£77,098.30	£75,300.00

EXPENDITURE 2025

		Budget	+/-
Church Fabric			
Alarms	£1,145.46	£1,200.00	54.54
Boiler Service	£291.20	£200.00	-91.20
Cleaning Materials	£602.39	£1,050.00	447.61
Equipment - Maintenance	£2,639.07	£5,350.00	2710.93
Insurance	£4,307.32	£5,200.00	892.68
Piano	£230.00	£150.00	-80.00
Subscriptions	£1,118.30	£850.00	-268.30
Telephone	£447.55	£450.00	2.45
Utilities (Electric/Gas/Water)	£7,891.85	£12,500.00	4608.15
Gardening	£80.00		
Sub Total	£18,753.14	£26,950.00	£8,276.86
Manse Fabric			
Manse Insurance	£226.40	£700.00	473.60
Manse Maintenance	£75.00	£2,000.00	1925.00
Manse Council Tax	£2,413.70	£3,000.00	586.30
Manse Water Rates	£379.19	£525.00	145.81
Energy	£458.17	£300.00	-158.17
Telephone / Virgin	£491.41	£550.00	58.59

Gardening		£80.00		
Manse Fund		£8,855.00	£5,641.59	-3213.41
Sub Total		£12,978.87	£7,075.00	£3,031.13
Sundry		-----	-----	
Administration/printing		£232.53	£200.00	-32.53
Bowls		£97.00	£100.00	3.00
Equipment New		£1,148.99	£1,000.00	-148.99
Flowers		£0.00		0.00
Gifts		£237.99	£100.00	-137.99
Lay Preachers		£350.00	£600.00	250.00
Licences		£458.86	£500.00	41.14
Training		£51.00	£200.00	149.00
Car Park		£0.00	£500.00	500.00
Refreshments		£426.14	£400.00	-26.14
Building Inspection		£2,820.00	£1,000.00	-1820.00
Reserve Account		£0.00		0.00
Legal Fees		£1,697.60	£3,000.00	1302.40
Sub Total		£7,520.11	£7,600.00	£79.89
Mission		-----	-----	
Baptist World Mission		£2,500.00	£2,500.00	0.00
Communion Fund		£46.50		-46.50
Harvest Christmas Off		£750.00		-750.00
Home Mission		£1,500.00	£1,500.00	0.00
Mission		£0.00	£300.00	300.00
Posters		£0.00	£150.00	150.00
Children		£0.00	£100.00	100.00
BMS		£0.00		0.00
Kettles On		£1,646.71	£1,680.00	33.29
Sub Total		£6,443.21	£6,230.00	-£213.21
Offering to end December 2025	£19,468.44			
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Budget (Month) £2574.67	£30,896.00			
Year £ 30896				
Surplus of Offering	-£11,427.56			

<u>Ministry</u>	:-----	:-----	
Caretaker	£8,289.79	£9,350.00	1060.21
Minister Conference	£0.00	£200.00	200.00
Employer Costs	£3,552.68	£2,807.00	-745.68
Minister Expences	£0.00	£300.00	300.00
Minister Stipend	£5,692.95	£14,788.00	9095.05

Sub Total	£17,535.42	£27,445.00	£9,909.58
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TOTAL Expenditure 2025	£63,230.75	£75,300.00	£21,084.25
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2025 INCOME	£77,098.30
2025 EXPENDITURE	£63,230.75
2025 OUTTURN	£13,867.55

2024 BROUGHT FORWARD	£130,120.96
2025 OUTTURN	£13,867.55
2025 CARRIED FORWARD	£143,988.51

CARRIED FORWARD BREAKDOWN

	B/F 2024	2025 NET	TRANSFER	C/F 2025
General Account	£33,932.26	£13,121.01		£47,053.27
Reserve Account	£90,641.81	£929.75		£91,571.56
Communion Fund	£4,305.42	-£46.50		£4,258.92
Kettles On	£1,241.47	-£136.71		£1,104.76
Manse Fund	£0.00	-£3,213.41		£0.00
Total Carried Forward	£130,120.96	£13,867.55	£0.00	£143,988.51

O/S Income

Statement	£57,047.85
O/S Chqs	4630.90

DAYBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025

Examiners Opinion

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have reviewed without carrying out an audit the income and expenditure statement from accounting records of Daybrook Baptist Church and from information and explanations supplied to me.

In my opinion the income and expenditure statement for year ended 31st December 2025 is in agreement with the books of account kept by the Church and that, on the basis of the information contained in the books of account, they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act in so far as applicable to the Church.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare income and expenditure statement which accord to the accounting records have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the income and expenditure statement to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Buckby', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Buckby, FCCA

8th July 2026