

WESTONING BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
Registered Charity: 1213651

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Report of the Church Officers for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and the financial statements of Church for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Westoning Baptist Church, Greenfield Road, Westoning, Bedford MK45 5JD.

The Officers of the church during the year were as follows:

Matthew Aldridge – Pastor - Chair
Martin Hare - Elder
Stephen Wigley - Deacon
Steven Hopkins - Deacon
Mark Woods – Deacon

Structure, Governance and Management

Westoning Baptist Church is constituted by association and governed and administered by its officers in accordance with its Rules and Regulations. New officers are appointed as required, in accordance with the constitution.

The Charity's Objectives and Activities

The principal object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles in accordance with the church's Confession of Faith. The church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Our main activities are Sunday services (morning and evening), midweek prayer meetings and Bible studies, Sunday School, evangelistic activities in the community, Mums & Tots group, promotion of mission and matters of social concern, informal get-togethers for fellowship and to consider the Christian faith.

Public Benefit

In carrying out the activities of the Charity in the year under review, the Church Officers have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Owing to the spiritual nature of the church's objectives it is difficult to quantify achievements; however, we have in the past year undertaken the following activities:

- Services are normally held three times a week, where the gospel is preached, and the Bible explained
- All services were broadcast via Zoom
- Sunday School for children once a week in term time.
- Adult Bible Studies once a month
- Special services at Easter and Christmas
- Baptism services
- Fellowship get-togethers

- At Christmas time we distributed over 1,500 calendars with a gospel message and invitation to our services.
- Bible verses placed on back of local buses.
- Short monthly article in local magazines.
- During the year maintenance work was carried out to the buildings and grounds including substantial renovations to Hope Hall.
- Meetings were held in support of various Christian charities
- Mums & Tots group run each Friday in term time.
- A monthly lunch is held to promote friendship and fellowship.
- Holiday Bible Club.
- Funeral Service and burial.
- The building was used for baptisms by another church.
- Pastor in India was supported to enable him to support his churches and community both spiritually and for welfare.
- Assistance provided to build a new church in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Review of Finances

The church has used the funds to pay for regular ministry and the upkeep of the church buildings and grounds. The church donated 2025 44% (2024 30%) of the income to charities and good causes during the year.

Policy on reserves

The policy of the Trustees is:

- To have sufficient reserves to continue to run the Chapel without needing to borrow funds.
- To be able to deal with forthcoming repair costs (which in view of the size and age of the buildings can be large and unpredictable).
- To have sufficient funds to support the pastor.

ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH

Officer:

Date:


N. M. DRIDGE
4/3/26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	General Fund 31/12/2025 £	Restricted Fund 31/12/2025 £	Total 31/12/2025 £	Total 31/12/2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
<u>Donations and Legacies</u>				
Donations and Collections	70,757	10,012	80,769	84,257
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
Wedding, Funeral, Burial Fees	-	-	-	590
Use of Building by other church organisations	400	-	400	-
<u>Other trading activities</u>				
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
<u>Income from Investments</u>				
Bank Interest	1,327	-	1,327	1,911
	72,484	10,012	82,496	86,758
Expenditure on:				
<u>Charitable Activities</u>				
Preaching Ministry	6,430	-	6,430	6,027
Other Activities - Sunday School, Evangelistic Outreach, Friday Lunch, Toddlers	12,602	-	12,602	16,093
Chapel Running Costs	51,293	-	51,293	32,293
Administrative Costs	1,047	-	1,047	1,212
Charitable Donations	24,736	11,903	36,639	16,905
	96,108	11,903	108,011	72,530
Surplus for the year	- 23,624 -	1,891 -	25,515	14,228
Transfer between funds	- 5	5	-	-
	- 23,629 -	1,886 -	25,515	14,228
Balance Brought Forward	120,329	2,236	122,565	108,337
Balance Carried Forward	96,700	350	97,050	122,565

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Total
	31/12/2025			31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
<u>Current assets</u>				
Gift Aid Control	10,021	-	10,021	10,084
Deposit Accounts	53,294	-	53,294	81,967
Cash at Bank and in Hand	33,385	350	33,735	30,514
Total Assets	96,700	350	97,050	122,565
TOTAL FUNDS	96,700	350	97,050	122,565

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention the financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities.

Income, donations and other gifts are accounted for on a receivable basis. Income tax credits associated with deeds of covenant and Gift Aid donations are accounted for at the time of the net gift.

2) TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES

The Church does not employ any staff.

During the year to 31 December 2025 no payments were made to Trustees in respect of preaching and other expenses.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE OFFICERS OF

WESTONING BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: **PENELOPE KAY FOSTER**

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Date: **19/2/2026**

