

Leominster Baptist Church

England & Wales · Charity number 237434

Details

Other names	PARTICULARS BAPTIST CHAPEL IN ETNAM STREET, LEOMINSTER AND ENDOWMENTS, LEOMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH CHARITIES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-03-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: SEE INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS

Activities: Leominster Baptist Church was founded upon Baptist principles in 1656 to advance the Christian faith. The Trust maintains the property of the Church and oversees all its activities relating to Christian worship, teaching, service to the community and support for Christian ministry throughout the world. Today the Church is affiliated to the EA. It's motto is 'Following Christ, serving people'.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER
- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£139,733	£149,607	-	-
2024-12-31	£158,968	£150,132	-	-
2023-12-31	£123,535	£119,187	-	-
2022-12-31	£123,675	£123,333	-	-
2021-12-31	£90,074	£97,670	-	-
2020-12-31	£96,375	£101,296	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christabel Rice	Chair	2016-01-31
Andrew Dale		2020-01-19
Brian Paul Beakhouse		2025-09-28
David Margetts		2022-01-19
James Scott		2022-01-19
Marie Gittoes		2022-01-19
Sheila Wilson		2016-01-31
Trevor Dickerson		2023-01-25

Linked charities

- BURIAL GROUND AND ENDOWMENT FOR THE PASTOR (237434-1)
- ALMSHOUSES ADJOINING THE CHAPEL (237434-2)
- MARY MARLOWE'S CHARITY FOR THE PREACHER (237434-3)
- TRUST PROPERTY HELD FOR THE PURPOSES OF A PROTESTANT MEETING HOUSE AND AN ENDOWMENT FOR THE MINISTER (237434-4)
- MARY POWELL'S CHARITY FOR THE MINISTER AND POOR (237434-5)
- ENDOWMENTS FOR THE PASTOR (237434-6)
- PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL AND TRUST PROPERTY IN ETNAM STREET, LEOMINSTER (237434-7)

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Annual Report for 2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report for 2025.

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Known previously as: Particulars Baptist Chapel in Etnam Street, Leominster and Endowments
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Name	Trustee	Deacon	Position
Jackie Kosciecha	Yes	No	Treasurer
Chris Rice	Yes	Yes	Secretary
Sheila Wilson	Yes	Yes	
David Margetts	Yes	Yes	
Trevor Dickerson	Yes	Yes	
Jim Scott	Yes	Yes	
Brian Beakhouse	Yes	Yes	
Andrew Dale	Yes	Yes	
Marie Gittoes	Yes	Yes	Pastoral Care Worker

Pastor and other paid employees

Dean Burgis continues as Pastor and, during his holidays and Sundays off, the services have been led by church members or invited guest speakers from other churches and mission organisations. Marie Gittoes continues as Pastoral Care Worker and Hannah Harris continued as Children and Families Worker until her resignation on August 31st 2025.

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Leominster Baptist Church (Leobc) is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme signed on 31st October 1879, which amalgamated a number of earlier deeds originating from the founding of the Church in 1656. An amended Constitution was introduced in January 2016 and ratified a year later. The most recent amendment was made in 2022. The affairs of the Church are ordered under the Church's Members' Handbook, last amended in April 2024.

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direction for the Church. The trustees are responsible for oversight of the church's work and witness along with all financial and legal aspects of LBC. They have met twice in 2025. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks of the church.

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The Trust maintains the property of the Church and oversees all its activities relating to Christian worship, teaching, service to the community and support for Christian ministry throughout the world. Today the Church is affiliated to the EA. Its motto is 'Following Christ, serving people'.

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- Provision of a Manse for the Minister;
- Maintenance of a Burial Ground;
- Provision of alms-house accommodation for the poor of the congregation.

All of the above have been regularly inspected; any essential maintenance work has been undertaken.

The premises are loaned to other community groups and charities for which a charge is either made or waived at the discretion of the Deacons.

The tenancy of Marlow Cottage (formerly known as the Alms-house) is continuing satisfactorily.

The Trustees consider that they have fulfilled their duty in their care of the premises.

4. Fulfilment of Aims and Objectives: Church Activities

The Church services and other meetings continue to be well-attended by a wide range of people of all ages and the Church functioned well in all departments throughout the year. At the end of 2025 there were 90 people in full membership, having accepted 7 people into membership during the year. The church celebrated 3 believers' baptisms during 2025.

In addition to Sunday Church services, other weekly activities at the Church include house groups, prayer meetings, a parent and toddler group and several youth groups. Monthly activities at the church include a Lunch Club and Coffee Morning with outreach including Market Stall witness and services at residential homes for the elderly. Other events during the year have included an Alpha course, baptisms, fellowship meals, men's breakfasts, family events to celebrate church festivals, a church away day and youth camps.

The Church continues to engage with the community in many ways, including making its premises and minibus available to other organisations in the community. Many members of the church are actively involved in supporting several local voluntary organisations including the Leominster Food Bank.

The Church is committed to supporting organisations that promote the Christian faith in this country and around the world and to humanitarian relief. 20% of all monies given to the church are given to such organisations either through regular financial support or as one-off donations. The Church is informed of their activities by visiting speakers and a supply of information.

Persons attending the Church offered themselves to a number of voluntary projects and short-term mission trips with the active support of the Church.

5. Financial Overview

The Trustees and Church Officers have administered all the funds of the Church and are satisfied that they have been handled responsibly in accordance with the Charity's aims and objectives.

The church accounts show that the balances held remain reasonably steady. Regular income comes from monthly direct debits and the weekly church offering. This has been boosted during 2025 by some legacies and significant one-off donations along with fundraising events for youth camps. There were no significant unexpected expenses during the year and the authorisation of all payments were in accordance with the Church's financial policy.

Except for gifts for specific purposes, which are held as restricted funds until disbursed, the Church has fulfilled its policy of donating 20% of its income to other evangelical organisations whose aims and objectives are consistent with its own.

The regular income of the Church is sufficient to cover expected expenditure and there are adequate reserves for any foreseeable contingency. Income was £139,732.95 in 2025, which is down from last year but in line with years prior to 2024. Income is expected to remain around this level in future years and reserves should cover nearly 3 years of a major fall-off in income.

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6. Conclusion

The Trustees consider that they and the Church Officers have carried out their responsibilities in a satisfactory manner and that the Church is in a position to continue to actively pursue its aims and objectives in the future.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Date 29th April 2026

Christabel Rice (Church Secretary)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Leominster Baptist Church in Etnam Street Leominster Herefordshire.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- * follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

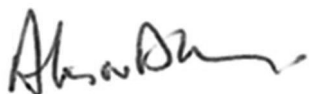
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 respects the requirements:
 - *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply Withers's accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signature:



Date:

17 MARCH 2026

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Receipts and Payments Summary: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<u>Receipts</u>					
Gifts, Offerings (Including Gift Aid)	£110,783.33			£110,783.33	£119,503.26
Special Missionary Collections		£3,551.10		£3,551.109	£5,394.69
Rent received			£2,840.00	£2,840.00	£2,640.00
Rent of rooms	£1,500.00			£1,500.00	£1,450.00
Miscellaneous receipts or sundries	£2,376.89			£2,376.89	£2,767.75
Legacies					£19,000.00
Youth income		£597.00		£597.00	
Sundry youth income		£16,572.63		£16,572.63	£6,730.29
Job Club				£0.00	£0.00
Dunfield House		£1,512.00		£1,512.00	£1,482.10
Total Receipts	£114,660.221	£22,232.73	£2,840.00	£139,732.95	£158,968.09
<u>Payments</u>					
Wages, National Insurance and Pension	£64,524.16			£64,524.16	£68,510.52
Ministry	£3,206.77			£3,206.77	£4,458.10
Gifts to Missionary & Aid Organisations	£25,180.09			£25,180.09	£23,439.22
Special Missionary Giving		£3,659.66		£3,659.66	£5,983.59
Minibus running costs	£3,627.58			£3,627.58	£2,990.62
Telephone	£278.74			£278.74	£297.13
Printing, postage & Stationery	£555.92			£555.92	£622.56
Equipment	£2,614.41			£2,614.41	£6,034.26
Sundries	£3,012.83			£3,012.83	£2,086.40
Maintenance of Church & Manse	£5,856.21			£5,856.21	£8,856.89
Maintenance - Marlow Cottage	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Heat and Light	£2,992.72			£2,992.72	£2,684.02
Council Tax & Water	£5,108.02			£5,108.02	£3,917.57
Insurance	£3,709.72			£3,709.72	£3,348.97
Fees	£1,388.44			£1,388.44	£2,350.48
Youthwork Costs		£3,188.21	£2,773.59	£5,961.80	£12,583.73
Sundry Youth Costs		£15,296.87		£15,296.87	
Job Club	£894.72			£894.72	£294.98

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Dunfield House		£1,738.00		£1,738.00	£1,674.00
Total Payments	£122,055.61	£24,777.46	£2,773.59	£149,606.66	£150,132.84
Net incoming resources	-£7,395.39	-£2,544.73	£66.41	-£9,873.71	£8835.25
Fund balances 1 January 2025	£53,360.28	-£4,339.92	£16,049.01	£65,069.37	£56,234.12
Balances carried forward 31 Dec 2025	£45,964.89	-£6,884.65	£16,115.42	£55,195.66	£65,069.37

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Fund Balances</u>	Total 31/12/2025	Total 31/12/2024	Total 31/12/2023	
Santander UK plc				
Church Account	£15,757.10	£27,274.48	£18,919.97	
Church Reserve Account	£36,798.68	£36,418.47	£36,070.72	
Church Youth Account	£2,611.96	£1,336.20	£1,203.79	
Total	£55,167.74	£65,029.15	£56,194.48	
Cash in Hand	£27.92	£40.22	£39.64	
Total	£55,195.66	£65,069.37	£56,234.12	
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>				
Unrestricted funds	£35,991.41	£44,113.68	£41,213.62	
Designated funds				
Youth Account	£2,611.96			
Missionary Monies	£2,622.44	£6,157.53	£1,135.71	
Total Designated funds	£5,234.40	£6,157.53	£1,135.71	
Restricted funds				
Job Club	£782.81	£1,677.53	£1,972.51	
Deposit held re tenancy	£238.33	£238.33	£238.33	
Marlow Cottage	£12,948.71	£12,882.30	£11,673.95	
Total Restricted funds	£13,969.85	£14,798.16	£13,884.79	
Total	£55,195.66	£65,069.37	£56,234.12	
<u>Fixed and other Assets</u>	Value			Note
Chapel and Associated Buildings	£3,601,508.00			Insurance value
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Graveyard in Newlands Drive Leominster	£2,500.00			
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Christabel Rice (secretary)

Date 30/04/25 -

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	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Gifts, Offerings (Including Gift Aid)	£119,503.26			£119,503.26	£118,873.18
Special Missionary Collections		£5,394.69		£5,394.69	£7,805.81
Rent received			£2,640.00	£2,640.00	£2,540.00
Rent of rooms	£1,450.00			£1,450.00	£1,270.00
Miscellaneous receipts or sundries	£2,767.75			£2,767.75	£3,391.75
Legacies	£19,000.00			£19,000.00	£0.00
Sundry youth income		£6,730.29		£6,730.29	£7,446.30
Job Club				£0.00	£0.00
Dunfield House		£1,482.10		£1,482.10	£0.00
Total Receipts	£142,721.01	£13,607.88	£2,640.00	£158,968.09	£142,084.04
Payments					
Wages, National Insurance and Pension	£68,510.52			£68,510.52	£66,111.43
Ministry	£4,458.10			£4,458.10	£9,942.84
Gifts to Missionary & Aid Organisations	£23,439.22			£23,439.22	£24,694.12
Special Missionary Giving		£5,983.59		£5,983.59	£6,670.10
Minibus running costs	£2,990.62			£2,990.62	£1,744.14
Telephone	£297.13			£297.13	£217.15
Printing, postage & Stationery	£622.56			£622.56	£693.98
Equipment	£6,034.26			£6,034.26	£1,765.99
Sundries	£2,086.40			£2,086.40	£1,818.75
Maintenance of Church & Manse	£8,856.89			£8,856.89	£2,398.25
Maintenance - Marlow Cottage	£0.00			£0.00	£250.00
Heat and Light	£2,684.02			£2,684.02	£2,591.88
Council Tax & Water	£3,917.57			£3,917.57	£3,796.24
Insurance	£3,348.97			£3,348.97	£3,083.60
Fees	£2350.48			£2350.48	£1,333.10
Youthwork Costs		£11,252.08	£1,331.65	£12,583.73	£7,113.93
Job Club	£294.98			£294.98	£595.88
Dunfield House		£1,674.00		£1,674.00	£939.20
Total Payments	£129,891.52	£18,909.67	£1,331.65	£150,132.84	£135,760.58

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Net incoming resources	£12,829.49	-£5,302.59	£1,308.35	£8835.25	£6,323.46
Fund balances 1 January 2024	£40,530.79	£962.67	£14,740.66	£56,234.12	£49,910.66
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Total	£65,029.15	£56,194.48	£49,884.76	
Cash in Hand	£40.22	£39.64	£25.90	
Total	£65,069.37	£56,234.12	£49,910.66	
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>				
Unrestricted funds	£44,113.68	£41,213.62	£35,860.00	
Restricted funds				
Missionary Monies	£6,157.53	£1,135.71	£340.00	
Job Club	£1,677.53	£1,972.51	£2,488.38	
Deposit held re tenancy	£238.33	£238.33	£238.33	
Marlow Cottage	£12,882.30	£11,673.95	£10,983.95	
Total Restricted funds	£20,955.69	£15,020.50	£14,050.66	
Total	£65,069.37	£56,234.12	£49,910.66	
<u>Fixed and other Assets</u>	Value			Note
Chapel and Associated Buildings	£3,601,508.00			Insurance value
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year ended 31st Dec 2023					
Receipts	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
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Special Missionary Collections		£7,805.81		£7,805.81	£7,399.75
Rent Received			£2,540.00	£2,540.00	£2,400.00
Rent of Rooms	£1,270.00			£1,270.00	£1,550.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	£3,391.75			£3,391.75	£457.42
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TRAC		£757.00		£757.00	£700.00
	£123,534.93	£16,009.11	£2,540.00	£142,084.04	£123,675.16
Payments					
Wages, National Insurance & Pension	£66,111.43			£66,111.43	£62,455.77
Ministry	£8,342.84		£1,600.00	£9,942.84	£10,925.44
Gifts to Missionary & aid Organisations	£24,694.12			£24,694.12	£14,909.57
Special Missionary Giving		£6,670.10		£6,670.10	£7,059.75
Minibus (running costs)	£1,744.14			£1,744.14	£1,807.84
Telephone	£217.15			£217.15	£251.50
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£693.98			£693.98	£603.83
Equipment	£1,765.99			£1,765.99	£4,688.13
Sundries	£1,818.75			£1,818.75	£1,941.59
Maintenance of Church Premises & Manse	£2,398.25			£2,398.25	£1,423.58
Maint. - Marlow Cottage			£250.00	£250.00	£0.00
Heat & Light	£2,591.88			£2,591.88	£2,445.00
Council Tax & Water	£3,796.24			£3,796.24	£3,307.81
Insurance	£3,083.60			£3,083.60	£2,426.97
Fees	£1,333.10			£1,333.10	£1,092.28
Youthwork Costs		£7,113.93		£7,113.93	£6,559.10

Job Club	£595.88			£595.88	£657.27
TRAC		£939.20		£939.20	£778.00
	£119,187.35	£14,723.23	£1,850.00	£135,760.58	£123,333.43
Net Incoming Resources	£4,347.58	£1,285.88	£690.00	£6,323.46	£341.73
Fund balances at 1 st Jan 2023	£36,183.21	-£323.21	£14,050.66	£49,910.66	£49,568.93
Balances Carried Forward at 31 st Dec 2023	£40,530.79	£962.67	£14,740.66	£56,234.12	£49,910.65
Fund Balances as at 31st December 2023	2023	2022	2021		
Santander UK plc					
Church A/c	£18,919.97	£13,037.10	£12,431.35		
Church Reserve A/c	£36,070.72	£35,976.24	£35,972.64		
Church Youth A/c	£1,203.79	<u>£871.42</u>	<u>£1,116.63</u>		
	£56,194.48	£49,884.76	£49,520.62		
Cash in Hand					
Church Cash in Hand	£39.64	£25.90	£48.31		
	£56,234.12	£49,910.66	£49,568.93		
Accumulated Fund					
Unrestricted Funds	£41,213.62	£35,860.00	£38,181.65		
Restricted Funds					
Special Missionary	£1,135.71	£340.00	£0.00		
Job Club	£1,972.51	£2,488.38	£0.00		
Deposit held re tenancy	£238.33	£238.33	£238.33		
Marlow Cottage	£11,673.95	£10,983.95	£11,148.95		
	£15,020.50	£14,050.66	£11,387.28		
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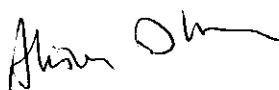
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Particular Baptist Chapel and Trust Property
in Etnam Street, Leominster
Receipts and Payments Accounts
year ended 31st Dec 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Gifts/Offerings (inc Gift Aid Receipts)	£79,014.32	£3,250.00	£82,264.32
Special Missionary Collections		£2,972.00	£2,972.00
Rent Received		£2,400.00	£2,400.00
Rent of Rooms	£181.00		£181.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	£156.52	£0.00	£156.52
Legacies	£0.00		£0.00
Sundry Youth Income	£0.00	£1,999.76	£1,999.76
Job Club		£100.00	£100.00
	£79,351.84	£10,721.76	£90,073.60
<u>Payments</u>			
Wages, National Insurance & Pension	£53,762.17		£53,762.17
Ministry	£3,410.84		£3,410.84
Gifts to Missionary & aid Organisations	£14,643.83		£14,643.83
Special Missionary Giving		£2,972.00	£2,972.00
Minibus (running costs)	£1,533.86		£1,533.86
Telephone	£263.46		£263.46
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£210.44		£210.44
Equipment	£2,006.93		£2,006.93
Sundries	£1,866.14	£0.00	£1,866.14
Maintenance of Church Premises & Manse	£1,670.30		£1,670.30
Maint. - Marlow Cottage		£0.00	£0.00
Heat & Light	£1,893.45		£1,893.45
Council Tax & Water	£3,163.93		£3,163.93
Insurance	£2,211.46		£2,211.46
Fees	£1,196.44	£0.00	£1,196.44
Youthwork Costs	£0.00	£5,714.13	£5,714.13
Job Club		£1,150.87	£1,150.87
	£87,833.25	£9,837.00	£97,670.25
Net Incoming Resources	-£8,481.41	£884.76	-£7,596.65
Fund balances at 1 st Jan 2021	£35,313.70	£21,851.88	£57,165.58
Balances Carried Forward at 31 st Dec 2021	£26,832.29	£22,736.64	£49,568.93

Leominster Baptist Church, R & P Accounts

Year ended 31st Dec 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Gifts & Offerings (inc G A)	£79,014.32	£3,250.00
Special Missionary Collections	£2,972.00	
Rent from Hire of Rooms	£181.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	£156.52	£1,999.76
Legacies	£0.00	
Rent Received	£2,400.00	
Job Club	£100.00	
	£84,823.84	£5,249.76

Payments

Wages, National Insurance & Pension	£53,762.17	
Ministry	£3,410.84	
Gifts to Miss & Aid Orgs.	£14,643.83	
Special Missionary Giving	£2,972.00	
Minibus	£1,533.86	
Telephone	£263.46	
Printing, Post & Stationery	£210.44	
Equipment	£2,006.93	
Sundries	£1,866.14	
Maint – Church & Manse	£1,670.30	
Maint – Marlow Cottage	£0.00	
Heat & Light	£1,893.45	
Council Tax & Water	£3,163.93	
Insurance	£2,211.46	
Fees	£1,196.44	
Youthwork Costs	£0.00	£5,714.13
Job Club	£1,150.87	
	£91,956.12	£5,714.13

Leominster Baptist Church, R & P Accounts
Year ended 31st Dec 2021

<u>Fund Balances as at 31st December 2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Santander UK plc			
Church A/c	£12,431.35	£19,606.60	£24,659.30
Church Reserve A/c	£35,972.64	£35,936.67	£35,811.08
Church Youth A/c	<u>£1,116.63</u>	<u>£1,581.82</u>	<u>£1,584.85</u>
	£49,520.62	£57,125.09	£62,055.23
Cash in Hand			
Church Cash in Hand	£48.31	£40.49	<u>£31.21</u>
	<u>£49,568.93</u>	<u>£57,165.58</u>	<u>£62,086.44</u>
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>			
Unrestricted Funds	£38,181.65	£48,333.36	£54,043.20
Restricted Funds			
Special Missionary	£0.00	-£1,005.06	£5.96
Discretionary Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Deposit held re tenancy	£238.33	£238.33	£238.33
Marlow Cottage	<u>£11,148.95</u>	<u>£9,598.95</u>	<u>£7,798.95</u>
	<u>£11,387.28</u>	<u>£8,832.22</u>	<u>£8,043.24</u>
	<u>£49,568.93</u>	<u>£57,165.58</u>	<u>£62,086.44</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Leominster Baptist Chapel and Trust
Property in Etnam Street, Leominster, Herefordshire.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and 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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- *follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- *state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

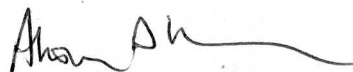
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts provide a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 respects the requirements:
 - *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - *to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 account to be reached.



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