

GRANGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

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GRAMGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Ian James Parry Richard Thomas MacDonald Elizabeth Joy Parry Alan Arthur Cowley Dr Michael Sheen David Llewellyn James Daniel King Malcolm Firth (until 30 th April 2025)
Treasurer:	David Llewellyn James
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 500597
Governing Document:	Trust dated 4 th January 1971
Address for correspondence:	Grangetown Baptist Church Clive Street Grangetown Cardiff CF11 7HP
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1. Context & vision

Grangetown is a diverse, complex, growing and strategic part of Cardiff. The population is 54% White, 24% Asian. Welsh speakers equate to 10%. 'Christians' number 29.7%, Muslims 30.4% and 33.5% have no religion.

Grangetown Baptist Church (GBC) has been serving Grangetown since 1865. Our vision is not only for our church, it is also for our community: we want to see Grangetown flourish. We are seeking to love and serve the people around us whatever they believe, however they choose to live, and whatever they think of us.

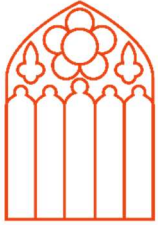
2. Our Strategy

1. 'Church' – To be a strong self-sustaining community of faith, that generates and shares spiritual, relational, educational, financial and social resources with the whole community, always as an expression of genuine love for people, whatever they might believe, however they choose to live, and whatever they might think of us.
2. 'Building' – For our building to be a community hub that is well known and well used as a place of safety, welcome and support for all. To be a 'third place' in the lives of many.
3. 'Availability' – To be open and available, as a community and a building, seven days a week.
4. 'The rising generation' – To focus on supporting young people. Grangetown cannot flourish unless its young people flourish.

3. Our Activities

Over the last year we have continued to pursue our charitable objectives in the following ways:

- Holding English classes consisting of four classes and a creche, currently with about 80 students, most of them Muslim women
- We run a weekly Foodbank and Foodmarket with about 100 people a week in attendance.
- We are seeking to take spiritual responsibility for the rising generation. We are building ministries that can create real community and take a child from birth right through to adulthood. These are our Toddlers group with over 90 families on the books, Sunday School and TownKids for under 11s, TownYouth and YouNite for young people of high school age, and then Young Adults. We seek to root this in intercessory prayer for every child that comes and every family that they represent. Every child in primary school in Grangetown visits the church twice during their primary school education. In Y2 they come for the Christmas story and in Y5 they hear the Easter story.



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- We are also working and investing to send young people to residential camps.
- We run a daytime outreach Bible study with a light meal every Wednesday lunchtime for people we meet through the Foodmarket. There are about 20 people in attendance.
- We run a women's sewing class each week
- In the light of the struggles many men experience we also run a monthly session called ManKIND where men can find a supportive space. Six times a year we hold a café night and invite a speaker. The most recent one was by a community mental health practitioner.
- We continue with our Sunday Services and prayer meetings. We run two services each Sunday which are livestreamed and increasing in attendance. Our weekly prayer meetings continue as does our daily prayer livestream
- Our international outreach workers have worked hard. However, a drop in our grant funding has meant that their employment will end in April 2025.

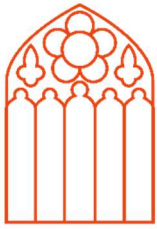
4. Boiler Replacement

During the year our boilers were condemned and urgent replacement recommended. This imposed a significant unexpected financial burden on us to the tune of a large five figure sum. Grant funding was sort and a reasonable proportion was provided initially. The Heating Engineers chosen, after seeking three quotes, recommended that the boilers be re-sited to within the main building from an outside boiler room and the radiator system in the church upgraded. After being able to pay approximately 75% of the cost using the Grant Funding and monies from our own internal fund raising, the company kindly offered to provide an interest free loan for the outstanding amount which has been met by Grant funding.

The boilers are now in full operation providing a much quicker warm up time and as the boilers are much more efficient, we have significantly reduced our carbon footprint.

5. Building Project

Our building is a significant resource that is already well used by our community. It is a key part of our overall strategy. Over recent years the church has grown significantly. Our Foodbank and Foodmarket, toddler's group, English classes, as well as our Sunday services are all struggling to accommodate the numbers and flow of people that are now coming. This has at times been an obstacle for vulnerable people as they have come seeking help.



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Over a hundred years ago the church building was considerably enlarged. The vision, sacrifice and labour of that generation has served succeeding generations well. We believe it has fallen to us to follow their example in our own day.

Our plan is to redevelop the space between the two halves of our existing building. This will give the building a new centre and heart, open up new spaces, create new rooms, and connect the different parts of the building in new ways. We will also improve the kitchen and toilets and create disabled access to the first floor by installing a lift.

Our vision for the building is to create space for a community café. We believe this will achieve the following:

1. Give the building a much needed 'heart'.
2. Increase the effectiveness of our existing projects and facilitate their expansion.
3. Open up new possibilities that will enable us to level up our usefulness for the community.

We believe the development of the building will enable the following strategic developments:

1. Creating a 'third place' - A community Café will enable us to create a 'third place' of welcome, acceptance and safety for the whole community. This is a significant need in Grangetown. Whenever our doors are open, we find local people coming in looking for a welcome and a hot drink.
2. Employment and training - We have witnessed first-hand how hard it is for people to find work, especially when they are emerging from crisis. Our café would focus on training, upskilling and employing this group, offering opportunities in maintenance, management and hospitality. That might include young adults, the homeless, those just out of prison, asylum seekers and refugees, as well as those escaping addiction and modern-day slavery.
3. Supporting trafficking survivors - We have a strong relationship with Red Community and Manumit Coffee. We hope our café will partner with Manumit coffee, working together with them to raise awareness of modern-day slavery. We also hope to work in partnership with Red Community to support, train, upskill and employ trafficking survivors.

We have costed architect plans drawn up for this and are just beginning the process of seeking funding for the project.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

GRANGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 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 present 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

9th May 2025

For and on behalf of:

C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmnt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	101,799	-	101,799	97,563
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	-	-		-
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	25,100	51,964	77,064	35,885
Interest received		39	-	39	28
Total Receipts		126,938	51,964	178,902	133,476
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	129,840	38,209	168,049	141,200
Governance costs		-	-		-
Loan Repayments		4,800	-	4,800	4,800
Total payments		134,640	38,209	172,849	146,000
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(7,702)	13,755	6,053	(12,524)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st April 2024		51,986	755	52,741	65,265
Fund balances at 31 st March 2025		44,284	14,510	58,794	52,741

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value	
	2025	2024
	£	£
The value of assets owned are:		
Buildings	4,756,751	4,238,234
Equipment	<u>155,344</u>	<u>155,344</u>
	4,912,095	4,393,578

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>58,794</u>	<u>52,741</u>
	58,794	52,741

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	-	-
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	200	180

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 9th May 2025 by David Llewellyn James as Treasurer

Signed: *D L James*

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	101,799	-	101,799	97,563
	101,799	-	101,799	97,563

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	-	-	-
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4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grant received	12,250	51,964	64,214	26,800
Rent	12,300	-	12,300	8,535
Other income	550	-	550	550
	25,100	51,964	77,064	35,885

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	63,693	32,550	96,243	90,461
Ministry expenses	2,971	1,000	3,971	6,194
Youth & children	965		965	691
Evangelism	1,126		1,126	3,148
	68,755	33,550	102,305	100,494
b. Support and Administration				
Premises rental and expenses	45,612	4,659	50,271	31,460
Administration and general expenses	3,962	-	3,962	4,064
Insurance & professional fees	7,373	-	7,373	1,721
Catering	845	-	845	567
Training	54	-	54	197
	57,846	4,659	62,505	38,009
c. Grants				
World Mission	2,700	-	2,700	1,767
Benevolent gifts	539	-	539	930
	3,239	-	3,239	2,697

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has three employed members of staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

The Pastor, Ian Parry, who is also a Trustee, was employed and received a salary of £47,059 in his capacity as Pastor of the church. Malcolm Firth, who is a Trustee, was employed and received a salary of £20,901 in his capacity as an International Outreach Worker. Malcolm's wife was also employed as an International Outreach Worker.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.