

# Gilnahirk Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107374

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-04-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Church acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting his worship both individually and corporately. Its members devote themselves to the teachings of Scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. They commit, with the help of God, to witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ and to work for the extension of His Kingdom. The principal charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Overseas/developing countries, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£122,475	£98,540	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Barrie Colgan		
Mr David Johnston		
Mr Drew Steele		
Mr Jonathan Mcferran		
Mr Jonathan Smith		
Mr Jonathan Smyth		
Mr Matthew Maguire		
Mr Paul Mckittrick		
Mr Paul Simpson		
Mr Tim Jackson		

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# Accounts

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Gilnahirk Baptist Church  
 Receipts and Payments Accounts  
 For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Donations & legacies	118,501	118,501	108,236
Interest on deposit account	198	198	188
Rents from land & buildings	2,940	2,940	3,060
Other income	836	836	1,569
	<b>122,475</b>	<b>122,475</b>	<b>113,053</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>122,475</b>	<b>122,475</b>	<b>113,053</b>
<b>Payments:</b>			
Direct charitable activity	55,136	55,136	51,306
Grants & donations paid	19,043	19,043	15,654
Capital expenditure	24,236	24,236	21,316
Governance (independent examination)	125	125	-
	<b>98,540</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>88,276</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>88,276</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<b>23,935</b>	<b>23,935</b>	<b>24,777</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	94,682	94,682	69,905
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>118,617</b>	<b>118,617</b>	<b>94,682</b>

Gilnahirk Baptist Church  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 31 December 2025

Category	Details	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Funds</b>	Current account	118,617	118,617	94,682	94,682
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u>118,617</u>	<u>118,617</u>	<u>94,682</u>	<u>94,682</u>

Assets Retained for the charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
		£	£	£	£
Buildings	Unrestricted	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Paul McKittrick  
Trustee  
Dated: 1 Jan 2026

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

**1. Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the church's purposes.

**2. Trustee remuneration**

One of the Trustees received remuneration of £37,966 (2024: £36,108) during the year for their duties as an employee (gross pay + pension).

**3. Trustee expenses**

No trustees were paid expenses during the year.

**4. Transactions with trustees and connected parties**

There were no other transactions with trustees or connected parties during the year.

**5. Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all of its income is applied for charitable purposes.

**6. Employees**

In 2025 and in 2024 there was just ONE employee.

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# Accounts

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Gilnahirk Baptist Church  
 Receipts and Payments Accounts  
 For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Donations & legacies	108,236	108,236	86,469
Interest on deposit account	188	188	203
Rents from land & buildings	3,060	3,060	2,340
Other income	1,569	1,569	4,953
	<b>113,053</b>	<b>113,053</b>	<b>93,965</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>113,053</b>	<b>113,053</b>	<b>93,965</b>
<b>Payments:</b>			
Direct charitable activity	51,306	51,306	50,193
Grants & donations paid	15,654	15,654	12,557
Capital expenditure	21,316	21,316	36,135
Governance (independent examination)	-	-	-
	<b>88,276</b>	<b>88,276</b>	<b>98,885</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>88,276</b>	<b>88,276</b>	<b>98,885</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<b>24,777</b>	<b>24,777</b>	<b>(4,920)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	69,905	69,905	74,825
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<b>94,682</b>	<b>94,682</b>	<b>69,905</b>

Gilnahirk Baptist Church  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 31 December 2024

Category	Details	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
<b>Cash Funds</b>		£	£	£	£
	Current account	94,682	94,682	69,905	69,905
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<u>94,682</u>	<u>94,682</u>	<u>69,905</u>	<u>69,905</u>

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
		£	£	£	£
<b>Assets Retained for the charity's own use</b>					
	Buildings	Unrestricted	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Paul McKittrick  
Trustee  
Dated: 5 March 2025

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**1. Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the church's purposes.

**2. Trustee remuneration**

One of the Trustees received remuneration of £36,108 (2023: £33,525) during the year for their duties as an employee.

**3. Trustee expenses**

No trustees were paid expenses during the year.

**4. Transactions with trustees and connected parties**

There were no other transactions with trustees or connected parties during the year.

**5. Taxation**

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all of its income is applied for charitable purposes.

**6. Employees**

In 2024 and in 2023 there was just ONE employee.

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# Annual report

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## **Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present their report and Receipts and Payment account for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Objectives and activities**

Gilnahirk Baptist Church ("the Church") acknowledges the headship of Jesus Christ over his Church and exists to glorify the triune God by maintaining and promoting his worship both individually and corporately.

The principal charitable object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teaching of scripture, understood in its historical and evangelical sense, the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles. Its members devote themselves to the teaching of scripture, to fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism.

The activities carried out by the Church include:

- holding regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups.
- providing pastoral care to the members of the church through visitation and prayer.
- organising meetings and events that promote our charitable purpose.
- participating in the life of the local community.
- supporting other Christian organisations and charities through volunteering, financial gifts and prayer.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Church meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the Christian faith.

The Church continued to operate in the following ways throughout the 2024 year.

- Sunday Services – every Sunday morning throughout the whole year.
- Young peoples' Bible Class took place every Sunday morning during 'term time'.
- Sunday School ran weekly during the Sunday services.
- Holiday Bible Club delivered a one-week programme of teaching for primary school aged children in August 2024, with additional events across the week for teenagers to attend.
- Organisations that were supported by the Church included the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, Release International, Scripture Union Northern Ireland and Christians Against Poverty.

#### **Financial Review**

The church recorded a net surplus for the year 2024 of £24,777 (2023: deficit £4,920).

Closing unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 were £94,682 (2023: £69,905).

There were no restricted reserves at 31 December 2024.

There are no funds held by the Church that are materially in deficit.

## **Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Gilnahirk Baptist Church is an unincorporated entity operating under a constitution last updated in 2019.

Registered Charity Number: 107374.

Principal Address: Gilnahirk Baptist Church, 2 Middle Braniel Road, Belfast BT5 7TU.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Barrie Colgan (appointed on 5 March 2024)

Tim Jackson

David Johnston

Matthew Maguire

Jonathan McFerran

Paul Mckittrick

Jonathan Smith

Jonathan Smyth (appointed on 5 March 2024)

Drew Steele

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees

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Paul Mckittrick

Trustee

Dated: 5 March 2025

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 - 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under the relevant law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities



4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: *AW Murphy*

Date: 01/05/2025

Andrew Murphy, Chartered Accountant

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

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# Accounts

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**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Donations & legacies	86,469	86,469	63,227
Interest on deposit account	203	203	181
Rents from land & buildings	2,340	2,340	2,000
Other income	4,953	4,953	2,316
	<u>93,965</u>	<u>93,965</u>	<u>67,724</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>93,965</u>	<u>93,965</u>	<u>67,724</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Direct charitable activity	50,193	50,193	48,303
Grants & donations paid	12,557	12,557	7,831
Capital expenditure	36,135	36,135	6,251
	<u>98,885</u>	<u>98,885</u>	<u>62,385</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>98,885</u>	<u>98,885</u>	<u>62,385</u>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<u>(4,920)</u>	<u>(4,920)</u>	<u>5,339</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	74,825	74,825	69,486
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	<u>69,905</u>	<u>69,905</u>	<u>74,825</u>

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
<b>Cash Funds</b>		£	£
	Current account	69,905	69,905
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>69,905</b>	<b>69,905</b>

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost £	Current Value £
<b>Assets Retained for the charity's own use</b>			
	Buildings	Unrestricted	Unknown
		-	-

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

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 Paul McKittrick

Trustee

Dated: 21 February 2024

**Gilnahirk Baptist Church**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**1. Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the church's purposes.

**2. Trustee remuneration**

	£
Pastor's stipend	33,525

**3. Trustee expenses**

No trustees were paid expenses during the year.

**4. Transactions with trustees and connected parties**

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# Annual report

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## **Gilnahirk Baptist Church Trustees' Report**

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### **Achievements and performance**

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- Organisations that were supported by the Church included the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland, Release International, Scripture Union Northern Ireland and Christians Against Poverty.

### **Financial Review**

The church recorded a net deficit for the year 2023 of £4,920 (2022: surplus £5,339).

Closing unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2023 were £69,905 (2022: £74,825).

There were no restricted reserves at 31 December 2023.

There are no funds held by the Church that are materially in deficit.

## **Gilnahirk Baptist Church Trustees' Report**

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

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Principal Address: Gilnahirk Baptist Church, 2 Middle Braniel Road, Belfast BT5 7TU

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Drew Steele

Jonathan McFerran

Paul Mckittrick

David Johnston

Jonathan Smyth

Tim Jackson

Matthew Maguire

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees

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Paul Mckittrick

Trustee

Dated: 21 February 2024

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Gilnahirk Baptist Church**

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### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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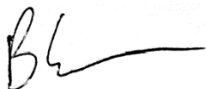
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Name: Barrie Colgan FCA

Date: 21 February 2024