

**Shankill Baptist Church**

**Receipts & Payments Accounts**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**Shankill Baptist Church**  
**Trustees' Report**  
**For the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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

**Objectives and activities**

Shankill 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.

A list of activities which are held include the following:

- Sunday services at 11 and 7 weekly, where all are welcomed.
  - This includes an online stream on our YouTube channel.
  - Occasional Family & Friends events.
  - Baptismal services when required.
  - Midweek prayer meetings and bible studies.
  - Missionary Meetings where other charities are given opportunity to present their work and where offerings are donated to their ministry.
  - Sunday School / Bible Class.
  - Youth Club.
  - Holiday Bible Clubs
  - Services for marriages and funerals.
  - Men's Meetings and Women's fellowship Meetings
  - Visitation of the sick / housebound

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- Monthly services in local nursing homes as well as special services at Easter and Christmas.

Financial Review

The church recorded a net surplus for the year of £22,634 (2023: £26,119).

Closing unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 were £120,197 (2023: £111,520).

Closing restricted reserves at 31 December 2024 were £180,323 (2023: £166,365). This represents funds held under the Manse and Building Funds.

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

**Structure, Governance and Management:**

Shankill Baptist Church is an unincorporated entity operating under a constitution last updated in March 2021.

Registered Charity Number: 108421

Principal Address: Tennent Street, Belfast, BT13 3GG

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

Mr A Smyth

Mr C Andrews

Mr F Butler

Mr R Irvine

Mr B Higginson

Mr A Daly (appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Board of Trustees

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Clive Andrews

Trustee

Dated: ...27th July 2025.....

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 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**

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.

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.

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
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: Mr W.J Ritchie

Address: *available on request*

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total funds		Last year
	£		£		£		£
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Donations & legacies	99,500		10,000		109,500		89,012
Interest on deposit account	453		3,958		4,411		4,169
	99,953		13,958		113,911		93,181
<b>Payments</b>							
Direct charitable activity	91,277		0		91,277		67,062
	91,277		0		91,277		67,062
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	8,676		13,958		22,634		26,119
Transfers between funds	-		-		-		-
Cash funds last year end	111,520		166,365		277,885		251,766
<b>CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END</b>	120,197		180,323		300,520		277,885

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Category	Details		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total funds
<b>Cash Funds</b>			£	£		£	£
	<b>Current account</b>		<b>120,197</b>		-		<b>120,197</b>
	<b>Building Fund</b>		-		<b>70,870</b>		<b>70,870</b>
	<b>Manse Fund</b>		-		<b>109,453</b>		<b>109,453</b>
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<b>120,197</b>		<b>180,323</b>		<b>300,520</b>

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**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. The Buildings Fund is available to fund the property development and repairs.

**2. Trustee remuneration**

		£	
Pastor C Morrison Salary		<b>19,200</b>	
Pastor C Morrison Travel Expenses		<b>4,527</b>	
Pastor A Daly Salary		<b>11,170</b>	
Pastor A Daly Travel Expenses		<b>76</b>	
<b>Total Employment Costs</b>		<b>34,973</b>	

Andrew Daly was appointed as a trustee of the charity on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 when he commenced his role as pastor of the church. The salary noted above includes base salary, tax/NIC and employer pension contributions. Both the salary and travel expenses relate solely to his duties as pastor and no further remuneration was received for any services rendered as a trustee of the charity.