

# Comber Baptist Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108724

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-05-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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 principle charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, and 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), Men, Older people, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£62,032	£90,819	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alfred Gibson		
Henry Irvine		
Kenneth Legge		
Neal Gordon		
Stephen Hill		
Terence Williams		
Thomas Carleton		

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# Accounts

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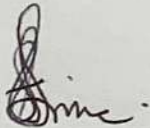
Comber Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts	2025 £	2024 £
Freewill offerings	20,237	20,563
Gift Aid Giving	31,585	28,465
Tax from Gift Aid	8,124	8,305
Tuesday night - non Gift Aid	594	843
Bank Interest	1,095	853
Silver Threads	77	50
Interest free loan (Now a gift)		10,000
Baptist Missions	90	20
Catering		30
Miscellaneous	230	275

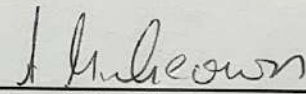
Payments	2025 £	2024 £
Pastor's stipend/tax/NIC/pen/exp.	38,827	37,208
Elite Electrical Services	672	1,152
Repairs and supplies	1,905	104
Electricity	2,054	3,039
Office Hero - church cleaning	3,082	3,300
Pulpit supply	2,295	2,470
Insurance - church	1,745	1,648
Miscellaneous	3,253	491
Transport Costs	835	783
CCLI - music licences	432	414
BT/EE	476	490
AFE Fire Protection	244	259
Solutions for Systems - fire alarm	500	516
Lift maintenance	790	2,270
Gas	696	906
Roof replacement	25,000	
iSing Worship	120	120
NI Water	301	246
Silver Threads	506	426
Website	245	245
Bank Charges	117	112
<b>Association of Baptist Churches:</b>		
Affiliation fees	425	414
General funds	6,301	6,184

TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,032	69,404
ADD: OPENING BALANCE	43,621	37,013
	<u>105,653</u>	<u>106,416</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS	90,819	62,795
CLOSING BALANCE	14,834	43,621
	<u>105,653</u>	<u>106,416</u>



Treasurer  
13/01/2026



Independent Examiner  
13/01/2026

**I certify that:**

In my opinion the Statement of Accounts presents fairly the income and expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025 and the cash position as at 31st December 2025.

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# Accounts

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**Comber Baptist Church**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 December 2024**

<b>Receipts</b>	2024	2023
	£	£
Freewill offerings	20,563	18,523
Gift Aid Giving	28,465	27,130
Tax from Gift Aid	8,305	7,392
Tuesday night - non Gift Aid	843	921
Bank Interest	853	49
Building fund - non Gift Aid		1,465
Silver Threads	50	
Interest free loan	10,000	
Baptist Missions	20	
Catering	30	
Mens Fellowship		39
Miscellaneous	275	712

<b>Payments</b>	2024	2023
	£	£
Pastor's stipend/tax/NIC/pen/exp.	37,208	35,115
Elite Electrical services	1,152	1,152
Repairs & supplies	104	3,654
Electricity	3,039	2,571
Office Hero - church cleaning	3,300	2,909
Pulpit supply	2,470	1,955
Insurance - Church	1,648	1,473
Miscellaneous	491	4,378
Transport Costs	783	885
CCLI - music licences	414	697
BT/EE	490	574
AFE Fire Protection	259	227
Solutions for Systems - fire alarm	516	380
Lift maintenance	2,270	1,092
Gas	906	2,000
Stationery supplies		173
iSing Worship	120	120
NI Water	246	
Silver Threads	426	
Website	245	245
Bank Charges	112	110

**Association of Baptist Churches:**

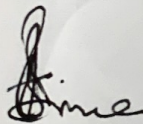
Affiliation fees	414	407
General funds	6,184	5,890

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>69,404</b>	<b>56,232</b>
<b>ADD: OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>37,013</b>	<b>46,787</b>
	<b>106,416</b>	<b>103,019</b>

<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>62,795</b>	<b>66,007</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>43,621</b>	<b>37,013</b>
	<b>106,416</b>	<b>103,019</b>

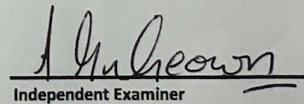
I certify that:

In my opinion the Statement of Accounts presents fairly the income and expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2024 and the cash position as at 31st December 2024.



Treasurer

15/01/2025



Independent Examiner

13/01/2025

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# Annual report

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## **Comber Baptist Church.**

**Trustee's report for the year ended 31 December 2024.**

**Name of the charity:** Comber Baptist Church.

**Address of the charity:** 72-76 Mill Street. Comber. Co. Down. BT23 5EG.

**Charity number:** 108724.

**Constitution:** The charity has charity trustees - pastor, elders, deacons; and members. It is governed by a written constitution. The Church is recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and was registered on 21 May 2022.

**Names of charity trustees:** Thomas Carleton, Alfred Gibson, Neal Gordon, Stephen Hill, Henry Irvine, Kenneth Legge and Terence Williams.

### **Purpose of the charity as listed on the Register of Charities:**

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 principle charitable object of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the teachings of Scripture, and the Doctrinal Statement and Baptist principles.

**Main activities to further its purpose for the public benefit:**

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. During 2024 the Church continued to operate in the following ways:

Sunday Services – morning and evening.

Bible study and prayer on Tuesday nights.

Silver Threads meeting for older people monthly – October to June.

Make -n-do craft group – weekly from September to June.

Explore club for primary school children – weekly from September to March.

Holiday Bible club for primary school children – one week during the summer holidays.

#### **Financial Review:**

The church income for the year was £69404.

The church expenditure for the year was £62795.

The closing balance at 31/12/24 was £43621.

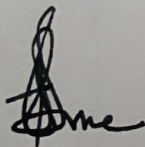
There were no restricted reserves on 31 December 2024.

There are no funds held by the Church that are materially in deficit. The church owns the church building.

#### **Compliance:**

All the trustees have complied with their duty under charity law to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Henry Irvine

Trustee

18 January 2025

**Comber Baptist Church**

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **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: Arlene McGeown FCCA

Address: 14 Downview Park, Belfast, BT15 5HY

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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# Accounts

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## Comber Baptist Church

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts	2023 £	2022 £
Freewill offerings	18,523	17,862
Gift Aid Giving	27,130	26,555
Tax from Gift Aid	7,392	8,850
Tuesday night - non Gift Aid	921	1,051
CD ministry		35
Bank Interest	49	123
Building fund - non Gift Aid	1,465	
Silver Threads		
BWF		64
Gifts		3,080
Ukraine appeal		790
Baptist Missions		77
Catering		
Mens Fellowship	39	
Miscellaneous	712	417

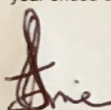
Payments	2023 £	2022 £
Pastor's stipend/tax/NIC/pen/exp.	35,115	34,827
Elite Electrical services	1,152	348
Repairs & supplies	3,654	1,066
Electricity	2,571	2,195
Office Hero - church cleaning	2,909	2,753
Pulpit supply	1,955	2,150
Insurance - Church	1,473	1,628
Miscellaneous	4,378	2,165
Transport Costs	885	690
CCLI - music licences	697	644
BT	574	446
AFE Fire Protection	227	260
Solutions for Systems - fire alarm	380	527
Lift maintenance	1,092	
B.W.F.		
Gas	2,000	859
Stationery supplies	173	196
iSing Worship	120	120
Catering & supplies		
NI Water		
Silver Threads		
Gift - Louise Davidson - CEF		100
Website	245	500
Bank Charges	110	116
Ukraine appeal		1,290
<b>Association of Baptist Churches:</b>		
Affiliation fees	407	440
General funds	5,890	6,390

TOTAL RECEIPTS	56,232	58,905
ADD: OPENING BALANCE	<u>46,787</u>	<u>47,592</u>
	<u>103,019</u>	<u>106,496</u>

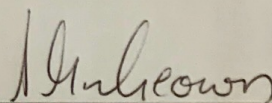
TOTAL PAYMENTS	66,007	59,710
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>37,013</u>	<u>46,787</u>
	<u>103,019</u>	<u>106,496</u>

**I certify that:**

In my opinion the Statement of Accounts presents fairly the income and expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2023 and the cash position as at 31st December 2023.



Treasurer  
08/01/2024



Independent Examiner  
08/01/2024

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# Annual report

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Holiday Bible club for primary school children – one week during the summer holidays.

Grief share courses as required.

### **Financial Review:**

The church income for the year was £56232.

The church expenditure for the year was £66007.

The closing balance at 31/12/23 was £37013.

There were no restricted reserves on 31 December 2023.

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

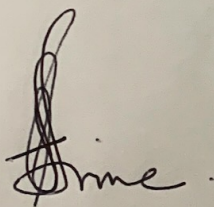
### **Assets:**

There is no outstanding debt on the church building.

### **Compliance:**

All the trustees have complied with their duty under charity law to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Henry Irvine

Trustee

20 January 2024

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# Annual return

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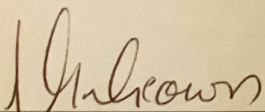
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Name: Arlene McGeown FCA

Address: 14 Downview Park, Belfast, BT15 5HY

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024