

**SOUTHSIDE FREE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Charity Number: SC046125**

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## **Southside Free Baptist Church**

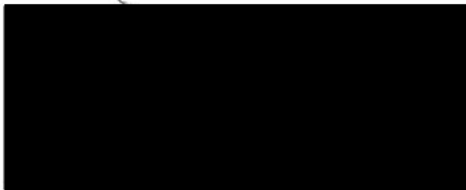
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### **Trustees' Annual Report**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

#### **Current Trustees**

Trustees of the Charity, during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were



#### **Contact Address**

Southside Free Baptist Church,



#### **Recruitment of Trustees**

The charity's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our AGM in accordance with our constitution.

#### **Governing Document**

The charity is governed by a written constitution and is managed by a committee of members chosen for their suitability to run a charity. The committee meets at quarterly intervals.

#### **Charitable Purposes**

The Church shall be to promote the advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel and Word of the almighty God of the Holy Bible and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God in accordance with the Statement of Faith approved by the Church Council from time to time.

#### **Review of Activities**

##### **Building Renovations:**

Building renovations continued in a smaller scale. A complete audio system was installed that allows sound through different areas of the building, aids in live streaming, and provides different avenues of media within our weekly services. The front kitchen received a complete makeover, and the large area in the fellowship area was carpeted. Landscaping

was also updated outside. A large window in a room was replaced. The baptistry was finished as well as a custom pulpit put in place.

In July 2024, we had our "grand opening" weekend. This was well advertised, and a large mailing through the post office was paid for from our advertising fund.

#### Children's ministries:

Our weekly Sunday School and Wednesday kids club continued to teach children as well as provide transportation for them. In August, we hosted a week of holiday club for children in the mornings and teens in the evenings. In October, we were able to run a 3-day club during the school break.

Monthly youth activities for ages 12+ continue.

#### Adult Ministries:

The church takes men to two camp outings a year and helps with transportation costs. A ladies' monthly Bible study was started in February 2025. A ladies' weekend retreat is in the planning to be offered in October.

#### Sunday and Wednesday Services:

We continue to have three Sunday Services and a Wednesday evening service. We continue to have many visitors. We have added two families to the membership role. We offer transportation for each of these services.

Guest speakers are welcomed at our church and are cared for in remuneration for their travel and services to us.

Finances: We now have more accessible ways to give which our attendees use. These include a card reader and QR codes.

Missions: We continue to meet our budget to support four missionaries in Scotland, Ireland, Portugal and Italy.

#### Community Outreaches:

Door to door evangelism in our local area continued to go forward on most Saturdays. [REDACTED] also street preached in Edinburgh regularly. Additionally, leaflets were posted several days a week through mail slots.

In May, we were able to host a ladies' afternoon tea that was well attended.

In June, we continue to have a presence at our Local Gala Day where we set up a stall and provide activities for the children.

In August, we hosted a week of special meetings, offering a meal before each service.

During the December holidays, we enjoyed inviting the community in for a Christmas Carol sing as well as host a New Year's family night.

In February, our children's ministry planned and served a Valentine Banquet.

#### **Trustees Remuneration & Expenses**

No remuneration was paid to any trustees.

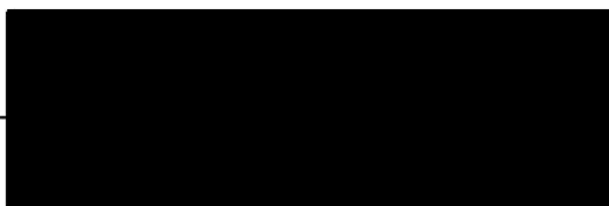
#### **Financial Review**

Throughout 2024/25, Southside Free Baptist Church continued with ongoing fundraising and incurring expenses for the operation of the charity in Loanhead. General revenue during 2024/25 exceeded costs leading to a surplus in general funds of £2,152, through a reduction in the costs of day-to-day operations.

Restricted funds previously raised and continuing fundraising for ongoing renovations of the new church building have been the source of funds for the ongoing project to make the building better meet the need of the community it serves in its new life.

**Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



## **Independent Examiner's Report**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Southside Free Baptist Church**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, as set out of the following pages.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities & Investment (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

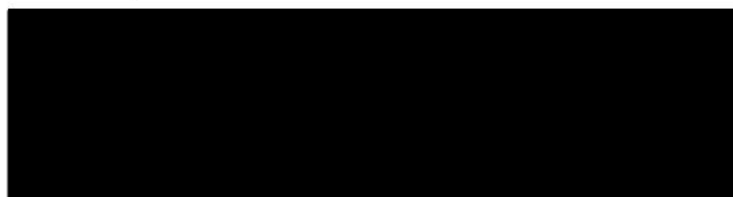
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention: -

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, that requirements:
  - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Accounts Regulation, and
  - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025



**Southside Free Baptist Church**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments  
For Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024/25 £	Total Funds 2023/24 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts	22,871	19,615	42,487	58,498
Other Comprehensive Income	4,659	-	4,659	129
	<u>27,530</u>	<u>19,615</u>	<u>47,146</u>	<u>58,627</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Payments Made				
Utilities	6,191	-	6,191	18,283
Building Maintenance & Insurance	1,985	29,681	31,666	114,596
Church Supplies	167	-	167	263
IT, Office Supplies & Postage	775	-	775	733
Vehicle Maintenance & Insurance	2,914	-	2,914	1,817
Advertising	13	4,360	4,374	1,230
Professional Services	890	-	890	400
Mission Support	11,699	-	11,699	9,154
General Expenses	745	-	745	608
	<u>25,378</u>	<u>34,041</u>	<u>59,419</u>	<u>147,084</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>2,152</u>	<u>- 14,426</u>	<u>- 12,274</u>	<u>- 88,457</u>

**Statement of Balances**

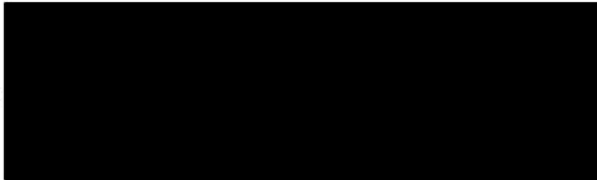
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2023/24
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Cash at Bank & In Hand 01/04/24	12,227	16,584	28,811	117,269
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	2,152	- 14,426	- 12,274	- 88,457
	<u>14,379</u>	<u>2,158</u>	<u>16,537</u>	<u>28,811</u>
Cash at Bank & In Hand 31/03/2025	<u>14,379</u>	<u>2,158</u>	<u>16,537</u>	<u>28,811</u>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	<u>14,379</u>	<u>2,158</u>	<u>16,537</u>	<u>28,811</u>

Funds are recorded as Unrestricted and Restricted as per the instructions of the Donors and/or by designation of the Charity's Trustees.

The Notes to the Accounts form an integral part of the accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signature:

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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## **Southside Free Baptist Church**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

#### **1. Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation 2006 (as amended).

#### **2. Nature and Purpose of Funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Church.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

During the year the charity raised funds for, External Missionary Support, ongoing Building Renovations & Maintenance and Advertising

#### **3. Related Party Transactions**

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee and there were no transactions with Related Parties.

#### **4. Fixed Assets**

Heritable Property is not included in the accounts.

#### **5. Movements in Funds**

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Funds at 01/04/2024	28,811	117,269
Income for the Year	47,146	58,627
Payments for the Year	- 59,419	- 147,084
Funds at 31/03/2025	<u>16,537</u>	<u>28,811</u>