

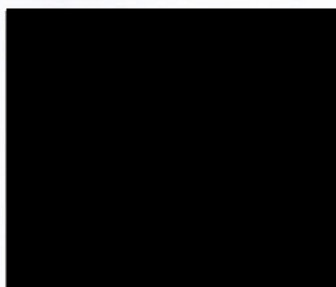
BO'NESS

BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO

Trustees' report and accounts for period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025



Current trustees / Deacons



*Deacon
Deacon
Secretary
Deacon
Treasurer
Deacon*

Church contact- Address



*Bo'ness, West Lothian,
EH51 0PH*

Appointment of trustees

All of our Deacons are elected by the church membership and may serve for a period of 4 years before they have to stand for re-election by ballot.

Governing Document

*The church is a charitable incorporated association. Established in 1906. It's structure and administration arrangements are set out in its constitution.
(Previously supplied.)*

Charitable Purposes

Our Church has produced a Mission Statement which goes some way to defining our purpose. The proclamation of the Christian Gospel to all within our locality is the main purpose of our existence.

Activities and Achievements

Alongside other Christian fellowships in the Bo'ness area, Bo'ness Baptist Church continues to provide a place of worship for people from within and from out-with the locality. Our membership presently stands at 23. There are several others who although they are not members regularly support our worship services and fellowship with us.

We are encouraged as together we explore our faith and commitment to the Gospel of Christ. We depend on the spirit of God to inspire and empower us in our efforts to communicate this gospel to our community. Services are normally advertised locally and are open to all comers.

At present, we have a Pastor In Training from Charlotte Baptist Chapel, working with us. We also have visiting preachers as required.

We meet in the church for our Sunday morning service and also the prayer / bible study held on a Tuesday evening. (Zoom is still an option if required).

Our other outreach ventures, Toddler Group, Coffee Cake & Chat, Top Toes and newly formed Mens Fellowship are ongoing and are well attended. The Children's Club remains on hold till further notice.

We also continue our fortnightly visits with a short service to Bo'ness Care Home.

Trustee Remuneration and expenses

None of our trustees have made any claim for remuneration or expenses in respect of their role during the last year.

Capital fund and reserves

*The church recorded a surplus of **£23258.48** at 31st March. This is due largely to our not having had to sustain the expense of a full-time ministry and a legacy which was left to us by a former member.*

Pastorate

We presently have a Pastor In Training from Charlotte Baptist Chapel, working with us. It is anticipated that on completion of his training in approximately two years time (2027), he would become our full-time Pastor.

God's timing is perfect and we are confident that he will guide our deliberations to the way forward.

We remain encouraged by the level of income provided by our membership. Many of whom have been extraordinarily generous. Therefore our capital fund remains in a healthy position.

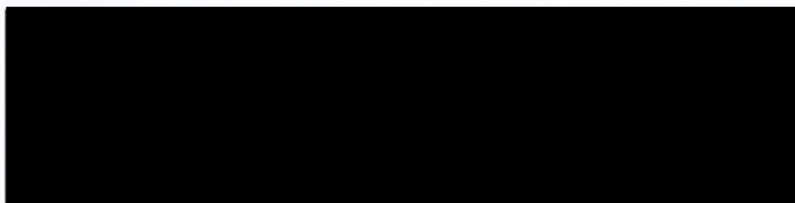
Interest rates continue to remain very low and we continue to monitor the financial situation.

Note:

This is the first full year set of accounts for the charity SC052526 Bo'ness Baptist Church SCIO and they cover the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The previous set covered an eight month period from 1st August 2023 to 31st March 2024. The main reason for the increase in our surplus this past year is due to being left a legacy by a former member.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,



Date.....17th April 2025

Bo'ness Baptist Church
Statement of Balances.

Opening balances at 1st April 2024

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Cash in hand | 00.00 |
| Current account | 107894.83 |
| | 107894.83 |

Closing balances at 31st March 2025

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Cash in hand | 00.00 |
| Current account | 131153.31 |
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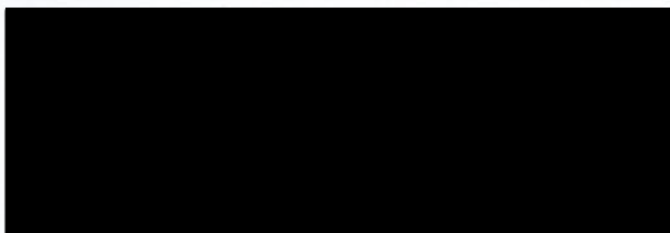
Surplus for year 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

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| Surplus | 23258.48 |
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Liabilities

The church has no liabilities outstanding at this time

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.



Date...17th April 2025.....

Bo'ness Baptist ChurchReceipts and payments account for period 1st April 24 to 31st March 25

2024/2025

March 2025

March 2024

Receipts

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|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash collections and bank giro credits | 25705.00 | 16380.00 |
| Sundry Donations and cash recoveries | 25652.45 | 3243.00 |
| Tax rebate (Gift Aid) | 4099.77 | 7135.00 |
| Bank Interest | 2165.92 | 00.00 |
| Total receipts | <u>57623.14</u> | <u>26758.00</u> |

Payments

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|---|----------|---------|
| Visiting speakers / Moderator Fees | 7880.00 | 5550.00 |
| Baptist union fees | 966.00 | 966.00 |
| Donations to Charities | 6000.00 | 2850.00 |
| Donations to Charlotte Chapel | 10195.00 | - |
| Sacristy Comm wine Flowers | 97.55 | - |
| Church Leaflets Cards | 73.70 | - |
| Sundries (Books etc) | 432.47 | - |
| Social Expenses | 198.00 | 110.00 |
| Administration (Acat, Web, Ccl, Accounts) | 701.49 | 474.40 |

Property costs

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Heat Light | 4896.00 | 2062.34 |
| Insurance | 633.92 | 668.18 |
| Virgin Broadband | 331.20 | 222.60 |
| Equipment /maintenance /sundries. | 1959.33 | 713.96 |
| Electrical Checks | 0.00 | 2250.00 |
| Total payments - | <u>34364.66</u> | <u>15867.48</u> |

Total Surplus23258.4810890.52

Report to the
trustees/members of

Registered charity
number

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

Independent examiner's
statement

Signed**:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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|-----------------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|---|
| Charity name | | | | | | |
| Bo'ness Baptist Church SCIO | | | | | | |
| SC052526 | | | | | | |
| Period start date | | | | Period end date | | |
| Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| 1st | April | 2024 | to | 31st | March | 2025 |
| One to Five | | | | | | (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) |

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

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any 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.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [~~other than that disclosed on the attached page*~~]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.