

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

People matter to God

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From Our Minister

When you look back, you often realise you've travelled much further than you first imagined and accomplished far more than you expected. That is true of most years and it is certainly true of 2025.

As with life in general, there have been moments of great joy alongside times of real difficulty. Over the past year we have lost dear loved ones, and we give thanks to God for the love, care and encouragement that Gill, Claudette, Julie and Rod were to so many.

There has also been much to encourage us. It has been wonderful to see so many engage with the Spiritual Gifts Inventory, and to watch people step forward to try new things as they seek to play a fuller part in the fellowship here at Broadwater Baptist Church. Not least, it has been a joy to welcome new members and to celebrate baptisms. I, for one, am thrilled by seeing people commit themselves to Jesus and to His church, so let's pray for many more to come.

Part of that encouragement has been found in our Prayer Care Share evenings, where we have shared our hopes and fears, and supported one another in growing more confident about God's role in our longing to see others come to faith. We all need to spur one another on in our relationship with God and with one another, in doing so we may discover we are capable of far more than we might otherwise believe.

I have shared the verses below on many occasions and remain convinced that they are true, not only materially, but spiritually, for each and every one of us as we continue to grow together as God's people.

Ephesians 3 ***[14] For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18] may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.***

[20] Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

I pray that we will all venture into the next year with deeper faith and an even greater desire to see Jesus made known, in one another and through us in all that we do as individuals and as a church.

God Bless x

Rev. Jason Gain



From Our Church Secretary

2025 has been a year of renewal, coming to the conclusion of our major building works and having the full church available once more. However, if we think that the year has been all about the building fabric, then we'd be mistaken.

Learning to trust God's provision through the refurbishment, working together as God's family as our temporary arrangements continued and finally celebrating in the baptism of five dearly loved friends has been a clear outworking of the growing love of the fellowship.

We've explored a variety of Old Testament passages in our services and spent time working out our faith in homegroups, prayer meetings, Sunday evening small groups and in a wide range of social activities.

As we look ahead to 2026, we pray that God will continue to work through us and more and more of our contacts will come to see that they matter to God – and respond with curious minds and growing faith.



Financial Report

It is suggested you read this along with the accounts, available at the AGM, or by request to me. The numbers in brackets are the note numbers on the church account sheets.

Church Income

In 2025 the offerings (1), including gift aid tax relief, totalled £62,072, which was 6.3% higher than the previous year. The vast majority of this comes from your standing orders, and only about £5,000 is given in cash. All totals here include gift aid tax relief (totalling about £11,600 this year). The total of £37,514 other income (2) came mostly from bequests, which were spent primarily on church refurbishment works.

Our room lettings gave us £22,786 this year, a little lower than the previous year.

Church Expenditure

Our costs relating to ministry(4) was much the same as before, as Jason had extra leave rather than a raise.

We did not give any donations to other causes (6) this year from church funds. There was too much going on with refurbishment to think properly about this. Hopefully we will be able to consider that in 2026.

Premises, equipment, repairs and maintenance(7a,). These costs came to £54,899, which was £2,000 more than the previous year.

It was not possible to work out a comparison of electricity costs after solar panel installation to 2024 as the church was not in use then.Electricity and gas prices will be on a new contracts for 2026, water certainly costs more now.

Manse costs (7b) came to £4,872. Inflation causing the increase from 2024.

Church Refurbishment (7c) - we are extremely grateful to the generous donations towards the cost of the new roof, the solar panels, chairs, and further refurbishment work. We brought forward some £38,000 from the 2024 contributions into this year, and finished all the necessary works and purchases under that heading.

Office Charges (8) are higher this year - we now have an administrator and thank Tim for all the work he does. His costs are provided for by others from a separate fund. Otherwise costs total more than before by inflationary amounts.

Wave Café (9) – 2025 saw the greatest volume of sales ever, totalling £91,753. This meant that from September the church registered for VAT for its trading

activities, so café prices have included VAT since then. On the accounts though, all figures are shown exclusive of VAT.

Using basically the same rules as previous years, café income exceeds expenditure by a modest amount (there was a deficit in 2024). Prices are monitored and may be amended as we go along. Heather does an enormous amount of work managing the café, much of it behind the scenes setting up staff, menus, prices and so on. We must and do give her every prayer, encouragement, support and help.

Your giving to other causes (15) supported by the church came to £3,282. (£5,569 in 2024).
This total is an all-time low for this church – disappointing I suggest! Please ask me if you want to know how to contribute to charities we regularly support - SEBA and BMS World Mission, and Hope for Children Latvia.

Summary Comments

The accounts as usual show creditors (what we owe suppliers and HMRC) and debtors (what we are owed – thus mostly about gift aid) at 31 December 2025 (10 – 12). So, our balance of available funds carried forward to 2026 –- is £35,851. (around £3,000 more than at 2024). We do need to keep this total higher for contingencies.

These accounts have been signed off at the February Diaconate meeting, and have been passed to our accounts' examiner, Peter Lewis.

We give thanks to Richard and Maureen Marshall for their valuable work on the payroll, pensions and taxation.

Paul Stender deserves thanks too for looking after the room lettings, with all the issues that may arise. We are glad to be able to provide these facilities which bring in many people to our premises as well as some income.

Thank you all for your continued offerings for the work of this church.

Please remember that week by week costs are always increasing and I ask you to remember to regularly prayerfully review your offerings. Although we no longer have an 'offertory prayer' as such, please pray the following prayer when you check your bank statement for standing orders, or when your contribution is placed in the basket at church:-
Gracious God, accept this gift, and with it our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ted Jackson, Treasurer February 2026

BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

ENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT **Year to 2025 DECEMBER**

			2025	2025		2024
INCOME		Note	£	£	£	£
Regular Offerings		1		62,072		58,395
Rents and contributions for use of premises				22,786		23,718
Donations, legacies, interest and other incon		2		37,514		7,689
Miscellaneous items, and events		3		821		595
Church Refurbishment (roof, solar, refurb, cl		7c		62,593		173,218
Wave Cafe	Sales Income	9	91,753		73,250	
	Expenditure	9	(91,290)		(77,233)	
	Net surplus			464	deficit	(3,983)
		Total Church Income		**186,245**		**259,632**
Raised for oth	Missions, HFCL, etc.	15		3,282		5,469
		Total Inc		**189,531**		**265,101**

Expenditure		2025	2025		2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Ministry	5		34,589		34,545
Worship Resources & Support	6		3,527		412
Premises fuel, insurance, maintenance, equ	7a		54,899		52,189
Manse fuel, insurance, maintenance, equipn	7b		5,559		4,872
Office charges, licences, etc.	8		7,121		4,595
Church Refurbi payments made to date	7c		112,011		134,612
Miscellaneous items, and events	3		913		850
Sent to Other Causes (from church funds)	6		0		2,691
	Total Church Expenditure		**218,620**		**234,767**
Paid over to (Missions, HFCL, etc.	15		3,282		5,469
	Total Expenditure		**221,902**		**240,236**
	Net Total to Date		(32,371)		24,865
	Balance brought forward from 2		**72,606**		47,741
	Balance carried for		**40,235**		72,606
Deduct Restricted and Designated Funds		13	(4,384)		(39,873)
	General Fund - Ava		**35,851**		**32,733**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		2025		2024
ASSETS:	Note	£		£
Bank and other cash transactions	10	45,544		71,806
Other Monetary Assets *e.g. Debtors*	11	8,066		8,202
		53,610		80,008
LESS LIABILITIES				
Current sundry creditors	12	13,375		7,402
NET ASSETS		40,235		72,606
Non Monetary Assets:				
Held for churches own use	14	6,403,295		6,181,643
		6,403,295		6,181,643

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BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **Notes to the Accounts:**

1. Offerings	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Gift aided offerings	42,470	
Tax back on above (paid or claimable)	10,638	
GASDS - small donations	4,091	
Tax back on above (claimable)	1,008	
Other offerings (not gift aid claimable)	3,865	
		total all
	62,072	59,395

2. Donations and Other Income:	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Donations and Other Income	4,341	6,725
Legacy Payments	32,491	0
Bank and Deposit Interest, Copying	682	964
	37,514	7,689

3. Events & Miscellaneous Items	Current Year £ Income	Current Year £ Expenditure	Previous Year £ Income	Previous Year £ Expenditure
Fun Days		244		
Camp 2025	630	519	490	547
Fellowship Events Skittles, bowling, etc.	191	150	105	850
	821	913	595	1,397

4. Ministry	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Minister's Stipend	29,870	29,870
Pension Contribution	3,882	3,876
National Insurance (employers)	0	0
Pastoral, ministry support, hospitality	688	580
Minister's Travel	149	220
	34,589	34,546

6. Support to Worship	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Resources, courses, training, conferences	3,527	412
	3,527	412

8. Church (Funds) given to other causes	Current Year £	Previous Year £
		2,691
	0	2,691

7. Premises and Equipment:	Current Year £	Previous Year £
7(a) Church & Halls		
Lighting, Heating and Water	16,507	17,388
Cleaning and Consumables	22,076	18,639
Repairs, Maintenance, General Fabric, Alarms, other	11,708	11,701
Insurance	4,608	4,461
	54,899	52,189

7(b) Manse	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Lighting, Heating, Water, Council Tax	4,545	4,050
Insurance	659	635
Repairs and Maintenance	355	187
	5,559	4,872

7(c) Church Refurbishment 2025 figures	Current Year £ Income	Current Year £ Expenditure	Previous Year £ Income	Previous Year £ Expenditure
Church Refurbishment	62,593	112,011	173,218	134,612
(roof, solar, refurb, chairs, etc.)				
	62,593	112,011	173,218	134,612

8. Office Charges:	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Administrator & Miscellaneous	2,643	88
Bank Charges	716	657
Communications (computing, phones, postage)	1,196	967
Licences & Subscriptions	1,467	1,460
Photocopier & Paper	865	759
Stationery, website, advertising, etc.	234	664
	7,121	4,595

BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **Notes to the Accounts:**

9. Café

		Current Year £ INCOME	Current Year £ EXPENDITURE	Previous Year £ INCOME	Previous Year £ EXPENDITURE
Sales	Cash & Card Sales	86,439		69,710	
	Function Sales	5,314		3,540	
		91,753		73,250	
	Cost of Sales		38,952		32,848
	Employment Costs		48,469		40,960
	Other Costs				3,405
	- Admin, misc.,cleaning, etc.		1,483		
	- Repairs, Maintenance, Etc.		1,940		
	- Card sales and till costs		446		
		91,753	91,290	73,250	77,233
	Net Café 'surplus'		464	'deficit'	-3,983

10. Bank and Other Cash Balances:

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
NatWest Bank - Business Reserve & Current A/c's	18,228	49,192
Baptist Union Corporation Savings account	27,166	22,464
Cash in Hand (Café)	150	150
	45,544	71,806

11. Current Assets:

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Café Stock	1,875	1,587
Debtors - Church (gift aid tax relief unclaimed, etc.)	4,962	6,615
Debtors - (VAT reclaimable) Cafe & Church	1,228	
	8,066	8,202

12. Current Liabilities

		Current Year £	Previous Year £
Creditors	Creditors - stock, income tax, etc.	7,984	7,402
	VAT - Output Tax Due Café	5,391	0
		13,375	7,402

13. Restricted and Designated Funds - Balances

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Restricted Funds		
Mission and Charity Collections	0	0
Church Refurbishment	0	39,489
Restricted Total	0	39,489
Designated Funds		
Agreed property works	4,000	
Camp surplus c/fwd	384	384
Designated Total	4,384	39,873

14. Non-Monetary Assets: Held for Church's Own Use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevent trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee - The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.
(shown at insured values - Sept 2025)

	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Church premises at Dominion Road, Worthing	5,661,482	5,469,271
Church Manse at 26 Garrick Road, Worthing	494,821	473,059
Church premises Contents, Fixtures & Fittings	226,992	219,313
	6,403,295	6,161,643

15. Collected for Other Causes:

	Current Year £ Raised	Current Year £ Paid over	Previous Year £ Raised	Previous Year £ Paid Over
SEBA Home Mission	651	651	642	642
BMS World Mission	651	651	642	642
Birthday Scheme, BMS	447	447	914	914
Turning Tides	301	301	448	448
Bible Society	132	132	163	163
Childrens Society	150	150	228	228
Others	0	0	1,066	1,066
Hope for Children, Latv All donations and events	949	949	1,363	1,363
	3,282	3,282	5,468	5,468

Our Activities

Celebrations

2025 overview

It is good to gather together to celebrate life's milestones. Amongst this we enjoyed a marvellous meal together after our service as we celebrated El Hardwick's birthday and cakes to celebrate with Barabara Seale. We were also able to welcome Jason's granddaughter for her thanksgiving with the wider Gain family.

Some views from our fellowship

'These were amazing! It was great that we could all join in.'

'Always good to share in people's celebrations.'

Sunday Services

2025 overview

So many people bring their gifts together to enable our Sunday worship.
We followed the theme of HisStory in our talks with Unsung Heroes under the spotlight of our All-In team. Gemma Peck supported Jason with our 5th Sunday family friendly services and we stopped to reflect at remembrance, give thanks at harvest and celebrate the full story of Jesus with our Christmas and Easter services.

Some views from our fellowship

'It's great that no two services are ever the same, either due to different preachers or format. Now we are in the sanctuary again, the changing seating each week keeps you on your toes!'

'Variety.'

‘Thinking outside the box of the church.’

‘Welcoming.’

‘More than just Sunday.’

‘Challenging, adaptable and sustainable.’

‘I really like Jason and the team’s ‘non-preaching’ delivery, it gets you thinking with a laugh or two along the way.’

‘The high point of my week!’

Welcome team

‘Thank you to the Welcome Team who continue to be at the Church door each Sunday morning to greet us all and our visitors. After many months in the Hall, it has been a great pleasure to be back in Church to welcome you all for our worship each Sunday.’

Kath.

Pastoral Support

2025 overview

Some of our fellowship have had stays in hospital this year – planned and much less so! We’re grateful for the NHS provision and care shown to Jill Field, Sue Stender, Jason Gain, James Aylward and others. Our pastoral team enjoys regular inputs of training as well as working together to support needs across the fellowship with calls and visits. It’s also great that we are able to hold regular communion services in Penrith Court.

‘The pastoral team, led by Jason has tried to support people within our fellowship who may be struggling for various reasons. Of course much is

keeping in touch with people who have health problems, or people not being able to get to church because of age or other circumstances.
As a team we are always happy to be alerted to a need that maybe we don't know about.

The team visits Penrith Court every three months when Colin leads a communion service. We don't get a lot of residents coming along but those who do are very regular and enjoy the fellowship and we pray more will gradually join us.

Out team has bi-monthly training sessions with Jason which are extremely helpful and teaches us a lot. Our next meeting will be talking about terminally ill and bereavement visiting, the following one will be "praying pastorally "
We have also had outside speakers coming along, the most recent were two ladies and a gentleman from" Acorn pregnancy and counselling centre" which was most interesting and inspiring to hear what they do.
We as a team thank you for your continued prayers. GB. Barbara

Some views from our fellowship

'Thank you Lord for our pastoral team!'

'Always very supportive'

'We must remember the huge contribution the Wave Café makes to our pastoral life'

The meetings are very beneficial, it's lovely to be involved.'

Big Church Festival

2025 overview

This event is not a BBC event as such, but many from the fellowship attended one or more days. With a change of date to the August bank holiday (22nd – 24th) this year saw record numbers attend the Wiston estate to see artists on stages big and small.

Some views from our fellowship

'An incredible example of the growth of Christianity among the under 35s. So great to see so much more of our church at the event.'

'God's presence was so tangible.'

'Wonderful seeing so many young people full of the Joy of loving Jesus.'

'Sorry to miss it this year but hoping to go again next year – it's fantastic!'



Premises

We are so blessed to have an amazing suite of facilities, however, that means plenty to do to keep them fit for purpose. Alongside the momentous roof and church refurbishment work we remain so grateful to David Rockall for undertaking and coordinating the lion share of work to maintain the building. Thank you.

Some views from our fellowship

'Amazing to be back in the church building and see how the flexible space can be used.'

'A lot was done this year. Thank you David for overseeing.'

'Well used by all different groups.'

'The work that has been done is just amazing and so good to be more flexible for so many more groups to use apart from church activities. A big thank you to David for all his hard work.'

'Thank you for such a warm welcome'

'Your cafe is awesome'

Church Refurbishment

2025 overview

Worthy of it's own section this year. The milestones were:

21st March – scaffold down;

14th September – back in church;

11th October – opening service.

What incredible provision and commitment to the ongoing presence of the BBC fellowship in this place. May we rise to the challenge of using this wonderful place for God's glory in our community.

Some views from our fellowship

'God's incredible provision this year made a significant impact on me. I recall Jason's reminder of the power of prayer, faith the size of a mustard seed and with God nothing is impossible'

'Wow – fabulous to be back in the church for our services. A new flexible space that can be used.'

'I loved going round on the scaffold cleaning!'

Lettings

'As you all know we are very blessed to have such beautiful and useful church buildings and they are used for lots of church activities. In addition to all the church activities we have a number of lettings during the month which contribute to supporting the church.

Below I have listed these for your information:

- Jack in the Box pre school
- Wave Cafe
- Rainbows
- Brownies
- Guides
- Worthing School of Dance
- Moo Music
- Sing and Sign (for toddlers)
- Family Counselling
- Samaritans
- Stay and Play {for toddlers and mums} WSCC
- Virtual School WSCC
- Fostering support WSCC
- Family Learning Program WSCC
- Speech and Language NHS
- Worthing Laughter Cub
- Children's singing training
- Safe in Sussex
- Slimming World
- Lancing Brass
- Baby Ballet
- Polling Station

All above make a lot of work supporting them mostly cleaning for which we thank David and Natasha for all their hard work. The café has some paid staff

with a number of volunteers. There is always a need for new volunteers. If interested please talk to Heather Cornford.'

Paul Stender Letting Officer.



Worthing Play Day

Great to be part of the community and we gathered on Broadwater Green on 6th August to support our gazebo and collection of crafts and games, showing that People Matter to God.

Some views from our fellowship

'A good way to let people know what BBC offers.'

'Good place to 'advertise' church.'

Camp

A traditional part of the calendar, this year as usual was at the Pines, Coldwaltham 18th – 20th July 2025. Always good to spend time together with a mix of organised activities and time to relax, enjoy the beautiful setting and chat as the church family.

Some views from our fellowship

'Great mix of ages.'

'Something for all.'

'Thanks to those who organise.'

Homegroups

2025 overview

We have 5 different homegroups running on different days of the week and at different times to suit all. They meet for bible study and discussions in a small group, making it easy to ask questions and share with each other.

Some views from our fellowship

'An important part of church life.'

'Fantastic to welcome Ruth and Ken back into our homegroup and have times of sharing.'

'A very enjoyable way to build trusting relationships and support each other.'

'We value greatly our regular homegroup meetings and feel supported and strengthened through them.'

'Church in reality – a time of reflection and fellowship x.'

'A great way to get to know some people better and share in all our thoughts and concerns.'

'It's great to have our homegroup at Ted's house to share and discuss various topics and share our feelings about anything.'

Chat Tea Cafe

2025 overview

Through the year on the third Sunday of the month, we were able to provide a place to meet new friends, chat and enjoy a cuppa and a sweet treat in a comfortable, warm environment.

Some views from our fellowship

'Nice to have company for a sometimes dull Sunday afternoon.'

Prayer, Care, Share

2025 overview

Taking place over 4 Sunday evenings from 7th September 2025 this short series encouraged participants to delve into the bible and work through how we share the gospel message in the context of meaningful relationships.

Some views from our fellowship

'A reminder that evangelism can also be small.'

'This was excellent.'

Mexican Train Dominoes

2025 overview

A dedicated group that meet on Wednesdays at the Wave Cafe. More than just a game!

Some views from our fellowship

'A place of welcome, fun, friendship.
-growing, learning and laughing together
- bringing community together – improving physical and mental health
- ridding of loneliness, isolation, feeling of uselessness
- acceptance, competition and pure joy!'

'Lost without Wednesdays'

'Look forward to meeting up each Wednesday'

Church Meetings

2025 overview

We held our regular meetings 27th February, 15th June, 25th September, 27th November 2025. As a Baptist church, these meetings are so important for us to come together collectively to seek the mind of Christ, reflect and look to the future.

In addition the deacons meet monthly, coordinating our activities and acting as our charity trustees. As part of the wider Baptist fellowship a delegation were also able to attend the 'SEBA Partners in Mission' on 10th May 2025 in Guildford, Surrey.

Some views from our fellowship

'It's a privilege to serve as a deacon in a supportive forward looking environment!'

Christmas

2025 overview

Christmas this year was a heady mix of expectation, candles, advent, Chris & Jason charades and Lancing brass!

Some views from our fellowship

'It was wonderful to have Lancing Brass with us this year, it made the carols by candlelight more atmospheric.'

'I loved Christingle – my favourite of the Christmas services – so peaceful and uplifting and so grateful to share it with Amelia for the first time x'

Saying Goodbye to Loved Ones

Sadly, we lost the following members of our fellowship in 2025:

January – Gill Whelan

April – Claudette Coles

May – Julie Moon

December – Rod Davis

As well as close members of several of our families including the Cornfords and Pecks.

'It is sad to say goodbye to our dear friends who are sadly missed.'

'Sometimes it's only after people are gone that you realise how much they are missed.'

'RIP lovely people.'

'Much missed.'

'These folk have made such a positive impact in the life of our church. May they rest in peace.'

Baptism

2025 overview

On 16th November, we were able to celebrate the baptisms of:

- Sarah Gangloff,
- Sarah WhelanMcCrea,
- Richard Marshall,
- Nigel Foote,
- Jamie Hattam.

Some views from our fellowship

'This was the most important event of my spiritual life.'

'An amazing service that gave the whole church a lift and welcomed new people into BBC.'

'Testimony that as a church we are growing.'

'What a great morning, hopefully the first of many more in the coming years.'

'A brilliant service, so good to see so many being baptised.'

'I never thought I would...but I did!'

Fundraisers

2025 overview

We have been able to support a number of fundraising activities within our fellowship this year:

Lawrence's trip to Ecuador – Cream tea, ploughmans, winter fair.

Friends of Mombassa Children – Sale of Everything.

Worthing Food Bank.

Hope for Children Latvia.

Some views from our fellowship

'What a blessing our church community are – incredible funds raised for Lawrence!'

'So good that we can help others in our community.'

'Good that the building can be used to help bring the community together.'

'Thanks to all who support fundraising activities.'

'Our young people are the future of our church. Thanks be to God for the encouragement and love that they see in this place.'

Youngsters

2025 overview

During this year, our youngsters were involved in 'Blast' , 'All Age Talks', and 'Youth Home Group' activities.

Some views from our fellowship

'Thank you for all the leaders putting together the sessions.'

'Thank you for all age talks that are applicable to everyone.'

'Thanks to all who teach our young people. They are so important, they are the future church.'

Prayers

2025 overview

Our regular Prayer meetings took place in the Anchor Room at the Wave at 10am each Tuesday. An absolute power house of the fellowship.

Some views from our fellowship

'Good way to get to know people in the church.'

'Helps so many in the church and the world.'

Senior Moments

2025 overview

Our 'Senior Moment' programme ran throughout 2025 as a bi-monthly Sunday afternoon of companionship, friendly chatter, fun, quizzes, bingo, games, talks, afternoon tea and much more....

Some views from our fellowship

'Always enjoy this Sunday and thank all concerned in the kitchen for the wonderful spread they put on.'

'This is a great outreach to non Christians and Christians alike.'

Community Fun Events

2025 overview

We had a number of 'Community Fun Events' during 2025 that were focussed on countries - Mexico, Japan, Latvia, Switzerland, Spain.

They were a time of craft, refreshments, games, table football, chat, making friends and the odd splattering of shaving foam!

Some views from our fellowship

'They are such fun and very well thought out.'

'Thank you Owen for all your hard work in organising.'

Seasonal reflections

For lent and advent we were able to access daily reflections including prayers, meditations and bible readings.

Chaps at the BBC

2025 overview

During 2025, a variety of activities took place throughout the year for gents to get together over various activities. These included: Fish & chips, ten pin bowling, mini golf, games night, football and skittles!

Some views from our fellowship

'A great way to build our friendships.'

'I love to be able to join in this, a great bit of 'chaps bonding.'

Ladies that Lunch

2025 overview

It was good, as ever, to meet up, catch up and build friendships over a shared meal. These get-togethers were held at various venues around Worthing through the year including The Cricketers and The Souvlaki Bar.

Some views from our fellowship

'I really enjoy our time of fellowship and taking church out into the community.'

The Wave Cafe

2025 overview

The Wave Cafe continues to be open 9:30 – 3pm Tuesday to Friday. Our wonderful café provided snacks, meals and refreshments at good value and with our special lunches for Easter and Christmas quickly selling out. A dedicated core of staff are ably supported by incredible volunteers and this year tackled the challenge of becoming VAT registered!

Some views from our fellowship

'Welcoming' ***'Christ in action'***

'Outreach and community.'

'Joy and safety.' ***'Acceptance.'***

'So important for every one who comes.'

'An amazing team of staff & volunteers.'

'Excellent staff.'

'A genuine community hub, loved by so many both in and outside of the church.'

'All the staff and volunteers work so hard and are very welcoming. They provide an essential service.'

'A very important part of the church.'



Crafternoon

2025 overview

Whether a seasoned crafter or taking time to master a new skill, Lauren gathered the crafternooners *(ed. What kind of word is that!)* around the kitchen table most months of the year, ably supported by tea, coffee and scrummy biscuits.

Some views from our fellowship

'An opportunity to share skills and speak to people I usually do not get an opportunity to speak to.'

'It's time to spend on something I want to do but never find time for at home and just chat.'

'A welcome oasis! A safe, creative space – opportunity to take time, get to know others and delight in creativity.'

Administration

2025 overview

Not the most glamourous of subjects, but organising rotas, taking bookings, charity reporting and noting meetings are key tasks to keep us connected. Autumn saw the start of our administrator, Tim spending a few hours a week to help with the workload and provide a welcome in the café.

Broadwater Baptist Church Administrator Report - 2025

I send you all my warmest greetings as your Church Administrator and I hope that you are all well. Having started this new role on 1st July 2025, I wanted to summarise the key activities in which I have been involved since that start date. I would be delighted to answer any queries you may have on any of the issues below (and any that I haven't mentioned) so please do feel free to get in touch.

[1] Being new to the Baptist Faith, it was extremely useful to have preliminary detailed discussions with both Jason and Pauly. I understood, early in my

tenure, that my administration role included a responsibility to always be open to discerning the mind of Christ; to always have a focus on developing our community engagement; and to always remember that the premises in which I, and others, work, is a place of worship. I have tried my best to adhere to these principles. I therefore started my role with some research into the Baptist Faith, utilising internal sources as well as the website for The Baptist Union of Great Britain, otherwise known as 'Baptists Together' . I have found these sources extremely useful and continue to use them to the present day.

[2] One of my first tasks was to understand the workings of BBC's Bookings Calendar. Together with another early project - to create a 'welcome presentation' that would run on the screen at the Wave Reception, I was able to combine these issues and create a daily presentation for public display that listed the calendar events next in line at the Wave, and our wider community. I have been very grateful to receive information and images about new activities taking place which gives visitors to the Wave a flavour of what is happening at both BBC and The Wave Cafe. This continues to the present day.

[3] I also had an early introduction to ChurchSuite and combined this with studying its training videos. More on ChurchSuite later in this report!

[4] Another early task was to review BBC's Health & Safety Policies and the Employment Policies and Procedures. This involved a detailed analysis of each of a large number of documents, including our Fire Log Book, and recommending updates and actions to the Diaconate on a number of issues. I have also acted as the facilitator of two water quality investigations at the BBC/Wave and, again, this has involved producing reports for the Diaconate in terms of considerations and actions for a number of issues.

[5] I was delighted to have been asked to attend BBC's display at Worthing Play Day on Broadwater Green on 6th August 2025. It was a very well attended event and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves, even if I

might have got into a bit of trouble by showing the youngsters how to make paper water bombs! Encouraged to take a look around the event, I also managed to engage a section of West Sussex County Council in discussions about utilising the Wave facilities. I'm pleased to say they are still regulars in our Pebbles Room.

[6] October 2025 saw the Church Re-Opening celebrations on the 11th, and I acted as the central administration point to the external invitees. I was also pleased to be invited to attend a meeting with 'Transforming Lives for Good' this month and gain an understanding of how this wonderful organisation helps young people. October 2025 also saw the arrival of Jonathan Hajebi as a new volunteer at the Wave Cafe and I am pleased to have played a part in him joining us.

[7] ... and I guess that brings us back to ChurchSuite. This is my most recent project, and continues to the present day. I have assisted in creating a number of Ministries, Rotas and associated linkages and through a lot of trial and error, I'm getting to know how a few of the more complex modules work together. Based on this work, I am currently creating two associated documents. The first, now complete, is a 'user manual' style document which details, line by line, what each module contains. The second, a work in progress as I write, is a pictorial view - an organogram - of ChurchSuite and the individual modules. I am attempting to highlight linkages between the different modules for current and future users/administrators.

[8] Apart from those specific projects, I deal with all emails that are received into church@broadwaterbaptist.org.uk; I keep the notice boards at the Wave up-to-date, greet people as they enter and leave the Wave and direct them to specific rooms; I deal with the post as it is received ... and I also managed to assist The Jack In The Box playgroup with their Christmas celebrations (the beard itched a bit though!). Just to emphasize one of those issues - it has been a pleasure and immensely enriching to have got to know so many of our

visitors to the Wave. I very much feel that I have made new friends and I hope that I have been of some use to their visit to the Wave!

Some views from our fellowship

'The weekly newsletter is the best church newsletter I have received in my 60 years.'

'Very pleased to have Tim on board.'

Easter

2025 overview

This year we tried laser engraved eggs, with a QR code to take people to our Easter activities on the website. That was well received, so we took the idea for Christmas too. Our services included Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday with a walk in the country from Henfield on Easter Monday bank holiday.

Some views from our fellowship

'We love the Easter fellowship walks and tea. They are a good way of bringing non church people in.'

It's great to be back!





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BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT **Year to 2025 DECEMBER**

			2025	2025	2024	2024
INCOME		*Note*	£	£	£	£
Regular Offerings		1		62,072		58,395
Rents and contributions for use of premises				22,786		23,718
Donations, legacies, interest and other incor		2		37,514		7,689
Miscellaneous Items, and events		3		821		595
Church Refurbishment (roof, solar, refurb, cl		7c		62,593		173,218
Wave Café	Sales Income	9	91,753		73,250	
	Expenditure	9	(91,290)		(77,233)	
	Net surplus			464	deficit	(3,983)
	Total Church Income			**186,249**		259,632
Raised for othe	Missions, HFCL, etc.	15		3,282		5,469
	Total Inco			**189,531**		265,101

Expenditure		2025	2025		2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Ministry	5		34,589		34,546
Worship Resources & Support	6		3,527		412
Premises fuel, insurance, maintenance, equ	7a		54,899		52,189
Manse fuel, insurance, maintenance, equipn	7b		5,559		4,872
Office charges, licences, etc.	8		7,121		4,595
Church Refurbis payments made to date	7c		112,011		134,612
Miscellaneous Items, and events	3		913		850
Sent to Other Causes (from church funds)	6		0		2,691
Total Church Expenditure			**218,620**		234,767
Paid over to c Missions, HFCL, etc.	15		3,282		5,469
Total Expenditure			**221,902**		240,236
Net Total to Date			(32,371)		24,865
Balance brought forward from 2024			**72,606**		47,741
Balance carried for			**40,235**		72,606
Deduct Restricted and Designated Funds	13		(4,384)		(39,873)
General Fund - Available			**35,851**		32,733

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		2025	2024
ASSETS:	*Note*	£	£
Bank and other cash transactions	10	45,544	71,806
Other Monetary Assets *e.g. Debtors*	11	8,066	8,202
		53,610	80,008
LESS LIABILITIES			
Current sundry creditors	12	13,375	7,402
NET ASSETS		40,235	72,606
Non Monetary Assets:			
Held for churches own use	14	6,403,295	6,181,643
		6,403,295	6,181,643

BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **Notes to the Accounts:**

1. Offerings	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Gift aided offerings	42,470	
Tax back on above (paid or claimable)	10,638	
GASDS - small donations	4,091	
Tax back on above (claimable)	1,008	
Other offerings (not gift aid claimable)	3,865	
		total all
	62,072	58,395

2. Donations and Other Income:	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Donations and Other Income	4,341	6,725
Legacy Payments	32,491	0
Bank and Deposit Interest, Copying	682	964
	37,514	7,689

3. Events & Miscellaneous Items		**Current Year £ Income**	**Current Year £ Expenditure**	**Previous Year £ Income**	**Previous Year £ Expenditure**
Fun Days			244		
Camp 2025		630	519	490	547
Fellowship Events	Skittles, bowling, etc.	191	150	105	850
		821	913	595	1,397

4. Ministry	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Minister's Stipend	29,870	29,870
Pension Contribution	3,882	3,876
National Insurance (employers)	0	0
Pastoral, ministry support, hospitality	688	580
Minister's Travel	149	220
	34,589	34,546

5. Support to Worship	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Resources, courses, training, conferences	3,527	412
	3,527	412

6. Church (Funds) given to other causes	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
		2,691
	0	2,691

7. Premises and Equipment:	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
7(a) Church & Halls		
Lighting, Heating and Water	16,507	17,388
Cleaning and Consumables	22,076	18,639
Repairs, Maintenance, General Fabric, Alarms, other	11,708	11,701
Insurance	4,608	4,461
	54,899	52,189

7(b) Manse	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Lighting, Heating, Water, Council Tax	4,545	4,050
Insurance	659	635
Repairs and Maintenance	355	187
	5,559	4,872

7(c) Church Refurbishment 2025 figures	**Current Year £ Income**	**Current Year £ Expenditure**	**Previous Year £ Income**	**Previous Year £ Expenditure**
Church Refurbishment (roof, solar, refurb, chairs, etc.)	62,593	112,011	173,218	134,612
	62,593	112,011	173,218	134,612

8. Office Charges:	**Current Year £**	**Previous Year £**
Administrator & Miscellaneous	2,643	88
Bank Charges	716	657
Communications (computing, phones, postage)	1,196	967
Licences & Subscriptions	1,467	1,460
Photocopier & Paper	865	759
Stationery, website, advertising, etc.	234	664
	7,121	4,595

BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH **Notes to the Accounts:**

9. Café		Current Year £ INCOME	Current Year £ EXPENDITURE	Previous Year £ INCOME	Previous Year £ EXPENDITURE
Sales	Cash & Card Sales	86,439		69,710	
	Function Sales	5,314		3,540	
		91,753		73,250	
	Cost of Sales		38,952		32,848
	Employment Costs		48,469		40,980
	Other Costs				3,405
	- Admin, misc.,cleaning, etc.		1,483		
	- Repairs, Maintenance, Etc.		1,940		
	- Card sales and till costs		446		
		91,753	91,290	73,250	77,233
	Net Café 'surplus'		464	'deficit'	-3,983

10. Bank and Other Cash Balances:		Current Year £	Previous Year £
NatWest Bank - Business Reserve & Current A/c's		18,228	49,192
Baptist Union Corporation	Savings account	27,166	22,464
Cash in Hand (Café)		150	150
		45,544	71,806

11. Current Assets:	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Café Stock	1,876	1,587
Debtors - Church (gift aid tax relief unclaimed, etc.)	4,962	6,615
Debtors - (VAT reclaimable) Cafe & Church	1,228	
	8,066	8,202

12. Current Liabilities		Current Year £	Previous Year £
Creditors	Creditors - stock, income tax, etc.	7,984	7,402
	VAT - Output Tax Due Café	5,391	0
		13,375	7,402

13. Restricted and Designated Funds - Balances	Current Year £	Previous Year £
Restricted Funds		
Mission and Charity Collections	0	0
Church Refurbishment	0	39,489
Restricted Total	0	39,489
Designated Funds		
Agreed property works	4,000	
Camp surplus c/fwd	384	384
Designated Total	4,384	39,873

14. Non-Monetary Assets: Held for Church's Own Use	Current Year £	Previous Year £
The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevent trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee - The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. *(shown at insured values - Sept 2025)*		
Church premises at Dominion Road, Worthing	5,681,482	5,489,271
Church Manse at 26 Garrick Road, Worthing	494,821	473,059
Church premises Contents, Fixtures & Fittings	226,992	219,313
	6,403,295	6,181,643

15. Collected for Other Causes:	Current Year £ Raised	Current Year £ Paid over	Previous Year £ Raised	Previous Year £ Paid Over
SEBA Home Mission	651	651	642	642
BMS World Mission	651	651	642	642
Birthday Scheme, BMS	447	447	914	914
Turning Tides	301	301	448	448
Bible Society	132	132	163	163
Childrens Society	150	150	228	228
Others	0	0	1,068	1,068
Hope for Children, Latv All donations and events	949	949	1,363	1,363
	3,282	3,282	5,468	5,468

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02 March 2026

To the Trustees of the Broadwater Baptist Church

Independent Examiner's Report

I report that in my examination of the accounts of the Broadwater Baptist Church for the year ended 31.12.2025, I have found no material matters that came to my attention which cause me to believe that the accounts do not accord with the proper accounting records kept by the church and are not presented fairly in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

While reviewing the transactions it was noted that certain items relating to restricted funds were clearly identified within the accounts.

Peter Lewis.

CamScanner