	Trustees' Annual Report for the period
	From (start date) 01/01/2025 to (end date) 31/12/2025
	Charity Name: LEIGH PARK BAPTIST CHURCH **Charity Number: 1134869**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES		
	SORP reference	*SORP - Statement of Recommended practice*
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purpose of Leigh Park Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and / or other parts of the World
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The activities of Leigh Park Baptist Church include, but are not restricted to the following: • Regular public worship, prayer, bible study, preaching and teaching. • Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle • Communion of the Lord's supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month • Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have reviewed the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in regard to our desire to benefit our community in 2025.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:		
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE		
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	Para 1.20	In 2025 LPBC continued to be sustained in active engagement with our community through a variety of settings and groups with growing relationships and advancement of understanding in the Christian faith. The church had its first award of Home Mission Funding to aid the church to pay a full stipend to their minister, ensuring we are able to fulfil our purpose of the advancement of the Christian faith. Our minister also this year had a 3 month sabbatical for refreshment and intentional break from day to day ministry. We believe this to be an important aspect of our care to our minister and part of the healthy rhythm for the life of the church. We have continued to gather and scatter as a community of believers, worshipping, engaging in deepening our faith. We have seen a deepening of faith in many ways this year, through ongoing relationships in the community. For this year we had the opportunity to all read the New Testament together in a year. This has enabled more people to read their bibles, ask questions and explore faith more deeply. Through weekly readings, bible studies and Sunday Gatherings. As well as regular opportunities for worship which have seen a small increase in number attending. We have celebrated a wedding and five baptisms and three dedications. We also took part in a global week of prayer. Our groups have continued in their monthly or weekly rhythm, from leadership meetings, board games, gardening, home groups, prayer meetings and book club. Our groups for 0-18 year olds continued to thrive this year, with deepening relationships with carers and toddlers, some of whom have attended other church events. Renew Youth (15-18) continued to provide safe and supportive spaces where young people have been able to attend to their well-being. In following the liturgical calendar we hosted events for Easter and Christmas, with a broad range of the community coming together to eat at Easter. At

		Christmas we had two sessions where families could come and enjoy making Christmas puddings, and exploring what it means to wait excitedly for Christmas.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:		
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performances against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
FINANCIAL REVIEW		
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The finances of Leigh Park Baptist Church during 2025 once more show that a modest operating surplus was achieved for the year which enabled the Church to continue restoring the reserve position during the year and meet our increased reserving requirement. The Trustees continue to keep the income and expenditure under review during the year to ensure that to ensure the Church remains financially sound.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Although the Charity has no restricted funds and all funds are therefore available to be used, the Trustees consider it prudent to retain a surplus sufficient to meet three months of outgoings. This surplus was maintained throughout 2025
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves sufficient to meet 3 months of outgoings
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds or subsidiary undertakings that are materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties that would give rise to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:		

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT		
Description of Charity's trusts:	*SORP reference*	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members of Leigh Park Baptist Church
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:		
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS		
Charity details	Leigh Park Baptist Church	
Other name the charity uses	N/A	

Registered charity number	1134868
Charity's principal address	Stockheath Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 5NT

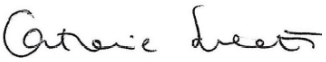
Names of the Charity trustees who manage the charity				
	Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
1	Rev Kathryn Orr	Minister		Church membership
2	Ian Burroughs	Treasurer		Church membership
3	Ann Parker	Administrator		Church membership
4	Samuel Sweetman			Church membership
5	Daniel Macpherson			Church membership
6	Catherine Sweatman			Church membership
7	Callum Cairns		From: 23 Mar 25	Church membership

Names of Trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity		
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others	
Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)		
Type of Adviser	Name	Address
N/A		
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
N/A		

Exemption from disclosure Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details
None
Other optional information
N/A

DECLARATIONS **The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above** **Signed on behalf of the Charity trustees**		
Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	Kathryn Orr	Catherine Sweatman
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair etc)	Minister	Trustee
Date	11 October 2026	11 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Leigh Park Baptist Church	1134869

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Giving	46,656	-	-	46,656	44,087
Gift Aid Dionation Tax Return	9,762	-	-	9,762	7,323
Invstment Interest	176	-	-	176	224
Rental Income	10,100	-	-	10,100	10,187
SCBA Mission Grant	14,788	-	-	14,788	500
BU Building Grant	16,606	-	-	16,606	
Electricity Refund		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	98,088	-	-	98,088	62,321
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,088	-	-	98,088	62,321
A3 Payments					
Employers Cost	33,307	-	-	33,307	21,493
Church Running Costs	21,604	-	-	21,604	26,437
Employee Accomodation Costs	4,983	-	-	4,983	4,426
Church Maintenance	24,511	-	-	24,511	630
Community Outreach	1,544	-	-	1,544	2,371
Baptist Union Home Mission	720	-	-	720	540
Conferences, training and resources	1,566	-	-	1,566	781
Children, Youth and familiies	1,392	-	-	1,392	1,052
BU Loan Repayment	3,403	-	-	3,403	2,939
Sub total	93,030	-	-	93,030	60,669
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	93,030	-	-	93,030	60,669
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,058	-	-	5,058	1,652
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,474	-	-	15,474	13,822
Cash funds this year end	20,532	-	-	20,532	15,474

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Current Bank Acount	2,132	-	
	Reserve Bank Account	18,400	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,532	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
LPBC Church Building held in trust by Baptist Union of Great Britain		-	1,355,000
Church Manse		-	170,000
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Baptist Corp Loan		19,459	
Repayable over 10 years from 2023		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ian Burroughs	15/12/16

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Leigh Park Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1134869
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/~~2024~~ 2025. 26 OCT 26

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	24 OCT 26
Name:	CHRIS TUNNICLIFFE		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CIMA 1-4 NM JUN		
Address:	20 NEW LANE HAVANT PO9 2JL		

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

