Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is necessary.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Number – 1135765

Principal address c/o 6-8 Amherst Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1NU

Trustees

Rev. Alina Rai (Minister and Chair)
Mrs Maggi Taylor (Deacon)
Mrs Angela Lawrence (Deacon)
Mrs Pat Dyer (Deacon)
Mrs Luna Rai Pun (Deacon)
Mr Emmanuel Essah (Deacon)
Mr Pasang Tamang (Deacon)

Independent Examiner

Philip John Nixon
28 Luckley Wood
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Charity Governance

Members of the Church are accepted in line with the Church Constitution (March 2009). Church meetings occur at least 4 times per year. In line with the Constitution the members appoint Trustees who together with the Ministers are responsible for the all financial, legal aspects and the day to day running of the church.

Objectives and activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The church also supports missionary efforts in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Our principal activities are described in the Secretary's report below. The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that its activities clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Treasurer's report for the April 2026 AGM

Mr Pasang Tamang

01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025
Income: £67,412.01
Expenditure: £72,744.90
Overspend: £5,332.89

Bank Balances:
Current Account: £6,461.10 (2024 was £7,856.47)
Savings Account: £38,620.46 (2024 was £42.104.26)

2025 ended with another year of overspend.
Deacons transferred £4,000 from the savings account into the current account in March 2025 as funds were low and there was concern that there would be insufficient money to cover salaries that month.
2026 will see the Leadership Team continue to monitor costs against giving, and inform the membership of any concerns during church meetings.
We thank God for his harvest and pray for continued careful investment in line with our Christian mission.

Secretary's report for the April 2025 AGM

Mrs Patricia Dyer

2025 has seen much growth in the friendships of those within our church, and we thank God for blessing us with open hearts and minds when supporting one another in living out our Christian life.
The administration of the church is constantly being reviewed and, with patience and understanding, the Leadership Team is improving its use of time and resources, with a view to being good stewards of our church.
We give thanks that, after much prayer, we have seen the growth of the Maintenance Team. There has also been amazing developments within the Sunday Children and Youth provision. Thank you to all those who work so hard to offer teaching to our younger people.
This year sees us try and offer better training provision, as well as new opportunities to grow in faith. We hope to have some news on this soon.
Prayer is requested for growth of the PA team. We are looking for willing minds to commit to learning how to use this equipment to support Sunday worship. Please step forward if you have skills in IT.
The introduction of the monthly Newsletter has allowed us to share photos and stories, news from the teams, greater detail of activities both within the church and other organisations, and reflections from a service in the previous month. I would encourage everyone to share their own news and photos to further build on fellowship and friendship.
"To be a Community which Shares Christ, Makes Disciples, and Reflects God's Glory"

Minister's report for the April 2026 AGM

Rev'd Alina Rai

We give thanks to God Almighty, who has made His dwelling among us, to reveal and display His glory. The Lord continues to transform our lives and has bless us with spiritual gifts. Over the past year, we have remained steadfast as witnesses to His work and experienced His continued faithfulness. The Spirit has stirred and guided us toward a deeper identity as a house of prayer/worship for all nations.

This year has been marked by encouragement and quiet renewal within the life of the church. Many have testified to a strengthening of their faith, alongside a deeper sense of belonging and ownership. There has been an increasing desire to cultivate a personal relationship with God. Participation in ministry has grown, with more individuals stepping confidently into their roles and contributing to the strengthening of the congregation.

Relationships continue to flourish, with a spirit of ease and genuine connection—people appear more relaxed, settled, and at home. Discipleship is evident, commitment is rising, and there is a strong sense that God is at work among us. This is reflected in a peaceful environment where love remains central. The leadership team reflects unity and mutual respect, with a culture of support, understanding, and honest communication. Despite differing life demands, there is a shared sense of purpose and a common mind.

New members often speak of the warm welcome they have received, and it is encouraging to see how quickly they are integrating and thriving. We have also been blessed with new faces from near and far, some joining with a deep sense of conviction and calling from God. It is particularly encouraging that several long-standing members have shared that they experience peace, growth, confidence, and love within the church. This is a great testimony to a season of stability and God's faithful work among us.

Sunday gatherings typically range between 40 to 65 people, reflecting a diverse congregation across age, gender, culture, language, and worship styles. The bilingual service continues to be a significant blessing to the congregation, despite its challenges.

- The increased availability of bilingual songs and presentation materials, alongside a growing spirit of patience and humility, has supported this journey.
- The congregation is learning to worship with greater sensitivity, mutual consideration, and awareness of diversity within the body of believers.
- As a bilingual ministry, we recognise this as God's leading toward the vision of becoming a house of God for all nations.
- We remain committed to this calling, fostering integration, belonging, and unity amongst all believers within the church life.
- The presence of people from diverse backgrounds choosing to remain, to belong, and to serve is a testimony to God's vision for the future of this church.
- The congregation values variety and creativity within services, with a healthy balance of order and spontaneity in worship, seeking to learn and honour God in all we do.
- We continue to value and support those unable to attend regularly due to work or health challenges, maintaining their connection to the life of the church.

We have witnessed many prayers answered, and the preaching ministry has been both insightful and prophetic for many. Continuing through the book of Psalms alongside the preaching series, and exploring it in Bible study gatherings, has been deeply enriching. We are truly grateful for those who faithfully serve by feeding and

equipping us through the Word. We humbly appreciate their preparation, passion, and integrity, and we look forward to growing in mutual listening to one another and to God.
We are grateful for the PA team, a reliable and valued support within the life of the church. The faithful leadership and service of those involved, alongside the encouragement of younger members stepping in to assist, has strengthened this vital area of ministry. Their skill, sacrifice, and servant-hearted commitment are deeply appreciated.
The pastoral team has continued to expand and develop during this period. We have reviewed and organised pastoral care lists, assigning individuals for closer support to ensure responsibility is shared. Time was taken to consider the fruit of our ministry to better discern and understand the needs and priorities of those whom we care and support. Working in pairs and regular updates have helped to stay connected and informed. Amid personal challenges, the team continues to serve faithfully and selflessly, with a strong commitment to the care and wellbeing of others.
We have sadly lost some of our dearly beloved members and those closely connected to our church family. This has been a painful experience for us all. Together, we have mourned and journeyed alongside their families and our wider church family. The Lord has been especially close and present in these moments, ministering to us and through us with comfort, grace, and strength.
There has been encouraging growth across all ministry teams in gifts, responsibilities, and purpose.

- There is greater involvement and active contribution in leading services, engaging with the Scriptures, and serving within the life of the church.
- A spirit of unity, support and cooperation continues to encourage and strengthen the church.
- The Sung Worship team has developed into a stable, confident, and capable group. Each individual brings distinct gifts, diversity, and depth to the team. The current team stands as a clear testimony to answered prayer and God's ongoing work.
- It is a great encouragement to have faithful people of God who quietly and consistently support the church across various ministries, especially having an admin and ministry support and also the regular care in cleaning and maintaining the church building.
- The growing sense of shared life in Christ and trust within the church family has contributed to a healthy, peaceful, and safer environment in the church.
- The various events and ministries continue to bear fruit, bear witness and build the church life. And this is encouraging and a great blessing.

My experience in ministry right now:
I love ministry and serving the people of God. I am full of joy and gratitude to fulfil my calling and to consecrate my life to God. I feel inspired daily and am growing in spirit and truth. I feel deeply loved and supported by the people of God. I have learned to be still, to wait, and to soar with peace and confidence in Him. I am encouraged as I see the people of God seeking and trusting Him more. I am content and full of faith in our Creator, who gives me the zeal and strength to serve Christ and His church. My desire is to fully submit to Christ and His work in and through the church.
This year has been a journey of growth and perseverance. God has showered us with his grace, his presence and his glory.
Looking ahead, this is what I hope and pray for:

1. A Spirit-filled life within the church, where both worship and service are pleasing and honouring to God.

2. A love-filled life, where we listen well to God and to one another, walking in unity and becoming strong witnesses of God.
3. A hope-filled life, where we discern the mind of Christ and know Him more fully and deeply as we grow in the knowledge of God's Word.
4. A prayer-filled life, growing in spiritual maturity and faithful service to fulfil the purpose of His ministry and mission for the greater glory of God.

We are reminded through **Joshua 1:8-9** to hold firmly to God's Word and to become strong and courageous, knowing God is with us. **Jeremiah 29:11-13** speaks of God's plans for us and invites us to seek Him with all our hearts. **1 Peter 2:9** affirms our identity as God's chosen people, called to declare His goodness. Let us be encouraged to continue run our race with trust, faith, and confidence in God.
To Him be glory, honour and praise for ever.
Rev. Alina Rai
Minister

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Anderson Baptist Church	1135765

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 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					
Donations from individuals	40,773	484	-	41,257	41,652
Donations from organisations	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid refunds	4,486	35	-	4,521	5,698
Other income	1,855	373	-	2,228	1,562
Home Mission Grant	7,394	-	-	7,394	8,000
Rental income	12,600	-		12,600	12,201
Utilities refunds and compensation	329	-		329	3,293
Bank interest	516	-	-	516	624
		-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	67,952	893	-	68,845	73,030
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,952	893	-	68,845	73,030
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	42,634	-	-	42,634	42,935
Professional fees	546	-	-	546	631
Manse costs	7,348	-	-	7,348	7,709
Church costs	8,229	-	-	8,229	9,836
Variable run costs - buildings/ admin	2,177	-	-	2,177	2,905
Variable running costs - pastoral	5,403	652	-	6,055	5,859
Outward giving - Baptist charities	5,530	305	-	5,835	5,200
Outward giving - other charities	840	53	-	893	1,410
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72,707	1,011	-	73,717	76,485
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,707	1,011	-	73,717	76,485
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,754	- 118	-	- 4,872	- 3,455
A5 Transfers between funds	200	- 200	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,389	2,829	-	52,218	55,673
Cash funds this year end	44,835	2,511	-	47,346	52,218

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	-	250	-
	Church General Bank Accounts	6,253	2,223	-
	Church Savings Bank Accounts	38,582	38	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	44,835	2,511	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid receivable	997	60	-
	GASDS	531	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Insurance value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Hall buildings		-	1,290,736
	Stores		-	29,534
	Church and Hall contents		-	71,754
	189 Church Road		-	445,453
	10 Amhurst Road		-	293,636
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Collections for other organisations	Restricted	88	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		PATRICIA DYER	27-8-2026
		ALINA RAI	27-8-2026

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Anderson Baptist Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025		Charity number 1135765
Set out on pages	attached		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	Philip J Nixon	**Date:**	14 October 2026
Name:	Philip John Nixon		
Relevant professional qualification:	FCA		
Address:	28 Luckley Wood, Wokingham, Berkshire. RG41 2EW		