CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025

Charity name: King's Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1136519

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purpose of the 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	In fulfilling the Purpose the Church will engage in a range of Activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with Activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate. The Activities may include but are not restricted to: • Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; • Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle; • The Communion of the Lord's Supper which is normally observed at least twice a month; • Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; • The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; • Nurture and growth of Christian disciples; • Education and training for Christian and community service; • Giving and encouraging pastoral care; • Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad; • Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We believe we have complied with our duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The church gives between 10% and 15% of its annual undesignated and unrestricted income to organisations that hold a similar purpose and/or engage in similar activities to the church. In 2025 the church gave to The Need Project (Charity Commission #1157691), Christian Initiative to Schools (#1104698), and to The Baptist Union of Great Britain (#1181392).
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The contribution made by volunteers is essential for the charity to fulfil its purpose and accomplish all its activities. Volunteers are involved in worship (including playing music and singing), prayer, reading of Scriptures, preaching and teaching, in the preparations and celebration of Communion, in funerals and baptisms, celebration and renewal of marriage vows, etc. Also: leading and participating in various meetings, including running Works of Heart, Home from Home, Tots and Toddlers, Valentine's celebrations, Light parties, nativity plays, Christmas carol services, etc. Also: general administration and finance; the cleaning and maintenance of church buildings and contents; provision and preparation of refreshments for various meetings and events; use of technical and computer equipment; church website and other digital media; analogue media, etc. Also: hosting and leading small groups or home groups for pastoral care, prayer, Bible study, and friendship.
Other		None

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Throughout the year the church held public meetings every Sunday morning and at other times. These meetings included public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching, Communion of the Lord's Supper. Several funerals were held during the year. The church organised and facilitated other gatherings and meetings for the general public, including: • Works of Heart, a monthly arts and crafts session, open to all. A small cost for materials may be charged but is not a barrier to inclusion. • Home from Home, a weekly drop-in for the local community, offering friendship, conversation, refreshments, games, jigsaws, fun quizzes. No fees or charges. This developed from the national 'Warm Spaces' initiative which has continued ever since. It is hosted in partnership with a local charity - The Need Project. • Tots and Toddlers, our weekly toddler group during term time. No fees or charges. • Other provisions for the general public include Valentine's celebrations (February), Light parties (October), and nativity plays & Christmas carol services (December), all of which are open to the public and are provided free of charge.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See financial report for details.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church holds the equivalent of six month's operating costs as its formal reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At last review, this was determined to be in excess of £50,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No Concerns

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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	The church is an unincorporated association. It has a formal membership and is governed by a constitution.
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	Election of trustees requires a minimum of two-thirds of the vote of church members present in a Church Members' Meeting, in accordance with the constitution.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Distribution of Charity Commission documents, including The essential trustee– What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3); documents from The Baptist Union including Guideline Leaflet C15: Help I'm a Charity Trustee, etc. Regular training in safeguarding. Regular DBS checks.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is an independent entity. The trustees have responsibility for the governance of the church. The church members may make general or specific directions to the trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Central Baptist Association.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	King's Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	KBC
Registered charity number	1136519
Charity's principal address	King's Baptist Church, The Green, Stotfold. Bedfordshire SG5 4AN

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	Alistair Sanders	Minister		Church members
2	Ian Tyler	Secretary	From Feb 2025	Church members
3	Stephen Backhouse	Treasurer	From Feb 2025	Church members
4	Mark Turner		From Feb 2025	Church members
5	Matthew Wheatley		From Feb 2025	Church members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

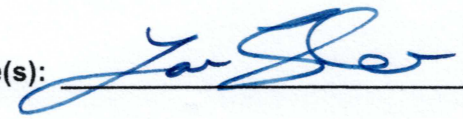
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

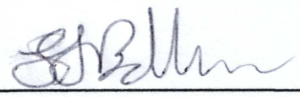
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s): 

Full name(s): Ian Michael Tyler

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc): Trustee & Secretary

Date: 1/7/26

Signature(s): 

Full name(s): Stephen James Backhouse

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc): Trustee & Treasurer

Date: 1/7/26

Signature(s): 

Full name(s): Matthew David Wheatley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc): Trustee Property & Fabric

Date: 1/7/26

Signature(s): 

Full name(s): Mark Turner

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc): Trustee Safeguarding

Date: 1.7.26

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King's Baptist Church

The Green, Stotfold

Registered Charity number: 1136519

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Year Ended
31st December 2025

Approved by Trustees on 1/7/2026

S. BACKHOUSE –

I. TYLER

M. WHEATLEY –

M. TURNER –

King's Baptist Church

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Trustees	Stephen Backhouse	Appointed 27/02/25
	Matthew Wheatley	Appointed 27/02/25
	Mark Turner	Appointed 27/02/25
	Ian Tyler	Appointed 27/02/25
	Alistair Sanders	Appointed 01/09/21
Minister (and Trustee)	Rev Alistair Sanders	
Address	The Green Stotfold SG5 4AN	
Charity Registration Number	1136519	
Independent Examiner	Geoff Mann Geoff Mann Limited Dee House Highworth Avenue Cambridge CB4 2BQ	
Bankers	Barclays	
Custodian Trustee	Baptist Union Corporation Ltd	

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the surplus or deficit of the Church for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

(i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
(ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(iii) Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.
(iv) Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Church's governing document is a constitution adopted on 29 April 2010 (amended in May 2014). It was registered as a charity on 22 June 2010.

Appointment of trustees

New trustees are appointed by the membership and require 66% of eligible voters present.

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Report of the Trustees

Trustee induction and training

The trustees regularly review the procedures in place for trustee induction and training by reference to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees set out the general policy of the Church. The day to day affairs of the charity are run by the minister (or in the absence of a minister the trustees).

Objects 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 may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Achievements and Performance, Financial Review and Future Developments

These are covered by the Church's Annual Report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 1 July 2026 and signed on their behalf.



Stephen Backhouse
Trustee and Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of King's Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church'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 Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me any cause to believe that in any material respect:

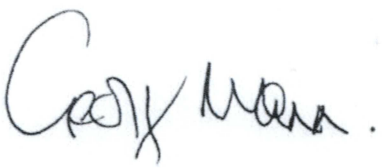
- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or

- the accounts do not accord with those records; or

- the accounts do 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.

Geoff Mann
Geoff Mann Limited
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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income							
Giving by Church Members and Visitors		35,187	0	180	0	35,367	56,694
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable		9,284	0	0	0	9,284	9,558
Investment Income		2,611	0	0	0	2,611	851
Warm Spaces		0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals and Other		1,250	0	0	0	1,250	590
Total Income	1	48,331	0	180	0	48,511	67,693
Expenditure							
Charitable Expenditure							
Ministry Costs		39,857	0	0	0	39,857	38,346
Church running costs		19,314	0	0	0	19,314	38,816
Outreach		1,051	0	87	0	1,139	844
Pastoral and training		2,514	0	0	0	2,514	1,498
Grants to Missionary Organisations	3	0	5,640	0	0	5,640	7,540
Total Expenditure	2	62,736	5,640	87	0	68,464	87,043
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-14,405	-5,640	93	0	-19,952	-19,351
Transfers Between Funds	8	-5,954	5,954	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		-20,359	314	93	0	-19,952	-19,351
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds Brought Forward		124,977	293	1,620	690,000	816,890	836,241
Total Funds Carried Forward		104,618	607	1,713	690,000	796,938	816,890

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2025 or 2024 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	5		693,433		696,165
Total Fixed Assets			693,433		696,165
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	2,628		2,982	
Cash at bank and in hand		100,876		118,231	
Total Current Assets		103,504		121,213	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0		488	
Net Current Assets			103,504		120,725
Net Assets			796,938		816,890
The Funds of the Church					
General Funds			104,618		124,977
Designated Funds	8		607		293
Restricted Funds	9		1,713		1,620
Endowment Funds	10		690,000		690,000
Total Charity Funds			796,938		816,890

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 1 July 2026 and signed on their behalf.

Stephen Backhouse
Trustee and Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

(a) **Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

King's Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(b) **Income**

Giving by Church Members and Visitors is accounted for when received.

Gift Aid Tax Recoverable is accounted for using the accruals method.

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it becomes payable.

(c) **Expenditure**

Includes all expenditure incurred in pursuing the charity's objectives, other than that which has been capitalised.

(d) **Fixed Assets**

Freehold land and buildings

The Manse and the Church building are included in the accounts at trustees' valuations which are reviewed annually.

Furniture and fittings, storage equipment and electronic equipment

Prior to January 2009 all assets were written off on purchase. The policy since then is to only capitalise those items with a value over £1,000

(e) **Depreciation**

Freehold land and buildings

No provision has been made as the assets are included at a valuation which is reviewed annually.

Furniture, fittings and storage equipment	10% straight line basis
Electronic equipment	20% straight line basis

(f) **Debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at their settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Endowment funds exist where there is a capital fund with no power to convert the capital into income.

(i) **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

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Notes to the Accounts

2	**Expenditure**		Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
	From General Fund						
	Ministry Costs	Gross salaries			29,294		29,950
		Pension costs			5,498		3,662
		Other:					
		Continuing Ministerial Development		148		355	
		Manse Water Rates		1,620		1,257	
		Manse Council Tax		3,010		2,872	
		Other		288		249	
					5,066		4,734
					39,857		38,346
	Church Running Costs	Building maintenance:					
		Manse maintenance		314		3,788	
		Church maintenance		3,225		4,111	
					3,539		7,899
		Computer hardware and software			1,582		1,815
		Depreciation			2,732		2,993
		Equipment (below £1,000)			76		331
		Gas, electricity and water			4,224		3,449
		Independent examination			500		480
		Insurance			2,354		2,302
		Membership, health and safety			499		597
		Miscellaneous running costs			2,609		2,349
		Printing, postage and stationery			224		475
		Telephone and internet			975		1,119
		Travel			0		194
					19,314		24,002
	Outreach				1,051		771
	Pastoral and training				2,514		1,498
	From Designated/Restricted Funds						
	Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund		3		5,640		7,540
	Spire Replacement						14,814
	Works of heart outreach				87		73
	Total Expenditure				68,464		87,043

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3 **Grants to Missionary Organisations - Designated Fund**

Institution	2025 £	2024 £
Baptist Union Home Mission	1,350	1,800
BMS World Mission	1,350	1,800
The Need Project	1,350	1,800
Christian Initiative to Schools	1,350	1,800
Christian Institute	180	180
Other	0	100
United Christian Broadcast	60	60
Grants to Missionary Organisations - Total	5,640	7,540

4 **Staff Costs**

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their role as a trustee, nor did they receive any expenses.

The staff costs were:	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	30,925	29,950
Other pension costs	3,867	3,662
	34,792	33,612

The average weekly number of staff employed by the charity during the year was 1 (2024 - 1)

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5 **Fixed Assets**

		Freehold land and buildings £	Furniture etc £	Total £
Cost	Balance at 01.01.25	690,000	32,395	722,395
	Additions	0	0	0
	Disposals	0	0	0
	Balance at 31.12.25	690,000	32,395	722,395
Depreciation	Balance at 01.01.25	0	26,230	26,230
	Depeciation	0	2,732	2,732
	Disposals	0	0	0
	Balance at 31.12.25	0	28,962	28,962
Net Book Value	At 01.01.25	690,000	6,165	696,165
	At 31.12.25	690,000	3,433	693,433

6 **Debtors**: Due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	0	761
Accounts Receivable	850	
Prepayments	1,778	2,221
	2,628	2,982

7 **Creditors**: Due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	0	488
	0	488

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8 **Designated Funds**

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Mission	0	0	5,640	5,640	0
Projects	107	0	0	0	107
Spire	186	0	0	-186	0
Hardship	0	0	0	500	500
	293	0	5,640	5,954	607

Mission	The Church sets aside a minimum of 10% of its General Fund receipts for mission purposes. The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objectives complement its work.
Projects	For any project agreed by the Church Members Meeting
Spire	Agreed by the Church Members Meeting for repairs to the spire
Hardship	Relief of hardship

9 **Restricted Funds**

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
New Building	200	0	0	0	200
Pre-school	45	0	0	0	45
Hardship	780	0	0	0	780
Works of Heart	553	180	87	0	646
Connect	42	0	0	0	42
	1,620	180	87	0	1,712

New Building	Provision of a larger church building
Pre-school	Pre-school club
Hardship	Relief of hardship
Works of Heart	Monthly craft group
Connect	Group for carers of children with additional needs

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10 **Endowment Funds**

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Manse	290,000	0	0	0	290,000
Church	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
	690,000	0	0	0	690,000

Manse	Provision of accommodation for minister
Church	Place of worship

11 **Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds £
Tangible assets	3,433	0	0	690,000	693,433
Net current assets	101,185	607	1,712	0	103,504
Net assets	104,618	607	1,712	690,000	796,938

12 **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year that required disclosure.