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Boscombe Baptist Church

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2025

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Legal & Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Boscombe Baptist Church
Charity Number:	1138015
Charity Address:	Boscombe Baptist Church 26 Palmerston Road Bournemouth BH1 4HS
Trustees (2025 financial year):	Daniel Chirnside Deborah Richards Doug Stewart Helen Humby (Resigned 11/09/2025) Graham Clarke (Appointed 19/06/2025)
Independent Examiner:	Phil Cole 10 Shirley Close Bransgore Dorset BH23 8NU

Trustees' Report

Objects of the charity

Boscombe Baptist Church is an evangelical church and accepts the Holy Bible as its sole authority. It exists for the worship of Almighty God and to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever way it can in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination within Boscombe, the wider area of BCP and elsewhere.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All are welcome to attend the services and activities at the church; our membership comprises people from various ethnic and social backgrounds.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity’s main activities and achievements were as follows:

On top of regular worship and other discipleship programmes, a number of baptisms were performed; a ladies' Bible study group was started; and youth ministries and midweek activities that reach out to the local community were maintained.

Following Lisa Calvert's resignation and Helen Humby's retirement, Emma Chirnside was employed to help with admin, youth and children’s work, and to continue the thriving women's ministry, which has been considered a great success.

The church continues to discern the way the Lord may be leading regarding the shape of the staff and leadership team into 2026/27 and beyond.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

The Leadership Team has powers to invest surplus Church funds at their absolute discretion. Their current policy is to invest surplus funds in 2 Cambridge and Counties accounts.

The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd hold the Church, land and buildings, at the Church address shown above, in trust on behalf of the Members of the Boscombe Baptist Church as determined by the Trust Deed dated 28th March 1941.

A conservative estimate of the market value at the end of 2024 of the land and buildings of the Church and the Manse would be £500,000 and £450,000 respectively.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Church, at a level which takes into account variable general giving, future repair needs of the Church building and Manse, and the need to support our staff team. The Leadership Team estimate that this should be 6 months of expenditure and will seek to keep this level of funds available at all times.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name Daniel Chirnside
Signature **D Chirnside**
Date 21.10.2026

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Boscombe Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Independent Examiner's Details

Name:	Phil Cole
Address:	10 Shirley Close Bransgore Dorset BH23 8NU

Name Phil Cole

Signature

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Date 21/10/2026

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	34,870	172	35,042	39,190
Gift Aid	7,506	61	7,567	12,080
Grants	0	0	0	1,751
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	0	0	0	0
Other Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	3,160	0	3,160	4,890
Other Income				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	77,773	70	77,843	30,865
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	123,310	303	123,612	88,775
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	3,710	0	3,710	6,722
Admin	4,906	0	4,906	3,186
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	445	0	445	482
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	1,538	533	2,071	3,778
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	1,257	0	1,257	1,942
Premises	36,124	0	36,124	31,019
Staff Costs	47,258	0	47,258	50,901
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	95,238	533	95,770	98,029
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	28,072	-230	27,842	-9,255
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0

Net Movement of Cash Funds	28,072	-230	27,842	-9,255
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	103,635	230	103,865	113,120
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	131,707	0	131,707	103,865
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	131,484	0	131,484	102,355
Community Fund (Designated)	10	0	10	957
Youthwork (Designated)	213	0	213	324
Love Christmas 2024 (Restricted)	0	0	0	230
Christmas Appeal 2021 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Harvest Collection 2025 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	131,484	0	131,484	102,355
Community Fund (Designated)	10	0	10	957
Youthwork (Designated)	213	0	213	324
Love Christmas 2024 (Restricted)	0	0	0	230
Christmas Appeal 2021 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0
Harvest Collection 2025 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0

Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name

Signature

Date

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

There were no transactions related parties during the accounting period.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	102,355	123,019	93,890	0	131,484
Total	102,355	123,019	93,890	0	131,484
Designated					
Community Fund (Designated)	957	0	947	0	10
Youthwork (Designated)	324	290	401	0	213
Total	1,280	290	1,348	0	223
Unrestricted Total	103,635	123,310	95,238	0	131,707
Restricted					
Love Christmas 2024 (Restricted)	230	88	318	0	0
Christmas Appeal 2021 (Restricted)	0	0	0	0	0
Harvest Collection 2025 (Restricted)	0	215	215	0	0
Total	230	303	533	0	0
Restricted Total	230	303	533	0	0
TOTAL	103,865	123,612	95,770	0	131,707