Great Shelford Free Church

Annual Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Name:	Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist) also known as GSFC
Registration Number:	1141345
Address:	***Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)*** Ashen Green Great Shelford CB22 5EY
Property Trustees:	The Baptist Union Corporation Baptist House 129 Broadway Didcot Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Trustees: ***(Leadership Team)***	Mrs Diana Parr	Pastor
	Mrs Liz Jenkin	Elder (until 18th July 2025)
	Mr Laurence Wood	Elder
	Rev Jonathan Burrough	Elder (from 21st July 2025)
	Mrs Jillian Hardwick	Secretary
	Mr Stuart Watt	Treasurer
	Mr Colin Jefferson	Deacon
	Mr Christopher Smith	Deacon
	Mr Graham Briscoe	Deacon
	Mrs Fiona Joel	Deacon
	Mr David Baslington	Secretary Designate (from 16th March 2026)

Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc CAF Bank Baptist Union Corporation
Independent Examiner:	Mr John Stirrat FCCA, Hardcastle Burton (Newmarket) Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends

There has been much to celebrate over the last year as we have seen God at work amongst us in many different ways! As we read through the reports of the different areas of ministry which happen quietly in the background or noisily and with much exuberance, we can be reminded of God's goodness to us as individuals, as a church and through us into the community in which we have been placed by Him.

We have seen the Holy Spirit moving as we use the gifts he has given us to serve and care for one another and our community, and we celebrate the connections we have made with those who attend various weekday activities over the course of the year. We continue to pray for these individuals that they might be drawn closer to Him by the light they see in us! We pray too for one another in the areas of ministry in which we serve, recognising that we serve not in our own strength, which is so often weak and poor, but in the strength that God gives us.

I have been especially blessed and encouraged by the opportunities we have had to minister in Barley Manor Care Home where we have become regular visitors, taking the good news of Jesus in song and word to both residents and those who care for them. It has been good to see how welcome they have made us and their desire to worship with us in that setting.

Another highlight of the year for me was our church prayer day in June when many of us came together for a time of prayer and reflection, covering sessions on Adoration, Repentance, Surrender, and Receiving the Spirit. The day proved to be a time of blessing and growth for those who were able to join us.

As we continue to see a slow increase in numbers attending our regular services and especially Café Church, we recognise that we also need to consider how best we can continue to serve one another in the days ahead. So, we are delighted to welcome Monica to the staff team as Assistant Minister (in training) and we look forward to the ways in which God will lead us into the year to come, recognising that even when we are not aware of Him, He is always with us. This is reflected in our verse for the year for 2026: "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it" Genesis 28:16

May we be those who always recognise His presence and walk ever closer to Him in the paths he has laid out for us.

Diana Parr

Pastor

Church Secretary's Report

There is much to be grateful for as I look back over the previous year and reflect on God's great provision for us in so many ways.

We spent much of last year searching and praying for an Assistant Minister. This year His plan came to fruition, and we appointed Monica Cragg as our Assistant Minister (in training) in January. Monica had joined our church with husband Miles and daughter Eleanor some months earlier not knowing we were looking for a new Assistant Minister, but very aware God was leading her into ministry. God's plan came to fruition, and it was a great joy to welcome her to that role following her maternity leave after the birth of Fiona. Something we were able to share at her induction at the end of January.

This year we have had some amazing teaching from our preaching team, Diana Parr, Richard Renouf, Paul Joel, Chris Smith and Monica Cragg. We have continued to work through the themes of the sermons in home groups deepening our understanding and supporting each other in prayer. As Fiona Joel says in her report below, if you would like to join a home group please speak to her. Café church is now so popular we are starting to outgrow the sanctuary on a Sunday morning, and the Leadership team is considering ways to accommodate more tables.

As the world seemingly became even more unstable, we refocused on what matters most, our relationship with Jesus. We adopted the Baptist Union Five Core Values at the July Church Members' Meeting recognising as a gospel people we are called to be a prophetic community, an inclusive community, a sacrificial community, a missionary community and a worshipping community. The impact of these 5 core values in our lives and the life of the church were preached on and discussed in our home groups allowing each one of us to consider how we could apply the principles in our lives. We also stood with the BMS and signed, as a church, their statement on Gaza recognising the 'clear distinction between the Jewish people, our siblings in faith, and the acts of the Government of Israel,' and echoing the commitment of the World Council of Churches as it '**stands against any kind of racism, including antisemitism, anti-Arab racism, and islamophobia.** We are called to love our neighbours and our Lord Jesus who came for the entire world, anyone who believes in him will be saved. Amen **'.**

As part of our commitment to love our neighbours and tell others about Jesus, members of the church, including our Pastor and Assistant Minister (in training), volunteer as part of the Community café run by Romsey Mill. Additionally, we were pleased to welcome the children from Great and Little Shelford Primary School to learn more about Easter. They came into our building and Monica used music to teach them in a truly engaging way what Easter was all about. The adults spent Lent looking at Holy Habits culminating in a family Easter Service.

As I end this report and hand over the role of Secretary to David Baslington in a few weeks it would be remiss of me not to say thank you for all the help I have received from Church Members during my time at Secretary. Thank you for your patience, encouragement, careful reading of minutes and gentle correction of typing errors.

I look forward to reading of the even greater things that God is doing through his people in Great Shelford in next year's reports.

Membership

On 31st March 2026 the church had 76 members.

We welcomed Monica Cragg and Jill Burman into membership during the year.

Jane Mousley transferred her membership to Christ Church as it is easier to get to church. Gemma and David Hill resigned their membership as they have moved away and as they are worshipping at a church that does not have membership had no need to transfer their membership.

We are sad to report that Vanessa(Nessy) Reed died in May, Ingrid Ward died in June and Dorothy (Dot) Blee died in February. We give thanks for their lives and that they are now with the Lord.

Leadership Team

The leadership team and elders met monthly with the exception of August and used the meetings for prayer and to discuss church business.

Liz Jenkin stood down as elder having completed 12 years and one school term, although she still maintained a role in safeguarding, slowly handing that area of responsibility over to Penny Kite and Graham Briscoe. We had an opportunity to thank Liz for all her service to the church at the summer party held at Liz and Chris's home.

Barbara Law stood down as Deputy Safeguarding Lead after considerable service, and we thank her for her commitment to that role. From January Penny Kite became Safeguarding Lead with Monica Cragg as Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Graham Briscoe taking the role of Safeguarding Trustee.

Jonathan Burrough was elected as an Elder on 21st July 2025, Graham Briscoe was re-elected as a Deacon on 20th October 2025, and David Baslington joined the Leadership team as Secretary designate on the 16th March 2026. We are grateful for their willingness to stand and all the work they do for the church fellowship and the community.

Short ministry reports now follow

Children and Young People's work

If there is one thing that we are learning over and again in children's work, it is that everything changes all the time! Some things are wonderful – like the arrival of baby Fiona Cragg to join the crèche and the appointment of Monica Cragg as our Assistant Minister (in Training) ; others are hard to take, as we said goodbye to Ethan and Jaden Thomas, the Donkor boys, Liz Jenkin and Mark and Carole Johnson.

We have not been using the **youth room** but have concentrated our activities downstairs to supervise the crèche, the younger and the older children in different groups for at least part of the time. We have continued to pursue **safeguarding training** for all our leaders and helpers; the requirements mean that we have greater demands on the team, but a better system for keeping children safe. The team works hard!

Children continue to **worship with their family** in church before leaving for their own activities, and we are delighted to see the success of our welcome area in the sanctuary itself, which often helps visiting children to feel at home. Our teaching material is based on **'Faith in Kids'**, (which always needs to be adapted) and we continue with biblical narrative, reflecting the church year when appropriate.

Café Church sessions specifically include our younger people and often encourage the children in presentations or prayers. Occasionally children create artwork or play games in the lounge area, but there is no creche on these occasions.

All Saints' Eve 2025 celebration took place again both inside and behind Cara coffee. Families were invited to sign up on the church website and those who came enjoyed a BBQ, and a wide variety of activities. It was *very* popular: we had to close our list to limit numbers. This event is another important opportunity to meet and serve members of the wider village community,

We thank God for all the opportunities to work with children, but **we would be so grateful for others to join any of our teams**. Feedback from adults makes it clear that they value the warm welcome, the immediate acceptance and consistent support.

Open Space / Family Craft events

In the summer of 2025, we decided to stop running Open Space, (the monthly opportunity for families to meet outside to explore faith and connect with one another and with God, which we ran in collaboration with St. Marys' Church), due to falling numbers. We decided instead to run one off longer events incorporating a craft morning.

We held the first at Great Shelford Free Church ending with a Christingle Service in early December and the second, an Easter Craft morning at St Mary's on the 21st March. We continue to build on relationships forged with families and bring more families to the events so they can hear of God's love for them.

Little Steps

Little Steps has an amazing team that has continued to serve the under 4s (some parents of slightly older children wish to continue coming) in the area along with their carers. The number of registered families has stabilised, but we have made sure that we continue to advertise the group. We do have families from all over the world, and it is

wonderful to see the welcome for new faces, and the friendships that develop – often in conjunction with visits to **Cara**!

We provide a **range of activities**, including a craft, jigsaw puzzles, tuff tray activities (colour matching, for example) playdough, wheeled toys, free play, book corner and quiet space.
We have continued our **outdoor trails** on Great Shelford recreation ground at least once per half term. It is good to get outside with our small people and gives us a great opportunity to connect with the wider community.

Freecycle has continued, although with more limited time slots. Parents bringing clothes, toys or equipment that they no longer need, and giving them away through Little Steps or Tiny Toes. Whenever we can, we pass these to the Wisbech Children and Families Centre.

Tiny Toes

Tiny Toes is a group which welcomes parents and carers with their babies up to one year old. These new mums appreciate the opportunity to meet up and connect with other people in the same situation for mutual support and encouragement, however numbers of those attending has dropped slightly, mirroring the decreasing birth rate. The group remains a good opportunity to support and pray for, and with, these new mums, which is a real blessing. Connections made with many of those who come along continue beyond the time they remain in group particularly with those who transfer into Little Steps during the course of the year

Community Café

Community Café continues to thrive as people meet on a Monday morning sitting around the tables in the sanctuary chatting to friends. The Café is really well attended, and we give thanks for the increasing attendance. Most Mondays there is the opportunity for a conversation with someone new. Similar to last year, we have been delighted to see people we first met at Community Café make the transition to other church related events including joining us for worship on a Sunday morning and exploring their faith. During the morning, the thought for the day, provided by a small group of church members, is well received by all who attend.

Over the course of the year, we have had a couple of opportunities to share a simple meal together after the Community Café. These events were enjoyed by all who attended.

As in previous years, cakes are provided by church members and served by a dedicated band of volunteers. We would be delighted if others would like to bake and join the "cake rota".

We would love to see our church family, of any age, using the café. You are most welcome just to come and join in spending time chatting to others. This is a real opportunity to serve our community.

Eco church

During the past year, there has been a reduced level of active focus on our Eco Church initiatives. Some of the flowers planted behind Cara did not survive the winter, although a number have continued to grow well.

In May, we took a positive step by offsetting our gas emissions through Carbon Footprint Ltd., resulting in the planting of nine trees in the East of England on our behalf.

In October, members of the Kids' Club contributed by helping to empty and dismantle the compost bins, with support from Chris Cooper. This was a valuable opportunity for them to engage in caring for our environment.

As always, the leadership team and I are deeply grateful to all those who have quietly volunteered throughout the year to mow the grass, rake leaves, and tend to the weeding. Their ongoing service is much appreciated.

Home Groups

The home groups continue to play an important part in church life with regular attendees averaging more than 60 over the year. Members appreciate the opportunity for Bible study, pastoral support, fellowship and prayer in a safe environment where openness and honesty are encouraged. Members have valued the opportunity to delve deeper into the Sunday sermon topics, including the book of Daniel, our church core values and Discipleship. It was good to come together daily during Holy Week to continue the Holy Habits series.

The five evening groups have continued strongly with minor changes to members and facilitators. Two of the three daytime groups came to a natural end during the year, but some of their members were able to move to other groups and a new daytime group is planned to start up during the summer of 2026.
A couple of the home groups have attended retreat days run by the Nationwide Christian Trust at Mulberry House. Socials and food continue to be a popular element of the groups. Some groups have paired up for joint socials and there was a very successful summer garden party for all groups which was opened up to the whole congregation.

Please speak to the home group coordinator, Fiona Joel, or Diana if you wish to find out more.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer ministry continues with a small but dedicated group meeting via Zoom on a Sunday evening led by Suzanne Watt. Splitting into smaller groups during this time has allowed for meaningful sharing and reflections and discerning on prayer points. We discontinued the monthly in-person prayer meetings on Sunday evenings and replaced this with a monthly prayer gathering on a Friday morning which is usually very well attended.

A team of church members lead our prayers of intercession during a church service on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month, leading our prayers for our church, the wider community, our country, the world and prayer needs for people affected by war, conflicts, natural disasters and national issues affecting our daily lives. On the 1st Sunday of the month, we have a mission focus where prayers are dedicated to that mission during our church service. If you would like to join the rota for our prayer of intercession, please contact Diana.

Following a focus on prayer at our Church Members Meeting's we relaunched the prayer chain as we had become aware a number of newer members and church congregation were not aware of its existence. The prayer chain shares both internal prayer requests, from and about the church family, and external prayer requests. If you would like to be involved in the prayer chain, please speak to Maria Begley who will share the email address and WhatsApp numbers.

Prayer is also a large part of what happens in our small groups as they meet together. Many of these have set up their own WhatsApp groups to pass on prayer requests for one another's needs as well as local, national, and international needs.

There is a prayer request box available in the church lounge although it is not used greatly, any requests received are passed on to the prayer team.

If you would like to receive prayer from the prayer team in person after church or at other times, please contact Maria Begley, Anne Beresford or Penny Pearl who would be delighted to pray with you.

Mission

Our five permanent charities are BMS, GenR8, EBA Home Mission, SSYI (Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative) and Shelford School. Additionally ,four other charities (named below) were voted by members having been proposed by a member with a particular heart for that mission. Each mission rep had a month to share their mission partner with the church through the Link, the church website, a focus noticeboard in church, at least one Sunday morning focus slot, either via video or in person and the opportunity for one official church fundraising event a year, organized by the rep in discussion with the leadership team.

The missions we support, and the representatives are set out below:

- BMS — Lesley Cornell
- GenR8 — Penny Kite
- EBA Home Mission — Diana Parr
- SSYI — Jean Chambers
- Shelford School — Liz Jenkin
- Centre of Hope — Graham Briscoe
- Support Malawi — Carole Johnson
- Hands of Mercy — Louise Everard
- Mercy Ships — Jane Furlow

The church also continued to support Operation Christmas Child, a work led by Jane Furlow, and through regular collections of food products which are distributed to John Huntingdon Foodbank. Our harvest celebrations contribute a significant amount of donations to this mission. Denise Bell is our main contact person for this work. We also made a one-off donation to Arthur Rank, our local hospice, and for Christmas Hampers to Great Shelford Village Charity

Safeguarding

Our policy had its annual review in October 2025, and was sent out to all relevant workers, so that they could refresh their knowledge and confirm their commitment to adhering to it. The main changes were those of personnel, with Liz Jenkin stepping down as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Penny Kite taking on the role with Monica Cragg as deputy DSL and Graham Briscoe as Safeguarding Trustee. Liz has continued to 'walk alongside' the team during the handover period. We are grateful to Barbara Law whose time as deputy DSL came to an end; her expertise in working with adults at risk has been especially valued.

There continues to be a significant overlap with pastoral care, and we have worked closely with the pastor and eldership on this. Margaret Cletheroe, our administrator is an invaluable help to the team, fielding emails and chasing paperwork.

The congregation were shown the BU Level 1 film in March, all but a few of our church volunteers attended the Level 2 safeguarding training later that month, and plans are in place to bring all trustees up to date with their Level 3 training.

Other points to note are that following the work on Codes of Conduct for children and young people's workers, specific ones for dealing with a few adults at risk were formulated and shared with the relevant workers. Work was begun on identifying inclusive practice regarding accessibility, although there is more to do. It is worth noting that of the safeguarding issues that have arisen this year, many have been picked up in general conversation and passed onto the safeguarding team as a result, so many thanks to those whose eyes and ears have helped keep everyone safe.

Worship

This year our team of musicians has welcomed two new talented members, and we appreciate as ever all those who continue to serve through singing and playing. We are blessed with several gifted pianists and worship leaders, so although grateful for the library of videos, we are pleased that they are not needed at present.

We were sorry to lose Dot Blee, who although she had suffered years of ill health, gave many hours of playing and leading worship over the past years; may she enjoy the heavenly choirs now!

On the tech desk, some of the video and streaming capabilities have been upgraded and we are pleased to have new team members, augmenting the faithful band of 'behind the scenes' sound and video workers who faithfully give of their time each week, averting many a crisis and coping with last minute memory sticks, rustling microphones etc. with grace and patience.

It has been good this year to go 'on tour' as it were, regularly visiting Barley Manor Care Home and getting to know the folk there, who appreciate being able to share in worship there, and we look forward to seeing that ministry develop in future.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

..... Date 08/06/2026 MR CHRISTOPHER SMITH

..... Date 08/06/2026 MRS FIONA JOEL

Treasurers Report Year to 31st March 2026

Financial review

As a Church we are very fortunate to have a generous congregation, for which we give thanks. This provides our main income of gift aid donations and recovered gift aid which accounts for £131,375 (24/25 £119,251). From a property, that was gifted to us decades ago, and our manse, let through Homes for Ukraine we received £36,698 (24/25 £28,069).
Non gift aid donations some interest received and use of hall & activity donations make up the rest of our total income of £182,381 (24/25 £171,216). Details in notes 2-5.

Our income has allowed us to continue and expand the church's programme of services, fellowship, and community activities as set out in the previous reports. Financially our main expenditure is stipend and salary costs £65,850 (24/25 £60,333) In January 2026 we were fortunate to recruit an assistant pastor in training.
This year our second highest expenditure was to give to other local and national charities. An increase of £4,157 to £21,857 gifted, (15.9% of our freewill offerings, compared to our target of 12.5%).
With our Church and Manse being 200 years old a lot of our money continuously goes on maintenance and renovation. This year we spent £17,601 (24/25 £42,557) and as two projects have been delayed we are transferring £28,000 from unrestricted fund to the designated building & fabric fund for completion in 26/27.
The rest of our expenditure is ministry £8,245 (24/25 £9,040) and utilities and admin £25,856 (24/25 £32,898). Details in notes 6 & 7.

Reserves Policy

The General Fund Reserves require to give 6 months cost provision plus redundancy. Our general reserve therefore requires to be a minimum of £83,980 this year. At the end of this year we are £24,000 above that but that excess can be eroded very quickly with the repair, maintenance and improvement of the Church's properties. Details in notes 8-11.

Financial policies

The Church has established systems and controls for receipts and expenditure, in accordance with the Constitution and Charity Law which have been approved and reviewed by Trustees and Church Members for the protection of the Church's finances and assets and also for the protection of individual members of the Leadership Team.

Annual budgets are prepared, discussed and approved by the Trustee leadership team before being presented, discussed and approved by Church members.

The Church Treasurer who is appointed in accordance with the Church Constitution presented an income and expenditure statement with

explanation of significant movement to budget for review to the leadership at 8 meetings in the year and four times in the year to the Church Members. This assists in treasury and risk management.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which GSFC faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen any risks of which at present none have been identified. No money is paid or received from abroad.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for the financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources of the year and the application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

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 financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The annual church accounts are prepared and examined by external, qualified accountants.

Unrestricted Funds

The Church has an unrestricted general fund. It is used to finance the regular activities of the Church and to transfer to designated funds as the need arises.

Designated Funds (as defined by the Charities Act):-

Social Action Fund

To be used for grants and loans to members and others in special financial need.

Building & Fabric Fund

Is used for the refurbishment/repair of Church buildings.

Special Projects Fund

Can only be used for any purpose approved by the Church membership.

Special Projects (Mission) Fund

Can only be used for any mission-associated purpose approved by the Church membership.

Church Tithe Fund

Is used to support the work of those involved in Christian service/aid work locally, nationally and internationally. The monies in this fund are provided for annually to be paid and allocated in the following year.

Training Fund

To be used for costs of those preparing for Christian work either in the UK or overseas.

Development Fund

For the potential improvement and development of the manse and other Church buildings.

Restricted Funds

- **'Other'** Funds donated for a variety of 'restricted' purposes.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

On the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Great Shelford Free Church

I report on the financial statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Receipts and Payment Account, the balance sheet and the Notes to the Accounts.

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 charity'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 examiners' 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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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.

John Stirrat FCCA
Hardcastle Burton (Newmarket) Limited
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Date: 29 June 2026

Receipts and Payment Account

For the period from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025/26	Total Funds 2024/25
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income	2	113,139.97	250.00	153.47	113,543.44	106,601.43
Investment Income	3	40,264.14	0.00	0.00	40,264.14	32,076.96
Charitable Activities	4	2,142.55	0.00	0.00	2,142.55	2,620.02
Other Incoming Resources	5	26,834.63	62.50	0.00	26,897.13	29,918.40
Total incoming resources		**182,381.29**	**312.50**	**153.47**	**182,847.26**	**171,216.81**
Resources Expended						
Charitable activities	6	105,796.52	32,963.92	0.00	138,760.44	162,528.31
Governance costs	7	1,550.00			1,550.00	1,446.00
Total Resources Expended		**107,346.52**	**32,963.92**	**0.00**	**140,310.44**	**163,974.31**
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		**75,034.77**	**-32,651.42**	**153.47**	**42,536.82**	**7,242.50**
Transfers						
Net transfers between funds	8	-61,100.00	61,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net incoming/outgoing before other gains/losses		**13,934.77**	**28,448.58**	**153.47**	**42,536.82**	**7,242.50**
Net movement in Funds		**13,934.77**	**28,448.58**	**153.47**	**42,536.82**	**7,242.50**
Totals brought forward		93,703.56	491,844.59	303.80	585,851.95	578,609.45
Total funds carried forward		**107,638.33**	**520,293.17**	**457.27**	**628,388.77**	**585,851.95**

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	Note	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025/26	Total Funds 2024/25
Fixed Assets						
Intangible Assets					0	
Freehold Property	12		450,340.68		450,340.68	450,340.68
Fixed Assets		**0.00**	**450,340.68**	**0.00**	**450,340.68**	**450,340.68**
Current Assets						
Debtors		6,133.75			6,133.75	6,362.00
Cash at bank and in hand		112,868.80	69,952.49	457.27	183,278.56	140,131.81
Current Assets		**119,002.55**	**69,952.49**	**457.27**	**189,412.31**	**146,493.81**
Current Liabilities						
Creditors:		7,613.22			7,613.22	8,005.04
Deferred Income		3,751.00			3,751.00	2,977.50
Current Liabilities		**11,364.22**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**11,364.22**	**10,982.54**
Net current assets		**107,638.33**	**69,952.49**	**457.27**	**178,048.09**	**135,511.27**
Net assets	9	**107,638.33**	**520,293.17**	**457.27**	**628,388.77**	**585,851.95**
Represented by						
Unrestricted General Fund		107,638.33			107,638.33	93,703.56
Designated Funds	10				0.00	0.00
Designated - Social Action			3,600.36		3,600.36	3,045.13
Designated - Training for ministry			1,250.35		1,250.35	1,753.80
Designated - Building and Fabric			486,705.02		486,705.02	458,308.22
Designated - Church Tithe			19,298.53		19,298.53	19,298.53
Designated - Development			9,438.91		9,438.91	9,438.91
Restricted - Other	11			457.27	457.27	303.80
Funds of the church		**107,638.33**	**520,293.17**	**457.27**	**628,388.77**	**585,851.95**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Financial Statements

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signed DJ Baslington **Name Secretary** David John Baslington

Signed Stuart Watt **Name Treasurer** STUART IAINS MCGREGOR WATT

Date 22 June 2026.

Note 2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025/26 Total	2024/25 Total
Gift Aid Offering	105,100.00	250.00		105,350.00	95,509.10
Other offering	6,097.44			6,097.44	8,046.99
Donations	1,942.53		153.47	2,096.00	3,045.34
	113,139.97	**250.00**	**153.47**	**113,543.44**	**106,601.43**

Note 3 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Rent	36,698.30			36,698.30	28,069.56
Interest	3,565.84			3,565.84	4,007.40
	40,264.14	**0.00**	**0.00**	**40,264.14**	**32,076.96**

Note 4 Charitable Activities Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Community café	914.13			914.13	935.83
Junior Church	1,228.42			1,228.42	1,684.19
Youth				0.00	0.00
Church Weekend				0.00	0.00
Leaders Conference				0.00	0.00
Other		0.00		0.00	0.00
	2,142.55	**0.00**	**0.00**	**2,142.55**	**2,620.02**

Note 5 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Gift Aid recovered	26275.00	62.50		26,337.50	23,742.28
Legacies	0.00			0.00	5,545.57
Other contributions	559.63			559.63	630.55
	26,834.63	**62.50**	**0.00**	**26,897.13**	**29,918.40**

Note 6 Charitable Activities

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Staff and Admin						
	Staff Cost	63,174.45			63174.45	60,434.67
	Employers costs	5,111.63			5111.63	5,251.48
	Pension deficit	0.00			0.00	7.00
		68,286.08			68286.08	65,693.15
	Staff expenses	205.06			205.06	128.41
	Conferences	1,170.25			1170.25	1,502.40
Ministry						
	Community	2,368.27			2368.27	2,347.20
	Youth and Children	171.00			171.00	323.59
	Prayer Ministry	147.96			147.96	154.25
	Sanctuary Resources	1,551.02			1551.02	2,006.98
	Pulpit & moderator expenses	120.00			120.00	268.30
	Outreach	1,698.57			1698.57	1,737.33
	Training Resources	310.00	503.45		813.45	572.16
Mission						
	BU Home Mission		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,000.00
	BMS World Mission		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,000.00
	SSYI		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	Friends International		0.00		0.00	1,300.00
	Shelford School Governors		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	Hands of Mercy		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	GenR8		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	Centre of Hope		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	Aquaid/Support Malawi		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
	Mercy Ships		1,300.00		1,300.00	0.00
	Christmas Hampers, Funeral & move contribution		1,757.27		1,757.27	600.00
Administration					0	
	Utilities & Ins	10,963.86			10,963.86	12,168.01
	Church Cleaning	400.84			400.84	418.72
	Telephone/Internet	1,783.41			1,783.41	3,890.53
	Stationery & Postage	189.09			189.09	150.69
	Subscriptions & Donations	3,312.45			3,312.45	1,635.97
	Rental Agents Fees&Ins	3,539.20			3,539.20	3,948.00
	Repairs and Renewals	5,998.10	11,603.20		17,601.30	42,557.12
	Bank Charges	162.00			162.00	211.14
	Payroll, DBS , other fees	674.70			674.70	3,418.35
	Equipment lease	1,330.96			1,330.96	1,330.96
	Computer Purchases	1,031.33			1,031.33	0.00
	Other	382.37			382.37	365.05
		105,796.52	**32,963.92**	**0.00**	**138,760.44**	**162,528.31**
# Utilities & Ins breakdown						
	Heating/Lighting	5,292.99				6,675.93
	Water Charges	550.72				863.58
	Insurance	5,120.15				4,628.50
	Council Tax	0.00				0.00
	Total	10,963.86				12,168.01

Note 7 Governance costs

	25/26 Total	24/25 Total
Independent Examination	1,550.00	1,446.00

Note 8 Gross transfers between funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 25/26	Total 24/25
General fund	-61,100.00			-61,100.00	-32,100.00
Social Action		2,000.00		2,000.00	
Designated Development				0.00	0
Building and Fabric		40,000.00		40,000.00	13,000.00
Church Tithe		19,100.00		19,100.00	19,100.00
	-61,100.00	61,100.00	0.00	0.00	0

Note 9 Analysis of net Assets

		Fixed Asset	Investment	Current Asset	Total
Restricted Funds	(Note 11)			457.27	457.27
Designated Funds	(Note 10)	450,340.68		69,952.49	520,293.17
Unrestricted Funds				107,638.33	107,638.33
		450,340.68	0	178,048.09	628,388.77

Note 10 Designated Funds

	Opening 2025/26	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Total
Social Action	3,045.13	312.50	1,757.27	2,000.00	3,600.36
Training for ministry	1,753.80	0	503.45	0	1250.35
Building and Fabric	458,308.22		11,603.20	40,000.00	486,705.02
Church Tithe	19,298.53	0	19,100.00	19,100.00	19,298.53
Designated Development	9,438.91	0		0.00	9,438.91
	491,844.59	312.50	32,963.92	61,100.00	520,293.17

Designated Funds held in:

	Fixed Asset	Investment	Current Asset	Total
Social Action			3,600.36	3,600.36
Training for ministry			1,250.35	1,250.35
Building and Fabric	450,340.68		36,364.34	486,705.02
Church Tithe			19,298.53	19,298.53
Designated Development			9,438.91	9,438.91
	450,340.68	0	69,952.49	520,293.17

Note 11 Restricted Funds

	2024/25	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	25/26 Current Asset
Prayer Garden	19.47	0	0	19.47
Memorial Bench	0	153.47		153.47
Sound Desk	284.33			284.33
	303.80	153.47	0.00	457.27

Note 12 Freehold Property

	Historic cost	Reinstatement Cover 26	Reinstatement Cover 25
Church and Hall	267773	2886340	2701409
Manse		750000	531866
29 High Street	91000	307279	239128
6 Grain Close	91115	289581	279788
Total	450341		

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - Year ended 31st March 2026

1. Accounting policies

a. Basis of Preparation

The accounts of the church, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charites Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 (FRS 102), Financial Reporting Standard 102 and Accounting Regulations set out under the Charities Act 2011. They are prepared in sterling (£).

b. Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

c. Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

d. Investment Income

Investment Income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

e. Fund Raising and publicity costs

The Church does not make formal appeals for funds, therefore there is no expenditure.

f. Grants Payable

The Church does not make grants but gifts donations to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

g. Payments to Trustees (Note 6)

Remuneration is paid to the Pastor who is also a Trustee for her role within the church. It is not the Church's policy to disclose the amounts paid to an individual in this statement, but it is less than £60,000.

No expenses (2025 £491.62) were reimbursed to the Trustees during the year.

Previous year all relate to costs incurred by the Trustees in the course of their duties as members of the Leadership Team and for the Church activities.

h. Governance Costs

This represents the Independent Examiner's fee for the year. The salary and associated costs of the Administrator is reflected in **note 6.**

In general, most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers and the Trustees of the church. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities, since there is no measurable cost to these people for their service.

i. Fixed Assets

Freehold Property is included in the balance sheet at cost. The trustees do not consider it beneficial to the users of these accounts to obtain valuation

that would incur significant costs. The insurance value is reported in the note to the accounts.
Items of equipment are written off when acquired.

j. Depreciation

Depreciation has not been charged on the Church or Manse premises because, in the opinion of the Trustees, the residual value of the asset is not less than the original cost price. Any equipment or computer purchases are immediately charged in full in the year of expenditure.

k. Investment Assets

If applicable, quoted investments would be stated at market value.

l. Commitments

At the end of March 26 we entered into an agreement to have the fence surrounding the manse to be replaced at a cost of £7,740.