

Whaddon Way Church

Annual Report

2025

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Trustees' Report

The year was spent in a continuing interregnum period. The discernment group which was convened following the departure of the previous minister in 2024 continued its work on the Church Profile which was finally completed in April 2025.

However, consultations on next steps with the Anglican Area Dean and the Central Baptist Association could not take place until the end of the year. However, the Leading and Preaching team ensured that Sunday services continued to inspire and challenge. The church was also grateful for the occasional support of Andrew Barton from St Mary's, Hannah Akibo-Betts and Alan Bird as well as visiting speakers from TearFund, BMS and Open Doors.

A key moment in the life of the church was in March when, following meetings with Rev. Lisa Kerry, the Central Baptist Association Regional Minister, Lisa and her colleague Nathan Toseland, ran a Vision and Healing Day. This day-long workshop was attended by around 25 people and was pivotal in bringing together established and newer members of the church.

In the summer of 2025, the church held three baptisms. Each person had approached the church independently. One was the grandfather of a child who attends Cold Harbour school and the family had chosen WWC for baptism because of coming to the church for school services. The service was conducted by Alan Bird to whom trustees are very grateful.

Sadly, 2025 also saw the deaths of two long established members of the Church family and services were held for each of them which offered the opportunity to witness to and support their families.

In addition to the regular church activities the church hosted a breakfast for the community in October which welcomed 50 people for a time of eating together and also listening to a speaker on prayer. This event was a pilot for outreach events which are planned in the future.

Once again, the trustees are indebted to Ruth Cooling, our administrator, for acting as the front line for enquiries and keeping us all compliant with health and safety and safeguarding legislation, but more than that doing so prayerfully and wisely. We are thankful to the Lord for his faithfulness and provision which enables us to continue to witness to the community and one another in all that we do.

We look forward to welcoming a new minister when the Lord sees fit.

Georgy Holden

Chair of Trustees

Administrator’s report

Membership

Whaddon Way church has seen attendance fluctuate over the past 12 months. We welcomed Marie Macey as our newest member. At the end of 2025, there were 63 members.

Outreach Ministries

Noah's Ark

This mums' and toddlers' group has been enjoyed by people who live in the neighbourhood. It has been run by volunteers from among church members. There was no charge for this weekly service that ran on Thursday mornings. Sadly, due to lack of available volunteers and ill health of some volunteers, the group has decided to close towards the end of 2025, pending further recruitment of new volunteers.

Café on the Way

This gathering for pre-and teenagers is a safe space for local school children / students to enjoy activities immediately after school. It provides a safe stopping point for those whose parents may be travelling home from work when the schools finish their day. These sessions are managed by qualified youth leaders and vetted volunteers who are members of our church. All are DBS checked and have up to date training in safeguarding that complies with both the Baptist Union and Church of England standards.

Pebblestones

A qualified teacher of reading and writing for dyslexics runs classes for any school aged student on Saturday mornings. Parents may sit in class with their sons and daughters if they wish. Many choose to take their child into the lesson and then collect them afterwards. Our teacher has enabled many to gain confidence and reach a higher standard of reading and writing.

Time for You

This is part of the community engagement group's activities. A friendly space for those who are lonely at home and an occasion to participate in craft or cultural activities, this happens every Tuesday morning. There is a nominal charge of £1.00. Light refreshments are provided. Talks and outings are arranged. This is run by kindhearted volunteers who are qualified and safeguarding trained. It is run for the benefit of the local community.

Winter Night Shelter

For 2025, due to lack of sufficient numbers of volunteers from the membership and attendees at Whaddon Way Church, to host Winter Night Shelter for only one night this winter. It is hoped that, if the Lord allows, we may grow in number and perhaps resume activities and hosting in the future.

Children's and Young People's Church

One of our trustees leads a listening and study group when there are a sufficient number of children in church on a Sunday morning. The children participate in making things that contribute to the service and the congregation have the opportunity to see and encourage their completed creations. It is a good method of helping children to understand the basics of our faith.

Maintenance and Infrastructure Group

The maintenance and infrastructure group are a team of volunteers who work to keep both the church and manse buildings in good repair, safe and clean for all of our users. Here is a list of some of the maintenance work carried out during 2025.

- Codrus Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Service March 2025
- Emergency Lighting Fixed in Foyer and Corridor March 2025
- Manse Fence Repair March 2025
- Manse Driveway Feb 2025
- Manse Window Installation Feb 2025
- Manse Washing Machine Repaired Feb 2025
- DAC Heating Survey Jan 2025
- GDT Serviced Fire Extinguishers 16 July 2025
- GARTEC Lift Service 27 July 2025
- DAC serviced Boilers in Manse and Church 26 June 2025
- Church entrance ramp – paving levelled and made even
- PAT testing of all electrical units/devices/equipment is ongoing and recorded. A list of these items with their respective planned re-test dates are kept on file and on each item's label.

Pastoral Ministry Group

We have a small group of Safeguarding qualified volunteers who provide a listening ear and a helping hand to those in the neighbourhood and in our congregation who need assistance or friendship.

Healing Prayer Ministry Group

Every Monday evening a small group of church members gather to pray for healing for those who are sick. We regularly keep in touch with the Christian Healing Mission and have had faith and prayer training from them in past years. We still maintain contact with them and enjoy online prayer times also with those who cannot travel to see us.

Home Groups

There are three main home groups, who usually meet on Tuesday evening or Wednesday afternoon. The online group was started for those who find it difficult to travel in the evening or during the daytime. This group still meets regularly.

Home groups are a very good way to get to know each other and support one another as Christians. We learn more deeply about our faith and enjoy worshipping and praying together at these times. They provide an opportunity to re-examine what we heard on Sunday or to prepare for a future event.

Missions Supported

We are a congregation who are keen to share our blessings in the wider world and therefore, we support a number of world missions:

- BMS World Mission
- Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- FEBA
- Christians in Sport

We also promote Tear Fund but there isn't any direct financial support for this charity.

Financial Review

Overview

The Church remains financially sound, with income sufficient to cover all outgoings. We have built up substantial reserves to meet our future expected outgoings. However, this position is partly due to our recent lack of a full-time minister, a situation we are aiming to rectify in the near future. It is recognized that there are a number of challenges facing the Church, mainly related to its ageing membership profile and the increasing cost of maintaining the building now that it is several years old.

Reserves

Our reserves are divided into two main categories, those which are held for general (unrestricted) use and those which can only be used for specific (restricted) purposes. The vast majority, although for general use have been designated (or set aside) for funding a new minister, and the specific reserves relate to club subscriptions and running expenses. The overall level of our reserves is reviewed regularly and considered adequate.

Fixed Assets

We have an upgraded audio-visual tech desk for services on Sunday to amplify music and present words or scripture during services that can be recorded and streamed for viewing by those who may not be able to attend services at the time they occur. This relies on our broadband service.

The church building is beginning to require more attention now that the years are going by and we have seen our spending on maintenance increasing. Similarly, the manse building requires more repairs following various periods of occupation and then remaining empty for a lengthy period of time.

Risk Management

Towards the end of 2025 we reviewed our list of risks and how to manage them or prevent them altogether. Our administrator keeps this document filed and everyone has access to it upon request. Trustees and hirers are kept aware of health and safety regulations and actions needed to remain compliant to our policy and the policy of the Anglican and Baptist churches.

One other potential financial risk is the median age of the membership and potential loss of income in the years ahead, which needs to be replaced by new income from an influx of members, hence the importance of being able to recruit a minister.

Quality and accuracy of financial information

We review our funds regularly to ensure that resources are managed effectively and efficiently without waste but with care and attention to the needs of those who use the building. Our trustees review the finances at every Trustee meeting and a finance report is presented to each church meeting for members to enquire about proposed financial undertakings and to offer suggestions for improvements.

Adequacy of insurance cover

We have maintained our insurance for the church building and Manse. The Manse has been occupied by a tenant for a few months during November 2024 up to the end of March 2025. Our insurers are assessing the premium for the building that has now been vacated. Our insurance policy covers all of the usual risks and our policy documents are filed both on paper and e-format. We renew policies in the spring of each year.

Dependency on sources of income

We rely on our regular givers and those who hire rooms for their functions. This pays our bills, maintains the building and keeps our one employee safe. In spite of the efforts by members and leadership to provide a range of services, activities and worship during the current interregnum, we have seen a slight drifting away by a small number of people and thus seen a decline in giving. Nevertheless, through careful management of our finances we continue to be able to add to our reserves, and the sum set aside in our New Minister Fund currently stands at £122,000.

Financial controls

A review of the controls in place is underway at present. We shall be checking the details in Form CC8. We currently have processes in place to obviate conflicts of interest and maintain appropriate approval levels to authorise payments.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of Charity:	Whaddon Way Church
Address:	Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS
Charity Reference number:	1144502
Minister:	VACANT
Trustees:	Georgy Holden (Chair of Trustees)
	Chris Hayter (PCC rep., St Mary's, Bletchley)
(from here, alpha order of surname)	Adey Daniel-Ogunnaike (Hospitality)
	Rita James (Treasurer)
	Sue North (Children's ministry)
	Paul Ormrod (Maintenance & Infrastructure)
Bankers:	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue
	West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner:	Louise Tunley, Monico Tunley Ltd
	19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY
Insurers:	Baptist Insurance Company plc
	Beaufort House, Brunswick Road
	Gloucester, GL1 1JZ

Charity Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Whaddon Way Church is a single congregational Anglican/Baptist LEP. Its area of ministry is primarily within the parish of St Mary's, Bletchley.

Governance and Management

A constitution was adopted in October 2011 and entered in the Register of Charities with the Charity Commission on 2nd November 2011. Subsequently, small revisions were made to provide for additional trustees and methods of appointment of a Minister and Trustees. The constitution provides for two Trustees to be appointed from St Mary's Church, to reflect the fact that Whaddon Way Church is an LEP.

The constitution articulates how the church will ensure that the Trustees carry the ultimate legal responsibilities for decision-making whilst the church meeting continues to provide a vehicle for all members to vote on matters that require decision making by the membership.

Whaddon Way Church – officers from May 2025

Statutory Office Holders

Minister	VACANT
Treasurer	Rita James
Accounts Examiner	Louise Tunley
Church Warden	VACANT
DBS Verifier	Kathy Scarborough
Safeguarding Officers	Rita James
Health and Safety Officer	Fiona Davis

Group Leaders

Sunday Service	
Overseas and Home Missions Support	Jane Entwistle
Maintenance & Infrastructure (building)	Paul Ormrod
Children & Youth	Sue North
Communications	VACANT
Community Engagement	Sue Gibbs
Pastoral & Prayer	Sue Gibbs / Kathy Scarborough
Finance	Rita James, David Miller, John Heycock
Lettings	Kathy Scarborough
Grant Applications	Pat Thomas
Environment Group	Kathy Scarborough

Post Holders

Administrator	Ruth Cooling
Copyright Recorder	?
Care Line Co-ordinator	Joy Arnold
Technical Manager	Mike Fourie
Catering	?
Music Co-ordinator	Les Smith
Deanery Synod Rep	VACANT
Authorised registrar for Marriages	Joy Arnold
Deputy authorised registrar.	Jane Entwistle

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whaddon Way Church	1144502

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-25	to	31-Dec-25

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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					
Fundraising	33.28	-	-	33.28	65.00
Standing Orders	41,730.00	-	-	41,730.00	46,466.00
Donations	7,098.68	32.20	-	7,130.88	9,493.52
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid and GASDS	11,130.78	18.55	-	11,149.33	12,452.76
Venue Hire	9,834.53	-	-	9,834.53	11,051.67
Other income	10,484.32	3,405.70	-	13,890.02	12,407.12
Sub total	**80,311.59**	**3,456.45**	**-**	**83,768.04**	**91,936.07**
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A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total Receipts	**80,311.59**	**3,456.45**	**-**	**83,768.04**	**91,936.07**
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	11,550.00	-	-	11,550.00	11,285.79
Ministry costs	8,926.81	4,625.43	-	13,552.24	11,063.04
Grants	8,520.00	270.00	-	8,790.00	9,899.00
Admin and office costs	3,009.87	-	-	3,009.87	3,692.55
Insurance	1,904.92	-	-	1,904.92	2,612.23
Energy and water costs	5,908.02	-	-	5,908.02	8,644.54
Major projects	10,190.75	-	-	10,190.75	-
Other premises costs	15,388.87	-	-	15,388.87	13,934.65
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	**65,399.24**	**4,895.43**	**-**	**70,294.67**	**61,131.80**
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	-				
	-				
Sub total	**-**				
Total payments	**65,399.24**	**4,895.43**		**70,294.67**	**61,131.80**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**14,912.35**	**(1,438.98)**		**13,473.37**	**30,804.27**
A5 Transfers between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
A6 Cash funds last year end	**194,847.51**	**8,021.95**		**202,869.46**	**172,065.19**
Cash funds this year end	**209,759.86**	**6,582.97**		**216,342.83**	**202,869.46**

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

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CAF Main Account	11,960.70	2,646.26	
CAF General Account	60,270.88	3,936.71	
BU 3-month notice savings account	137,478.78		
Petty Cash	49.50		
Total cash funds	**209,759.86**	**6,582.97**	

B2 Other monetary assets

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

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Church building (insurance value)	General		1,665,710
Manse (insurance value)	General		362,896
Church furniture	General		
Office equipment	General		
Kitchen equipment	General		
Musical instruments	General		
Sound and projection equipment	General		
Contents of church building	General		99,387

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

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

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Rita James, Treasurer	16 April 2026

Independent Examiner's Report

Whaddon Way Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whaddon Way Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 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 respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Louise Tunley

Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA
Chartered Accountant

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Date: 10 April 2026