CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Charity name: Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)

Charity registration number: 1148030

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Church for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Church.
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	The church advances the Christian faith and serves the local community by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, providing worship, prayer, Bible teaching and activities for children, young people, adults and families. We use and maintain our council-owned building as a welcoming place for church and community activities. In carrying out this work, the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and to the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. During the year, our main activities included Sunday services, a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, children's and youth activities, Townhill Toddlers, the Good News group for adults with additional needs, seasonal services and events, community outreach, women's fellowship, care for the church building, Christianity Explored and support for missionaries in the UK and overseas.

		Looking back over the year (April 2025-March 2026) **Friday Fun Club** welcomed around 15–25 primary-school-aged children each week, with more than 80 children attending over the year. The Christian gospel message was shared each week by various leaders and was usually well received by the children. Craft and activity times were planned to be fun, varied and age-appropriate, and also provided opportunities for children to have a drink and snack, ask questions about faith and have their creativity encouraged. New children were welcomed, including some moving up from Townhill Toddlers. The group gave thanks to God for his safekeeping and for the prayers of the church. Teenagers also enjoyed volunteering alongside their parents as part of their Duke of Edinburgh or Welsh Baccalaureate awards. Short-lived disruptive behaviour from a small group of new children led to positive relationships with the PCSOs. **Townhill Toddlers** welcomed around 6–12 pre-school children each week, with more than 40 children attending over the year, together with parents, grandparents and carers. Team members shared responsibility for play, singing, refreshments, story time and craft, and the team was blessed with a new member who had previously attended as a carer. The group remained free, with donations used partly to replace low-cost items and partly to buy chicks and bees for a developing country through Samaritan's Purse. Some families attended church and the carol service, and a clearer pathway has developed from Townhill Toddlers to Friday Fun Club. Toddlers was enjoyed by leaders and appreciated by carers, as shown by comments in the biannual feedback questionnaire. Following behaviour issues at two Friday youth evenings, the church took the difficult decision in October 2025 to stop the **Friday Youth Group** in its previous form and to seek God's wisdom for an alternative. Since 25 January 2026, the **Sunday Youth Group** has met for an hour on Sunday afternoons in the church building. Sessions include games, board games or craft, followed by Bible teaching and discussion using a youth version of Christianity Explored. Around six young people attend, including two or three who also now come to Sunday services with

		their families. Social events such as ice cream and bowling have helped the church keep in contact with some former Friday regulars. Positive disability inclusion remained an important part of the church's life through its link with the **Roofbreaker project** run by the Christian disability charity **Through the Roof**, whose aim is "transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people". Kerry and Phil Tamlyn served as the church Roofbreaker contacts and were available to discuss disability-related issues and seek practical solutions. **Good News group** provided a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs. A disabled guest speaker shared her life story, what God had taught her through it, and why she believes in Jesus. The group also attended a Disability Awareness service at Merton Church Hall, exploring members' value in God's eyes and how the church can be more inclusive. In meetings, the group began using *The Big Story of the Bible* by Jo Acharya, an easy-read and accessible journey from Genesis to Revelation. Small groups enabled members to read, discuss and ask questions safely. Two members also attended Christianity Explored and were supported with reading Bible passages from Mark's Gospel. The group had seven regular members and built friendships through discussion, games, refreshments, informal chats and seasonal parties. Many members also attended Sunday services, where they knew they were welcome and understood. **Christmas, Easter and summer parties** provided lively and welcoming points of contact with children and families connected through Toddlers, Friday Fun Club, Sunday Youth Group and previous church activities. These seasonal events brought together craft, games, competitions, refreshments and a short Christian talk in a relaxed setting. Around 50 to 60 children attended, with parents responding very positively. The themed goodie bags given out at the end of each event helped families leave with a reminder of the message shared and an invitation to stay connected with church life. During 2025–2026, members built informal links with people in the local community, offering practical and spiritual encouragement where possible. Alongside

		regular activities, members maintained a friendly presence at local community events, including the Bonfire Night fireworks display, where many people gathered near the church building. Small gifts and literature for children provided a simple way to start conversations, share something of the Christian message and invite families to connect with church activities. Christmas and Easter services also remained important opportunities to welcome people who are not normally connected with the church. Invitations were shared through personal contact, regular church activities, leaflets delivered locally and, at Christmas, carol singing on Graiglwyd Square. These services helped to strengthen community relationships and gave visitors a clear and accessible opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus. **Women's Book Club** met twice on Saturday mornings at a church member's house to discuss a chapter from a Christian book. Reading the chapter in advance was encouraged but not required, and anyone could suggest a book. Copies of the book or chapter were shared before each meeting, within copyright law. The group provided a valuable opportunity for women in the church to meet, talk and encourage one another, with between 8 and 12 people attending each meeting. **Christianity Explored** was run during 2025–2026 by one of the church members, with two women who were new to the church attending. The course was held in the member's home rather than in the church building. Christianity Explored is a UK-wide initiative that uses videos and small-group discussion to look at Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of Jesus's life, and to explore what Christianity is about. It considers who Jesus is, why He came and what we need to do in response. Future Christianity Explored courses are planned. **The church building** Maintaining and improving the church building remained part of our stewardship of a facility used by the public. This included necessary work to reflect updated fire safety advice and to bring the building up to appropriate standards. Finance permitting, further work recommended in a

		commissioned building survey will be carried out. **Missionaries supported** Missionary support remained a valued part of the church's wider work. Members supported a number of missionaries and the organisations with which they work through prayer, regular updates and, where individuals were led to do so, financial support. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to share in their work of bringing the good news of Jesus to people in the UK and around the world. Regular prayer requests were received, brief missionary updates were included at mid-week meetings where possible, and specific requests were shared by WhatsApp as they came through. During the year, some of the missionaries for whom the church prays visited in person. These visits enabled newer church attendees to meet them and helped the church understand their situations more clearly, so that it could pray for them more specifically. As reported last year, a fall in church income meant that financial support for missionaries had to be reviewed. The missionaries and organisations concerned were contacted to understand the likely impact of any change in giving. The impact on most was expected to be minimal, and the relevant missionaries and organisations were informed of the change. Prayer support remains in place, and support will be reviewed again if the church's financial position changes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: • they are aware of the guidance • they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant • if they have decided to depart from the guidance, they have demonstrated that they have good reasons for doing so

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

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No statement provided.
		No statement provided.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the work in our church is carried out on a voluntary basis. We give thanks to God that he has provided many gifted people to work in the church and we continue in prayer for more workers.
Other		• The church currently has 14 members. • Between 10 and 40 people regularly attend Sunday services, including children from the community and people from countries that are part of the global majority. • Friday Fun Club welcomed around 15–25 primary-school-aged children each week, with more than 80 children attending over the year. • Townhill Toddlers welcomed around 6–12 pre-school children each week, with more than 40 children attending over the year. • Sunday Youth Group had around six young people attending. • Good News group had seven regular members. • Christmas, Easter and summer parties were attended by around 50 to 60 children. • Women's Book Club had between 8 and 12 people attending each meeting. • Christianity Explored was attended by two women who were new to the church.

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	**Summary** Despite financial challenges, Townhill Baptist Church remains committed to its charitable objectives and continues to play an active role in the local community, providing spiritual guidance and practical support to its members and the wider public. The Lord has enabled us to maintain a presence in the community during a difficult time, we have been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals, and importantly been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ. **Community Engagement and Outreach** • Maintained regular Sunday services with 10-40 attendees, including community members and international participants • Supported children and young people through Friday Fun Club, which welcomed around 15–25 primary-school-aged children each week and more than 80 children over the year, and Sunday Youth Group, which had around six young people attending • Hosted Townhill Toddlers, welcoming around 6–12 pre-school children each week and more than 40 children over the year, together with parents, grandparents and carers • Provided the Good News group, an inclusive monthly service for adults with additional needs, with seven regular members **Special Events and Activities** • Held Christmas, Easter and summer parties attended by around 50 to 60 children from Toddlers, Friday Fun Club, Sunday Youth Group and previous church activities • Participated in Phoenix Fun Day, distributing gospels and goodie bags, and inviting families to church activities. • Distributed over 200 goodie bags during Fireworks Night, promoting church events. • Hosted inclusive Christmas carol and Easter services, attracting both regular attendees and newcomers.

		• Used informal table setups at services to encourage conversations and community building. • Ran Christianity Explored during 2025–2026, with two women who were new to the church attending **Missionary Support** • Continued support for various missionaries through prayer and financial contributions • Regular missionary updates during mid-week meetings

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Other		No statement provided.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	• In 2025–2026, income fell from £50,852 to £46,697, a decrease of £4,155. Spending rose from £47,673 to £50,770, an increase of £3,097. The church therefore recorded a deficit of £4,073, compared with a surplus of £3,178 in 2024–2025. • The fall in income was mainly due to fewer one-off gifts, lower Gift Aid and no asset sales. Regular giving remained broadly steady. • The increase in spending was mainly due to major manse repairs and higher gas costs for the church building following the end of a favourable multi-year tariff. Most other costs were stable or lower.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	• The Special Reserve is held for real emergencies, such as significant building repairs, loss of ongoing donations if several members were to leave at the same time, or a significant change in the financial circumstances of several members. Maintaining this reserve allows the church to continue its work while responding to serious financial pressures. If part of the Special Reserve is used, future budgets need to restore it. • The General Reserve funds planned and ongoing needs, including maintenance of the manse and church building, the church laptop, dishwasher, chairs and AV equipment. A rolling plan for maintenance of the church building and manse should help spread costs over a number of years and avoid large one-year costs where possible. • The reserves mean that the church does not face an immediate crisis if a major expense arises, such as replacing the heating system or church roof, and also provides funds to respond to short-term opportunities. A survey of the church building has identified work that needs to be carried out, and some reserve funding is being used for this purpose, alongside required maintenance on the manse. • As in previous years, at least £2,000 will be maintained in the current account to ensure the church remains in credit.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	• The Special Reserve is maintained at half annual spending. For the 2026/2027 financial year it will be set at £25,300.

		• The General Reserve for the coming year will begin at around £24,000. The reserve is currently stable, but the church needs to maintain a balance between income and expenditure. • The Outreach restricted fund currently holds £201.80, which is intended to be spent on outreach activities in the coming year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

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

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The church's principal source of funds is voluntary giving from members and others, including Gift Aid where eligible. Regular giving remained broadly steady in 2025–2026, but overall income fell because of fewer one-off gifts, lower Gift Aid and no asset sales.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No formal investment policy is in place beyond holding reserves prudently to support the church's ongoing work, meet planned maintenance needs and respond to emergencies or short-term opportunities.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal financial risks are rising energy costs, especially gas; ongoing manse maintenance, with further work expected; stable but not growing income; and the church building lease, which ends in September 2027 and may have significant financial implications. The church is taking legal advice from solicitors with specialist knowledge of church leasing.
Other		In the year ahead, the church will continue to aim to be good stewards of what God has given. Any new spending in 2026/2027 will need to be funded by increased giving, grants or expenditure savings. Significant

		spending ideas should be discussed with church leaders or trustees before commitments are made. The church will continue to seek appropriate outside funding for its work, and anyone wishing to discuss the finances may contact any of the trustees. If hybrid services are to continue in person and online, future budgets will need to allow for maintenance and replacement of AV equipment, including the camera.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
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	While existing trustees are responsible for recruiting new trustees, they actively seek input and recommendations from both elders and deacons in this process. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees can be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities. If all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

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

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of their Trustees' responsibilities under the Charities Act.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	No statement provided.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No statement provided.
Other		No statement provided.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1148030
Charity's principal address	Powys Avenue Townhill Swansea SA1 6PH

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	Thomas Adams	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
2	John Idris Baker	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
3	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
4	Michael Freeman	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
5	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
6	Philip Tamlyn	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Other optional information

No statement provided.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A BROWN	
Full name(s)	ANDREW TREVOR BROWN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR / TRUSTEE	
Date	23/09/2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2025	To	31st March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Donations and grants	44,677	1,580	-	46,257	49,488
Other trading activites					
Buildings Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings Rent Received	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
Other income	-	-	-	-	14
Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles - Sales	-	-	-	-	850
Investments					
Interest Received	440	-	-	440	500
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	45,117	1,580	-	46,697	50,852
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,117	1,580	-	46,697	50,852

A3 Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	**175**	**-**	**-**	**175**	**322**
Activities (Good News Group)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**102**
Activities (Kids Club)	**6**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**74**
Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**
Activities (Youth)	**50**	**-**	**-**	**50**	**7**
Activities (Special events)	**36**	**184**	**-**	**220**	**411**
Activities (Mission)	**-**	**340**	**-**	**340**	**575**
Activities (Food Bank)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Activities (Food)	**26**	**-**	**-**	**26**	**13**
Activities (Licencing)	**245**	**-**	**-**	**245**	**237**
Activities (Misc)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Activities (Accommodation)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Financial Hardship Assistance	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Salaries (Community Worker)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Salaries (Pastor)	**28,814**	**-**	**-**	**28,814**	**27,823**
Training	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**60**
					-
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	**531**	**-**	**-**	**531**	**689**
Advertising and publicity	**228**	**114**	**-**	**342**	**486**
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Church Insurance	**1,266**	**-**	**-**	**1,266**	**1,197**
Manse Insurance	**359**	**-**	**-**	**359**	**364**
Church Maintenance	**1,277**	**-**	**-**	**1,277**	**7,924**
Manse Maintenance	**9,804**	**740**	**-**	**10,544**	**929**
Bank charges	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Church cleaning	**1,040**	**-**	**-**	**1,040**	**1,040**
Cleaning supplies	**67**	**-**	**-**	**67**	**146**
Electricity (Church)	**577**	**-**	**-**	**577**	**535**
Electricity (Manse)	**51**	**-**	**-**	**51**	**-**
Equipment Maintenance (General)	**12**	**-**	**-**	**12**	**24**
Equipment (General)	**511**	**-**	**-**	**511**	**230**
Gas (Church)	**2,937**	**-**	**-**	**2,937**	**1,519**
Gas (Manse)	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
ICT Hardware	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**271**
ICT Software	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**433**

Internet - Connection	535	-	-	535	654
Internet - Hosting	110	-	-	110	103
Legal costs	352	-	-	352	332
Publications	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery and Supplies	-	-	-	-	146
Minibus Fuel	-	-	-	-	50
Minibus Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Minibus Maintenance	-	-	-	-	750
Minibus Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Council Tax (Manse)	-	-	-	-	-
Water (Church)	381	-	-	381	219
Water (Manse)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,392	1,378	-	50,770	47,673

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,392	1,378	-	50,770	47,673
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,275	202	-	- 4,073	3,178
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,397	-	-	53,397	50,219
Cash funds this year end	49,122	202	-	49,324	53,397

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	100	-	-
	Current	17,442	202	-

Deposit	31,580	-	-
Total cash funds	**49,122**	**202**	**-**
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Gift Aid	3,920	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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)
Freehold property (Church Manse)		-	-
Toys		1,500	150
Laptop		800	160
Football equipment		500	20
Church library		3,000	50
Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	500

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		-	-
		-	-

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

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of (Charity Name): Townhill Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended: 31.3.26 **Charity no (if any)**: 1148030

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets):

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J Bunce **Date:** 18.8.26.

Name: SARAH BUNCE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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