Charity number: 1148273

Hillfields Park Baptist Church

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information

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Independent Examiner: Alistair Jenkins

Hillfields Park Baptist Church

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Aim and purposes

The principal purpose of Hillfields Park Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church also carries out other charitable purposes including providing activities, events and support for its local community.

Objectives and activities

Hillfields Park Baptist Church is committed to encouraging, supporting and providing for everyone within the local community in faith and worship. Our activities include:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- Baptism
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission in our local community
- The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- Education and training for Christian and community service;
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care for all ages;
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in our local community
- Encouraging relationships with, and supporting fellow Christians.
- Supporting those in need.

To continue with this valuable work, we need to maintain our current church building and continue with our plans to extend our building, for the benefit of our wider community.

Achievements and performance

Worship

Our congregation has remained steady throughout the year and we regularly welcome more than 140 people to our lively morning gatherings. We are pleased to have over 80 young people who are part of our congregation and we have worked hard to ensure that we provide services during a Sunday that meet the worship needs of all ages in the community. As well as Sunday gatherings we also have ladies ministry groups, weekly life groups, bible studies and prayer groups.

Pastoral Care

We have a team of people who take care of church attendees pastorally. This team is setup to ensure everyone who comes into the church are loved, supported, encouraged and pointed towards growth in their faith.

We now also have life groups which are set up to help us pastor the church more effectively, we currently have over 100 people signed up to life groups and see these groups as great way of connecting people and creating mini communities.

Youth Ministry

Our busy youth ministry works to build important relationships with young people of all ages in such a deprived area. During the year, we provide a dance youth group that meets throughout the year and on Fridays we provide a youth group called ROOTS, we also host a Christian camp each year called Souled Out for our young people which sees about 40 young people come along.

Membership and Relationships.

We currently have 33 members. We aim hold membership meetings 4 times a year. The members are responsible for making decisions on all general matters including how funds are spent. The appointment of members and the requirements of membership are set out in the church constitution. The members have appointed charity trustees to be responsible for the governance of the church. These trustees, who are members in the church, also meet during the year to discuss day to day church matters.

Hillfields Park Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the West of England Baptist Network.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is an important part of our Christian faith. We reach out every month by going onto the streets and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and we now run a weekly foodbank which reaches out to help meet the needs of the local people and has reached numerous people over the past year.

Extension plans

The church needs to develop additional space to provide the many activities it provides. We are still looking at funds for church extension and refurbishment, this is not urgent but in our plans.

Volunteers

We are so grateful to the loyal volunteers in our church who allow us to provide such a wide range of activities and events for our local community and congregation, we have over 50 volunteers that serve faithfully in the church.

Reserves Policy

It is our hope to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, if possible, which equates to three months unrestricted payments. The church agreed to a minimum amount of £4,000 to always be available, which it will aim not to fall below when possible. Due to a decline in our regular giving we hitting more of a deficit each year so we are going to review this in 2026 and see what we can do to overcome the deficit, to ensure we can continue to function as a church.

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2025
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Jamie Lee

Leader and Treasurer

_____ 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Hillfields Park Baptist Church.

I report on the accounts of Hillfields Park Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

   - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alistair Jenkins

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24th September 2026

Hillfields Park Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income (Donations)		121,186	127,739
Total incoming resources		121,186	127,739
Resources expended			
Charitable Activities:			
Charitable activities	2	130,205	132.690
Total resources expended		130,205	132.690
Surplus (Deficit) for year		(9,020)	(4,950)
brought forward balance		18,732	23,682
Total funds carried forward		9,713	18,732

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities and Unrestricted Funds.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Hillfields Park Baptist Church

Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Current assets					
	Lloyds	£1,531		£6,810	
	Reserve A/c	£4,002		£10,040	
	HSBC	£4,080		£1,782	
	Petty Cash	£100		£100	
TOTAL Cash at bank and in hand		£9,713		£18,732	
Net assets		£9,713		£18,732	
Funds					
Funds Designated for projects	3	-		£9,668	
Unrestricted income funds	3	£9,713		£9,064	
Total funds		£9,713		£18,732	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on _____ **2025** and signed on its behalf by

Jamie Lee

Leader and Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993

1.2. Cash-flow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

2. Employees Costs

In 2025, £51,660 (2024: £54,149) has been paid in salaries and pension to employees during the year. No compensation has been paid to trustees.

3. Funds

In 2025, The Trustees earmarked £4,000 to be protected funding for specific projects, hence Designated Funds.

All available funds of the charity have no legal restriction, and can be applied within charitable objects at discretion of the trustees.

Income and Expense items

Offerings	78,211.64
Gift/Donations	16,779.00
Funding income	2,934.12
Events/Other	9,581.53
Project income	13,679.32
	121,185.61

Payroll	51,660.77
Office	4,715.60
Fabric / Equipment	5,631.06
Church Running costs	12,157.06
Travel	13,418.93
HSBC Ministry Costs	4,214.85
youth Work	14,357.08
Event costs	6,723.97
Mission	8,621.77
Shop / cafe	2,008.68
Food bank donations out	6,695.57
	130,205.34
Net Deficit for year	**-9,019.73**

Project income includes Foodbank, Grace church Pakistan and Souled Out

The above page does not form part of the statutory accounts.