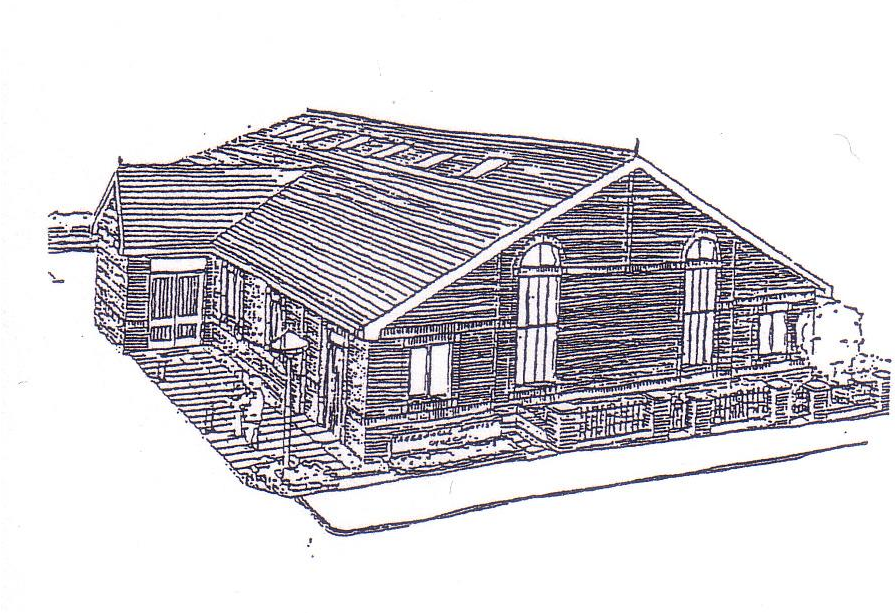
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

(a Registered Charity in England & Wales – Number: 1154127)



Dyffryn Road
Llandrindod Wells
Website: www.tabernaclebaptist.co.uk

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

(Annual Return and Accounts)

for the year ending

31st December 2025

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells
Trustees Annual Report 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st, December 2025. The Trustees believe that the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

Charity Objectives

The objects of the Church are:

1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Confession of Faith, primarily but not exclusively in Llandrindod Wells and the surrounding neighbourhood;

2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing Trustees, further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities which are as follows:

- Regular Sunday morning and evening Services.

- Mid-week Bible Study, Prayer Meetings and occasional Missionary Meetings, on Tuesday evenings. During 2025, these meetings on approximately two Tuesdays a month have been Bible Studies focusing on the articles of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, the basis of the Church's Basis of Faith, and learning from their contents. These studies have been followed by a time of prayer. Approximately one Tuesday a month is a Missionary Meeting, followed by a time of prayer, and the remaining Tuesdays are Prayer Meetings. The Bible studies continued for the year with a break in August and December, when additional Prayer Meetings were arranged. During the year, the Church followed its usual practice of providing members with books of daily readings in preparation for Lent and Easter, and Christmas. Members were also provided with a helpful book to read over the summer break. These were much appreciated by the whole Church.

- Sunday School, during the Sunday Morning Services.

- Parent/Carer and Toddlers' group on Thursday mornings ("Tab Tots").

- Bi-Monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat Meetings on Friday mornings.

- Friday evening Children's Meetings – the Church Junior Club for children aged from 4 years old to the end of Primary School.

- Friday evening, after Junior Club, young people's meetings for youth of Secondary School age (Tabernacle Youth Club – TYC).

- Visiting of and distribution of literature to the local community. This included the distribution of the Church Calendar for 2026.

- Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas.

- Church Camps (currently this is through arranging places for Tabernacle young people at externally organized camps).

- Annual Holiday Bible Club, held during the Easter school holiday.

- Gospel Tent outreach at local shows.

The above list of activities reflects the normal position in the Church, post the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the Covid-19 restrictions were removed during 2021, the advice provided through the weekly notice sheet to those attending the Church reflects the on-going need for the use of hand sanitizers and the freedom for those attending to wear face coverings if they wish.

Charity Details

Address of the Charity:

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dyffryn Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6AN

Correspondence Address:

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Trustees of Tabernacle Baptist Church

Elders: Rev. Robert Thomas, Rev. Roger Davies and Mr. Andrew Wilson (Rev. Roger Davies and Mr. Andrew Wilson were recognized as Church Elders during the year)
Deacons: Mr. Matthew Butterfill, Mr. Gerald Hughes, Mr. Kevin Lewis, Mr. John Mitson (Church Secretary), and Mr. Josh Thomas.
Deaconesses: Mrs. Hilary Bowen and Mrs. Eleri Halliday (Treasurer).

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for Tabernacle Baptist Church is currently Mr. Eryl Jones, B.Sc.; F.C.C.A.; C.T.A. 12 Station Terrace, Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire SA40 9XX

Bankers

HSBC PLC
Middleton Street
Llandrindod Wells
Powys LD1 5EU

Organisation

The charity is administered by the trustees listed above. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the members of the charity in accordance with the constitution. They remain in office until their resignation, disqualification or until their term of office expires, in accordance with the church constitution.

Paid Trustees

Rev. Robert Thomas, Church Pastor.

Staff

The Church Pastor is currently the only staff member of the Church. The Church intends to continue with its Assistant Pastor (in training) programme, and there is, currently, a vacancy for an Assistant Pastor (in training) on the Church Staff. During the year, the Church commenced consideration regarding the creation of the post of Assistant Pastor and the Church is also able to appoint an Intern, should it become aware of a suitable candidate.

Activities

Regular Meetings

The regular meetings on a Sunday continued throughout the year with a morning service at 10.30 am, preceded by a Prayer Meeting at 10.00 am, and an evening service at 6.00 pm. The Sunday School meets at the same time as the morning service, with the children joining the service at the start and then departing for their own programme including their classes. The average attendance at Sunday services was 70 – 80 people of all ages, with around 10 children attending Sunday School. The live streaming of the Church

services continued throughout the year and a number of people continued to watch the services from across the country.

Our Mid-week meeting is held on a Tuesday and comprises Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies, together with the occasional, usually monthly, Missionary Meeting.

Other weekly activities include Tab Tots (our Parent/Carer and Toddler Group), Junior Club (for children aged 4 to the end of primary school) and Youth Club (for young people of high school age). The twice-monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions have grown in popularity while our bring and share Fellowship lunches continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month and remain as popular as ever.

The Church Membership on 1st January, 2025 amounted to 50 and during the year it increased so the total number of members by 31st December, 2025 amounted to 52. Although there is always an element of movement in Church membership as friends move in and out of the area, it is encouraging to report that our Church Membership has remained reasonably steady. The main ministry is provided by our Pastor but, during the year, we have been ministered to by one of our Church Deacons and, occasionally, by visiting speakers. This was especially the case during the first part of the year when our Pastor experienced a period of ill-health. We were also blessed by a retired minister joining the Church Membership and assisting with the preaching commitments.

Outreach Activities

A variety of different outreach activities have included a Harvest Supper, held in the Church and a Church Bonfire and Fireworks Evening which started on a local farm and then continued with refreshments and a meeting at a local community hall, close to the farm and our partner Church, the Pound Baptist Church. Other outreach activities comprised a series of Carol Services, including an outside Christmas Eve Carol Service; a Christmas Sunday Fellowship Lunch; the distribution throughout the town and surrounding area of the Church Calendar, which contains landscape photographs of the local area, taken by members and friends of the Church, and appropriate Bible Texts; and use of the Gospel Tent at local shows as well as the distribution throughout the town of invitations to our events and activities.

Children's and Youth Work

The young people's work continued to have good numbers attending, with 20-40 adults and children at our 'Tab Tots' toddlers' group, 30-35 primary school aged children at 'Junior Club' and 5 - 10 teenagers at 'Tabernacle Youth Club' on a weekly basis. A Holiday Bible Club was held in the first week of the school Easter Holidays. Many in the church helped and a pleasing number of children attended – all 75 places were booked. The format, adopted in 2018, of holding 2 full days, with the provision of lunch, rather than 4 half days, was maintained and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mission

On various occasions throughout the year, we hosted visits from representatives of Christian missionary societies who updated us on their activities. These meetings were held in the Church and, on occasions, were live streamed.
We have continued to support Christian missionary organizations and individual Christian workers in prayer and through financial support. Some of this support has been in the form of one-off gifts while others have been supported on a regular basis.
During the year, specific gifts have been sent to support ministry in Ukraine, Peru, Philippines, Poland, India, Jordan, Turkey, Syria, Mongolia and Papua New Guinea.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

We have held a number of funeral services during this last year for members of the Church and members of the Community. We have had one wedding and two baptisms in the Church this year.

Use of the Church Building.

In addition to our own services and activities, the Church building has been made available, in the past, to Christian organizations including ministers' fraternals and mission organizations. However, no such use took place in 2025, partly because of a general reduction in face to face meetings and the increase of virtual activities.

Buildings and Facilities

Ongoing work has been undertaken on the structure and fabric of the building and the surrounding premises so as to maintain them in a safe condition and to ensure that they are fit for purpose. During the year, two windows were replaced, because of deterioration, and the remaining doors and windows are being monitored. Arrangements were also made for the replacement of large windows at the front of the Church but this work had not been completed by the end of 2025.

During the year, the Church completed its annual review of its Safeguarding arrangements. The Church continues to be a member of Thirtyone:eight, formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and uses their service for DBS checks. It also uses their model documents to assist in reviews.

The Church also reviews its Health and Safety risk assessments on an annual basis, and this process also ensures that on-going advice regarding use of hand sanitizers, originally received during the Covid-19 pandemic, is included in the Church weekly notice sheets.

The Church also started consideration of developing a Church Social Media Policy and the Church Trustees also started consideration of possible affiliation of the Church to an umbrella body and various possibilities were investigated. These investigations led to

the affiliation of the Church to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (F.I.E.C.), during the year.

Funding

Our funds are received mainly from the members and those attending our services. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity. Our reserves policy is to have 9 months expenditure in hand, or more if we think appropriate. We recognize that the current reserves exceed that amount as we are now seeking to employ an Assistant Pastor (in training). During the year, the Church Officers undertook and completed a further Financial Review using the Charity Commission questionnaire on 'Internal Financial Controls for Charities' and this was found to be a useful exercise for the Church. No adjustments to the Charity's financial controls were deemed to be necessary on this occasion.

Financial Report – for the financial year ended 31st December 2025

This report is provided as a separate attachment.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANDRINDOD WELLS	1154127

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted General funds	Restricted Mission funds	Designated Projects funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Offerings	98,711	26,608		125,319	148,496
Gift Aid Claims	15,494	3,874		19,368	18,988
Bank Interest	2,289			2,289	2,208
Private Copying	39			39	35
Tab Tots	226			226	133
Premises Fees	100			100	254
Misc	90	30		120	184
***Sub total** (Gross income)*	116,949	30,512		147,461	170,298
					-
A2 Asset investment sales	-	-	-	-	0
Total receipts	116,949	30,512	0	147,461	170,298
A3 Payments					
RWT Ministerial Costs (inclusive of pension, Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	41,809			41,809	42,596
TLB Ministerial Costs (inclusive of pension, Employer's NI, mileage, book allowance)	0			0	10,620
Visiting speakers	3,775			3,775	2,386
Sunday School	554			554	1,325
Children's Work	1,707			1,707	1,616
Donations & Gifts	6,216			6,216	675
Bank Charges	174			174	200
Printing	5,531			5,531	5,747
Building Rep & Maint	2,537			2,537	726
Fittings	1,184			1,184	2,047
Fuel	4,914			4,914	6,755
Water	332			332	301
IT, Wifi & Web, Licences	1,269			1,269	2,038
Insurance	1,147			1,147	1,068
Auditor Fee	180			180	180
Kitchen Supplies & Food	866			866	1,000
ThityOne:Eight (Safeguarding)	267			267	150
Gifts of Benevolence	12,700			12,700	6,500
Sundry	1,369			1,369	2,038
Top up to Mission Fund	4,000			4,000	
Mission Support		50,655		50,655	49,519
Project expenditure			0	0	0
Sub total	90,531	50,655	0	141,186	137,487
A4 Asset investment purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	90,531	50,655	0	141,186	137,487
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,418	-20,143	0	6,275	32,811
A5 Transfers between funds	-20,149	20,149	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	118,795	0	17,190	135,985	103,174
Cash funds this year end	125,064	6	17,190	142,260	135,985

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated Fund
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash At Bank and in Hand	125,064	6	17,190
	Total cash funds	125,064	6	17,190
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
		Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Designated Fund**
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Unpaid Voucher	2,619	-	-
			-	-
	Details	**Fund to which asset belongs**	**Cost (optional)**	**Current value (optional)**
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	**Fund to which asset belongs**	**Cost (optional)**	**Current value (optional)**
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building at historical cost	Unrestricted	112,990	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	**Fund to which liability relates**	**Amount due (optional)**	**When due (optional)**
B5 Liabilities		Unrestricted		
		Restricted		
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Eleri Halliday	16.1.26

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
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANDRINDOD WELLS

On accounts for the year ended

31.12.2025.

Charity no (if any) 1154127

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 31/12/2025.

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: E Jones **Date:** 02.04.2026.

Name: ERYL JONES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA / CTA

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