

The King's Cross Baptist Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

KCBC LONDON

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Annual Report for the Year to 31 December 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements, the memorandum & Articles of Association, the companies Act, Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102), and the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP).

Reference and Administrative details

Charity status

The King's Cross Baptist Church at Vernon Square, London, WC1X 9EP was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 4 February 2014, with Charity Number **1155614**.

Trustees

The Charity is administered by the Trustees who act as the governance group of The King's Cross Baptist Church. They are fully responsible as Charity Trustees under law but hold themselves accountable to Church members in accordance with the Charity's Constitution. The Trustees serving during 2025 were:

Senior Pastor	Rev Allan Barbazza (*appointed 04 June 2023)*
Chair of Trustees	Lewis Jackson *(elected 26 July 2023)*
Honorary Treasurer	Grace Oyedemi *(elected 17th March 2024)*
Church Secretary	Amos Dzumbira *(appointed 19 October 2025)*
Other Trustees	Luiz Santana (*elected 17th March 2024)*
Resignation	Olumayowa Akinloye *(resigned 19 October 2025)*

Principal advisors

Bankers	Bank of Scotland 33 Old Broad Street, London BX2 1LB
Independent Examiner	Barrington Hall, MAAT, FCCA Aqret Accounting And Consultancy Services Ltd The Vista Centre 50 Sailsbury Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW4 6JQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Charity's governing document is the Constitution which was adopted on 11 May 2013 and set out the objects of the Charity.

Recruitment and training of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are defined by the Charities Act 2011 as the group of people who have the general control and management of the administration of the Charity. The Trustees are all Church Members who show the reality of their faith by the consistency of their Christian character and by their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Trustees include three Church Officers – the Senior Pastor, Church Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Elections of Trustees can take place by ballot at any Church Members' Meeting. Nominees must secure a vote of at least 66% of those present and eligible to vote and serve a term of three years. The Trustees have training made available to them during their terms of office.

Organisational structure

The Church Members agreed to a governance and leadership structure as follows:

Trustees are responsible for the governance of the Charity and the fulfilment of its purpose through its activities, acting according to the will of God as discerned by the Church Members, and for ensuring that the Church complies with applicable Charity law.

Pastoral Team consists of the Senior Pastor, the Minister in Training, certain paid employees of the Charity, and volunteer representatives from the congregation generally appointed by consensus of the Church members. The Pastoral team has the responsibility of setting the spiritual direction of the Church across the Upward, Inward and Outward vision.

Team Leaders include the Pastoral Team and appointed Team Leaders who have the responsibility for a particular area of ministry. For example, KCBC Kids, Prayer, KCBC YAs, Welcome, Hospitality.

Subject to applicable law, the Church is governed and regulated by its members in accordance with its Constitution and all aspects of the work of the Church are subject to the ultimate oversight of the Church Meeting under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Members Meetings are normally held every three months.

Baptist Union of Great Britain and London Baptist Association

The Church is part of the wider Baptist family and is therefore a member church of the London Baptist Association (LBA) and the national body, the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Both organisations are registered charities. The Church pays an annual subscription to BUGB based on its membership numbers and makes contributions to BUGB Home Mission.

Custodian trustee

The London Baptist Property Board holds the title deeds of the Church building and associated buildings situated at Vernon Square, London, WC1X 9EP as trustee for the benefit of the Charity and the Church members.

Risk management

The Trustees have implemented a process to ensure that risk assessments are completed, particularly for activities that involve children, young people and vulnerable adults, and for activities that take place outside of the Church premises. Policies and procedures are reviewed periodically to support the safe and effective operation of the Charity.

Objective and Activities

Objects of the Charity

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the biblical principles of the Baptist denomination, advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

In order to fulfil our principal purpose and demonstrate public benefit, our activities include, but not limited to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally observed at least once a month
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young vulnerable, disadvantaged and oppressed people
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- education and training for Christian and community service
- giving and encouraging pastoral care to all

- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad
- encouraging relations with and supporting Baptists and other Christians

Charity's aims

As a member of the Baptist Union, the Church subscribes to the Union's Declaration of Principle. The basis of this Union is:

- That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws grace and mercy.
- That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to the Scriptures; was buried and rose again on the third day'.
- That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to take part in the reconciliation of the world to God.

The King's Cross Baptist Church seeks to be an active Christian community and fellowship bringing Christian witness and care to the area of King's Cross. The Church acknowledges its Christian responsibilities beyond the local community and seeks to engage in both national and international opportunities to spread the Gospel.

Charity's main objectives for the year

The Church continued to offer public Christian worship at 11am on Sunday mornings. There were also occasional services at other times, which were advertised on the church website and social media platforms. These services were offered both online and in person at the church building.

The Church premises are situated just a short distance from King's Cross and St Pancras stations, which made the use of our premises attractive to a wide range of organisations, other charities, and local community groups. The Church continued to develop the café and launched a co-working space to promote community engagement.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service and undertake appropriate Safeguarding training.

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the Charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Charity's strategies

Inspired by the text in Isaiah 6, KCBC's vision emphasis is **Upward Vision** - 'I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne', **Inward Transformation** - 'your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for', and **Outward Action** - 'And I said, "Here am I. Send me!".

Our mission statement "*Leading people to encounter Jesus, come alive, and change the world,*" includes the upward, inward and outward aspect of our purpose as a church, communicating our 'why' as a local church in King's Cross, London.

The Church Members continue to adopt the following three strategic purposes:

1. **Upward** - Focused on worship, prayer, attentiveness to God, and the shared spiritual life of the church.
2. **Inward** - Committed to fostering inward transformation among our members and regular attendees.
3. **Outward** - Express the Church's commitment to mission, justice, hospitality, and witness to the community in Kings Cross and beyond.

Church Members' Meetings and Membership

During 2025, Church Membership Meetings took place on 9 February, 11 May (AGM) and 19 October. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2024 were received and approved at the Members meeting held on 19 October 2025.

Church Membership stands at 106 at the end of 2025 (98 at the end of 2024) with 15 new members added during the year and 7 removals. There were 2 baptisms and 2 dedications in 2025.

Pastor's Report 2025

Revd Allan Barbazza

As we reflect on this last year, my prayer for each of us is this:
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Here are some of the highlights of 2025:

We started the year with 21 days of prayer and fasting. Each day, different members of our church family shared prayer points. Many of us experienced God's kindness, mercy, and breakthrough as we came together to seek His presence.

Some of teaching themes this year focused on: *The Lord's Prayer - Unity in John 17*, *The Glory of God*, *Practicing the Way*, *The Hand of God (Lent series)*, *The Prodigal Prophet*, and *The Throne That Holds*. We also encouraged our younger leaders in their gift to preach the gospel, so for the first time we hosted a tag-team preach with three of our young adults - Natene, Gustavo, and Giovanna.

KCBC has always been active in prayer and worship as a community, this year was no different. Monday mornings we gathered online to pray, Tuesdays we hosted Prayer Room, and Young Adults prayer on Wednesdays remained consistent throughout 2025. KCBC also hosted several gatherings where different churches came together in unity to pray and intercede on behalf of the city. This is a powerful witness of our love for Christ and for one another:

- A Worship Night at the end of June, joined by One Church, Verso Vineyard, and Imprint
- The Kings Cross Prayer Night, gathering more than eight churches based in Kings Cross (including KXC, Vive, All Saints, the Ethiopian Church, and others)

I want to honour everyone that faithfully prayed, your prayers and your worship have been a huge catalyst for the coming season we're entering as a church family. I also want to say a huge thank you for your generosity with your time, talent and treasure.

We welcomed 15 new members and celebrated two baptisms - thank You, Lord!
KCBC continued to partner with different teams on mission in London from the US: the New England Baptist Convention, Celebration Church, First Baptist Biloxi, and Northwest Bible Church.

As part of our spiritual formation, we ran a discipleship course that aimed to encourage us in our walk with Jesus, to make new disciples and help them grow in the Lord. We also continued to host online and in-person Life Groups. Some key events this year included the Women's Conference, Women's Book Club, men's gatherings, and Open Mic nights.

Our outward presence was marked by several special initiatives: hosting Church in the Park at Primrose Hill, coffee training for asylum seekers in our café, a partnership with Union Chapel to run an asylum seeker drop-in centre, and Christmas hampers for Winton Primary School. We also went out on street evangelism, reaching out to the people of King's Cross. We thank God for the proclamation and demonstration of His love in and through us.

From the end of August, we expanded the vision for our café and launched a co-working space with a missional vision: to create a place of peace where people can work, build community, and encounter the presence of God in their daily lives. We launched with more than 12 members and have continued to see the community grow ever since.

There was also growth in our staff team:

- **Fredrick** joined us as **Operations Coordinator** at end of January, and
- **Mayowa** was called to be a **Minister in Training** in September with her placement at KCBC while she studies at Regents Park College in Oxford.

My prayer and hope for 2026 is that we will be obedient to God's voice - doing the right thing, the right way - with passion to envision and courage to go wherever He leads us.

May the Lord Jesus fill you with faith and encouragement as you read this report. All glory to our God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Amen!

Details of significant activities

The teams and ministries of the church are one of the primary ways in which KCBC's vision is lived out in practice. Throughout 2025, a wide range of teams served faithfully across the life of the church, supporting worship, discipleship, community life, mission, and care. Together, these ministries express the church's shared emphasis on an **Upward focus** of worship and prayer, **Inward transformation** through discipleship and belonging, and **Outward action** through mission, justice, and hospitality.

UPWARD

Upward

Lead: Anya Barbazza

The Upward teams and ministries at KCBC focus on worship, prayer, and attentiveness to God as the foundation of church life. Through gathered worship, prayer rhythms, and creative expression, these ministries seek to help the church lift its attention beyond itself and respond to God with reverence, joy, and obedience.

During 2025, the Upward emphasis was expressed through Sunday worship, regular prayer gatherings, seasonal initiatives, and moments of unity with other churches across London. Worship, Prayer, Media, and Production teams worked closely together, supporting both visible and behind-the-scenes aspects of the church's spiritual life. Together, these ministries shaped the spiritual atmosphere of the church, encouraging unity, creativity, and shared discernment as the community sought to listen to God and respond faithfully.

Worship

Purpose

The Worship Ministry exists to encourage the church to seek God together through sung worship, prayer, and other expressions of praise. The ministry seeks to help shape the spiritual life of the church by creating spaces where people of all ages are encouraged to encounter God, lift their attention heavenward, and grow in devotion, reverence, and joy as they worship together.

Practice

During 2025, the Worship Ministry supported the life of the church through regular worship in services, prayer gatherings, and special events, as well as through the ongoing development of the team.

Key areas of practice included:

- regular worship across Sunday services, supported by weekly preparation and monthly rehearsals;
- corporate prayer and worship initiatives, including the 21 days of prayer and fasting at the start of the year, weekly Prayer Room gatherings, and online prayer led in partnership with the Prayer Ministry;
- training and development, including vocal training, rehearsals, and times of equipping for musicians and worship leaders;
- special worship gatherings, such as Holy Week devotionals, summer worship in the park, and end-of-year worship and prayer gatherings;
- wider collaboration, including worship gatherings that brought together churches across London and local prayer initiatives in King's Cross.

Through these activities, the ministry sought to encourage consistent, reverent worship while also creating opportunities for unity, intercession, and spiritual depth beyond weekly services.

People

Led by **Anya Barbazza** and a team of worship leaders including **Rebecca**, **Hermine**, and **Allan**, supported by a wider team of musicians throughout the year. New worship leaders and musicians joined the team during 2025 and were supported through training and mentoring as they became established.

New worship leaders that joined team and underwent training: Mavela, Gustavo, Holly
New team members: Fred (keys), Chi (keys), Ife (keys), Stella (vocals), Marcella (vocals)
Other team: Gary (Bass), Lew (Guitar), Jonathan (Drums),

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Worship Ministry both spiritually and practically. Planned areas of focus include:

- nurturing character, formation, and reverence within the team, ensuring that gifting and skill remain rooted in faith and obedience;
- continuing to equip and develop musicians and singers, supporting growth in musicality and confidence;
- being more intentional in shaping worship themes and song choices in alignment with preaching and the life of the church;
- creating space for songwriting and new music, enabling the church to grow in its own worship expression;
- continuing to host prayer and worship gatherings that unite churches locally and across London.

These plans are dependent on capacity and discernment. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term desire to see worship remain central to the life of KCBC, marked by depth, joy, togetherness, and a growing sense of God's presence among His people.

Prayer Ministry

Purpose

The Prayer Ministry exists to seek the Lord in all things and to encourage the whole church to engage in prayer. Its focus is on aligning the life of the church with God's purposes, giving thanks for who God is, and interceding for the church community, the local area, and the wider world.

Practice

Throughout 2025, prayer remained a regular and visible part of church life. The year began with a dedicated period of prayer and fasting, as the church set aside time to seek God together and commit the year ahead to Him. Our anchor verse was 'He who abides in me and I in him, bears much fruit.' John 15:5.

Weekly prayer continued in two main settings. An online prayer gathering met regularly, bringing together members of the prayer team to give thanks and intercede together. In addition, in-person prayer took place during the week at the church building, with particular focus given to praying across the life of the church, including worship, discipleship, leadership, and mission, as well as global and local concerns. Members of the Prayer Ministry were also available to pray with others during Sunday services and to support prayer as needed.

People

Led by **Liz Akinloye** and **Rebecca Harrison**, and supported by a small and committed team. During the year, additional participants joined the online prayer gatherings, and members of the team were encouraged to take turns leading prayer. Through these gatherings and through

prayer offered during services, the ministry served the wider church community by supporting individuals, leaders, and ministry teams in prayer.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue developing a prayer ministry team that is reliable, well equipped, and confident in intercession. Plans include strengthening opportunities for corporate prayer through regular online and in-person prayer gatherings, alongside continued prayer and worship as part of church services. These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and the availability of team members.

Beyond 2026, the prayer ministry holds a longer-term vision for prayer to remain central to all aspects of church life, supporting the church in seeking God faithfully and consistently as a community.

Production Team

Purpose

The Production Team exists to support the worship and gathered life of the church by providing reliable audio, visual, and livestream support. Working primarily in the background, the team helps ensure that services run smoothly and that both in-person and online participants are able to engage fully with worship, teaching, and prayer.

Practice

Throughout 2025, the Production Team played a vital role in supporting Sunday services and wider church gatherings.

Key areas of practice included:

- managing audio and visual systems during Sunday services, supporting clarity and continuity across worship and teaching;
- live-streaming services on YouTube each week, enabling those unable to attend in person to participate in church life;
- working closely with worship leaders, speakers, and other ministry teams to support the flow and technical needs of services.

Much of this work took place quietly and consistently behind the scenes, contributing to services that were technically dependable and free from unnecessary distraction.

People

Led by **Fredrick Duncan** and made up of a committed group of volunteers, including **Deji**, **Ikode**, **Natene**, **Megan**, **Kirstie**, **Marcella**, **Enes**, **Jacob**, **Aliana**, **Sope**, and **MJ**. Team members served in various technical roles, supporting sound, visuals, and livestream delivery.

Through their willingness to serve faithfully and collaboratively, the team provided essential support to the wider church community, enabling others to lead and participate with confidence.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Production Team and its technical provision. Planned areas of focus include:

- developing the team further through training and skill-building;
- maintaining and improving audio, visual, and livestream equipment within the church;
- supporting new volunteers to join the team and grow in confidence.

These plans are dependent on capacity and resources. Beyond 2026, the longer-term aim is to continue providing dependable, high-quality technical support that serves the worship and mission of the church with excellence and care.

Media

Purpose

The Media Ministry exists to support the life of the church by communicating clearly, creatively, and accessibly what KCBC is about and what is happening within the church community. Through visual design, digital media, and communication tools, the ministry seeks to honour God and help people engage more fully with worship, discipleship, and church life.

Practice

During 2025, the Media Ministry supported a wide range of church activities through consistent communication, design, and creative output.

Key areas of practice included:

- supporting prayer and worship life, including creating daily graphics and videos during the 21 days of prayer and fasting, with contributions from members of the church community;
- regular communication and design work, such as weekly social media posts, newsletter graphics, flyers, and visual materials for events and ministries;
- creative content production, including graphics, reels, and announcements for church services, prayer gatherings, youth and young adults' events, women's activities, outreach initiatives, and seasonal services such as Easter and Christmas;
- reviewing and improving communication channels, including the use of WhatsApp, newsletters, social media, YouTube, and the church website;
- practical visual improvements, such as developing new signage at the front of the church and updating leadership photographs.

Alongside this work, the team met regularly for training, planning, and collaboration, as well as exploring ways to widen participation within the ministry.

People

Led by **Anya Barbazza** and supported by a creative and collaborative team. Team members contributed across different areas, including graphic design, social media posting, video editing, and strategic planning. Others supported the ministry by sharing information about upcoming events and co-ordinating content for weekly communications.
Through their combined skills and creativity, the team supported the wider church by helping information, encouragement, and invitation reach both the congregation and the wider community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Media Ministry as a creative and responsive part of church life. Planned areas of focus include:

- developing a new church website, improving accessibility and communication;
- completing and improving external signage around the church building;
- recruiting new team members, helping share the workload and bring additional gifts and ideas into the ministry.

These plans are dependent on capacity and timing. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term desire to continue serving the church through thoughtful, creative communication that reflects both the heart and the activity of KCBC.

INWARD

Inward

Lead: Mayowa Akinloye

The Inward teams and ministries at KCBC focus on discipleship, care, and growth within the church community. These ministries support people at different stages of life and faith, helping individuals not only feel welcomed but also nurtured, formed, and encouraged to flourish as followers of Jesus.

Throughout 2025, this emphasis was expressed through ministries serving children, young people, adults, and families, including Life Groups, KCBC Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Men's and Women's Ministries. Together, they created spaces for teaching, pastoral care, friendship, and

accountability. The Inward focus reflects a shared commitment to seeing people grow in spiritual maturity and to building a church culture marked by care, responsibility, and belonging.

Welcome Team

Purpose

The Welcome Ministry exists to help church members and newcomers feel seen, acknowledged, and valued as they enter the life of the church. Through simple acts of hospitality, kindness, and joy, the ministry seeks to create an environment where people feel comfortable returning and, over time, becoming part of the church family.

Practice

During 2025, the Welcome Ministry continued to support the regular gatherings of the church through a consistent and friendly presence.

This included:

- greeting people as they arrived for services;
- helping to create a warm and hospitable atmosphere before and during gatherings;
- supporting newcomers as they encountered the church community for the first time.

While no additional activities were specifically recorded for the year, the steady presence of the Welcome Team formed an important part of the church's weekly rhythm and contributed quietly but significantly to the life of the congregation.

People

Led by **Mamie Mpaka Batia**, and supported by a team of volunteers who served throughout the year. Working together, the team helped ensure that both long-standing members and visitors were received with care and warmth.

Through this service, the ministry supported individuals at their first point of contact with the church and helped foster a growing sense of belonging within the wider church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Welcome Ministry and supporting the health of the team. Areas of focus include:

- meeting together as a team to reflect on current practice and discuss possible improvements;
- creating opportunities for fellowship within the team, allowing space for sharing, encouragement, and relationship-building.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term desire to continue growing, both spiritually and physically, as it supports the church in extending welcome and hospitality to all who enter.

KCBC Kids

Purpose

KCBC Kids exists to lay strong foundations for children aged 4–11 to encounter Jesus through the loving community of the church. The ministry builds on what children are learning at home and in school, creating a safe, joyful environment where faith is nurtured, friendships are formed, and lasting memories are made—memories that help shape what it means to know, love, and walk with the Lord.

Practice

During 2025, KCBC Kids continued to provide regular, Bible-centred sessions for children attending the church. Sessions followed the Energize syllabus, offering a consistent and engaging structure that included welcome activities and games, Bible teaching, worship, prayer, and interactive learning.

Key areas of practice during the year included:

- Bible-centred learning, helping children engage with Scripture and grow in understanding of who Jesus is;
- community and relationship-building, through games, discussion, and shared activities that supported friendships among both regular and visiting children;
- creative involvement in church life, including participation in a *Christmas Bus Stop Play*, which enabled children to engage with the Christmas story and take part visibly in the wider worshipping community.

Through these activities, the ministry sought to provide a space where children could feel safe, included, and encouraged as they explored faith together.

People

Led by **Abimbola Akinloye** and supported by a team of 11 volunteers, **Ikode, Mayowa, Temi, Grace, Temitayo, Stella, Jessica, Liz, Augustina** and **Andrea**. The team included both long-standing members and new volunteers who joined in 2025, working together to care for children, prepare sessions, and support learning and play.
Through their service, the team supported children and families within the church, helping parents feel encouraged and children feel known, valued, and well cared for

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue developing KCBC Kids as a joyful, Bible-centred ministry for children and families. Planned areas of focus include:

- providing opportunities for social activities outside of Sunday sessions, helping children experience community beyond church gatherings;
- deepening Bible-centred learning, with greater engagement in Scripture and its wider themes;
- improving and redecorating the children's space, creating an environment that feels welcoming and clearly belongs to the children.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term vision to remain fully integrated into the life of the church, supporting children in growing faith and encouraging families as they nurture discipleship at home, while continuing to develop a confident, united, and joyful serving team.

Youth

Purpose

The Youth Ministry exists to support the spiritual growth and wellbeing of young people within the church, providing a space where they can explore faith, ask questions, and grow as disciples of Jesus. The ministry seeks to accompany young people through a key stage of life and to help bridge the transition between children's ministry and young adult church life.

Practice

During 2025, the Youth Ministry continued to engage with young people primarily through regular gatherings connected to Sunday worship.

Key areas of practice included:

- Sunday morning discussions with young people aged 11–16, providing time for conversation, reflection, and engagement with faith following the main service;
- developing a new ministry space aimed at bridging the gap between KCBC Kids and the Young Adults Ministry, helping young people transition into the wider life of the church.

While activity during the year was modest in scale, these gatherings provided an important foundation for learning, listening, and relationship-building with young people in the church community.

People

Led by **Stella Onwuemene**, with support from **Mayowa**, who together facilitated discussions and supported young people during Sunday sessions. Through their involvement, the leaders sought to offer consistency, care, and guidance to those participating in the ministry.

The ministry served young people within the church community, supporting them during a formative stage of faith and helping them feel included and valued within the wider congregation.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to develop the Youth Ministry further as capacity and leadership allow. Planned areas of focus include:

- establishing more regular meetings for young people;
- strengthening connections with youth groups in other local churches, supporting collaboration, learning, and shared activity.

These plans are dependent on volunteer availability and leadership capacity. Beyond 2026, the longer-term hope is for young people to participate regularly in youth fellowship, whether through KCBC-based gatherings or through strengthened links with established youth ministries in the local area, supporting ongoing discipleship and belonging.

Young Adults

Purpose

The Young Adults Ministry exists to support young adults in growing in their walk with Christ as they navigate adulthood. The ministry seeks to help young adults encounter Jesus and deepen their faith, in line with the inward mission of the church, while encouraging a sense of belonging, mutual support, and shared discipleship within the church community.

Practice

During 2025, the Young Adults Ministry continued to provide a range of opportunities for connection, discipleship, and community among young adults.

Key areas of practice included:

- Regular gatherings, including life groups and prayer, creating space for Scripture, discussion, and mutual encouragement;
- Social activities, such as a sports day, a bowling trip, and a Christmas dinner, helping to strengthen relationships and build community;
- Rhythms of prayer and fasting, supporting the spiritual life of the group and encouraging deeper engagement with faith.

Through these activities, the ministry sought to create a consistent and welcoming space where young adults could grow both spiritually and relationally.

People

Led by **Natene Ogberahwe**, **Megan Yabar**, **MJ Fordan**, and **Ikode Agbi**, who served together in leading gatherings, prayer, and group activities throughout the year. The facilitators supported the pastoral care and wellbeing of those involved and helped maintain regular contact and communication within the group.

The ministry served young adults aged 18 to 35, providing a space where individuals could feel known, supported, and encouraged as part of the wider life of the church. Beyond the ministry itself, a number of young adults were also involved in serving across other church teams, contributing their gifts to the wider church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the spiritual foundations and pastoral support offered through the Young Adults Ministry. Planned areas of focus include:

- creating further opportunities to grow in faith and understanding, including deeper engagement with Scripture and theology;
- increasing pastoral care and intentional discipleship within the group;
- continuing to offer social gatherings that support fellowship and connection.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and the availability of facilitators. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term vision for increased spiritual depth among young adults, supporting them in applying their faith thoughtfully and intentionally in everyday life, and encouraging them to discover their gifts and sense of purpose both within and beyond the church.

Women's Ministry

Purpose

The Women's Ministry exists to support women in encountering Jesus, growing deeply in their faith, and living confidently in the calling God has placed on their lives. The ministry seeks to nurture a genuine sisterhood by providing a warm and authentic space where women can build meaningful relationships, grow spiritual roots, and be encouraged to thrive in every area of life.

Practice

During 2025, the Women's Ministry continued to create spaces for connection, spiritual growth, and shared life through both larger gatherings and smaller, more intimate settings.

Key areas of practice included:

- International Women's Day Gathering, held under the theme *"Rooted in Faith, Empowered for Purpose"*. This annual event brought women together for a day of worship, prayer,

conversation, and shared meals. The gathering intentionally combined spiritual depth with joyful community and provided an opportunity for women to invite friends, extending welcome beyond the immediate church community.
- Summer Book Club, centred on *Slow Burn* by Dawn Chere Wilkerson. Over six weeks, a small group of women met in person to share reflections on the book and on their own life journeys.

These gatherings fostered intergenerational and intercultural connection and created a relaxed, safe environment for deeper conversation and relationship-building.

Across these activities, the ministry sought to move away from formal conference-style events and toward environments where women felt comfortable engaging, sharing openly, and being heard.

People

Led by **Mayowa Akinloye**, supported by a dedicated team of women including **Rebecca**, **Giovanna**, **Bim**, and **Anya**. The team served together prayerfully and collaboratively, offering their gifts and time both in visible leadership and in the behind-the-scenes care that made gatherings possible.

Through their shared commitment, the team supported women across different ages, cultures, and stages of life, helping foster a sense of belonging, encouragement, and spiritual care within the wider church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue developing the Women's Ministry as a place of becoming, connection, and discipleship. Planned areas of focus include:
- continuing the annual International Women's Day Gathering as a key moment of worship and encouragement;
- building on the small-group book club model through a summer mini-series;
- hosting social brunch gatherings, creating relaxed and welcoming spaces for connection and invitation;
- encouraging intergenerational and cross-cultural discipleship, supporting women to walk alongside one another in faith.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term vision to see women's gifts recognised and nurtured, and to build stronger connections with other women's ministries within the Baptist family and the wider Christian community.

Men's Ministry

Purpose

The Men's Ministry exists to equip and encourage men to grow as faithful followers of Christ, supporting them as they seek to live out their faith in their homes, workplaces, and communities. The ministry provides space for men to deepen their relationship with God, support one another through life's challenges, and grow into Christ-like, servant-hearted leadership.

Practice

During 2025, the Men's Ministry continued to create opportunities for fellowship, reflection, and encouragement among men in the church.

Key areas of practice included:

- Men's brunch gatherings, offering time for fellowship over food and conversation, where men could share experiences, build friendships, and encourage one another;
- participation in wider men's events, including engagement with a men's conference hosted at KCBC, which focused on themes such as healing, family life, leadership, and community transformation.

Through these moments, the ministry sought to foster connection and reflection rather than maintaining a busy programme, allowing space for conversation, prayer, and mutual support.

People

Led by **Henry Oppon**, **Allan Barbazza**, and **Lewis Jackson**, who helped guide and encourage the ministry during the year. Through their involvement, the ministry served men across the church community, providing opportunities for connection, mentoring, and personal growth.

The ministry also recognised the wider impact of its work on families and church life, as men were encouraged to apply what they were learning in their homes and relationships.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue developing the Men's Ministry as a space for spiritual growth, honest relationship, and service. Areas of focus include:

- encouraging men to deepen their faith through Scripture, prayer, and discipleship;
- fostering authentic relationships marked by trust, accountability, and mutual support;
- equipping men to lead well in family life, church, and the wider community, through humility and service.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and leadership availability. Beyond 2026, the longer-term desire is to see a community of men who are spiritually grounded, relationally connected, and actively engaged in God's mission, living out their faith in practical and compassionate ways.

Life Groups

Purpose

The Life Groups Ministry exists to support members of the congregation in growing together in faith through small-group gatherings. These groups provide space to reflect on Scripture, revisit teaching shared on Sundays, and build relationships that encourage mutual support, discipleship, and spiritual growth as part of the inward life of the church.

Practice

During 2025, Life Groups continued to meet mainly in small settings, with gatherings taking place online through platforms such as Zoom and WhatsApp. Groups met regularly to study the Bible together and to reflect on messages preached during Sunday services.

In addition to regular group meetings, the ministry supported development and learning among group leaders and participants. Key moments during the year included:

- Life group training, led by *Ed Earnshaw* from Fusion, which took place at the church and provided an opportunity for leaders and participants to reflect on the purpose and practice of life groups;
- the continuation of context-specific groups, including a life group serving Iranian members of the congregation, led by members of the pastoral and ministry team.

Alongside these activities, there were attempts to establish additional Bible study gatherings during the year. While not all of these continued long-term, they formed part of the ministry's ongoing learning and discernment about structure, leadership, and participation.

People

Led by **Mayowa Akinloye**, before passing on to **Stella Onwuemene**. Group leaders and facilitators gave their time to support teaching, prayer, and conversation within smaller settings, helping members engage more deeply with church life beyond Sunday services.

Through its various groups, the ministry served members of the congregation across different backgrounds, offering spaces where people could be known, supported, and encouraged in their faith journey.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Life Groups Ministry and to encourage wider participation across the congregation. Planned areas of focus include:

- developing more intentional, mission-focused Bible studies within life groups;
- supporting the formation of new groups, as leaders and capacity allow;
- creating opportunities for at least occasional face-to-face life group gatherings alongside online meetings.

These plans are dependent on volunteer availability and leadership capacity. Beyond 2026, the longer-term vision is for life groups to remain a central part of church life, supporting discipleship and community, with the aim that all members of the congregation have the opportunity to belong to a life group.

OUTWARD

Outward

Lead: Amanda Jackson

The Outward teams and ministries at KCBC reflect the church's commitment to mission, justice, and presence beyond its own community. These ministries encourage the church to live out faith in everyday life through generosity, hospitality, and thoughtful engagement with the wider world.

During 2025, the Outward emphasis was seen through Mission, Evangelism, Vernon Hall Coworking, and other community-facing initiatives. Together, these ministries supported prayer for local and global concerns, practical giving, outreach, and the missional use of church spaces. Rather than locating mission in one area alone, the Outward approach sought to embed responsibility across the whole church, encouraging members to bear witness to Christ through both words and actions in daily life.

KCBC also continued to express generosity through financial giving and the responsible use of grants, supporting both local needs and wider mission initiatives.

Grants and Giving

Clerkenwell Charities Grant

During 2025, KCBC received a grant of **£800** from Clerkenwell Charities, supporting the church's work among individuals and families who may be vulnerable or in need within the local community.

This funding has been incorporated into the church's relief and emergency support provision, which is administered through the Outward ministry. The grant has contributed to a

coordinated approach to pastoral and practical care, enabling the church to respond thoughtfully to emerging needs, including support for individuals known to the church and wider community.

This provision sits alongside other outward activities during the year, including hospitality, local outreach, and engagement with those facing social or economic challenges. In this way, the grant formed part of a wider pattern of care and generosity.

KCBC Giving

During 2025, The King's Cross Baptist Church continued to express generosity through financial giving, supporting mission both within the United Kingdom and globally.

The Church made contributions to

- BMS World Mission **(£2,000)** - supporting international mission work in partnership with Baptist communities around the world, and
- Baptist Home Mission **(£6,000)** - supporting churches and ministry development across the UK.

Alongside these formal partnerships, financial giving forms part of a broader pattern of generosity within KCBC, expressed through support for local initiatives, outreach activities, and practical care within the community. In this way, the church seeks to steward its resources responsibly and to contribute to God's work both locally and beyond.

Mission

Purpose

Mission exists to support KCBC's outward focus by encouraging the whole church to participate in God's mission in everyday life. The ministry brings together evangelism, justice, generosity, and hospitality, helping the church bear witness to God's Kingdom through prayer, relationships, practical action, and faithful presence within the local community and beyond.

Practice

During 2025, the Outward focus of the church was expressed through a variety of activities that combined generosity, outreach, awareness, and shared participation.

Key areas of practice included:

- practical giving and generosity, including food collections at Thanksgiving, the establishment of an Emergency Fund, and the distribution of Christmas gift bags to families at a local school;

- evangelism and outreach, such as street evangelism around King's Cross and carol singing in a local pub;
- missional use of church spaces, with the café operating extended hours as a place of welcome and the establishment of the Vernon Hall co-working space as a new outreach opportunity;
- "This Time Tomorrow" (TTT), held monthly within services to highlight how members live out their faith in workplaces, studies, and daily life, and to pray for one another's calling;
- global mission and justice, including learning from organisations such as A21 on human trafficking and ongoing prayer for Christians around the world;
- hospitality towards asylum seekers, seeking friendship, prayer, and support for a small group of Iranian asylum seekers, while recognising practical challenges around language and capacity.

Together, these activities reflected an integrated approach to mission rather than a single program.

People

Led by **Amanda Jackson**, with a small team including **MJ**, **Kirstie**, **Bim**, and **Thai**, each contributing to different aspects of evangelism, justice, and generosity. The ministry also worked closely with other teams across the church, reflecting the shared nature of outward mission at KCBC.

Beyond the core team, many members of the church participated through giving, prayer, hospitality, and personal involvement in outreach and everyday mission.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue deepening the outward life of the church. Planned areas of focus include:

- helping each person at KCBC reflect on what mission looks like in their own context;
- encouraging generous use of time, attention, prayer, and financial resources in support of God's Kingdom;
- equipping members to share their own story and God's story with confidence;
- continuing to grow a culture of generosity, justice, and outward care.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and shared engagement. Beyond 2026, the longer-term aim is for outward mission and justice to be fully embedded in the life and DNA of KCBC.

Hospitality

Purpose

The Hospitality Ministry exists to serve everyone who comes to KCBC with kindness, joy, and warmth, so that people feel cared for and at home. Through simple acts of welcome and service, the ministry seeks to reflect God's love and help people feel part of the church community, just as they are welcomed and cared for in Christ.

Practice

During 2025, the Hospitality Ministry continued to support the regular life of the church through its presence before, during, and after services. The ministry's service formed a quiet but important backdrop to worship and community life.
Key areas of practice included:

- preparing and serving refreshments during Sunday services;
- supporting fellowship and interaction among church members;
- maintaining a welcoming and orderly hospitality space for congregational use.

Alongside these regular activities, the Hospitality Team also supported wider moments of community life, including shared meals and church events, contributing to spaces where relationships could grow naturally.

People

Led by **Atefeh Sheiki-Nasab** and **Auma Lydia Adianyi**, supported by a team of volunteers who served throughout the year. Working together, the team shared responsibility for opening, preparing and closing hospitality spaces, and for serving the wider congregation.

Through their service, the team supported both church members and visitors, helping create an atmosphere that encouraged conversation, connection, and a sense of belonging within the church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening the Hospitality Ministry and supporting the wellbeing of the team. Planned areas of focus include:

- growing the number of volunteers serving on the team, as capacity allows;
- providing training and opportunities for the team to grow in confidence and experience;
- expanding the ministry's involvement in church events and community moments, where appropriate.

These plans are dependent on volunteer availability. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term desire to continue fostering a healthy Christian community, supporting people as they grow in faith and relationship with one another through shared hospitality.

Evangelism

Purpose

The Evangelism Ministry exists to support the sharing of the Christian faith beyond the church, encouraging believers to grow in confidence as they speak about Jesus with others. The ministry seeks both to reach those who do not yet know Christ and to equip members of the church to engage in evangelism thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with care.

Practice

During 2025, the Evangelism Ministry continued to engage in outward-facing activities focused on sharing the gospel within the local area.

Key areas of practice included:

- street evangelism and outreach, with organised evangelism outings taking place during the year;
- public engagement, including sharing gospel literature and engaging in conversations with members of the public;
- training and encouragement, supporting church members in developing confidence and understanding in evangelism.

Notable outreach activities took place during the autumn, including evangelism initiatives in October and November, which involved church members participating together in outreach efforts.

People

Led by **MJ Fordan**, with participation from church members who chose to be involved in outreach and evangelism activities. Recruitment took place through the church community, with a focus on encouraging members who wished to grow in confidence and experience in sharing their faith.

The ministry served both those who participated in outreach and those encountered during evangelism activities, creating opportunities for conversation, prayer, and engagement beyond the church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening evangelism within the life of the church. Areas of focus include:

- supporting believers to grow in confidence when sharing their faith;
- maintaining regular and consistent outreach, as capacity allows;
- providing training and opportunities for spiritual growth within the evangelism team.

These plans are dependent on volunteer availability and discernment around where and how outreach takes place. Beyond 2026, the ministry holds a longer-term desire to see evangelism

become a natural and confident expression of church life, with ongoing openness to how God may lead outreach efforts and to the possibility of people coming to faith through these activities.

Vernon Hall Coworking

Purpose

Vernon Hall Coworking exists as a missional initiative that creates a welcoming space for people of different backgrounds to work, study, and build community. Through shared space and everyday interaction, the initiative seeks to foster friendship, conversation, and openness, offering opportunities for connection between co-workers and the wider life of the church.

Practice

During 2025, Vernon Hall Coworking was launched and began establishing itself as a new expression of community and mission within the church's premises.

Key areas of practice included:

- the launch of the co-working space in August 2025, with around 12 paying members joining from another co-working space that had closed in the local King's Cross area;
- adapting the KCBC café space to provide a dedicated area where co-workers could focus on their work, while continuing to allow natural interaction with café activity;
- the growth of informal community, with co-workers inviting friends to join and contributing to increased use of the café, including visits from local students.

Alongside its practical function, the space began to serve a missional role. Through friendships formed within the co-working community, opportunities arose for spiritual conversation, invitations to church events, and involvement in Bible studies, reflecting the initiative's aim to create space for genuine relationship and witness.

People

Led by **Allan Barbazza** with **Fredrick Duncan** supporting operational aspects as needed. The day-to-day running of the café and co-working space was supported by **Auma Lydia Adianyi**, who served as lead volunteer for the café, alongside a team of volunteers who contributed regularly throughout the year.

Through the commitment of volunteers and leaders, the co-working space was able to function not only as a place of work, but also as a community where people could feel welcomed and supported.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue developing Vernon Hall Coworking in a sustainable and missional way. Planned areas of focus include:

- exploring the development of a business plan to support the initiative's long-term viability;
- considering the recruitment of part-time support, should capacity and resources allow, to help manage and grow both the co-working space and café activities.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and discernment. Beyond 2026, the longer-term vision is for Vernon Hall Coworking to remain a place where people from diverse backgrounds can work, build community, and encounter the love of God through everyday relationships and shared life.

Volunteers

Like most churches and charities, we have been reliant on an army of volunteers and are thankful for the 50+ volunteers that have freely given hours, days and weeks in service to the Church and community. We thank them for their faithfulness serving in the kingdom of God.

Thank you!

Safeguarding

Purpose

The Safeguarding Ministry exists to help ensure that KCBC is a safe place for everyone. Its purpose is to safeguard children, young people, and adults within the life of the church, with particular care for those who may be vulnerable or at risk. The ministry seeks to support a church culture where safety, responsibility, and care are prioritised for all.

Practice

During 2025, the Safeguarding Ministry continued its ongoing work to support safe church practice and clear safeguarding processes.

Key areas of practice during the year included:

- providing safeguarding training for volunteers, with particular focus on those working with children and young people;
- ensuring that the Safeguarding Policy was kept up to date and referred to appropriately within church governance;
- developing an online storage system for confidential information, supporting the secure handling of safeguarding records.

Alongside these activities, the safeguarding team met as needed to discuss concerns or disclosures and to ensure appropriate support and follow-up, working prayerfully and carefully in all matters.

People

The Safeguarding was overseen by, **Stella Onwuemene** - Designated Person for Safeguarding, **Rebecca Harrison** - Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding, and **Amos Dzumbira** - Safeguarding Trustee. Together, they worked to ensure that safeguarding responsibilities were carried out appropriately and consistently across the church.

While specific safeguarding matters are handled by the designated team, the ministry emphasises that safeguarding is a shared responsibility, encouraging awareness and care throughout the whole church community.

Plans

Looking ahead, the intention is to continue strengthening safeguarding practice within the church. Planned areas of focus include:

- ensuring that everyone involved in church teams has the appropriate level of safeguarding training;
- introducing regular reviews of basic safeguarding training, including planned refreshers within Sunday services where appropriate;
- continuing to develop and maintain robust safeguarding policies and procedures.

These plans are dependent on volunteer capacity and ongoing review. Beyond 2026, the ministry aims to ensure that safeguarding remains firmly embedded in the life of the church, with clear processes, regular training, and a continued commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

Building and Fabric

The church premises at Vernon Square include the main worship space, a back hall, a café, 3 offices, basement facilities, and residential properties including a flat and the Manse. These spaces are maintained through the ongoing work of both volunteers and external contractors.

Alongside routine maintenance and smaller repairs carried out throughout the year, 2025 included two significant areas of work. The most substantial of these was the major refurbishment of the Manse property, representing a considerably larger investment than other building works undertaken in recent years. In addition, structural repairs were carried out within the main church office.

All these fabric works reflect the Church's continued responsibility to care for its buildings appropriately, ensuring that they remain safe, functional, and supportive of ministry and the wider life of the Church.

Manse Refurbishment

After several years of planning, in 2025 KCBC undertook a major refurbishment of the Manse at 1 Vernon Square. The property, which had not had any major work done on it for over 50 years, was in need of substantial redevelopment.

The main downstairs kitchen and living areas were developed into an open plan arrangement to facilitate multi-purpose family, Church, and community group activities, including a private study for the Pastor and a new enclosed porch area for access and storage. The four bedrooms and bathroom upstairs were redesigned and completely refurbished with additional inbuilt storage units throughout. The Manse external walls were relined internally to achieve current building requirements for insulation and energy standards.

The works were designed and managed by the Birmingham Architect Firm, AM Works, and carried out by Melbury Constructions, after a competitive tender process. The works were satisfactorily completed within the contract sum of **£162,720** and the Making Good Completion Certificate has now been issued. KCBC was very satisfied with the performance of the Architects and contractors on this project, and the Manse is now in excellent condition to serve the needs of the Pastor's family and the wider needs of the Church and community.

Church Office Repairs

During the year, a structural issue was identified within the church office, where a wall had developed a significant crack. Further inspection revealed that the condition had deteriorated due to subsidence affecting the floor, resulting in visible movement and instability within the wall.

A structural engineer assessed the wall and deemed it unsafe, recommending that it be condemned and fully removed. In response, the church took appropriate action to address the issue, ensuring that the area was made safe and that the necessary works were carried out in a timely manner.

The repair works were completed in early 2025, with the wall being demolished and rebuilt to restore structural integrity. The total cost of the works was **£17,681**.

Finance

Financial Review

The Trustees present the financial review of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

During the year, the charity recorded total income of **£148,449** (2024 - £179,868). The manse redevelopment came in at a total of **£166,088.** This resulted in the total expenditure for 2025 of **£317,446** (2024 - £158,118), resulting in a deficit of **£168,997** (2024 – surplus of £21,750) for the year. This was after any transfers between designated or restricted funds as detailed in the financial statements. The other areas of expenditure related to staffing, premises costs, and the support of the Church's ministries and mission activities. Full details of expenditure are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities and accompanying notes to the accounts.

The majority of the Charity's income continued to be derived from offerings and donations, together with rental and other income arising from the use of the Church's premises. Total income from offerings and donations amounted to **£75,489** (2024 – £77,075). We are grateful for those that were able to gift aid their donations which contributed £12,304 (2024 - £13,578) after it was returned to the Charity from HMRC. Income from rentals and other activities totalled **£67,852** (2024 – £94,859).

At the end of the year, unrestricted funds amounted to **£209,894** (2024 - £274,849). The Trustees consider that this level of reserves is sufficient to support the ongoing activities of the Church and to provide a degree of financial stability. The amount of funds and assets held by the Charity at the end of 2025 totalled **£8,850,752** (2024 - £8,645,055).

The Trustees remain grateful for the faithful financial support of members, attendees, and supporters of the Church throughout the year, and give thanks for the provision that has enabled the Charity to continue its work and ministry.

Fund Raising Activities

The Church is not reliant on upon income from fundraising activities and as a result there was no income in this area.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
4. 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 ensuring proper accounting records are maintained 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 charity law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signature and Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as a Charity Trustee, that the Trustees have approved this report and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



Pastor Allan Barbazza
Senior Pastor and Trustee
2 June 2026

The King's Cross Baptist Church
Vernon Square, London WC1X 9EP
Registered Charity Number: 1155614

King's Cross Baptist Church

The Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the financial statements of King's Cross Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of King's Cross Baptist Church ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activites (SOFA), Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2008 Regulations. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the church's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the church and the church's Trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act); 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 Church 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 the 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

My work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/factsheet163.

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and Regulations 2008 have not been met.

King's Cross Baptist Church

The Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the preparation of the financial statements of King's Cross Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2025

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 financial statements to be reached.



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King's Cross Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	66,489	9,000	75,489	77,075
Charitable activities		67,852		67,852	94,859
Investments		-	3,508	3,508	7,134
Other		-	1,600	1,600	800
Total income		134,341	14,108	148,449	179,868
Resources expended	4				
Charitable activities		151,358	166,088	317,446	158,118
Total		151,358	166,088	317,446	158,118
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		(17,017)	(151,980)	(168,997)	21,750
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		(17,017)	(151,980)	(168,997)	21,750
Transfer between funds		(54,049)	54,049	-	-
Net movements in funds		(71,066)	(97,931)	(168,997)	21,750
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		274,849	8,645,055	8,919,904	8,470,971
Movements in the year		6,111	303,628	309,739	427,183
Total funds carried forward		209,894	8,850,752	9,060,646	8,919,904

The notes form part of the financial statements

King's Cross Baptist Church
Registered number: 1155614
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3	204,112	8,772,307	8,976,419	8,666,731
Current assets					
Debtors	9	4,830	-	4,830	4,671
Cash at bank and in hand	11	1,733	78,445	80,178	250,052
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(781)	-	(781)	(1,550)
Net current assets		5,782	78,445	84,227	253,173
Net assets		209,894	8,850,752	9,060,646	8,919,904
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general	12	209,894	-	209,894	274,849
Restricted designated funds	12		8,850,752	8,850,752	8,645,055
Total funds		209,894	8,850,752	9,060,646	8,919,904

Grace Oyedemi
Treasurer
Approved by the board on 3 June 2026

The notes form part of the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with The Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view".

This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Significant judgements and estimates
There are no significant judgements and estimates applied to the numbers contained within these financial statements.

Going concern
The charity's statement of financial activities reports a net loss of £168,997 for the year. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity has sufficient resources at its disposal to meet its obligations, if and when, they become due. Based on this assessement they consider it appropriate to continue preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Charitable funds
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used or which have been raised by the Church for particular purposes. The aim and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

A grant that does not impose specified future performance-related conditions is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. In the case of performance related grants, income is recognised when the performance related conditions are met.

Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax claims on donations and gifts
Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income
This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions
Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

Settlement of insurance claims
Insurance claims are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met and are included as an item of other income in the SOFA.

Expenditure and liabilities
Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance and support costs
Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice, eg. the preparation of charity accounts, the costs of Trustees' meetings and legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets, including land, buildings, and contents, are valued as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	Based on insurance value
Fixtures, furniture and equipment	Based on insurance value

Debtors
Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors
The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk to changes in value.

2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	63,185		63,185	63,497
Gift aid	12,304	-	12,304	13,578
	75,489	-	75,489	77,075
Charitable activities				
Rental income	67,852	-	67,852	94,859
	67,852	-	67,852	94,859
Income from investments				
Interest received	3,508		3,508	7,134
Other income				
Other	1,600		1,600	800
Total	148,449	-	148,449	179,868

3 Tangible fixed assets (Unrestricted)

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Fixtures, Furniture and Equip £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	8,468,679	198,052	8,666,731
Surplus on revaluation	303,628	6,060	309,688
At 31 December 2025	8,772,307	204,112	8,976,419
Depreciation			
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	8,772,307	204,112	8,976,419
At 31 December 2024	8,468,679	198,052	8,666,731

Freehold land and buildings:	2025 £	2024 £
Historical cost	6,264,629	6,264,629
	6,264,629	6,264,629

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee, The London Baptist Property Board:
• Church premises at Vernon Square, London, WC1X 9EW valued in the accounts at £8,097,279 based on the insured value.
• Church manse at 5 Vernon Rise, London, WC1X 9EP valued in the accounts at £675,028 based on the insured value.
The insurer/valuer is Baptist Insurance Company.

4 Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Employee costs	57,195	-	57,195	45,194
Premises costs	46,871	166,088	212,959	63,207
General administrative expenses	46,242		46,242	47,467
Legal and professional costs	1,050	-	1,050	2,250
	151,358	166,088	317,446	158,118
Other expenditure				
Other expenses	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	151,358	166,088	317,446	158,118

Included in General administrative expenses are the amounts of £16,880 (2024: £20,491) in respect of Subscriptions and dontations, £15,644 (2024: £8,017) for Ministry and Outreach, £6,347 (2024: £1,620) for Insurances and £180 (2024: £9,923) for admin support services.

5 Support costs

Support cost type	Fundraising Activitiy £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total costs £
Independent examination fees			1,050	1,050
				-
Total	-	-	1,050	1,050

6 Trustees' expenses

	2025 £	2024 £
Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	2	4
Ministry outreach	443	6,791

7 Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	52,541	39,721
Social security costs	61	(813)
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	4,507	4,030
Other employee benefits	86	2,256
	57,195	45,194
Average head count in the year (Charitable activities)	2	2

	£
Minister's stipend	34,111
Income Tax	(3,478)
NI	(1,596)
Pension	(3,222)
Total	25,815

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The total amount paid to key management personnel (includes Trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity was £38,817 (2024 - £39,805) which was in accordance to their employment contracts.

8 Defined contribution pension scheme of defined benefit scheme accounted

The Church is a participating employer the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers Pension Fund, started in 1925. At the beginning of the financial year, the scheme comprised of a defined benefits scheme which was closed to future accrual on 31 December 2011 and a defined contribution plan which was opened in January 2012.The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

For the current financial year, the pension provision for members of the Scheme is being made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts, which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Broadstone Corporate Benefits Ltd. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members if they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva Limited. Furthermore, members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%.

In October 2024, the insurance company Just Group completed a buy out of the liabilities of the closed defined benefit scheme. From that date any remaining liability of the participating scheme members to defined benefit scheme ceased and the £1 per month deficit contributions payable by the participating employers which were agreed in the recovery plan approved in August 2022 also ceased from that date. Administration of the closed defined benefit scheme transferred from the pension trustees to Just Group from that date.

The Minister(s) [and some members of the church staff] are eligible to join the Scheme.

All liabilities and expenses of the charity are in respect of 'Charitable Activities' and are financed totally by unrestricted funds. The amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense is £4,507 (2024 : £4,030).

9 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	4,830	4,671

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security costs	(269)	-
Other creditors	1,050	1,550
	781	1,550

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	80,178	250,052

12 Funds of the charity

Funds	1-Jan-25 Balance £	Income/ (expenditure) £	Transfers/ Other reserves £	Surplus/ (deficit) £	31-Dec-25 Balance £
Unrestricted general funds:	274,849		6,111	(71,066)	209,894
Restricted designated funds:	8,645,055		303,628	(97,931)	8,850,752
	8,919,904	-	309,739	(168,997)	9,060,646

Funds	1-Jan-24 Balance £	Income/ (expenditure) £	Transfers/ Other reserves £	Surplus/ (deficit) £	31-Dec-24 Balance £
Unrestricted general funds:	223,245		37,272	14,332	274,849
Restricted designated funds:	8,247,726		389,911	7,418	8,645,055
	8,470,971	-	427,183	21,750	8,919,904

13 Movements of major funds

Fund names	1-Jan-25 Balance	Income/ (expenditure)	Transfers/ Other reserves	Surplus/ (deficit)	31-Dec-25 Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Asset Revaluation - Buildings	8,468,679		303,628		8,772,307
Asset Revaluation - Contents	198,052		6,060		204,112
Emergency	160,417			(107,422)	52,995
Building	12,795			7,891	20,686
Clerkenwell	2,200			1,600	3,800
Mission	964				964
General	76,797		51	(71,066)	5,782
	8,919,904	-	309,739	(168,997)	9,060,646

14 Related party transactions

Name of Trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at end of period
			£	£
Allan Barbazza	Senior Pastor	Remuneration and expenses	34,171	-
Olumayowa Akinloye	Secretary	Remuneration and expenses	4,646	-

Suppliers are paid via bank transfer upon completion of work in respect of the year and the submission of an invoice. The Senior Pastor and Trustees are paid via bank transfers through payroll and/or upon receipt of expenses incurred on behalf of the Church.

King's Cross Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025
for the information of the trustees only

	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming resources	148,449	179,868
Resources expended	(317,446)	(158,118)
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	(168,997)	21,750

King's Cross Baptist Church
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2025
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	Unrestricted/ General £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources				
Offerings	54,185	9,000	63,185	63,497
Rental income	67,852		67,852	94,859
Gift aid	12,304		12,304	13,578
Interest received	-	3,508	3,508	7,134
Sundry income	-	1,600	1,600	800
	134,341	14,108	148,449	179,868
Charitable activities				
Expenditure on:				
Wages and salaries	52,541		52,541	39,721
Staff pension	4,507		4,507	4,030
Employer's NI	61		61	(813)
Conferences and training	86		86	2,256
	57,195	-	57,195	45,194
Premises costs:				
Church light, heat and water	14,439		14,439	9,207
Church repairs	21,396		21,396	32,025
Manse repairs	-	166,088	166,088	5,969
Cleaning and rubbish collection	11,036		11,036	16,006
	46,871	166,088	212,959	63,207
General administrative expenses:				
Admin support	180		180	9,923
Church telephone/internet	1,059		1,059	474
Printing, postage and stationery	947		947	1,381
Office supplies	-		-	263
Subscriptions and donations	16,880		16,880	20,491
Commission paid	5,079		5,079	5,232
Bank charges and interest	106		106	66
Insurances	6,347		6,347	1,620
Pastoral care/Meeting outside	477		477	-
Other preaching expenses	660		660	650
Youth, Students & Young Adults	1,808		1,808	641
Worship,Tech & Production	4,437		4,437	3,722
Mission	34		34	34
Hospitality	1,637		1,637	1,290
Breathe and Café	5,593		5,593	365
Ministry development	-		-	300
Womens and mens ministries	998		998	1,015
	46,242	-	46,242	47,467

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			2025	2024
	Unrestricted/ General	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional costs:				
Independent examination fees	1,050		1,050	2,250
Accountancy fees	-		-	-
	1,050	-	1,050	2,250
	151,358	166,088	317,446	158,118