Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st January to 31st December 2025

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

SIDMOUTH

Registered Charity No. 1167687

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Address	Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TU
Trustees	Besmir Gorrea Chris Beswick Carole Clark Michael Spittel Babu Pulsuluri
Number	1167687
Bankers	**Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Bank)** 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner	Mr Ian Gregory

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

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1.Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the church are:

1 The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily but not exclusively within Sidmouth and the surrounding neighbourhood

2 Such other charitable purposes as shall in the opinion of the members of the church in general meeting put into practice the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with the basis of faith.

2. Public Benefit

The trustees consider that the objectives above fulfill the requirements of the Charity Commission's public benefit disclosure.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The church is a registered charity. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) number 1167687 registered on 16 June 2016 and governed by its Constitution dated 21st March 2016

The trustees who served in 2025 were :-

Besmir Gorrea- January – December (Pastor)

Babu Pulsuluri February – December (Elder)

Chris Beswick- January – December (Deacon)

Carole Clark January – December (Deacon

Michael Spittel January- February (Deacon)

Day to day governance of the church is in the hands of the Church Council (the Trustees). Major decisions are made by the members at Church Members Business Meetings held as required and normally not less than four times a year. The Annual General Meeting, at which the Secretary and Treasurer report on the work and finances of the church, is normally held towards the end of February.

4. Review of activities

4.1 Services of worship, prayer and the ministry of God's word were held on Sunday mornings together with midweek meetings for prayer and Bible Study.

4.2 Involvement of the the congregation

Many members of the congregation are involved in the work of the Church which would be unable to function without their aid.

4.3 Risk Assessment

The main areas of risk have been identified, and the following mitigation procedures have been put in place:-

(a)The trustees closely monitor and manage the finances to ensure that funds are available for ongoing support of its objectives.

(b)DBS checks are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups as part of the charity's activities.

(c)Appropriate insurance is in place to protect the charity.

(d)A Covid risk assessment was carried out for the church to comply with Government guidelines and rules.

4.4 Charitable Giving

The Church supports a number of missionaries, Christian workers, Christian organisations and charities, both financially and in prayer. In 2025 these included:

	£
OMF	1,800
Gateway Harvest	210
London City Mission	800
Sidmouth Food Bank	200
Christian Institute	500
SIM International	800
Radstock Mission	500
Total	4,810

5. Financial Review

The overall difference between receipts and payments was a surplus of £2,715 compared with a deficit of £4,487 in 2024. Whilst the improved position can be mainly accounted for by the increase in freewill offerings, the end of year surplus includes a contribution of £1,500 towards

the cost of the boiler replacement in 2026. The Accumulated Fund at the end of the year amounted to £98,318.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
General Fund Receipts	**£**	**£**
Free-will offerings	42,131	34,011
Donations	1,500	0
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	7,870	5,932
Income from solar panels	1,259	762
Bank interest received	1,868	2,341
Sundry receipts	0	439
Total Income	54,628	43,485
General Fund Payments		
Pastor's salary (incl. PAYE, pension & expenses)	32,376	29,157
Visiting preacher, FIEC donation & conference expns.	1,287	1,881
Church maintenance	6,940	8,471
Manse costs (maintenance & council tax)	4,152	4,135
Communications & administration	2,348	1,613
Missionary gifts	4,810	2,715
Total Payments	51,913	47,972
Surplus/Deficit	2,715	-4,487
Add Accumulated Fund b/fwd	95,603	100,090
Accumulated Fund c/fwd	98,318	95,603

Current Bank Account Balance 31/12/25	4,049	2,064
Deposit Bank Account Balance 31/12/25	94,269	93,539
	98,318	95,603

Independent Examiner's Report

I have carefully checked the financial records for the year to 31st December 2025 and can confirm that these accounts show a true and fair view of the financial position of the church.

Ian Gregory 15th February 2025.