GILLINGHAM
BAPTIST CHURCH
in KENT, UK

GILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH [GBC]

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION: 1169112

NAME OF CHARITY Gillingham Baptist Church

CHARITY NUMBER 1169112

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MANAGING TRUSTEES

All Managing Trustees must be members of the Church. The Leadership Team during 2025 comprised:

Stephen Greasley	Minister	
Sarah Rai	Minister in training since September 2025	
Simon Collins	Elder	Elected 15 November 2022
Raphael Khelawan	Elder	Elected 15 November 2022
Niki Lownds	Elder	Elected 15 November 2022
Ayodeji Ibitoye	Elder	Elected November 2025
Bernie Pinner	Elder	Elected November 2025
Rachel Davey	Deacon	Elected 15 November 2022 Stepped Down November 2025
Sharon Greasley	Deacon	Re-elected 15 November 2025
Helen Holloway	Deacon	Re-elected 16 November 2021 & 19 November 2024
John Lownds	Deacon	Re-Elected 15 November 2022
Penelope Wyatt	Deacon	Elected 15 November 2022 Stepped Down November 2025

Lyn Alimodian	Deacon	Elected 21 November 2023 Resigned 28 April 2025
Cynthia Nicholls	Deacon	Elected 21 November 2023
Isaac Bature	Deacon	Elected 19 November 2024
Robert Phipps	Deacon	Elected November 2025
Judith Carr	Deacon	Elected November 2025

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

1. CONSTITUTION

Gillingham Baptist Church was first established in 1879 and moved into its present location in 1882. It became first registered as a charity on 18 April 1965.

On 9 September 2016 Gillingham Baptist Church was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission *(with all the Assets and Liabilities of the previous charity (Reg. No: 233942) being transferred to the CIO on the 31st December 2016)*.
The governing document is 'The Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution' as produced by Anthony Collins Solicitors and the Baptist Union Corporation and approved by the Charity Commission. The latest version was updated by Gillingham Baptist Church and approved by the Charity Commission in 2021.

2. CHARITABLE OBJECT

The principal purposes of the Church are:

- The advancement of the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination
- The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

3. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

As of 2025, the Church employs one Minister full-time, one Minister in training, one part-time Administrator, one Debt-Centre Manager, one Family Outreach Worker (currently furloughed), one part-time Parish Nurse, one part-time Site Manager and one part-time Cleaner.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Church are accepted as such in accordance with the Constitution which normally requires them to have been baptised by immersion upon personal profession of faith. Persons who have not been baptised in this manner may at the discretion of the Church Members' Meeting be accepted for full membership based on their own public profession of faith.

In 2025 the Church continued to see significant growth in Church membership with an overall increase from 194 members in December 2024 to 211 at the end of December 2025.

5. GOVERNANCE

The Church Members' Meeting normally takes place six times per year and has overall responsibility for the Church. In accordance with the Constitution, members appoint a maximum of twelve Trustees, in addition to the minister, who collectively are known as the Church Leadership Team and are responsible

for the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the CIO. All Church members and attendees are encouraged to take an active part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objectives.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members' Meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members at the Church Members' Meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by an appropriate majorityy, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

5.1 GOVERNANCE - TEAMS

Governance of the Church has been maintained by monthly in-person meetings of the Trustees (the Church Leadership Team). As permitted by the Church Constitution, our Church Leadership Team is supported by 4 teams. This includes the Finance Team (including Health and Safety), Safeguarding Team, Pastoral Team and Mission Team. All these have agreed Terms of Reference and Trustees are appointed to each to ensure visibility and consistency in decision making. In November 2025, the Church Secretary and Treasurer both resigned after 3 years of service. New appointments were made to these positions in the November leadership elections.

5.1.1 FINANCE TEAM (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY)

Our Finance Team meets approximately 3 times a year. It is involved in setting a budget each October and advising the Leadership Team on expenditure on health and safety and improvements to the premises.

The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying accounts.

Our Fire Alarm Evacuation Procedure was updated in 2025 to ensure that the building could be evacuated if an emergency was to occur. A fire alarm activation evacuation drill also took place after a Sunday service. All Fire Marshals have attended an annual update.

Food Hygiene training has been offered to members and users of the kitchen within the Church.

Finally, all annual services took place e.g. PAT tests, fire extinguishers, lift inspections, and gas boiler.

5.1.2 SAFEGUARDING TEAM

The Church operates systems to ensure that all Trustees, employees and volunteers in eligible positions (including all those working with children and adults at risk) are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). DBS checks on new and existing volunteers were carried out through 2025 and no incidents were reported.
The Trustees continue to recognise their responsibilities for safeguarding children and adults at risk within the Church. This includes the reading of the annual safeguarding statement during the Church AGM. Additional Safeguarding training for all relevant staff and volunteers (run by the South East Baptist Association) will be arranged during 2026. Future training dates are kept under review for new staff and volunteers wishing to step into roles that require DBS clearance.

5.1.3 PASTORAL TEAM

The Pastoral team met in September 2025 and made recommendations for the revision of the membership roll. The team went through the whole membership list and raised relevant pastoral issues where appropriate.

5.1.4 MISSION TEAM

In 2025 there were seven members of the Church on the Mission Team, including four trustees. During 2025, the Church financially supported the following organizations:

Mission Aviation Fellowship	£5,000
Baptist Missionary Society	£4,900
South-East Baptist Association	£5,700
Family Trust	£1,600
Compassion (Wilkenson Joseph education sponsorship in Haiti)	£500
Good News for Everyone	£300
Medway Volunteer Workshop	£300
African Pastors Fellowship	£200

We also provided Mark and Sarah Newnham, our MAF missionaries in Kenya, with £1,000. £2200 allocated for the Church Family Outreach Worker was transferred to the Minister in Training's budget and £300 was added to the TEAR Fund Christmas Appeal.

All of the above funding support was agreed through the church members meeting.
We used the £1,000 of unallocated funding to support:

- Ubaka U Rawanda with £500 for their home for street Boys
- Blythswood with £100 for their Christmas shoe box appeal,
- £300 to support MAF missionaries Mark and Sarah Newnham with UK travel expenses following the death of their eldest daughter.

- £200 for the TEAR Fund Christmas Appeal for Gaza (a further £520 was raised in donations during and after the church carol service and £300 was added from The Family Outreach Worker budget).

5.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Throughout 2025, the Trustees have kept under review a wide range of charitable and financial policies in line with requirements outlined by the Charity Commission and Baptist Union. One new policy was developed:

- Mobile Messaging (WhatsApp) – April 2025

Work was paused on an 'Employee Handbook' to take account of the changing nature of employment legislation that would come into effect in 2026. This is subject to further guidance and instruction from the Baptist Union.

There were no breaches to the GBC UK-GDPR policy that needed to be reported to the ICO or other regulatory bodies.

5.2.1 POLICY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

A policy development framework remains in place. This keeps all Trustees up to date where policies are required or must be reviewed. Further updates and new policy developments are discussed in a timely fashion during Trustee meetings.

6 OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public. In order to achieve the principal objectives set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally and all activities are open to the public. The Church continues to publish a community newsletter online to promote the work we do. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with him as living Lord. In February 2025 we also relaunched the Church Instagram account.

Central to the work of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. We also provide a full children's programme during Sunday morning services. However, we also host a wide range of weekly activities. This includes a parents/carers toddlers' group, Boys' Brigade and Girls'

Association, home groups, a coffee morning, and a craft club. During 2025 we continued with our mid-week Bible study group.
The Church continues to sponsor a Debt Centre, and we have a Family Outreach Worker in the community (although this role has been furloughed since the summer of 2024 due to long term staff illness). In addition, the premises are rented out to various outside groups, some meeting regularly and others are for single events.

7 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Whilst numbers are important, the Church measures its success in less tangible characteristics such as personal and corporate spiritual growth, friendship, care and encouragement.

7.1 SERVICES

The Church holds regular Sunday morning services. Throughout the year this has included Baptismal services as well as regular all age worship, morning worship and Communion services. We have had guest speakers including returning missionaries as well as Emerge Advocacy, Compassion, African Pastors Fellowship, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

As a community based organisation, we are also delighted that a number of our congregation are invited to speak at other local Churches and venues. All our services are live-streamed to Facebook and You Tube. A BSL Level 3 communicator provided signing on some occasions.

In 2025 there were three funeral services, plus one as part of the Borstal Fellowship, seven baptisms and one wedding in the church.

7.2 CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church has had another positive year with the numbers continuing to reflect the growth in new families attending the church.

From September a slight change was made to the age structures. JAM Busters now serve reception to Year 3 and DJ's now Years 4-6. In terms of numbers at the end of the year - JAM Busters had an average of 8 and DJs had an average of 18 on a weekly basis.

The first Sunday of the month is an all age service with children remaining in church throughout and on the remaining Sundays they go to groups part way through the service. Sessions include Bible stories or themes, praying, videos, crafts and games.

We continue to develop our Children's Church syllabus, currently in year 3. The weekly theme has a Bible passage and key points to be shared with the children. Both groups follow the same outline but apply the activities etc. to suit the different age groups. This has been welcomed by the leaders and

helpers and means that children from the same family in different groups are learning the same stories.

This will continue to be developed and will eventually provide a 4-year syllabus.

7.3 JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS (SCHOOL YEARS 7-8)

Growth has been seen this past year, with an average of about 8 in attendance. Until the summer 2025 the focus was on prayer and studying the Bible. This included writing out their own proverbs and parables, looking at the Psalms, and undertaking an in-depth study of Biblical history. A Youth Alpha Course commenced in Autumn 2025.

7.4 BIBLE CLASS (SCHOOL YEARS 9-13)

The aim of this group is to help young people in school years 9 to 13 grow in their relationship with Jesus and their knowledge of how and why Christianity applies to their lives. Typical weekly attendance is 18 – 25 young people. For most of 2025, various parables were studied. Specific topics such as "Baptism", "Prayer" and "How can I know the will of God?" were covered. Young people are encouraged to question why the Bible teaches what it does, rather than just accept its teachings at face value, thereby hopefully owning it for themselves. We thereby seek to help the young people explore how to apply the Bible's teachings to their own lives.

Several of our current and former members now undertake other roles in the church such as door stewarding, drumming, playing the organ, helping with the visuals/IT or with the younger Junior Church groups. This notion of servanthood is something the Church is keen to develop.

7.5 OTHER GROUPS

Outside of the regular Sunday activities, the Church provides other groups and activities for children, young people and adults.

7.5.1 THE BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association meets on Friday evenings during school term time throughout the year, offering a lively programme of educational and games activities, and seeking to develop the children's faith and citizenship. Numbers during 2025 remained steady with 26 regular attendees in total. In 2025, the Captain, Craig Davey announced his intentions to retire in July 2026. A successor has yet to be appointed, but should be confirmed during the 2026 session.

7.5.2 HOME GROUPS

Home Groups normally meet fortnightly in the homes of some members, to encourage growth in faith and discipleship.

7.5.3 BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL – WOMENS' MINISTRY

Bold and Beautiful' is the name for Gillingham Baptist Churches (GBC) Women's Ministry. Two main events are held during the year. 2025 saw the start-up of 'B&B Connect' - smaller informal events for coffee, cake and prayer just for women and older teen girls at GBC. The first event saw 14 women attend with time to sit and chat whilst enjoying refreshments as well as sharing in a time of prayer.

The two main events of the year have also been well attended. The April event was on the theme of 'Joy' and the Advent event saw plenty of Christmas crafts as well as a focus on the themes of Advent - love, joy, hope and peace.

We encourage attendance from the Church fellowship as well as from other local churches including significant attendance from Twydall Evangelical Church and a few ladies from Rainham Christian Fellowship.

Every event we have had has been really well received and much enjoyed by women from GBC and further afield. We are eagerly planning our next events for 2026 and we look forward to continuing to bless the women of GBC and wider. We always welcome feedback and suggestions for future events and guest speakers.

7.5.4 STRONG & COURAGEOUS - MENS' MINISTRY

During 2025 Strong & Courageous met 5 times for 3 dinners and 2 breakfasts - with an average attendance of 14 men. As well as a time for food there was usually a guest speaker who shared their testimony as well as time for prayer. This event is popular and well supported; with God's blessing it will continue for many years to come.

7.5.5 HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER

With the exception of a prayer meeting in May on mission, the half nights of prayer were not well attended and were discontinued in 2025.

7.5.6 BIBLE STUDY – MID WEEK

The Mid-Week Bible Study group has continued to meet during 2025 on Wednesday evenings every fortnight. Its mission is to foster spiritual growth, fellowship, and understanding of the Word of God among members and friends of our congregation through the study and discussion of the Bible.

These regular weekly Bible study sessions have focused on the New Testament and have provided opportunities for attendees to delve deeper into scripture, discuss its relevance to their lives, and grow in their faith. Attendance has been between 10 to 15 persons per meeting and is concluded with a time of prayer.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain steadfast in our commitment to studying God's word, nurturing spiritual growth, and serving others with love and compassion.

7.5.7 ‘STEPS' (PARENTS/CARERS AND TODDLER GROUP)

STEPS is the weekly toddler group held during school term times. The number attending varies from week to week, but mostly at least 6 or 7 adults with their children. We try to cater for children up to the age of 5 years, but in reality we mostly have children before they go off to nursery at 3 years old. Most people who attend are from the local community and not from GBC. We have a variety of age appropriate toys and puzzles and try to have a singing time where we enjoy nursery songs and rhymes. There is also a craft table, the contents of which changes each week.

7.5.8 FRIENDSHIP MORNING (COFFEE SHOP)

Friendship morning continues to go from strength to strength having been run for many years on Wednesday mornings (term time). A time for sharing together, highlighting prayer requests and experiencing a Christian talk.

In January 2025, the GBC Parish Nurse started holding monthly medical consultations for those attending. This involves taking blood pressure and other non-invasive health assessment measures and giving advice. Attendees are listed and see her in a private room. These have proved popular and are well used.

Some residents from Kent Autistic Trust attend regularly with carers for short periods. Attendance in 2025 averaged 20 -30. A proportion of attendees are long term unemployed and may have special needs, or have poor educational backgrounds. Assistance is given to those needing help completing forms (eg. Council tax or benefits applications.) A listening ear and friendship is provided to anyone. It is also used by those waiting to see Ruth Millard the Church CAP debt counsellor.

7.5.9 THE ALPHA COURSE

Five Alpha Courses ran during 2025 - held during the Spring and Autumn on Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings. A Youth Alpha course also took place alongside a follow up discipleship group.

About 20 guests have attended, invited through other Alpha participants, Church, and Christians Against Poverty and members have had a variety of faith new faith or non-faith views. As usual the joint Holy Spirit Awayday really was a highlight with folk commenting on the way it brought them closer to God and more open to Him. 1 guest has given their life to Jesus, 2 guests have been baptised, and 3 have become members with several others now regularly attending Church.

7.5.10 CRAFT TIME

Craft time meets every other Thursday during School term time with the aim of encouraging people to attend Church services, join in with other Church activities and ultimately to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. There's usually a short talk and at Christmas a Christmas meal was also enjoyed followed by Christmas carols and readings.

Craft Time is also involved in collecting donations for the Blythswood charity shoe boxes.
These shoe boxes are filled with essential items and a few extras and then checked and taken to a central depot where they are sorted and then transported to very needy people in Eastern Europe.

7.5.11 GOOD NEWS at TEN

Good News at 10 is a weekday group that has met fortnightly at Church during 2025 for Bible study. Around 12 people meet on each occasion. Topics covered in the studies include 'The Letter of James' (Practical Christianity) and 'Forgiveness' (and how to forgive yourself). Each study is interactive with members regularly contributing to the discussions. A time of prayer rounds off each session.

8 HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

8.1 CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP DEBT CENTRE)

As of December 2025, CAP has now been going for twelve and a half years at GBC. In 2025, nearly £150,000 of clients' debt was repaid or written off. (Since the start of the Debt Centre this figure has been more than £2m). In 2025, there were 47 new individuals/families referred to the centre.

A number of evangelistic events have been held throughout the year. This included 2 meals, a creative Easter event, CAP Anniversary in June, and a Christmas tea followed by the Churches Together in Medway Christmas Connect in December. Many clients have attended Alpha. We had picnics over the summer and a beach day in September which was enjoyed by those who came. We also distributed 60 Christmas hampers from KICC to CAP clients and others in need as well as about 150 gift bags including an advent booklet to current and past clients. We have run several CAP Money Coaching courses to help folk with budgeting and managing their money, both for new people and to support those going debt free.

8.2 PARISH NURSE

GBC is very grateful to our Parish Nurse for all that's been achieved over the past year. Appointed for 10 hours a week she works under the umbrella of Parish Nursing Ministries UK (PNMUK) with the majority work being unconnected to the Church or its activities. Parish Nurses support individuals with their body, mind and spirit. That means supporting people with their physical and mental health as well as social issues. As a Christian Parish Nurse she is also allowed and encouraged to underpin everything with Spiritual Care, offering prayer or caring for the spirit, which can mean different things to different people whilst supporting clients from all faiths and none.

Mainly working from a local community centre in Lower Gillingham, she visits seven different groups: Women-in-Sheds, The Wild and Recycled Garden, the Medway African and Caribbean Association, Friendship Morning, Dementia Café, Friendship Group and Men-in-Sheds. All except the Friendship Morning are based at the Sunlight Centre. She also supports various individuals on a one-to-one or couples basis: some are from the groups, some are from the Church and a few are 'historical clients' from when Parish Nurse for the Bridge Baptist Church. Outside of groups, she sees people in their own homes, at the Church or in a local café.

She has actively supported about fifty people over the past year in a role that is interesting and extremely varied within her scope, knowledge and experience of being a Registered Nurse. This might include advocacy work, discussing vaccinations or other health-based teaching. She can also make referrals to GPs, Social Services, Physiotherapy, OT, the Community Mental Health Team, or signpost to a wide variety of organisations. Sometimes, no counselling, advice or specific help is needed or given, it just greatly helps the individual to offload.

Much of her work comes under the title of '*The Ministry of Presence'* whilst giving 'wholistic healthcare' – both of these phrases having been coined by PNMUK. This is where she takes time to sit alongside someone and actively listen to them, caring for their whole self.

Reflecting on her role, she recognises that this job is really worthwhile for so many reasons. Caring for the very vulnerable and helping people with complex issues is probably the most time-consuming but most worthwhile aspect of the work. And to hear 'Thank you, I don't know where I'd be without you' or Thank you so much, you've no idea how much you've helped me' confirms this very important calling to GBC and the wider community. One which GBC supports wholeheartedly.

8.3 FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER (FOW)

Our Family Outreach Worker (FOW) who worked in partnership with St Mary Magdalene Church on Gillingham Green to deliver a number of activities

including a Tuesday coffee morning and a toddlers group, has been on long term sick leave. The FOW role has been furloughed since 2024, and no FOW work was undertaken in 2025.

8.4 THE CHURCH PREMISES

The Church premises were used by various organisations/groups and individuals from the local community:

- Happifeet Nursery has been hiring the Main Hall each weekday since September 2025.
- Ballroom & Latin Dancing Classes: Our main hall is used every Saturday for private dancing lessons.
- Romanian Church - This growing community gather for a service together on a Saturday evening in the Lighthouse Hall.
- African Church – It gathers for a service on a Sunday afternoon in the Upper Room.
- Bulgarian Church: - A service is held on Sunday afternoons in the Lighthouse Hall.
- The Prayer room is used on a Tuesday & Wednesday evening and Saturdays for tuition.
- A summer holiday club was held for a week in the Main Hall.
- The Electoral Services held a Polling Station for the Gillingham South By-Election in February in the Main Hall.
- Healthy Early Years had a training day in the Lighthouse Hall.
- Kent & Medway NHS SCPT held four away days in the Lighthouse Hall.
- The Lighthouse Hall was used for a few birthday parties.
- Christ Embassy ceased to meet for prayer meetings in the Lighthouse Hall.

9. MINISTER IN TRAINING

In the Summer of 2025 the Church members affirmed the calling of Sarah Rai, one of our younger members, to train for Baptist ministry. Originally this was to take place at Spurgeon's College, but following the closure of Spurgeon's, Sarah began at Bristol Bible College in September for a three year course. She attends the college's London Hub each Wednesday in term time and attends Bristol for four block weeks each academic year for in-depth theological training. Sarah's training is in partnership with Gillingham Baptist Church where as our Minister in Training she fulfils a variety of duties including regular preaching, working with the church young people, and participation in the social media team. Sarah is also involved with the Kent Nepalese Fellowship.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

10.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

We have an increasing membership and the offerings from members and attendees have continued to rise. Rent is slowly increasing; we have 3 other churches meeting here and the hall has been used for rental to a Nursery during term time, dance classes and training sessions.

10.2 CAP (CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY)

CAP has continued to be funded by members of the congregation and other supporters, including d by regular donations from other local churches. The monthly donation to CAP headquarters is paid from the general funds. Kent Community Foundation Trust gave us a grant towards CAP activities.

10.3 FOW (FAMILY OUTREACH WORKER)

FOW has been on long term sick due to a major surgery, there was no activities for this outreach during 2025.

10.4 LOAN REPAYMENTS

In July 2025 we repaid Baptist Building Fund loan, this was 3 year earlier than schedule. The amount borrowed was £250,000. During 2025 payment of £137,500 was made this includes and thank you payment of £25,000.

10.5 PENSION FUND

The scheme has been bought out by Just Group, who will administer the pensions of those who have made DB contributions. We no longer have to pay extra contributions.
The Minister in Training has joined the pension scheme following her appointment in 2025.
2 other members of staff qualified for an auto-enrolment pension; one accepted and is enrolled in a Nest pension; the other declined.

10.6 MINISTER IN TRAINING

During 2025 the Church made the decision so employ a Minister in Training (MIT). In September 2025 Sarah Rai was employed as the MIT and started her training which was supposed to be st Spurgeon’s College, unfortunately Spurgeon’s College had to close so Sarah is now doing her training Bristol Baptist College. Several members from the congregation are contributing towards the cost of her training and the rest is covered from the church’s general fund.

10.7 BRIDGE HOUSE

During 2025 after discussion with the leadership team membership whether to repair and keep the property or to sell it, the decision was made to sell because of high cost to repair a leak and water ingress in the cellar. The property was sold to Overbury Estates for £250,000, after selling cost and a £1,000 to the BU the remaining proceeds of £247,479 was deposited in a BU Trust account to use in the future to purchase another property.

GILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

SOFA		2025				2024			
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
Income & Endowments		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Offerings		141,587	0	0	141,587	136,547	0	0	**136,547**
Donations for Charitable Causes	26	0	0	2,929	2,929	0	0	3,109	**3,109**
Donations for Projects	26	0	0	7,948	7,948	0	0	17,354	**17,354**
Christians Against Poverty	26	0	0	12,199	12,199	0	0	15,670	**15,670**
Family Outreach Worker	26	100	0	0	100	0	0	6,240	**6,240**
Donations to Church Family Fund		978	0	0	978	0	0	1,113	**1,113**
Income Tax Recovered on Offerings		27,279	0	3,970	31,249	22,623	0	6,447	**29,070**
IT upgrade	26	1,155	0	0	1,155	0	0	12,078	**12,078**
Outreach	26	0	0	0	0	50	0	205	**255**
Men & Women's meetings	26	30	0	0	30	0	0	0	**0**
Donation to Manse Fund		0	153,489	1,800	155,289	0	0	0	**0**
Donation to MIT		0	0	5,143	5,143	0	0	0	**0**
Parish Nurse				11,052	11,052	0	0	0	**0**
Legacies		3,956	0		3,956	0	0	12,500	**12,500**
Bridge House				0	0	0	0	96,511	**96,511**
Revaluation Gain Church Building				145,000	145,000				
Donations & Legacies	25	**175,085**	**153,489**	**190,041**	**518,615**	**159,220**	**0**	**171,227**	**330,447**
Bank Interest		0	3,405	0	3,405	0	5,413	0	5,413
Investment Income	26	**0**	**3,405**	**0**	**3,405**	**0**	**5,413**	**0**	**5,413**
Flowers	27	0	0	574	574	0	0	440	440
Refreshments	27	625	0	0	625	453	0	0	453
Organisations	27	0	0	2,536	2,536	0		4,545	4,545
Friendship Morning		0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Charitable Activities	27	**625**	**0**	**3,110**	**3,735**	**453**	**0**	**4,985**	**5,438**
Other Income		181	0	0	181	770	0	6,971	7,741
Other Income	28	**181**	**0**	**0**	**181**	**770**	**0**	**6,971**	**7,741**
Rents		27,688	0	0	27,688	8,852	0	1,548	10,400
Trading Activities	29	**27,688**	**0**	**0**	**27,688**	**8,852**	**0**	**1,548**	**10,400**
Total Receipts		**203,579**	**156,894**	**193,151**	**553,624**	**169,295**	**5,413**	**184,731**	**359,439**
Expenditure									
Charitable Activities									
Staff Costs and Related Expenses	16	66,817	0	28,318	95,135	64,621	0	21,826	**86,447**
Other Activities	16	1,048	0	14,314	15,362	1,298	0	300	**1,598**
Organisations	13	0	0	1,822	1,822	0	0	10,069	**10,069**
Upkeep of Church Premises	19	41,538	0	0	41,538	35,457	0	53	**35,510**
Supplies & Services	21	7,390	7,661	604	15,655	7,103	4,908	1,302	**13,313**
Christians Against Poverty	17	0	6,300	2,476	8,776	0	0	2,782	**2,782**
Family Outreach Worker		0	0		0	0	0	636	**636**
Project	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	**2,500**
Grants to Charitable Causes	22	20,216	0	2,479	22,695	19,124	0	2,255	**21,379**
Other causes (CFF)		0	0	280	280	0	0	1,138	**1,138**
Administration	20	8,135	0	0	8,135	12,828	0	581	**13,409**
Charitable Activities	13,15	**145,144**	**13,961**	**50,293**	**209,398**	**140,431**	**4,908**	**43,442**	**188,781**
Total Expenditure		**145,144**	**13,961**	**50,293**	**209,398**	**140,431**	**4,908**	**43,442**	**188,781**
Net Income/Expenditure for the year before gains/losses of Fixed Assets		**58,435**	**142,933**	**142,858**	**344,226**	**28,864**	**505**	**141,289**	**170,658**
Net Gains/Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Income before transfer		**58,435**	**142,933**	**142,858**	**344,226**	**28,864**	**505**	**141,289**	**170,658**
Transfer Between Funds		-33,520	-35,889	69,409	0	**-34,656**	**20,700**	**13,956**	**0**
Net Income before other recognised losses		**24,915**	**107,044**	**212,267**	**344,226**	**-5,792**	**21,205**	**155,245**	**170,658**
Net Movement of Funds		**24,915**	**107,044**	**212,267**	**344,226**	**-5,792**	**21,205**	**155,245**	**170,658**
Reconciliation of Funds									
Total Funds brought forward		27,772	75,758	662,825	**766,355**	**33,564**	**54,553**	**507,580**	**595,697**
Total Funds carried forward		**52,687**	**182,802**	**875,092**	**1,110,581**	**27,772**	**75,758**	**662,825**	**766,355**

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1 **Accounting Policies**

a) The accounts are prepared in accordance with the, Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

b) The church is a registered charity, no.1169112 and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

c) Tangible Fixed Assets comprise of the Church premises.Other tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000

d) Restricted Funds relate to funds where the use of income has been specified for the particular purpose.

e) Designated Funds relate to funds set up by the Church for a particular purpose using monies from the Church's General Funds.

f) All figures in the accounts are rounded to the nearest pound. Therefore, some totals may appear to be slightly different from the sum of the figures they relate too.

2 **Depreciation**

A new depreciation policy was agreed by the Trustees in 2019 it is as follows:
Only items with a value exceeding £1,000 will be included as Capital Expenditure and therefore depreciated. The following rates of depreciation were agreed:

Keyboard (purchased in 2016)	5 years
Chairs in Worship Area	10 years
Stacking Chairs	5 years
PA & Audio equipment	5 years

3 **Reserves**

The Trustees consider that the current assets shown on the balance sheet are sufficient reserves to maintain current operational activities.

4 **Related Charities**

The Custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC) which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the South Eastern Baptist Association.

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5 **Pension**

The Church is a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Scheme previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income.

From January 2012, pension provision is being made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. 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 Legal and Broadstone Corporate Benefits Limited. 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 in 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. [Members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%].

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that the scheme is accounted for as if the Scheme were defined contribution scheme

The Minister is a member of the Scheme

The scheme has now been bought out by Just Group Insurance .

The minister contributes at a rate of 8% of pensionable income. This includes an element for accommodation, usually the notional value of a manse. The employer contributes an additional 10% of pensionable income. From this 6% is credited to the minister's pension account and the remaining 4% is used to pay for insurance (lump sum death benefit and income protection benefit) and administration costs.

The scheme has been bought out by Just, who will administer the pensions of those who have made DB contributions; those with benefits in the DC plan will have them administered by Broadstone and looked after by the Trustee of the Scheme. No DC plan savings will be transferred to Just. When the DB Plan transitions to Just, the DC Plan will continue to be run as the Baptist Pension Scheme.

The employer contribution rate will remain at 10% of Pensionable Income. As before, 6% of this employer contribution goes direct to the member's DC pension pot. The other 4% covers the cost of income protection insurance, life assurance and the expenses of running the Scheme. The overall operational costs of the Scheme will reduce once the DB Plan has been bought-out but those costs that are currently shared between the DB and DC Plans will all have to be met from the DC Plan. In addition, the cost of increased life assurance benefits (see below) needs to be met. We believe the 4% allowance will cover the costs under the revised set up but this will clearly be kept under close review.

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		2025	2024
		£	£
6	**Bank**		
	GBC	5,827	17,134
	Steps (held in GBC bank)	363	278
	Boys' Brigade	8,833	8,832
	Flowers held in GBC bank)	37	22
	Craft	640	346
	Lunch (held in GBC bank)	255	110
		15,955	**26,722**
7	**Baptist Union**		
	General Funds	312,022	148,139
		312,022	**148,139**
8	**Cash**		
	GBC (Petty Cash)	19	16
	STEPS – Cash	40	61
	Boys' Brigade	27	43
	Lunch Club	0	50
	Craft Time	72	1
	Flowers	63	79
		221	**250**
9	**Prepayments**		
	Bridge Insurance Brokers	6,158	6,713
	Business Stream	0	0
	BNP Paribas	0	457
	Virgin Media	0	10
	Medway Council	258	245
		6,416	**7,425**
10	**Debtors**		
	HMRC	7,469	6,967
	Rents	220	486
	Lunch club	0	95
		7,689	**7,548**
11	**Accruals**		
	Total – Gas	940	840
	British Gas Lite (electricity)	476	591
	Co-operative Bank - charge card	67	65
	Telephone	71	0
	Kent County Supplies (KCS)	140	97
	CAP Pension refund	0	16
		1,694	**1,609**

12	**Loans Outstanding**			
	Accounts Repayable	**Baptist Building Fund**	**2025 Total**	**2024 Total**
	Within one year	0	**0**	25,000
	After one year	0	**0**	87,500
	Thank you Offering (10% of loan)	0	**0**	25,000
		0	**0**	**137,500**

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13 **Organisations**

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Brigades	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance	0	8,874	**8,874**	0	9,016	**9,016**
Income	0	1,610	**1,610**	0	2,737	**2,737**
Gift Aid (underGA in SOFA)		0		0	0	**0**
Expenditure	0	1,416	**1,416**	0	2,169	**2,169**
Transfer of Funds to GBC	0	210	**210**	0	710	**710**
Closing Balance	**0**	**8,858**	**8,858**	**0**	**8,874**	**8,874**
Craft Time						
Opening Balance	0	346	**346**	0	514	**514**
Income	0	907	**907**	0	667	**667**
Expenditure	0	367	**367**	0	685	**685**
Transfer of Funds to Gen.	0	175	**175**	0	150	**150**
Closing Balance	**0**	**711**	**711**	**0**	**346**	**346**
STEPS						
Opening Balance	0	338	**338**	0	359	**359**
Income	0	114	**114**	0	214	**214**
Expenditure from Cash/bank	0	39	**39**	0	131	**131**
Expenditure from Bank	0	10	**10**	0	104	**104**
Closing Balance	**0**	**403**	**403**	**0**	**338**	**338**
Lunch Club						
Opening Balance	0	259	**259**	0	181	**181**
Income	0	-95	**-95**	0	581	**581**
Income to Bank	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
Expenditure	0	0	**0**	0	503	**503**
Transfer to General	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
Closing Balance	**0**	**164**	**164**	**0**	**259**	**259**
Bold and Beautiful						
Opening balance	0	106	**106**	0	0	**0**
Income	0	0	**0**	0	200	**200**
Expenditure	0	106	**106**	0	94	**94**
Closing balance	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**106**	**106**
Strong and Courageous						
Opening balance	0	145	**145**	0	0	**0**
Income	0	0	**0**	0	145	**145**
Expenditure	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
Closing balance	0	145	**145**	**0**	**145**	**145**
Totals not B-B or S-C)						
Opening Balance	0	10,068	**10,068**	0	10,071	**10,071**
Income	0	2,536	**2,536**	0	4,544	**4,544**
Expenditure	0	1,938	**1,938**	0	3,686	**3,686**
Transfers Out	0	385	**385**	0	860	**860**
Closing Balance	**0**	**10,281**	**10,281**	**0**	**10,069**	**10,069**

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14 Restricted, Designated & Unrestricted Funds

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated			General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Land & Buildings – GBC	0	0	745,000	**745,000**	0	0	600,000	**600,000**
Land & Buildings – Manse	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Bridge House	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	96,511	**96,511**
Fixtures & Fittings	0	6,777	18,194	**24,971**	0	0	18,870	**18,870**
Manse Proceeds	0	96,680	153,218	**249,898**	0	0	0	**0**
General	52,687	0	0	**52,687**	27,772	0	0	**27,772**
Pension Deficit	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Project 2 (for Loan Repayments)	0	77,632	-77,632	**0**	0	75,758	47,835	**123,593**
Loans to be Repaid	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	-130,000	**-130,000**
Flowers	0	0	100	**100**	0	0	130	**130**
Mission	0	0	1,655	**1,655**	0	0	1,128	**1,128**
Christians Against Poverty(CAP)	0	1,713	4,096	**5,809**	0	0	8,876	**8,876**
CAP Smile	0	0	3,953	**3,953**	0	0	1,837	**1,837**
Family Outreach Worker	0	0	2,325	**2,325**	0	0	3,418	**3,418**
Church Family Fund	0	0	1,096	**1,096**	0	0	425	**425**
Holiday	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Brunch Club	0	0	797	**797**	0	0	798	**798**
Organisations	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	9,813	**9,813**
Bold & Beautiful	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	106	**106**
Borstal Baptist Church	0	0	1,500	**1,500**	0	0	2,200	**2,200**
Parish Nurse	0	0	5,485	**5,485**	0	0	0	**0**
Steps	0	0	402	**402**	0	0	0	**0**
Brigades	0	0	8,890	**8,890**	0	0	0	**0**
Craft	0	0	712	**712**	0	0	0	**0**
Lunch	0	0	255	**255**	0	0	0	**0**
Minister in Training	0	0	4,901	**4,901**	0	0	0	**0**
Bridge	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	733	**733**
Strong & Courageous	0	0	145	**145**	0	0	145	**145**
	52,687	**182,802**	**875,092**	**1,110,581**	**27,772**	**75,758**	**662,825**	**766,355**

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15 **Salaries and Related Expenses**

	2025				2024			
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
Salaries	53,968	0	28,007	**81,975**	51,982	0	21,728	**73,710**
DBS Check	0	0	0	**0**	38	0	0	**38**
Sub Contractor	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Pension Contributions	3,732	0	311	**4,043**	3,621	0	98	**3,719**
Pension Deficit	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Manse Expenses	9,117	0	0	**9,117**	8,980	0	0	**8,980**
	66,817	**0**	**28,318**	**95,135**	**64,621**	**0**	**21,826**	**86,447**

The Church started the year with 7 employees and finished the year with 7- A full time Minister, a part time Administrator, a part time Debt Centre Manager, a Minister in Training, a part time Site Manager and one part time Cleaners. No employee was paid more than £60,000. The Minister is, by the nature of his employment, also a Trustee of the Church. His total remuneration, including Housing Allowance was £38,692

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16 Loans	2025	2024
	£	£
Baptist Building Fund Balance b/f	112,500	152,500
Thank Offering Gift	25,000	2,500
Repayments	-137,500	-25,000
Balance of Loan	0	130,000

Loan is repayable over 10 years with 20 six monthly payments of £12,500. The loan was paid directly into the church account in August 2018 and repayments started in August 2019. As per the request of the Baptist Building Fund an extra payment will be made after the loan has been repaid. This loan was repayed in July 2025, the payment included £25,000 as a thank you offering to the BU.

17 Christians Against Poverty Expenditure	2025			2024		
	Designated	Restricted	Total	Designated	Restricted	Total
		£	£		£	£
75 Salary (shown under salaries)	0	11,448	11,448		11,057	11,057
Fees (shown under finance fees)			0		138	138
	0	11,448	11,448	0	11,195	11,195
Expenses shown under CAP						
Contribution to CAP HQ	6,300		6,300	6,300	0	6,300
Smile			0	0	789	789
Other CAP Expenditure		2,476	2,476	0	1,993	1,993
	6,300	2,476	8,776	6,300	2,782	9,082

The Church Members' meeting of July 2016 agreed to continue hosting the CAP Debt Centre. As part of this commitment it was agreed to make an annual contribution to CAP HQ, employ a Debt Centre Manager and meet other designated costs.

Until the end of 2019 the CAP Debt Centre Manager's Salary was paid from General Funds. From 2020 it was agreed to transfer the Salary from the General Funds to CAP designated and pay it from there so that the actual costs of running the Debt Centre could more easily identified.

At the start of 2023 money was transferred from the general fund to CAP designated as required. During this year and 2025 other grants were recieved from Kent Community Trust so that salary and expenses are paid from restricted funds; the payment to CAP HQ is from designated funds.

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		2025				2024			
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
		£		£	£	£		£	£
18	**Other Activities**								
	Children's Church	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
	Youth Work	42	0	0	**42**	10	0	0	**10**
	Conferences & Training	0	0	2,488	**2,488**	74	0	0	**74**
	Travel	0	0	1,034	**1,034**	364	0	100	**464**
	Visiting Preachers	300	0	0	**300**	185	0	0	**185**
	Outreach	666	0	0	**666**	665	0	0	**665**
	Borstal expenses	0	0	700	**700**	0	0	200	**200**
	Bridge House Expenses	0	0	10,092	**10,092**	0	0	0	**0**
	Thank You Gifts	40	0	0	**40**	0	0	0	**0**
		1,048	**0**	**14,314**	**15,362**	**1,298**	**0**	**300**	**1,598**
19	**Upkeep of Church Premises**								
	Repairs & Maintenance	18,005	0	0	**18,005**	15,967	0	0	**15,967**
	Water Rates	431	0	0	**431**	379	0	0	**379**
	Heat & Light	14,122	0	0	**14,122**	13,478	0	0	**13,478**
	Insurance & Valuation	8,980	0	0	**8,980**	5,633	0	53	**5,686**
		41,538	**0**	**0**	**41,538**	**35,457**	**0**	**53**	**35,510**
20	**Administration**								
	Telephone	1,604	0	0	**1,604**	752	0	22	**774**
	Printing	3,149	0	0	**3,149**	2,605	0	0	**2,605**
	Office Supplies	1,011	0	0	**1,011**	716	0	0	**716**
	Publicity	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
	Legal Expenses	0	0	0	**0**	6,763	0	0	**6,763**
	Finance Fees	1,063	0	0	**1,063**	756	0	299	**1,055**
	Membership Fees	1,308	0	0	**1,308**	1,236	0	260	**1,496**
		8,135	**0**	**0**	**8,135**	**12,828**	**0**	**581**	**13,409**
21	**Supplies and Services**								
	Materials	1,765	0	0	**1,765**	1,498	0	0	**1,498**
	Small Equipment	856	0	0	**856**	1,968	0	0	**1,968**
	Refreshments	1,566	0	0	**1,566**	1,124	0	866	**1,990**
	Media & Books	1,522	0	0	**1,522**	2,064	0	0	**2,064**
	Music & Organ	1,681	0	0	**1,681**	449	0	0	**449**
	Flowers	0	0	604	**604**	0	0	436	**436**
	Depreciation (Designated)	0	7,661	0	**7,661**	0	4,908	0	**4,908**
		7,390	**7,661**	**604**	**15,655**	**7,103**	**4,908**	**1,302**	**13,313**

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22 Grants to Charitable Causes	2025 Unrestricted £	Designated	Restricted £	Total £	2024 Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Home Mission	5,700	0	0	5,700	5,500	0	0	5,500
Missionary Aviation Fellowship	5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	0	5,000
BMB World Mission	4,900	0	0	4,900	4,400	0	0	4,400
BMB World Mission (Guinebor)	0	0	300	300	0	0	900	900
BMB (Lebanon)	0		900	900	0		35	35
The Family Trust	1,600	0	0	1,600	1,600	0	0	1,600
M& S Newnham	0	0	300	300	800	0	0	800
Compassion re Wilkenson	616	0	0	616	384	0	0	384
Tear Fund	0	0	104	104	120	0	0	120
Medway Good News for Life (Gideons)	300	0	0	300	300	0	0	300
SEBA (bread of Life)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M& S Newnham (gift from church member	1,300	0	350	1,650	0	0	665	665
FEBA Radio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hope Health Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
African Pastors Fellowship	200	0	0	200	200	0	120	320
Leprosy Mission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Red Cross	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Samaritans Purse	0	0	0	0	250	0	0	250
Kenward Trust	0		0	0	0		0	0
Radostin Petkov (Bulgaria)	0		0	0	0		510	510
Medway Volunteers (TWAM)	0		0	0	250		0	250
Prison Fellowship (speaker)	0		0	0	120		0	120
Ubaka U Rwanda	500		0	500	0		0	0
Food Bank	0		30	30	0		0	0
M& S Newnham (for Amy's Charity)	0		495	495	0		0	0
Sarah Rai	0		0	0	100		0	100
Blytheswood Care	100		0	100	0		0	0
City Church (Rhoda Sands-speaker)	0		0	0	100		0	100
	20,216	0	2,479	22,695	19,124	0	2,255	21,379
Minister in Training (by transfer)	2,200			2,200				
Family Outreach Worker (by transfer)				0	2,200			2,200
Donations From Church Family Fund	0	0	280	280	0	0	1,138	1,138

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23 Tangible Fixed Assets	2025 Freehold Land & Buildings	2025 Fixtures & Fittings	2025 Total	2024 Freehold Land & Buildings	2024 Fixtures & Fittings	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Net Book Value as at 1 January 2025	696,511	18,869	**715,380**	600,000	6,990	**606,990**
Additions	0	13,764	**13,764**	96,511	16,788	**113,299**
Revaluation Gain	145,000	0	**145,000**	0	0	**0**
Disposals	96,511	0	**96,511**	0	0	**0**
31st Dec	**745,000**	**32,633**	**777,633**	**696,511**	**23,778**	**720,289**
Depreciation						
Change in year	0	7,661	**7,661**	0	4,909	**4,909**
Disposals	0	0	**0**	0	0	**0**
Total	**0**	**7,661**	**7,661**	**0**	**4,909**	**4,909**
Net Book Value as at 31st December 2025	**745,000**	**24,972**	**769,972**	**696,511**	**18,869**	**715,380**

Premises Funded by	2025	2024
Church Building – Restricted	745,000	600,000
Bridge House	0	96,511
Manse – Restricted	0	0
	745,000	**696,511**

The building was inspected and a valuation was done on 31st December 2025 by Chartered Surveyors Martine Waghorn. The Fair Value given for the building is £745,000.

2 Various items of Fixtures & Fittings were acquired during the year. The trustees agreed to depreciate it at 20% of its cost price per year.

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			2025					2024				
			Unrest-ricted	Desig-nated	Endo-wment	Restricted	Total	Unrest-ricted	Desig-nated	Endow-ment	Rest-ricted	Total
25	**Donations & Legacies**		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Offerings		141,587	0	0	0	**141,587**	136,547	0	0	0	**136,547**
	Donations to Charitable Activities		0	0	0	2,929	**2,929**	0	0	0	3,109	**3,109**
	Donations for Projects		0	0	0	7,948	**7,948**	0	0	0	17,354	**17,354**
	Christians Against Poverty		0	0	0	12,199	**12,199**	0	0	0	15,670	**15,670**
	Family Outreach Worker		100	0	0	0	**100**	0	0	0	6,240	**6,240**
	Donations to Church Family Fund		978	0	0	0	**978**	0	0	0	1,113	**1,113**
	Income Tax Recovered on Offerings		27,279	0	0	3,970	**31,249**	22,623	0	0	6,447	**29,070**
	IT Update		1,155	0	0	0	**1,155**	0	0	0	12,078	**12,078**
	Outreach		0	0	0	0	**0**	50	0	0	205	**255**
	Men & Women's meetings		30	0	0	0	**30**	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Donation to Manse Fund		0	153,489	0	1,800	**155,289**	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Donation to MT		0	0	0	5,143	**5,143**	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Parish Nurse		0	0	0	11,052	**11,052**	0	0	0	0	**0**
	Legacies		3,956	0	0	0	**3,956**	0	0	0	12,500	**12,500**
	Bridge House		0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	96,511	**96,511**
			175,085	**153,489**	**0**	**45,041**	**373,615**	**159,220**	**0**	**0**	**171,227**	**330,447**
26	**Investment Income**											
	Bank Interest		0	3,405	0	0	**3,405**	0	5,413	0	0	**5,413**
			0	**3,405**	**0**	**0**	**3,405**	**0**	**5,413**	**0**	**0**	**5,413**
27	**Charitable Activities**											
	Flowers		0	0	0	574	**574**	0	0	0	440	**440**
	Refreshments		625	0	0	0	**625**	453	0	0	0	**453**
	Organisations	13	0	0	0	2,536	**2,536**	0	0	0	4,545	**4,545**
			625	**0**	**0**	**3,110**	**3,735**	**453**	**0**	**0**	**4,985**	**5,438**
28	**Other Income**											
	Other Income		181	0	0	0	**181**	770	0	0	6,971	**7,741**
			181	**0**	**0**	**0**	**181**	**770**	**0**	**0**	**6,971**	**7,741**
29	**Trading Activities**											
	Rents		27,688	0	0	0	**27,688**	8,852	0	0	1,548	**10,400**
	Fund raising Activities re Project		0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	0	**0**
			27,688	**0**	**0**	**0**	**27,688**	**8,852**	**0**	**0**	**1,548**	**10,400**
	Total Receipts		**203,579**	**156,894**	**0**	**48,151**	**408,624**	**169,295**	**5,413**	**0**	**184,731**	**359,439**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gillingham Baptist Church for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Gillingham Baptist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

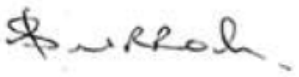
I report in respect of my examination of the Gillingham Baptist Church accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Gillingham Baptist Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Keith Victor Sturrock

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CAT, MIoL, FCMA, CGMA

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Date: 19th July 2026