Annual Report

Madeley Baptist Church (MBC) Telford

Report on the Life and Mission of the Church

The past 12 months have been a time of unexpected developments. Of prime significance, our minister, Simon, expressed a wish to step-down having over committed himself, not helped by the distance between his home in Stafford and Madeley, and his study schedule. This was something none of us anticipated. Simon does however wish to remain a member of MBC and the deacons have accepted his request.

Since Simon stepped back at the end of December, only returning over Easter to take his final services, the diaconate has handled matters arising, with Paul serving as lead trustee and Jennie assuming ministerial duties. The MBC preaching team comprising: Paul, Drew, Meena, Wendy and Jennie is now well established; with Wendy also preaching at Broseley, and Bethany.

The second unexpected development is that we have succeeded in funding all the structural building work highlighted by the quinquennial survey – including replacing the ramp. Originally estimated to be many tens of thousands of pounds, the actual cost was circa £15K, thanks to the diligence of the Building Management Team supported by the goodwill of our contractors and the fellowship. As a result, only the replacement of windows and redecorating both buildings remain outstanding – along with a need to address improved toilet facilities.

Our association with HEBA has continued to grow and is now very strong – driven primarily by Wendy and Jennie. The relationship between MBC and the other Baptist Churches in Shropshire – particularly Broseley, is now well established. Our relationship with the local churches of Madeley, Woodside and Sutton Hill is also established and offering possibilities for joint mission going forward.

We have maintained strong attendance numbers both on Sundays and throughout the week, with membership now at 51 – a record high. Non-members being 27, and 9 Associate Members. During the year we had two baptism services, baptising 10 people. We also blessed and dedicated 3 children.

For an extended period, we were proactive in welcoming and supporting refugees who became like family and very dear to us. Along with becoming regular worshipers and attendees at mid-week activities, they generously contributed to church life through serving and helping out in the kitchen, cleaning, and gardening, for which we are extremely grateful. Many are now settled outside of the area but remain in contact.

We are blessed to welcome each week, a satisfying number of families with children. This enables us to continue to maintain a young peoples' ministry focusing on biblical teachings and moral values; although it has been necessary to increase the number of all-age services to comply with safeguarding guidelines. We are praying that additional Sunday School teachers will come forward to enable us to again provide weekly Sunday School sessions.

We appreciate the need for pastoral support away from church and have recently restructured our pastoral care team - under the leadership of Marjorie, with plans to evolve this further over the coming months.

We have met on several social occasions, including: a street-party-styled VE Day celebration; a Church Family BBQ; an outing to Llandudno; an outing to the Bridgnorth Garden Centre; a Church Family Harvest Lunch; a Festive Christmas Lunch; and a Church Christmas Party; two Fire Work Displays (organised by the Frantic Friday team) – one of which incorporated a gift wrapping session to provide Christmas gifts for Foodshare families.

On two occasions, we joined with "Shropshire Baptist Churches Together" in worship; and our Causeway group visited Cartway Church for an evening of celebration. We ran two Alpha courses in the year; alongside the evening house Bible Study group which is now well established and a core element of our growing together in Christ.

As a church, we've shared our concern for others and put our hands in our pockets to provide financial support to the BMS, Home Mission, Christian Aid and Telford Christians Together, Christians against Poverty, Catalyst Youth Trust, and Work Aid. We also sorted through our cupboards – and purchased items - to provide clothing and household items for refugees, and clothing for Maninplace.

Engaging with our local community remains a cornerstone of mission. Over the past year we've come together to organise and provide support through: Friendly Faces @ Woodside; The Community Food Hub Project; Street Pastors; Causeway and the Frantic Friday Youth Club.

Funded for a second year, by the National Lottery Community Fund, we have been able to run Winter Warmers and Friendly Faces @ Madeley, serving as many as 50 guests on occasion. This funding has paid for ALL the food and beverages, given a contribution towards electricity and heating the church, as well as contributing substantially towards mandatory training costs.

During the year the decision was made – led by Meena - to bring the "Community Food Hub" initiative under the control of MBC, to better ensure its future feasibility.

The deacons wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all the MBC fellowship, the volunteers from other churches, the rotary, the charities and professional agencies who have worked alongside MBC in whatever capacity - providing their time, unwavering support and expertise.

Everything we have done has been underpinned by prayer, and God has been good! We pray that we can continue to work together, guided by our faith, to make a positive impact in the lives of others and to glorify God in all that we do.

Administrative Information

Minister/Trustee: Revd Simon Hollis

Elected Members of the Diaconate/Trustees:

Paul Booth (Elder)

John Lee (Treasurer)

Jennifer Terry (Secretary)

Wendy Dodman

Meena Ledger

Rachael Mortimer

Adrian Mortimer

Drew Warburton

Signed:

J Warburton

Name: Joanne Warburton

Position in the Church: Church Secretary (from July 2026)

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Madeley Baptist Church CIO	1182300

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2025		12/31/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Church offerings	34,274	-	-	34,274	34,842
Donations and other income	8,210	-	-	8,210	3,153
Refunds/Transfer of funds	870	-	-	870	207
Income tax recovered on gifts	3,612	-	-	3,612	4,408
Rents and contributions	11,833	-	-	11,833	10,617
Hpme Mission Grant		6,000		6,000	
Madeley TC Warm Winters Grant		775		775	
Lottery Grant	-	-	-	-	16,014
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	58,799	6,775	-	65,574	69,241
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,799	6,775	-	65,574	69,241
A3 Payments					
Minister's stipend and expenses	18,829	6,000	-	24,829	15,750
Service expenses	1,018	-	-	1,018	1,077
Mission	6,517	-	-	6,517	5,941
Light and Heat	10,108	-	-	10,108	12,931
Caretaking+Cleaning	1,812	-	-	1,812	1,690
Repairs, Maintenance and Insurance	22,544	651	-	23,195	4,980
Furniture, furnishings and IT Equip	530	-	-	530	1,353
Building Work	-	-	-	-	-
Training	675			675	1,203
Administration including telecomms	1,813	-	-	1,813	1,853
Lottery Grant spend	-	6,638	-	6,638	2,472
Sub total	63,846	13,289	-	77,135	49,250
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,846	13,289	-	77,135	49,250
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,047	- 6,514	-	- 11,561	19,991
A5 Transfers between funds	8,881	- 8,881	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,023	28,535	-	52,558	32,567
Cash funds this year end	27,857	13,140	-	40,997	52,558

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Business Account	3,977	-	-
	Business Bank Instant	23,880	13,140	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,857	13,140	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Madeley Baptist Church CIO

On accounts for the year ended

31/12/2025

Charity no (if any)

1182300

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Tim Herriott

Date:

04/09/2026

Name:

Tim Herriott

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.