ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1186432

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	**1186432**
LEGAL STATUS	Registered Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Constitution adopted 16th July 2017
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	1st January 2025
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31 December 2025

TRUSTEES AT END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD

The Revd V Thompson	Minister
The Revd B Thompson	Minister
M A Bell	(Resigned 25 September 2025)
J Hughes	Church Secretary
Mr M Ithurralde	
C A W Cotterill	(Resigned 25 September 2025)
K L Patterson-Haigh	(Appointed 06 April 2025)
T A Olanrewaju	(Appointed 06 April 2025)

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Darlington Baptist Church

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Charity Registration Number 1186432

Trustees
The Revd V Thompson Minister
The Revd B Thompson Minister
Mrs M Bell (Resigned September 2025)
Mrs J Hughes Trustee (Re-elected March 2023) Church Secretary
Mr M Ithurralde (Elected March 2024)
Mr T Cotterill (Resigned September 2025)
Mrs K Patterson-Haigh (Elected April 2025)
Mr T Olanrewaju (Elected April 2025)

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Independent Examiner
Independent Examiners

Annual Report for 2025
The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management
The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to meet the churches qualification on baptism. The members Meeting normally takes place on not less than 4 occasions per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint a maximum of 15 trustees, who together with the Minister, Church Secretary and Treasurer (who are also appointed by the Members), are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.
Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church meeting by the Trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in Church meeting for further consideration by the Trustees. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Objectives and Activities
The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.
In order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. 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.
Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at both 10.30 am at the Grange Road site and 6.00 pm at the Corporation Road site. The morning service is live streamed on our YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the website at www.darlingtonbaptist.org. There is a full children's programme during the morning services. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of these services.

The Church runs a series of life groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in both the Church building and private homes, further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.
The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group and a baby bank which meets in the Corporation Road Church premises on Thursday mornings, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. From time to time the Church runs courses in parenting, and courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity, entitled 'Christianity Explored' and 'Alpha'.
The Church runs various events for families including Messy Church and a summer holiday club.
The Church runs activities for people in need of mental health support.
The church runs a regular soup kitchen and food bank.
The Church runs a café in the conservatory three days a week, temporarily closed in October 2025 for refurbishment, but due to re-open in 2026.
The Church runs an addiction support and rehab service in the community three days a week.
The Church runs an Edge centre offering support and a safe space for community engagement.
In December 2024 a Community Grocery store was opened on our Corporation Road site offering low-cost groceries to the community and in 2025 the opening hours were extended to include Saturday mornings, which has been a real benefit to working families.
The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees believe that 2025was a positive year in the life of the church, and that it will be able to pursue its mission purposes in 2026with renewed enthusiasm. As at 31 December 2025 the membership stood at 151.In 2025 we baptised 13 new people by full immersion.
Average attendance at worship services both in person and online has increased during the year, and similar increases were shown in the children's and youth work.
The Toddler Group has seen an uptake in attendance and has continued baby bank to compliment and support the work with young families in providing good quality used clothing and equipment.

- The Basement Café community hub has seen increasing numbers of people attending. This service provides those in need with a hot meal, and where necessary a food parcel. The service has developed links with probation and other local services who are encouraging their clients to attend.

The Edge Centre hosts multiple activities targeted at providing community and support for vulnerable adults who struggle with their mental health and/or addiction in the broadest sense. We have drop-in sessions every day providing indoor sports activity (darts, pool, table tennis etc), arts and crafts, leisure activities (bingo, board games etc). We have a team of mentors who can provide one to one support to those who request it. All activity is free to access. The Edge Centre also supports a weekly walking group and a cycling group to support both physical and mental wellbeing. In 2025 we have seen an increase in users accessing our out-of-hours services which we identified as a service gap. The planned work in conjunction with the Community Grocery Store to provide courses in cooking, debt management and first aid to their members has been very successful and will continue into 2026. For 2026 we are seeking grant funding to refurbish the kitchen in the Edge Centre to improve provision of meals and cooking classes.
The conservatory café was open three days a week providing low-cost drinks and snacks. It closed in October 2025 for refurbishment but is due to re-open in 2026.

Financial Review
The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. Grant funding is also sought for larger improvement projects.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.
The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.
The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Church has agreed a reserves policy. The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure that Darlington Baptist Church has sufficient funds available to cope with financial issues that might arise, such as the need to fund an urgent property repair, an issue with staffing or the loss of income.

The current reserves policy of Darlington Baptist Church is to hold approximately three months of all staff costs plus three months of running costs, to allow the church to adapt to any changes in the income or expenditure of the church. The recommendation is that approximately six months of staff costs and six months of running costs are held, but currently the church funds do not allow this level of reserves. The trustees will annually review the reserves policy with a view to reaching the recommendation over time, as funds and priorities allow. In 2025 approximately 4 months of costs were held in reserve.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees ..M. Ithurralde..., Trustee.

Print name: ..M. ITHURRALDE..

Date: ..23/9/26..

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts Darlington Baptist Church for the period to 31 December 2025 set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Darlington Baptist Church as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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: 

Date: 24.9.26

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	**3a**	207,981	-	207,981	192,705
Activities for Generating Funds	**3b**	1,679	34,072	35,751	58,289
Investment Income	**3c**	15,811	-	15,811	16,775
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**225,471**	**34,072**	**259,543**	**267,769**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	**4a**	124,995	37,150	162,145	162,954
Governance Costs	**4b**	98,950	-	98,950	64,887
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		**223,945**	**37,150**	**261,095**	**227,841**
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		**1,526**	**(3,078)**	**(1,552)**	**39,928**
Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		**1,526**	**(3,078)**	**(1,552)**	**39,928**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds Brought Forward		81,723	62,093	143,816	103,888
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**83,249**	**59,015**	**142,264**	**143,816**

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	1,680	-	1,680	595
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	96,494	60,121	156,615	155,733
Total Current Assets		**98,174**	**60,121**	**158,295**	**156,328**
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	9	14,925	1,106	16,031	12,512
NET CURRENT ASSETS		83,249	59,015	142,264	143,816
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		**83,249**	**59,015**	**142,264**	**143,816**
Long Term Liabilities		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		**83,249**	**59,015**	**142,264**	**143,816**
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds	5	31,571	-	31,571	35,045
Designated	5	51,678	-	51,678	46,678
Restricted Funds	5	-	59,015	59,015	62,093
TOTAL FUNDS		**83,249**	**59,015**	**142,264**	**143,816**

Approved by the Trustees on, 23/9/26

Signed on their behalf by Trustee, M. Ithurralde

Print Name: M. ITHURRALDE

DARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments in the form of receipts form lettings and bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes .

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

Financial instuments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key source estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors.

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**TOTAL 2025** £	**TOTAL 2024** £
a) Donations & Legacies					
Gifts & Offerings		120,386	-	120,386	117,434
Income tax recovered		22,625	-	22,625	19,799
Donations and bequests		12,244	-	12,244	7,988
Church organisations / initiatives		78	-	78	4,249
Conservatory Sales		4,030	-	4,030	-
Room hire		22,338	-	22,338	19,975
Miscellaneous		1,354	-	1,354	1,190
Vision / Gift day		23,926	-	23,926	18,570
Grants receivable		1,000	-	1,000	3,500
		207,981	**-**	**207,981**	**192,705**
b) Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising events		644	-	644	1,126
Basement		-	5,423	5,423	6,526
Basement refurbishment		-	422	422	3,860
Think of Yourself		-	250	250	-
Edge		-	15,322	15,322	16,657
Joint church ventures		-	-	-	50
Conservatory refurbishment		1,035	-	1,035	406
ROC conversation		-	-	-	3,800
Grocery store		-	12,655	12,655	25,864
		1,679	**34,072**	**35,751**	**58,289**
c) Investment Income					
Receipts from letting		12,228	-	12,228	13,447
Bank Interest Receivable		3,583	-	3,583	3,328
		15,811	**-**	**15,811**	**16,775**

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities					
Wages and expenses	10	99,101	-	99,101	106,629
Pension costs	10	6,507	-	6,507	676
Rental property costs		6,048	-	6,048	5,738
Worship		3,106	-	3,106	2,397
Pastoral		580	-	580	534
Church outreach		3,356	-	3,356	3,529
Young people's work		932	-	932	1,025
Organisations & activities		4,225	-	4,225	3,944
Social & hospitality events		450	-	450	1,877
Basement expenses		-	4,523	4,523	4,718
Basement refurbishment		-	-	-	538
Edge		-	7,165	7,165	13,546
Think of Yourself		-	3,970	3,970	4,713
Joint church ventures		-	-	-	85
ROC conversation		-	-	-	3,563
Grocery store		-	21,492	21,492	3,791
Church tithing & other causes		690	-	690	5,651
		124,995	**37,150**	**162,145**	**162,954**
b) Governance Costs- Including Support Costs					
Utilities		34,446	-	34,446	23,627
Repairs & Maintenance		41,388	-	41,388	19,647
Insurance Costs		11,336	-	11,336	10,769
Independent Examiner's Fee		1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Legal & Professional Fees		4,177	-	4,177	2,603
Subscriptions and fees		2,251	-	2,251	2,399
Safeguarding		515	-	515	753
Office,admin,phones & IT		3,037	-	3,037	3,289
		98,950	**-**	**98,950**	**64,887**

5. FUNDS SUMMARY

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	Opening 01.1.25 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.25 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	35,045	225,471	(223,945)	(5,000)	31,571
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Reserve Fund	45,000	-	-	5,000	50,000
ROC Conversation	237	-	-	-	237
Conservatory Refurb	1,441	-	-	-	1,441
	46,678	-	-	5,000	51,678
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Basement General Fund	8,043	5,423	(4,523)	-	8,943
Basement Refurbishment Fund	15,520	422	-	-	15,942
Edge Fund	10,029	15,322	(7,165)	-	18,186
Think of Yourself Fund	5,428	250	(3,970)	-	1,708
Grocery Store	23,073	12,655	(21,492)	-	14,236
	62,093	34,072	(37,150)	-	59,015
TOTAL FUNDS 2025	**143,816**	**259,543**	**- 261,095**	**-**	**142,264**

PRIOR FINANCIAL YEAR	Opening 01.1.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.24 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	24,218	211,362	(200,535)	-	35,045
DESIGNATED Funds	46,678	-	-	-	46,678
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Basement General Fund	6,236	6,526	(4,719)	-	8,043
Basement Refurbishment Fund	12,198	3,860	(538)	-	15,520
Edge Fund	6,918	16,657	(13,546)	-	10,029
Think of Yourself Fund	6,640	3,500	(4,712)	-	5,428
Grocery Store	1,000	25,864	(3,791)	-	23,073
	32,992	56,407	(27,306)	-	62,093
Total Funds 2024	**103,888**	**267,769**	**(227,841)**	**-**	**143,816**

Fund Purposes :

Basement General Fund :

This fund is used to provide hot food to those who access the drop in centre which is open 3 sessions per week. Food parcels are also provided where requested. Funding comes generally from organisations or individuals who wish to support the church in this work.

Fund Purposes continued :

Basement Refurbishment Fund :

This fund was set up to update and modernise the premises used to provide the hot food. Most of these funds come from fundraising activities and some personal donations.

Edge Fund :

This fund is used to provide help and support for those people who are on the edge of society and struggle with their mental health. The funds are raised by grants, major fundraising and personal donations.

Think of Yourself Fund

Initial funding was received in October 2023 from Pioneering Care and was added to later in the year by Red Balloons. The service is an extension of The Edge Centre and provides somewhere for individuals to go "out of office hours". This service runs Thursday evening, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

Grocery Store

In conjunction with The Message Trust, a Grocery Store was opened in December 2024. Food is received from major retailers and the public can buy baskets of food for a nominal amount. The Church has to pay, to The Message Trust, cost towards this service. Donations were received from private individuals either as a lump sum in 2024 or as regular giving. The initial funds raised was to cover the first 2 year costs to The Message Trust.

6. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Cash at Bank & in Hand	96,494	60,121	156,615	155,733
	96,494	**60,121**	**156,615**	**155,733**

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Debtors	1,680	-	1,680	595
	1,680	**-**	**1,680**	**595**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Other Taxes and NI	2,517	-	2,517	2,314
Creditor/ Accruals	10,908	1,106	12,014	8,518
Independent Examination	1,500	-	1,500	1,680
	14,925	**1,106**	**16,031**	**12,512**

10. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
Gross Wages & Salaries	91,194	106,629
Employer's National Insurance Costs	7,907	-
Pension Contributions	6,507	676
Total Staff Costs	**105,608**	**107,305**

Average number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Charitable Activities	3	3
	3	**3**

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. PENSIONS

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

12. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In their roles as ministers the following Trustees received the following amount in gross pay and employers pension :

The Revd V Thompson received the sum on £27,060 in salary costs and pension amounts of £3,284.

The Revd B Thompson received the sum of £20,556 in salary costs and pension amount of £2,633.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

13 PROPERTY HELD FOR CHURCH USE

The Church has the use of Corporation Road Church, Grange Road Church Buildings, 8 Tower Road and 42 Kielder Drive, in Darlington

All properties are owned legally by the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (BUC), as trustee. The Church is the current beneficiary under the trusts and will remain so while the Church continues to operate as a member church of the Baptist Union. The residuary beneficiaries under the trusts are various 'Baptist related' organisations.

As a trust beneficiary, the church has no right to dispose of any of the properties and use the sale proceeds freely. Any such proceeds would be held by the BUC in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

The Church has the right to receive rental income from the letting of 8 Tower Road, Darlington and 42 Kielder Drive, Darlington and is responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and insurance of all properties that the Church has use of.

The Grange Road Church building incorporates Church House, however it is currently not in a habitable state so is unoccupied.