BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION
1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Aim and Purposes

The Church exists to show "Passion for Jesus and Compassion for others". It does this by being open to all members of the local community joining the activities on the Church premises in Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9NU. Our vision is to be a people and place in which and through which the Kingdom of God will grow. Our aim is, in partnership, to equip ourselves effectively to enrich the quality of our Christian life together and to build a stronger presence in our community.

Objectives and Activities

Our 6 objectives are as follows.

1: To embrace the challenge, provocation and inspiration of bible-based preaching that engages us with the contemporary age and equips us to be effective witnesses to and for Christ.

2: To use our physical, people and online resources to include [invite] neighbours, friends and [community] organisations in[to] the community of the church and in doing so to model and communicate the love God has for them.

3: To feel closer to our young people and their families and draw more of them into greater participation in our life together.

4: To be equipped to try new ways of sharing our faith.

5: To become better at loving each other in such a way that we become more comfortable with and understanding of our differing points of view and priorities.

6: To become a church that prays more for the world, for ourselves and for the Lord's guiding

Achievements and Performance

Our Church CIO has a membership of 41 people as of 31st March 2026 with 60 adults, 20 secondary school age young people and 75 children and toddlers in regular contact with the Church through its weekly activities. Our Minister, Tim Keightley, retired at the end of 2024, so we are in a period of Pastoral Vacancy in which we are seeking to call a new Minister. We meet each Sunday morning for worship and once a month for our prayer meetings. We also have 3 or 4 community outreach engagements each year.

Toddlers: Toddler Church numbers have grown to a weekly average of around 60. Running alongside Toddler Church, in response to the cost-of-living crisis, we run a fortnightly Toy Library and a clothes swap once per half term. Families bring clothes/shoes/equipment that their children have outgrown and take away the next size up. This has been very well received, by those who are struggling financially and those

who see the environmental benefit. Around 6 families attend Toy Library and value its calmer atmosphere (compared with the busyness of Toddler Church) where more in depth conversation and support can be offered. They also enjoy the fact that the church coffee morning runs at the same time, feeling part of the church community. Over the summer school holidays we offer a couple of activity mornings for the older siblings of those attending the toy library. They can also invite their friends, and we had 21 then 15 children attend.

Children and Young People: Our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (BB&GA) meets on Friday evenings with the following age groups. Anchors (for those aged 4 to 8), Juniors (for those aged 8 to 11) and Seniors/14 plus (secondary school age). At the end of the 2026 spring term, we had 15 Anchors, 15 Juniors and 17 Seniors/14 plus on the books. Many of the youngsters and staff were able to attend the summer youth camp on the Isle of Wight run jointly with Carey Baptist Church with around 112 campers in all.

Our Sunday Club meets on Sunday mornings starting with the first part of the Church service before going out into the hall side rooms into our older and younger groups. We have a typical attendance of 10 children and young people. We continue to use the Scripture Union material as a basis for our lessons. The groups combined and were joined by additional children from BB&GA for our Christmas nativity service and Sunday Club anniversary service in July. We also held several messy church style interactive services in the hall with 50 people attending the Good Friday service.

Senior Citizens: Our Lunch Club for Senior Citizens on Wednesdays has 6 regular members and is preceded by a coffee morning where we offer a "warm space" for the local community as well as an opportunity for conversation and friendship for around 18 people each week.

House Groups: Our four evening house groups continue to meet, weekly or fortnightly for bible study, fellowship and prayer. One on Monday evenings, two on Tuesday evenings, one on Wednesday evenings. Our daytime "house group" meets fortnightly on Friday mornings at church. Each group has around 7 members.

Financial Review – April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026.

Total receipts were £63,926.43 with expenditure of £27,671.17 as detailed in the audited accounts. Donations were made as follows: £815 to the Baptist Missionary Society (project); £408.50 to the local Hospice of Saint Francis; £362.50 to DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter); £1,920 to the Baptist Missionary Society (general fund) and £1,920 to the Central Baptist Association (home mission fund).

The balances carried forward are as follows.

Unrestricted funds – £86,740.97.

Designated funds - £36,100 for improved disability access (Project Able).

Restricted property fund - £171,060.94. This fund can be used towards purchasing a house that can be used as manse accommodation for a new minister.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our many volunteers, approximately 42 in total, who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is.

Structure Governance and Management

The method of appointment for Trustees is set out in our Constitution. Each of the Trustees has been appointed by a vote of the membership at our Annual General Meeting. All those who attend our services are encouraged to become members of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Church whilst referring various matters to the periodic Church meetings including any non-emergency large items of unbudgeted expenditure.

The Trustees met 10 times during the twelve month period of this Report, with an average level of attendance above 80%. Six Church members' meetings were held during the twelve month period of this Report.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9NU, which is the correspondence address. The following members have served as elected Trustees through the reporting period: Gillian Kaye, Michele Gill, Andrew Barton, Hazel Barton, Jennifer Balding, Janet Robinson and Martin Taylor.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026, as a true record of the period April 2025 to March 2026 and submitted on their behalf by Andrew Barton (Church Secretary).

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the Church accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Belmont Road Baptist Church (CIO), Hemel Hempstead, together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of said Church for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 144 of the 2011 Charities Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011

(b) or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: 12/7/2026

M Lye
Trustee, Carey Baptist Church – Hemel Hempstead

BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS

April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	
Brought Forward					
General Fund	30268.85				
Other Causes					
Evangelism					
Property					
Project Able			16070.00		
Church Refurb			1683.72		
TOTALS	**30268.85**	**0.00**	**17753.72**	**48022.57**	
Receipts					
Offerings	36328.03				
Gift Aid Tax Receipt	6976.91				
Hall Lettings	4150.00				
CBA Grant	0.00				
Gen. Donations	1782.50				
Utilities Refund	0.00				
BMS		815.00			
Other Causes		616.76			
Evangelism		109.67			
Property		0.00			
Project Able			6804.50		
Church Refurb			0.00		
June Gift Day					
Subs/Fees Refund	0.00				
Misc Receipts	0.00				
TOTALS	**49237.44**	**1541.43**	**6804.50**	**57583.37**	
Income for year	49237.44	1541.43	6804.50	**57583.37**	
Expenses for year	73312.65	1740.14	21818.38	**96871.17**	
Surplus/Defict	-24075.21	-198.71	-15013.88	**-39287.80**	
B/Forward	30268.85	0.00	17753.72	**48022.57**	
TOTALS	**6193.64**	**-198.71**	**2739.84**	**8734.77**	
ADJUSTMENT	-198.71	**198.71**			Deficit from General Funds
Carried Forward	**5994.93**	**0.00**	**2739.84**	**8734.77**	

INCOME	**57583.37**
INTEREST RECEIVED BU ACCOUNTS	**6343.06**
TOTAL INCOME	**63926.43**

BALANCE SHEET AT END OF PERIOD

ASSETS

01-Apr-25		31-Mar-26	
	Funds		
£48,022.57	Metro Bank	£8,734.77	
£51,991.27	BU Deposit Account	£122,840.97	
£0.00	BU 1Year Fixed	£0.00	
£166,367.58	BU 3 Month Notice	£171,060.94	
£266,381.42	**TOTAL**	**£302,636.68**	
	Property		
	Church Premises	**£400,000.00**	Insurance value £794,641.00
		TOTAL	**£702,636.68**

LIABILITIES

Pension deficit @ 31/3/2026	**£0.00**	
	TOTAL	**£0.00**

BALANCE **£702,636.68**

Margaret Lye
12/7/26
Accurate record

BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS EXPENSES

April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
EXPENSES				
Ministry	0.00			
Other Ministry	1369.68			
Manse Rent	0.00			
Manse Expenses	0.00			
Manse Maintenance	0.00			
Missions	3840.00			
Repairs & Maintenance	2645.63			
Gas	1233.67			
Electricity	1694.08			
Water	354.95			
House Keeping	3698.75			
Insurance	1400.02			
Flowers	0.00			
Stationery/Printing	0.00			
Subs,Fees,Donations.	1921.68			
BMS		815.00		
Other Causes		616.76		
Evangelism		308.38		
Property to BU		0.00		
Project Able			21818.38	
Church Refurb			0.00	
Gift Day			0.00	
Misc.	55154.19			
TOTALS	**73312.65**	**1740.14**	**21818.38**	**96871.17**

Carried Forward				
General Fund	5994.93			
Property		0.00		
Project Able			1056.12	
Evangelism		0.00		
Church Refurb			1683.72	
TOTALS	**5994.93**	**0.00**	**2739.84**	**8734.77**

Margaret Ayre
12/7/26

BELMONT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS SUPPLEMENTARY

April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026

OTHER CAUSES.	RECEIVED	GIFT AID	PAYMENTS
B/Forward			
Harvest (BMS)	651.33	163.67	815.00
Hospice St Francis	326.76	81.69	408.45
DENS	290.00	72.50	362.50
TOTALS	**1268.09**	**317.86**	**1585.95**

MINISTRY ACCOUNT.	
Tax & NI	
Salary	
Pension	
Expenses	
TOTALS	**0.00**

HOUSE KEEPING	
Cleaning	2910.31
Refuse Coll.	577.04
House Hold	29.41
Catering.	181.99
TOTAL	**3,698.75**

MANSE EXPENSES	
C/Tax	0.00
W/Rates	0.00
B/Maintenance	0.00
Telephone	0.00
Repairs/Maint.	0.00
Gas/Electric	0.00
TOTAL	**0.00**

MISSION	
BMS	1920.00
CBA	1920.00
TOTAL	**3840.00**

B.U. DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

1 MONTH NOTICE A/C	Gen Fund (U)	Project Able (D)	Property (R)	Legacy (R)	Total
B/Forward	**30,636.27**	**21,355.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**51,991.27**
Interest	1,104.70	545.00	0.00		1,649.70
Deposited	55,000.00	14,200.00	0.00		69,200.00
TOTAL	**86,740.97**	**36,100.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**122,840.97**

1 YEAR FIXED A/C	Property (R)
B/Forward	0.00
Interest	
TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO 7 DAY NOTICE A/C	**0.00**
BALANCE	**NIL**

3 MONTH NOTICE A/C	Property (R)
B/Forward	166367.58
Interest	4693.36
Deposited	
TOTAL	**171060.94**

Margaret Lyle
12/1/26

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the 3rd Hemel Hempstead Boys Brigade & Girls Association accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Belmont Road Baptist Church (CIO), Hemel Hempstead, together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Boys Brigade and Girls Association within the Church for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements:

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(b) or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Margaret Lye

Date: 17/7/2026

M Lye
Trustee, Carey Baptist Church – Hemel Hempstead

3rd Hemel Hempstead Boys Brigade & Girls Association

FY25

	INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
	Anchors	Juniors	Company & Seniors	Officers & General	Total	Anchors	Juniors	Company & Seniors	Officers & General	Total
Subscriptions	520.00	610.00	510.00	-	1,640.00	383.00	410.00	410.00	300.00	1,503.00
Uniform / Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capitation Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	264.00	264.00
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.00	84.00
	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	520.00	610.00	510.00	-	1,640.00	383.00	410.00	410.00	648.00	1,851.00

Opening Balance	4,487.49
Income	1,640.00
Expenditure	1,851.00
Closing Balance	4,276.49
Bank balance (new bank	4,276.49

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Margaret Lye
16/7/26

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the Lunch Club accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Belmont Road Baptist Church (CIO), Hemel Hempstead, together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Lunch Club within the Church for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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

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Signed: ..... Date: 11/7/2026

M Lye
Trustee, Carey Baptist Church – Hemel Hempstead

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the Toddlers Group accounts and relevant documents presented to me by the Trustees of Belmont Road Baptist Church (CIO), Hemel Hempstead, together with clarifying explanations and, in my view, the accounts present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Toddlers Group within the Church for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

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

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Signed: .....Margaret Lye.....

Date: ..15/6/2026..

M Lye
Trustee, Carey Baptist Church – Hemel Hempstead