HADDENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

Charity Number 1191081

Registered Address – Haddenham Baptist Church, Station Road, Haddenham. Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 3XD.

Trustees: - Mr. Tudor Parsons (Minister)
Mr. Gareth Wilson (Treasurer- now retired)
Mrs. Anne Thorpe (Trustee- Safeguarding plus Church Administrator)
Mr. Christopher Wright (Trustee- Health & Safety)
Mr. Andrew Wheatcroft (Trustee)

Church Property Trustees – The Baptist Union Corporation Ltd., Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8RT.

Bankers – Lloyds Bank, ELY, Cambs.

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for the year 2025.
Haddenham Baptist Church registered as a Charity on the 2nd of September 2020 and is governed by an Approved Governing Document. Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution.

Governing principles.
The Members' Meeting normally takes place four times a year and has responsibility for the overall direction of the church. In accordance with the *Church Constitution*, the members appoint the trustees, who together with the minister, 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. Though the Constitution permits decisions to be made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.
The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination including the advancement of education, community service and other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.
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 the living Lord. Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular weekly public services of Christian witness. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30 am. There are also occasional special services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board and the Church website. Prayer ministry, alongside reaching out to the local community, is considered an important aspect of the life and witness of the Church.
The Church operates safeguarding principles to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service. Along with the attendance of appropriate safeguarding courses run within the Eastern region. 2

A Property Risk Assessment is regularly reviewed, and all risks are considered, and systems are set up to mitigate them.
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.

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Reflecting on the past year, always makes me think about how quickly life goes. For those of us like me, maturing in years, it does make me stop and think about what time we might have left, but perhaps more importantly, what are we doing with the time we have left?

The Lord's truth prevails for He is good and continues to show his love and grace on all at HBC. The church has grown with new members joining the fellowship and increased numbers on many services throughout the year. New work is also being done to engage with those in the community and beyond.

Over the last year, we have been supported by three external preachers and two in-house, who help cover holiday periods. The preaching plan for 2025 was varied encompassing specific teaching on Bible texts and its exegesis, along with topical subject matter. The church leadership team remained the same throughout 2025. The café style church service is often busy with 30+ attendees on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is the second Sunday of each month.

Deacon's meetings and ordinary church members' meetings were held regularly throughout the year. Pastoral visits in the main, are undertaken by the minister and provide opportunities to understand the needs within the community and fellowship. There are members within the fellowship that meet with one another regularly, extending wider pastoral care, support and friendship, which is wonderful to see.

Church membership increased to 30 though sadly we lost a beloved member due to health conditions before Christmas. We continue to be very much a church of all ages for all ages.

Starting in January 2025, several of us met to discuss the The Bible Course (The Bible Society). The course was led by two members of the church and was well received and well attended. This was followed later in the year by a second group study in the church on the book of Romans, which was also well received. There's a hope that a new initiative might come from this, meeting together, sharing a meal and encouraging each other in our faith.

The women's Bible study group halted at mid-point in the year mainly due to attendance, though some still meet for a catch up online. In addition, there are two members who share bible readings / daily encouragement via WhatsApp.

External groups continue to use the church building, and the church office continues to be used by a counsellor on a regular basis during the week.

The social handcraft group is very established and meets on a Tuesday evening throughout the year.

Little Seedlings remains a space to develop relationships with local parents and carers and continues to be well attended, along with its committed team of leaders.

The Women's Day was, I hear, a time of blessing and joy for those who attended. In addition, a Women's Craft Day was also well attended before Christmas.

The monthly prayer meeting is attended by a small few but those who go, have an expectant heart that the Lord hears all those we pray for but more importantly, it's a time to give glory to the Lord. We've purchased a number of bibles and Christian information so please consider who you can share with.

HBC Community Fund which financially supports those within the surrounding village, managed to support a variety of needs in 2025. Please let one of the team know if you hear of anyone in the community who may benefit from a financial blessing.

Before Christmas, we all pulled together to deliver 1400 leaflets inviting the community to our Christmas services and events. It is always hard to judge success, but I know that many conversations were held as church folk trod the streets of Haddenham with the leaflets.
Easter and Christmas ecumenical services were well attended across the three churches in Haddenham.

We managed to send 50+ shoeboxes overseas via The Samaritan's Purse charity. We surprise ourselves each year that we can send so many, despite growing costs for all the items that go inside. The Sunday Club children all enjoy being part of this initiative.

In 2026, we have two additional opportunities to engage with the community. Messy Church and Sausage Bap Saturdays. These are proving popular events and we pray that those who attend may hear and respond to the call of Jesus. We are also developing a new website so it will be much easier for our church to be viewed to those who might be seeking a local church.

The ownership of two properties by the church are rented out to help support the expenditure of having a full-time minister, and in 2025 both properties had sitting tenants. Maintaining a building the size of HBC comes at a cost, but we have been blessed to have the finances to make a number of improvements to the church over the past year.

We serve the Lord who is the giver of hope and salvation and that as we continue to move forward in Him, may we all be secure in the knowledge of how much He loves us, may we recognise the gifts and talents he has given each of us and may we humbly love and serve each other and this community.

I want to conclude by thanking all at HBC for the part they play in serving not just the church, but Jesus. Let's also challenge ourselves to listen closely to the Lord and ask what he'd have us do as individuals. We are all called to be builders for his Kingdom.

HADDENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2025

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	2025	2024
Receipts		
offering	10,014.21	8,866.34
Gift Aided Offerings	51,644.25	24,125.00
Donations and other income	442.37	4,396.30
Legacy	-	-
tax on gift aid	4,523.49	6,883.65
Investment income	1,376.23	1,933.56
Room Hire	5,340.50	4,810.00
Manse rent	17,550.00	16,200.00
Manse use of oil in tank	-	-
27 Clover End	12,600.00	12,600.00
Manse & Clover End Deposit	-	-
Total Receipts	**103,491.05**	**79,814.85**
Payments		
Ministry	39,849.12	41,879.03
Mission	1,771.95	610.54
Upkeep of church premises	34,957.22	13,065.40
Administration	4,798.94	6,026.16
Upkeep of Church Properties	551.33	2,005.21
Amounts passed on to other causes	-	-
BMS / Home Mission	-	3,100.00
boiler service	-	-
Haddenham Social Fund	1,400.00	-
Total Payments	**83,328.56**	**66,686.34**
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	**20,162.49**	**13,128.51**
The amount collected for Gift Day is	**5,275.00**	**-**
Transfers (to) / from general fund	20,162.49	13,128.51
Cash balance at previous year end	**117,345.37**	**104,216.86**
Cash balance at current period end	**137,507.86**	**117,345.37**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES AT 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Bank and other cash balances		
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Lloyds Bank Accounts		
Current Account	25,987.84	25,826.95
Haddenham Social Fund	8,666.92	9,966.17
CCLA Charity investment fund units at cost	30,000.00	30,000.00
note CCLA value at 31st December 2024 £33,035.50		
Tenants Deposit Scheme deposit	2,653.72	2,653.72
Baptist Together Deposit Accounts 7 day	14,110.63	13,967.36
Baptist Together Deposit Accounts 3 month	56,038.75	34,881.17
	137,507.86	**117,345.37**
Other monetary assets:	-	-
Debtors		
Loans made		
Gift aid claimed but not received		3,437.00
Investment Assets		
Assets Held for Church's own use	**3,245,061.00**	**3,751,764.00**
Total Assets		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Long Term Loans		
Deposit TDS Rental Scheme	2,653.72	2,653.72
Pension Scheme liability		
Pension Scheme liability cessation expense		
Other liabilities		
Total Liabilities	**2,653.72**	**2,653.72**

Signed: Gareth Wilson FCA (Past Treasurer)
01 August 2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.

2. Donations and other income

	2025	2024
Donations		
Donations	-	-
	-	-
donation	-	1,270.99
coffee	-	274.49
stewardship	100.00	1,800.00
Funeral	-	-
Jelly Tots	-	343.58
Christmas Lunch	-	-
men's breakfast	108.35	96.96
social handcraft	30.00	158.00
beavers	30.00	202.50
sumup	-	-
Little seedlings	31.52	47.28
Holiday Club	-	-
coffee morning	-	-
sale of pew	-	150.00
scouts	142.50	52.50
Total Donations and Other Income	**442.37**	**4,396.30**
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3. Investment income

	2025	2024
Haddenham Social Fund	75.38	118.29
Baptist Together Deposit Account 7 day	143.27	311.19
Baptist Together Deposit Account 3 month	1,157.58	1,448.85
Other investment income	-	55.23
Total Investment Income	**1,376.23**	**1,933.56**
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4. Raised for Other causes

	2025	2024
Home Mission	-	1,000.00
BMS	-	1,500.00
community fund	-	800.00
Christian Aid	-	-
Total Raised for Other causes	-	**3,300.00**

5. Ministry	2025	2024
stipend	32,569.22	33,315.12
Pension	6,716.88	6,528.16
HMRC	-	-
Minister's travel	-	-
Pulpit fee	90.00	210.00
Spurgeons College	-	130.00
books	100.00	124.55
expenses	373.02	1,571.20
Total Ministry	**39,849.12**	**41,879.03**
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6. Mission	2025	2024
Home Mission	-	-
BMS World Mission	-	-
posters	66.84	-
Holiday Club	-	-
men's breakfast	79.63	-
Christmas Lunch	-	-
children	35.72	27.80
little seedlings	514.54	280.77
women's day	141.10	-
food	371.72	-
Hampers	-	-
donation	357.98	200.00
flowers	-	101.97
sundry expenses	-	-
Communion wine	64.06	-
shoebox	140.36	-
Total Mission	**1,771.95**	**610.54**
	-	-

7. Upkeep of church premises	2025	2024
church repairs	-	-
tree surgeon	-	-
insurance	2,427.26	2,353.30
Water	169.40	138.84
boiler service	356.40	316.80
electricity	2,084.53	1,779.03
Church maintenance	3,056.83	2,454.23
maintenance	1,059.96	2,814.34
tower	342.14	
equipment repair	149.82	150.00
cooker hood	-	-
sundry	1,264.13	-

gravel	-	239.00
fire extinguishers	-	66.00
outdoor seat	-	-
new door	13,259.06	
balcony safety	5,965.32	
lights	659.81	-
signwriting	-	-
fire alarm	-	-
plumbing	-	-
painting door	-	-
oil tank	-	-
cleaning	2,317.15	2,077.87
heating oil	1,845.41	675.99
Total Upkeep of church premises	**34,957.22**	**13,065.40**
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8. Administration

	2025	2024
Telephone	797.83	804.19
training	-	-
IT	206.79	-
Zoom	390.96	374.16
Spotify	144.88	138.88
Google	174.66	188.37
Subscription	355.95	150.00
christmas decorations	197.99	-
safeguarding	-	-
letting fee	-	-
website	-	-
Independent Examination	-	250.00
licence	476.86	446.72
sundry	-	1,909.98
jubilee	-	-
admin	1,900.42	1,763.86
special payment	-	-
stationery	152.60	-
envelopes	-	-
petty cash	-	-
Total Administration	**4,798.94**	**6,026.16**
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9. Upkeep of properties

	2025	2024
	-	-
	-	-
Clover End maintenance	123.41	-
manse repairs	-	1,500.00

manse insurance	215.64	317.93
Clover End insurance	212.28	187.28
27 Clover End	-	-
Total Upkeep of properties	**551.33**	**2,005.21**

10. Lloyds Bank Accounts	**2025**	**2024**
Current Account	25,987.84	25,826.95
Haddenham Social Fund	8,666.92	9,966.17
Tenants Deposit Scheme (deposit held under TDS scheme)	2,653.72	2,653.72
Total Lloyds bank accounts	**37,308.48**	**38,446.84**

11 Haddenham Social Fund	**2025**	**2024**
Opening balance	9,966.17	10,047.88
Donations received		
Payments from fund	- 1,400.00	- 200.00
Transfer in	25.37	-
interest	75.38	118.29
	8,666.92	**9,966.17**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name **HADDENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**		
On accounts for the year ended	31December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1191081
Set out on pages	4 to 9		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Trust's 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.

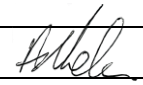
Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	30/10/2026
Name:	Alison Whelan		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	119 Kings Avenue, Ely CB7 4QW		