# THE GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the
Period Ended 31 March 2026

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1191223

THE GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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THE GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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**Principal address**
15 Millers Wood
Penmaen
Blackwood
NP12 0FE

**Trustees**

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| Rev D Marc Owen | Chair |
| Pam Moody | Co Treasurer |
| Keith Fordham | Co Treasurer |
| Rev Timothy I Moody | |
| Rev Suzanne Roberts | |
| Huw Stephens | |
| Rev Richard J Miles | |
| Rev Susan Phillips | |
| Rev Mark Thomas | |
| Alice Place | |
| Chris Powell | |
| Rev Andy Baker | |
| Rev Peter Cho | |

**Independent Examiner**
Kevin Ian Coultard
BA(HONS) Business & Finance; ACCA (p/q)
23 Rhyswg Road
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NP11 5HB

THE GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the receipts and payments of the Charity for the period ending 31 March 2026

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is governed by a constitution and registered on 9th September 2020 as a Charitable Incorporated organisation.

The Gwent Baptist Association, part of the overall structure of the Baptist Union of Wales, represents and assists a network of independent Baptist churches and Chapels in Gwent.

### Board of Trustees

The charity is organised, and policy implemented through the board of trustees who normally meet once a half scholastic term.

### Election to the Board

Trustees are elected from membership with one trustee appointed by the Baptist Union of Wales

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the Association is the advancement of the Christian religion in the county of Gwent according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

The Association operates, but not exclusively, through any of the following means:

*to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible;

*to support churches in Gwent in maintaining ministries and assisting them in engaging in mission work;

*to nurture among its members respect, love and co-operation for and with one another while acknowledging the independence of every church in matters relating to its own government and discipline;

*to confer and seek co-operation with Baptists in Gwent and other parts of Wales and the UK, and with other churches and Christian bodies in matters relating to the Kingdom of Christ;

*to safeguard the properties and interests of the Association and the churches, and to consider the most appropriate means to nurture these resources for the good of the Association, the churches and the Kingdom of Christ;

*to use any other means in harmony with the main aim of the Association, as decided by the Association's Council from time to time, in order to further the work of the denomination in Gwent.

The Association awards grants from time to time to churches in the denomination to help cover the costs of ministry. It also makes small grants (up to £2,000) to churches and other organisations who arrange community activities and initiatives with a clear "mission focus".

All the work of the Association is volunteer based.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Gwent Baptist Association has experienced another year of forward movement. The Baptist Union of Wales continues to develop the CIO model across other Associations in Wales, Gwent once again being at the forefront of this process.

As a result of the prayerful consideration of what Mission could look like in Gwent, we agreed to look for a Mission Strategist. The officers were excited to make an appointment and we have already seen huge support for the role.

The mission strategist has now met with nearly all of the churches in Gwent, meeting with leaders and teams to help better understand their unique situation and looking to develop support networks across the region with the Gwent Baptist Association helping to facilitate this. This has already stirred questions for the officers, the most notable being 'What's next?' as we consider how to build on the excellent work of the Mission Strategist.

We have once again been able to support a variety of projects in the churches within Gwent - both prayerfully and financially. There is ongoing support for 'The Gathering' and nationally the Officers have been supporting a National Youth project called 'Esgyn' which has been driven by individuals from churches within Gwent. We were excited to see hundreds of children across Gwent engage with the Summer Holiday Bible Clubs which are once again facilitated by our friends from America.

We have also been excited by the news that one of our churches has begun a 'Messy Church' programme, supported by other churches in the area, and with financial support from the Association.

'Ministers Space' has continued to meet but, after reviewing the challenges of getting together in a morning, this has now moved to a lunchtime and has seen an increase in attendance.

The Association has continued to provide substantial prayerful and financial grant support to its churches, this has been helped by the role of the Mission Strategist, who has helped churches to see the support available to them from the Association.

Once again so much of the good work of the Association has been as a result of the excellent work put in by the Superintendency team. Rev Suzanne Roberts, Rev Huw Stevens, Rev Sue Phillips and Rev Richard Miles have continued to work to bridge the gap between the Association and the churches.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CONTINUED

As we move forward, we are aware that Rev Suzanne Roberts will be stepping down, giving the officers an opportunity to prayerfully consider who can replace her on the team. We are incredibly grateful to Suzanne for the many years she has devoted to the Gwent Baptist Association, and in more recent years her commitment to the development of the Superintendency team.

The Association has continued to be involved in supporting church services, ladies fellowship groups, bible studies and youth initiatives. We have also seen the development of a retired ministers ministry, led by Alice Place. This ministry looks to give ongoing support to those who have left the ministry and can often find themselves feeling forgotten. We are excited to see how this ministry develops as Alice and her Husband, the Rev Harry Place, develop this further.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Association does not have a set reserve policy but have sufficient funds in its deposit account.

The Association's small regular income derives from fees paid annually by member churches. From time to time, the Association is the recipient of legacies from churches/chapels which close. Most expenditure is met from funds transferred from the deposit account.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Report to the trustees/ members of** | The Gwent Baptist Association | | |
| **On accounts for the year ended** | 31st March 2026 | **Charity no (if any)** | 1191223 |
| **Set out on pages** | 7-8 | | |

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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 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.

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| **Signed:** | K.I.Coultard | **Date:** | 16/09/2026 |
| **Name:** | Kevin Ian Coultard | | |
| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | BA (Hons) Business & Finance<br>ACCA (p/q) | | |
| **Address:** | 23 Rhyswg Road<br>Abercarn<br>Newport NP11 5HB | | |

## THE GWENT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

| | Unrestricted General Funds £ | Unrestricted COIF Funds £ | Total Funds 2026 £ | Total Funds 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RECEIPTS** | | | | |
| Association Fees | 642.00 | 0.00 | 642.00 | 1,619.50 |
| Legacies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Legacies COIF Account | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Grant | 2,625.00 | 0.00 | 2,625.00 | 0.00 |
| Sundries | 250.00 | 1,824.67 | 2,074.67 | 350.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 322.08 |
| | 3,517.00 | 1,824.67 | 5,341.67 | 2,291.58 |
| **Investment Income** | | | | |
| COIF account interest | 0.00 | 3,984.84 | 3,984.84 | 5,227.75 |
| NS & I Investment AC Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS** | 3,517.00 | 5,809.51 | 9,326.51 | 7,519.33 |
| **PAYMENTS** | | | | |
| Grants | 9,350.00 | 4,000.00 | 13,350.00 | 5,270.00 |
| Donations - BMS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 285.00 |
| Donations - Other | 1,310.00 | 0.00 | 1,310.00 | 0.00 |
| Sundries | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 89.50 |
| Administration | 805.49 | 0.00 | 805.49 | 728.89 |
| BUW Subscriptions | 571.00 | 0.00 | 571.00 | 200.00 |
| Events | 1,142.27 | 0.00 | 1,142.27 | 750.32 |
| Ministerial Grants | 0.00 | 2,743.09 | 2,743.09 | 9,151.29 |
| Payroll | 8,891.48 | 0.00 | 8,891.48 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL PAYMENTS** | 22,070.24 | 6,743.09 | 28,813.33 | 16,475.00 |
| **(EXPENDITURE)/INCOME** | (18,553.24) | (933.58) | (19,486.82) | (8,955.67) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 3,364.85 | 105,348.79 | 108,713.64 | 144,110.89 |
| Transfer between funds | 20,500.00 | (20,500.00) | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | 5,311.61 | 83,915.21 | 89,226.82 | 108,713.64 |

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| **Assets** | | | | |
| Cash Funds | | | | |
| Barclays Bank | 5,311.61 | | 5,311.61 | 3,364.85 |
| NS & I Investment Account General | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| NS & I Investment Account memorial | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| COIFCharities Deposit Fund | | 83,915.21 | 83,915.21 | 105,348.79 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 5,311.61 | 83,915.21 | **89,226.82** | **108,713.64** |
| NO OTHER ASSETS HELD | | | | |
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**Liabilities**

As at 31st March 2026 there were no liabilities

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 30th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Christine Powell CHRISTINE POWELL

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