Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Stubbington Baptist Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1193362

Charity's principal address

Jay Close
Stubbington
Fareham
Postcode **PO14 3TA**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dianne Woodhouse	Secretary		Church membership
2	John Richards	Fabric		Church membership
3	Carol Fleming	Outreach		Church membership
4	Carol Spiller	Pastoral	March 2025	Church membership
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (adopted Feb 2018)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The trustees are appointed in line with the church's constitution approved at Church meeting in 2018.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The church is open to all people of all ages. The trustees oversee the daily day to day running of the church. The trustees seek the views of the members in deciding activities and ways to further God's work in the church.
There is a safeguarding policy in place and a named designated person for safeguarding. Criminal record checks are carried out prior to commencement of volunteers or trustees starting in line with statutory requirements.
All trustees have undertaken Level 2 safeguarding training with some completing Level 3 training.
All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no renumeration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Regular public worship
Baptism
Communion of the Lord's Supper
Evangelism & worship
Teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young members
Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
Education & training for Christian and community service
Giving and encouraging pastoral care
Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the UK and abroad
Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians
Outreach events such as coffee & cake, Snack 'n' Chat, and various social events spread throughout the year.

In planning the activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Stubbington Baptist Church is extremely grateful for the regular commitment of its many volunteers who are involved in all areas of the church activities. It is not possible to accurately estimate the number of volunteer hours provided during the year. The number of volunteers giving freely of their time remains high. Their time is given freely and willingly and does not appear in any financial accounts produced by Stubbington Baptist Church.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Well, it's been just over a year since I joined you as Moderator and it's been a true joy to get to know you and become part of the church family. I want to thank you for your welcome, acceptance and encouragement. Jesus says "by this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35) and this is a church that truly loves one another – evidenced in so many ways, from servant-heartedness, to sincere pastoral concern, to making sure no-one is alone at Christmas, to reaching out to those who are struggling with genuine care & love.

This year, we've sought to go deeper in our prayer life – through the introduction of a prayer box; to the new 'prayer and pastries' sessions; to broadening our prayer before, during and after services.

We've also been through a 'vision discovery' process together, which resulted in the following statements (added to our church profile in December 2025): -

- We're good at welcoming people into the church but we need to work harder at helping them to become disciples; -
- We long to bring God's goodness and love to our community even if that means doing church differently.
- We have a vision of our church as a refuge (a safe place) that is welcoming and friendly; -
- We feel God is saying to us: 'I will build my church' / 'Be encouraged, God is on the move' / 'God works in mysterious ways, trust him'.

I was also very humbled, and impressed, by the mature and gracious way that the delicate topic of 'women in ministry' was handled at a recent church meeting, leading to a solution that (as it says in Acts 15) "seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit".

However, we are still disappointed not to have had any viable candidates for the role of Minister. Although, in the meantime, I am very happy to remain with you in my current role of 'moderator plus' – serving 2 Sundays per month and p/t during the week (which isn't much different from what you would have from a p/t minister anyway). At a recent trustees' meeting, I shared that we need to be careful not to panic, but to wait for God's timing. I reminded them that when Abraham got impatient with God's apparent slowness in providing a son, he took matters into his own hands and slept with Hagar (producing Ishmael) – when, if he had waited, he would have got Isaac - in God's way and God's timing. There are some who even say that if the disciples hadn't panicked (after Judas died) - and rushed to select a new replacement by drawing lots - they would have got Paul as the natural 12th Apostle.

Having said that, the ministerial search team are still keen to be proactive in seeking your next minister. David Coram has been working hard in speaking to other churches and also to the Baptist colleges, but – as yet – to no avail. We are also continuing our conversations with the other local churches about the possibility of sharing a minister. We welcome any other ideas that you may have.

Finally, I would like to thank – and honour – all those who serve in so many sacrificial ways in the life of the church. From those who work so hard at the family fun days, in order to reach out to the community; to those who serve behind the scenes on a Sunday, or midweek. And, in particular, Dianne and the other trustees, who are prayerful, Godly, servants of Christ and you are blessed to have them.

I look forward to what the year ahead brings – in particular to the

baptism service at the end of April. I close by commending to you the words of Hebrews 10:23 – "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching". God bless you.

All Age Fun Mornings

This started after Messy Church no longer became viable. We still contact many families who used to come to Messy Church or Baby and Toddlers. Numbers have varied maximum has been 50 people in total. We hold Fun Mornings in Half Terms and School holidays. These events are for All ages including Adults.

Next one is on Thursday April 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet in Room 1. We start with Drinks and biscuit at 10.30a.m. Then there is Craft time, games (in Room 2) and puzzles and a message. Then finish with lunch at about 12.30. We are very grateful to the small team that help, and always welcome any new helpers, to just have a fun time.

Douglas and Carol Fleming

Snack 'n' Chat

Snack 'n' Chat meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 12.30. The group is made up of mainly Church Members but there are three ladies that join us from the community on a fairly regular basis. We have a variety of snack meals followed by tea/coffee and a little sweet treat although it's often a big, sweet treat! Special diets can be catered for providing we know in advance.

This is a happy group, and everyone enjoys chatting to each other.

Coffee and Cake

Coffee and Cake meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30am. Much the same as Snack'n'Chat really, numbers are around 20 – 24. Everyone enjoys chatting to each other and eating cake! Dairy free and Gluten free cakes are available.

If you haven't been to either of these events before do come along, you would be made to feel very welcome.

Carol Fleming.

Mission Report, AGM 2026

· In June 2025 Howard Satterthwaite from Open Doors told us about their work supporting the persecuted church.

· At our harvest Festival service and frugal lunch in September we learnt about the work of Operation Agri and their Seeds, Trees & Bees campaign

· In October/November the church filled shoeboxes for the Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child Campaign. 18 shoeboxes were completed and we have recently heard that they were sent to Eastern Europe.

· In January 2026 several church members sent invites to their MPs to attend the Parliamentary launch of Open Doors World Watch list. A record number of 110 MPs attended, including Gosport MP Caroline Dineage

· Also, in January 2026 Dave Bevis from MAF told us about their work

in some of the remotest places in the world.

· We have continued to support financially: BMS and their Operation Agri, Tearfund, Open Doors, MAF and the Leprosy Mission.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Cash at bank at 31/12/2025 was £145,867 in unrestricted funds, £4,819 in restricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss / reduction of donations and giving from church members and attenders. The funds are held to cover 6 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that might occur. The church is also actively seeking a new minister which could involve housing costs, either mortgage or rental.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The primary source of funds is giving from the church members which includes Gift Aid. This is from planned giving, collections at Church services and donations.
The church also hires out the use of various rooms for various groups. Examples include the local WI, Royal British Legion and NCT.

Highlights of the report were:

- The church's Business Reserve account held £39,996.99
- A 6 month notice account was opened with the Baptist Union. This held £100,450.69 at the end of the year
- the full use of the £8,000 allowance for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, after researching HMRC's definition of small donations.
- our missionary giving and financial support to 6 Christian organisations
- proposed expenditure, which will include our usual 10% of the past year's income for missionary giving, as well as a number of replacement/refurbishment items.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*Dianne Woodhouse*	
Full name(s)	Dianne Woodhouse	

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	10th September 2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stubbington Baptist Church	1193362	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date: 01.01.2025	To	Period end date: 31.12.2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash to bank - plate offerings	6,786	-	-	6,786	9,226
Food and miscellaneous donations	1,853			1,853	4,038
Gift Aid donations	29,610	-	-	29,610	35,180
Gift Aid tax recovered	8,135	-	-	8,135	9,733
Non Gift Aid donations	1,945	-	-	1,945	1,650
Other Revenue (refunds etc.)	394	-	-	394	636
Room hire payments	9,271	-	-	9,271	11,328
Charitable donations in	-	70	-	70	780
Grants - HCC	-				800
SSE/OVO Feed-in-tariff payments	2,152	-	-	2,152	4,235
Legacy	-	2,000		2,000	1,000
Interest received	1,798	-	-	1,798	1,612
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	61,944	2,070	-	64,014	80,218
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,944	2,070	-	64,014	80,218
A3 Payments					
Stipend, PAYE & NI, Pensions costs	311	-	-	311	
Advertising & Marketing	522	-	-	522	-
Cleaning	1,964	-	-	1,964	2,333
Charitable donations - out	-	70	-	70	780
Equipment	4,316	-	-	4,316	99
Direct Expenses (Preaching fees etc.)	15,284	-	-	15,284	1,061
General Expenses	2,571	754	-	3,325	1,853
Insurance	1,731	-	-	1,731	1,649
IT Software & Consumables	23	-	-	23	
Kitchen supplies (incl. food & drink)	275	-	-	275	578
Licences	1,072	-	-	1,072	914
Light, Power, Heating	7,368	-	-	7,368	7,955
Maintenance of building	3,303	-	-	3,303	12,140
Maintenance of grounds	68	-	-	68	240
Missionary Giving	8,000	-	-	8,000	9,000
Postage, Freight & Courier	34	-	-	34	92
Printer/photocopier costs	309	-		309	385
Printer lease	468	-		468	783
Repairs & maintenance	838	-		838	2,979
Staff training	24	-		24	540
Stationery/office supplies	83	477		560	81
Subscriptions	363	-		363	588
Telephone & Internet	403	-		403	850
MS Windows licences	353	-		353	391
Sub total	49,684	1,301	-	50,985	45,291
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,684	1,301	-	50,985	45,291
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,260	769	-	13,029	34,927
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	133,607	4,050	-	137,657	102,730
Cash funds this year end	145,867	4,819	-	150,686	137,657

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	5,419	4,819	-
	Business Reserve account	39,997	-	-
	Baptist Union Deposit Account	100,451	-	-
	Total cash funds	145,867	4,819	-
	(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 £
Ovo Energy - solar payment	373	-	-
Gift Aid Claim for Oct/Nov/Dec	2,096	-	-
Fun day donations	37	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Building and Land	Unrestricted funds in Bus. Res. a/c	-	1,500,000
Bulding contents incl. furniture, fixtures and fittings, computers & other equipment	Unrestricted funds in Bus. Res. a/c	-	100,000
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
British Gas - Gas bill 2/12/25 - 1/1/26	Unrestricted	850	20 January 2026
British Gas - Electric bill 2/12/25 - 1/1/26	Unrestricted	176	19 January 2026
DG Cleaning 5/12 & 19/12/25	Unrestricted	165	09 January 2026
Denmead Brass Band	Unrestricted	160	23 January 2026
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
D Woodhouse	Dianne Woodhouse	2/3/26
	R. RUCE	2/3/26

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.

NONE

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: STUBBINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2025 **Charity no (if any):** 1193362

Set out on pages: CC16A SECTIONS A & B APPROVED 1-3-26

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

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 ~~(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: [signature] **Date:** 2-3-26

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