The Baptist Church Kilmington

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 31/12/2025

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Legal & Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Baptist Church Kilmington
Charity Number:	1193703
Charity Address:	The Beacon, Whitford Road Kilmington, Devon, EX13 7RF
Trustees (2025 financial year):	Rachel Lindsay Stacey (Appointed 24/03/2025) Claire Louise Speake (Appointed 24/03/2025) Michael David Horswell (Appointed 24/03/2025) Anthony Chape (Resigned 25/03/2026) Barry Searle Malcolm Eade Michael John Hudson John David Hicklin (Appointed 25/03/2026)
Independent Examiner:	Ian Barrett FCA FCIE 22 Union Street Newton Abbot Devon TQ12 2JS

Trustees' Report

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document, a constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 25th January 2021. Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ or that persons seeking membership who have not been baptised in the manner described in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle may at the discretion of the Church Members' Meeting (CMM) be accepted for full membership based on their own public profession of faith.

The CMM normally takes place six times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. In accordance with the Constitution, the members appoint Elders, 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 the 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.

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.

Objects of the charity

To achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both for its membership and to the community in general. 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. Normally services take place each Sunday at 9.15am and 11am (as of September 24) and there is a monthly worship and prayer meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised on the Church Notice Board, in the newsletter and website at http://www.baptistchurchkilmington.org. Generally, there is a full children's program during the second morning service. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and anybody is free to attend any of the services.

The Church runs a series of home groups for the growth of faith and discipleship in the homes of some members, and further details of these can be obtained from the Trustees or Administrator on request, or at the Sunday services of worship.

The Church is responsible for a Toddler Group which meets in the Church premises on a Wednesday morning, with the purpose of assisting the community and demonstrating the love of

Jesus Christ and a Messy Sparklers a monthly sensory play group for preschool age children and parents/carers. The Church runs various events for young people including a one-week Holiday Club in August. The church also runs a regular Youth Club with up to 15 young people attending. The Church also runs courses for people interested in discovering more about Christianity such as Alpha. The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are appropriately vetted regarding the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefits and are satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity\s main activities and achievements were as follows:

The Church does not measure the success of its programs only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship and encouragement. The Trustees recognise that these are difficult areas to measure but believe that 2025 was a year of blessings in the life of the church. This includes welcoming more young families into the fellowship and the financial and time related generosity of the membership

There were 5 baptisms, 31 people have been welcomed into membership. Sadly 5 people linked to our church community died during the year and others have moved to other churches closer to their homes. On the 31st of December 2025 the membership stood at 140.

Average attendance at worship services has been increasing over the year with an associated growth in our Sunday children's youth and family work. The Toddler Group continued to be very well supported with 40 families attending regularly.

The church ran a monthly lunch group 'Contact Lunch' for members of the local community with a regular attendance of 30 many of whom do not have particularly close ties with the fellowship. The church hosts the 'Pop-up Post Office' on Tuesday morning and provides refreshments and friendship/fellowship to everyone who uses the facility.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year. Gross income for the year was £188,116 (2024 £170,342). Total receipts of £188,116 (2023 £450,342).

Total expenditure for the year was £145,024 (2024 £151,746) Total payments for the year of £160,342 (2024 £574,538) including loan repayments of £15,318

The most significant expense related to staffing costs, equating to around 45% of our total expenditure.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations, other churches and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purposes.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership, working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which are 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 the summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy to enable the church to function effectively to meet its obligations in the event of a decline in our income or a major cost.

Having considered the relevant risk of changes in income and expenditure, the Trustees determined that the appropriate level of reserves for 2025 was in the range of £23-25K. As of December 2025, the church held total reserves of £124,416, of which £1,525 was restricted.

Plans for Future Periods This vision includes gathering disciples and growing discipleship, sending disciples out across the Axe Valley, blessing our communities, increasing the numbers of those involved in the work. With the growth the church has seen it is also currently looking at its building and options around staffing.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name - Malcolm John Eade

Signature



Date 21/09/26

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Baptist Church Kilmington ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Independent Examiner's Details

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Address: 22 Union Street
Newton Abbot
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TQ12 2JS

Name - Ian Barrett FCA FCIE

Signature

Date 26/10/26

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
		Receipts		
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	141,222	2,000	143,222	122,204
Gift Aid	27,666	0	27,666	25,533
Grants	0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	8,334	0	8,334	8,113
Other Trading Activities				
Rental Income	4,589	0	4,589	5,820
Sales	0	0	0	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	1,009	0	1,009	2,082
Other Income				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	3,272	0	3,272	6,590
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	280,000
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	186,116	2,000	188,116	450,342
		Payments		
Charitable Activities				
Activities	14,203	2,075	16,278	20,517
Admin	5,337	0	5,337	4,610
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Bank Charges	257	0	257	882
Event Costs	8,230	0	8,230	4,981
Gifts Given	23,490	0	23,490	26,903
Governance Costs	937	0	937	0
Other Expenditure	1,125	0	1,125	1,770
Premises	16,293	0	16,293	27,027
Staff Costs	73,078	0	73,078	65,055
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	407,475
Loans Repaid	15,318	0	15,318	15,318
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	158,267	2,075	160,342	574,538
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	27,849	-75	27,774	-124,196

Fund Transfers In	10,000	0	10,000	0
Fund Transfers Out	10,000	0	10,000	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	27,849	-75	27,774	-124,196
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	95,042	1,600	96,642	220,838
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	122,891	1,525	124,416	96,642
		Represented By		
General Fund (Unrestricted)	87,891	0	87,891	70,042
Emergency Fund (Designated)	25,000	0	25,000	25,000
SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) Fund (Restricted)	0	50	50	1,600
Global Mission Fund (Restricted)	0	1,475	1,475	0
Fabric - Major Projects (Designated)	10,000	0	10,000	0

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General Fund (Unrestricted)	87,891	0	87,891	70,042
~~Emergency Fund (Designated)~~	~~25,000~~	~~0~~	~~25,000~~	~~25,000~~
SWYM (Southwest Youth Ministries) Fund (Restricted)	0	50	50	1,600
Global Mission Fund (Restricted)	0	1,475	1,475	0
~~Fabric - Major Projects (Designated)~~	~~10,000~~	~~0~~	~~10,000~~	~~0~~

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
~~Other~~		~~0~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	~~0~~

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
~~Other~~		~~0~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	~~0~~

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings	The Beacon Church - £2,144,502 & The Manse - £410,800	255,530,200	0	255,530,200	0
Music & PA Equipment		5,427	0	5,427	0
Computers & IT		13,757	0	13,757	0
~~Furniture~~		~~16,1706~~	~~0~~	~~161,706~~	~~0~~
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding	Baptist Union Loan for the Manse. ~~Account~~ LM170. Recorded on Expense Plus as a 'Project'	127,327	0	127,327	0

Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC ~~Payments~~ Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name – Malcolm John Eade

Signature



Date 21/09/26

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

£0

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	70,042	186,116	158,267	-10,000	87,891
Total	70,042	186,116	158,267	-10,000	87,891
Designated					
Emergency Fund (Designated)	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Fabric - Major Projects (Designated)	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Total	25,000	0	0	10,000	35,000
Unrestricted Total	95,042	186,116	158,267	0	122,891
Restricted					
SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) Fund (Restricted)	1,600	0	1,550	0	50
Global Mission Fund (Restricted)	0	2,000	525	0	1,475
Total	1,600	2,000	2,075	0	1,525
Restricted Total	1,600	2,000	2,075	0	1,525
TOTAL	96,642	188,116	160,342	0	124,416