LONDONDERRY BAPTSIT CHURCH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

1st January – 31st December 2025

Charity No: 1197875

This is the 4th Annual Report of the charity. We became a registered CIO on 10th February 2022.

Our registered charity name is Londonderry Baptist Church.

We recruited our Trustee's and wanted a mixed board of Trustee's who could offer up different skill sets and giftings and experience, hence we have a board of Trustee's who have a variety of skills to enable us to run the charity to its fullest potential.

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We are a Christian church who wants to see the advancement of the Gospel. We support a number of churches, who are affiliated with LBC. Our affiliated churches work closely with LBC and the Senior Leader and Eldership team over LBC work closely with all affiliated church congregations.

Overview:

We are a Christian church who became a CIO in 2022. We promote the Gospel of Jesus.

We believe:

- The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.
- The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.
- The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.
- The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
- The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.
- The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.
- The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
- The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
- The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers—given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
- The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

We are committed to enabling as many people as possible into worship at our church and to encourage them to become part of our church community.

We continually look at how we can engage people within our communities into the church and faith. We provide a number of evangelistic outreach events throughout the year, that are always well attended and supported

by our communities. During these events we are able to talk with people share our faith.

We promote our services and encourage those who are part of LBC and new people to attend, we hold services on Sundays, where we also provide creche, kids and youth provision with a well trained and certified team, we encourage our children and young people to be very much part of our church community. We hold weekly prayer meetings which are integral to the growth of our church, our prayer meetings are one of the most

important services provided. We have weekly bible studies that take place at different times to allow as many people as possible to attend.

We have regular meetings for our senior citizens, this is an important part of our ministry and we are thankful to have such a core group that run this so effectively.

We take the pastoral care of people very seriously and we are privileged to be in a position where we can offer help and support to everyone.

2025:

To start, we'd like to say a huge thank you to each of you for your continued support and commitment to LBC – another year of us witnessing God's Kingdom built and lives transformed. We continue to run our race, with the vision God gave over 9 years ago: to plant churches from here to the coast, into Europe and into the world.

As we ended 2024, we were 34 congregations over 9 nations, which was amazing – God continues to grow us and as 2025 came to close we ended the year as 40 congregations over 10 nations. It's incredible to see God working and to be a part of His plan.

Trips took place to Lisbon, Kenya and Brazil, where the LBC churches were visited.

We've had a blessed year and during the month of October we had our 'sow a seed' month – where we call the church, all of LBC to seek God in the giving to the plant pot. We were so amazed and so thankful to you all – a huge £18,675 was given and we honestly can't thank you enough. In 2023, we took this offering and we raised just over £13,000 – so this was yet another huge encouragement of increase within LBC.

We have continued the year with sharing the importance of prayer and fasting, what has been a real blessing is seeing all the LBC congregations taking part in this – without the prayer and fasting we would not have seen God move in the way He has and do what only He can do.

The past year we have faced challenges and some very tough times, through these times we have faced corporately and personally, as a church we have stood together and we have seeked God through our prayer and fasting together. Through it all God has been faithful.

Bible study groups, home groups, men and women's ministry have flourished – the importance of doing life together keeps the unity through individual congregations but also through the wider LBC family.

One area that we have seen grow again is our kids and youth work. Iranian church has a good established Sunday school now; in Oldbury and Birmingham we have seen young adults group begin and develop – another part of this ministry. Contacts within the local communities both in Oldbury and Birmingham with local schools and sure start centres have grown, along with Oldbury being present within the local primary school which is an incredible opportunity. The Friday night youth at Birmingham is continuing and we have seen other youth ministries join over the year.

We have seen 28 baptisms over the course of 2025 amongst Iranian, Oldbury and Birmingham congregations, which has been wonderful to see God transform people's lives.

We have continued to reach our communities in different ways with prayer and seeking God at the centre. Acts of Care within LBC Oldbury and is serving people well. Over the congregations we have seen an increase in visitors.

Aaron has visited many of the LBC congregations over the year where he has gone and spoke and preached in the different congregations, sharing where LBC is at and revisiting the vision we have.

We have seen LBC Burundi and Kenya continue to grow. Both are supported by us – Burundi specifically by LBC Oldbury and Kenya by LBC Birmingham and LBC Langley. Please do continue to pray for these congregations.

Regular contact is taking place with Aaron and different congregations through leaderships and Pastors. Behind the scenes we are working on keeping the unity by Aaron and Helen taking meetings with all English speaking Pastors – these are proving important and a good place to share our stories of what is happening in the congregations and to grow together.

We are thankful for the leaderships across Iranian, Oldbury and Birmingham congregations, all have a dedicated team who play an integral role into the running of the church, their dedication and support are so appreciated. Thank you to each one of them for all they do.

In the summer of 2025, we saw one of our integral rearguard go home to Jesus, Margaret Sheward. Maragret has been a huge support to may in LBC and she certainly was integral in her leadership days and gave so much wisdom to us 9 years ago when the vision was birthed. We rejoice knowing she is in heaven and thank God for her and all she gave to us all.

As we ended the year, we reflected with thankful hearts and a joy that God was using LBC far and wide. We continue to press on with the calling God has given us and give Him thanks for His provision. We come into 2026 with expectant hearts ready to see more of God, ready to celebrate our 10-year anniversary!

From here to the coast, into Europe and into the world!

The Future:

There are many possibilities for 2026 – some are already being discussed. We want to make sure we are reaching our communities more and more and supporting people in them.

For us as a church we look to continue the vision: from here to the coast, into Europe and into the world.

2026 is going to be good!

Finance:

2025 was another very busy year when it came to the finances.

The accounts have been audited by Molly Langston and Zoe Rippengal, this is the second year they have done this.

The vision of LBC: to plant churches from here to the coast, into Europe and into world does require finance from us, every two years we dedicate the month of October to ‘sow a seed’ into the plant pot, which will help with the vision God gave us.

We started 2025 with a balance in the accounts of £81,395 which is made up of restricted and unrestricted funds. You can see the breakdown of the restricted and unrestricted funds in the financial report. The unrestricted funds started the year at £28304.

You will see that we had no deficit which was our aim as we wanted to ensure we were being wise with the finance. You can see once again the cost of gas and electric had increased, in 2025 we spent £15,589, it did go up only slightly in comparison to 2024 where we spent £ 14,908 but if we compare the cost to 2023 where we spent £8933, you can see it’s almost doubled in two years. We have also seen an increase in the telephone and internet charges; 2025 we spent £2279 compared to in 2024 where we spent £1867. Staff salaries have increased as we felt it right to follow

guidance on this, however Aaron felt it right for him not to take an increase once again, so that helped us not to jump too much on this expenditure. Overall, other expenditure remained similar to that of 2024.

We have continued to work hard to keep expenditure down as much as possible, we feel this is important as we want to be good stewards with the finance.

Travel has been a big thing in 2025, and you can see this was up on 2024, but let me point out that LBC Brazil and LBC Langley have contributed due to trips they have been on, so the expenditure looks high, but they have contributed.

You will see that we were given £8000 – BI Grant, this was given by the Baptist Insurance to cover a part time role for Mohsen within the Iranian church over 12 months.

You will also see we were awarded funding – Better Together – this will be divided between Birmingham, Oldbury and Iranian church. We have this funding till November 2027.

The average income from collections in 2023 was £1265 per week, the average for 2024 was £1452 per week and for 2025 was £1729. This is a huge encouragement, and we are going in the right direction. We are extremely thankful to you all for your obedience and commitment in your giving. Again, we want to stress the importance of gift aid as it really does make a huge difference to us. We received over £16,000 in gift aid – you will see from the accounts that £10,000 went into the general pot, we then used £1000 to be divided between the youth and kids' pots in Birmingham and Oldbury, £5000 went to travel.

The finance team have worked hard this year to keep things running well and taking more on.

We thank you once again for your continued support and generosity as without this we would not be able to maintain the vision of LBC. 2025 we ended the year at 40 congregations over 10 nations.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
INCOME				
Tithes & Offerings Received	76,293		76,293	58,094
Small Donations Received	13,706		13,706	17,662
Outside Donations	0		0	0
Use of church premises	15,510		15,510	16,900
Tax Refund on Total Gift Aid	10,000		10,000	10,000
Interest Received			0	0
Other Income	17,021		17,021	26,333
Internal transfers	0		0	690
LBC Langley-Pastor Support	0		0	6000
Willets Charity-S.Riazi Wage Support	6,000		6,000	6,000
LBC Pakistan		3,095	3,095	8,370
IFC Kenya		1,590	1,590	2,145
LBC Oldbury Youth		390	390	276
Creative Angels		0	0	0
Pastors Travel		12,962	12,962	6,573
LBC Birmingham Youth		351	351	1,229
Church Plant		28,596	28,596	6,640
LBC Kenya		5,210	5,210	3,219
Oldbury Maintenance		497	497	5650
LBC Birmingham Kids Church		1,218	1,218	1274
Womens Ministry		653	653	711
LBC Brazil		15,970	15,970	22330
Mens Breakfast Ministry		301	301	760
LBC Oldbury Kids Church		350	350	1,280
Strive to Thrive		0	0	0
LBC Burundi		4,797	4,797	4751
LBC Mozambique		0	0	0
Stronger Together Fund		0	0	0
LBC London		0	0	0
Go Fund Pakistan		0	0	0
Acts of Care		919	919	0
Better Together		14,550	14,550	0
BI Grant		8,000	8,000	
TOTAL INCOME	**138,530**	**99,449**	**237,979**	**206,887**

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
EXPENDITURE				
Church Tithe				
Baptist Home Mission	0		0	0
LBC Hurst Green	0		0	6,656
	0	**0**	**0**	**6,656**
Staff Costs				
Salaries & HMRC	81,507		81,507	79,908
Staff Pensions	7,425		7,425	6,013
Travelling Expenses & Mileage	1,623		1,623	2,287
	90,555	**0**	**90,555**	**88,208**
Property Expenses				
Repairs & Renewals	15		15	2,346
Equipment	1,830		1,830	4,375
Lighting & Heating	15,589		15,589	14,810
Water Charges	1,320		1,320	1,285
Fire Precautions	71		71	287
Insurance	4,980		4,980	4,821
Pest Control	1,163		1,163	1,057
	24,968	**0**	**24,968**	**28,981**
General Expenses				
Evangelism/Alpha/Community BBQ	52		52	116
Visiting Speakers	0		0	30
Baptist Union Fees	410		410	403
Rubbish Removal disposal	0		0	35
Administration Costs	1,121		1,121	798
Communion Gifts	0		0	182
General Gifts	2,988		2,988	4,943
Resources	0		0	0
Iranian Church	150		150	0
Telephone & Internet	2,279		2,279	1,867
Meeting Expenses	198		198	591
Cleaning, Refreshments and Sundry Exps	1,939		1,939	1,819
Professional Charges	450		450	880
Copyright Licence	876		876	672
Room Hire	0		0	1,300
Donations Foreign	0		0	0
Language course	0		0	240
Internal Transfer	0		0	-234
Petty Cash	0		0	0
Office Supplies	137		137	594
Other Expenditure	498		498	566

Restricted Fund Expenditure	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024
LBC Pakistan	7,455	7,455	10,333
IFC Kenya	1,717	1,717	2,162
LBC Oldbury Youth	405	405	429
Creative Angels	76	76	0
Pastors Travel	15,964	15,964	12,723
LBC Birmingham Youth	796	796	602
Church Plant	20,212	20,212	13,297
LBC Kenya	5,778	5,778	1,748
Oldbury Maintenance	220	220	2,914
LBC Birmingham Kids Church	2,050	2,050	343
Womens Ministry	656	656	620
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Mens Breakfast Ministry	361	361	585
LBC Oldbury Kids Church	302	302	1,154
Strive to Thrive	0	0	0

LBC Burundi		5,043	5,043	6,324
LBC Mozambique		0	0	0
Stronger Together Fund		0	0	9,198
LBC London		0	0	0
Acts of care		94	94	
Better Together		464	464	0
BI Grant		5,182	5,182	
	11,098	**93,813**	**104,911**	**99,974**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**126,621**	**93,813**	**220,434**	**223,819**
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**11,909**	**5,636**	**17,545**	**-16,932**

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Assets	**Bal. b/f**	**Receipts**	**Payments**	**Bal. c/f**	
Bank Co-Op Account	80,713	237,980	220,434	98,259	
Bank Santander account	231	0	0	231	
Cash Balance	451			451	
Total Assets	**81,395**	**237,980**	**220,434**	**98,941**	-2
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LBC Pakistan	4,801	3,095	7,455	441	
IFC Kenya	157	1,590	1,717	30	
LBC Oldbury Youth	222	390	405	207	
Creative Angels	435	0	76	359	
Pastors Travel	7,524	12,962	15,964	4,522	
LBC Birmingham Youth	882	351	796	437	
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