PRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, PAIGNTON CHARITY NUMBER 1199476

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

Aims and Purposes

The principal aim of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) is the advancement of the Christian faith in general and within our local area in particular. We are an open and accessible community, committed to welcoming and assisting all who wish to worship and learn more about God. We offer spiritual help and support and find opportunities for service within the Church fellowship and local community. We support missionary and charitable works in the UK and various parts of the world.

Befriending

Church members are encouraged to make a difference in our community by personally reaching out to family, friends, work colleagues and strangers, with the Christian message of reconciliation with God through a personal relationship with Jesus. This can be a costly thing to do in terms of time and energy but has the potential to be hugely rewarding. The Church offers financial support to missions both in the UK and overseas, and to local community groups. Church members decide at the start of each financial year which mission organisations and community groups they want to support financially from ten per cent (10%) of our Church offerings and donations. In addition, the Church will have other retiring offerings, giving special opportunity for members and friends of the Church to give to a particular cause. We also look to financially support members and friends of the Church and those in the community who are going through difficult times. To fund such gifts, the Church takes up a special offering at our monthly Communion Service. Members are also invited to give to our Pastoral Fund as and when they are able.

Achievements

The Church: meets together to worship God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; prays regularly together and for folk within our community asking for prayer; explores the Christian faith together to learn and understand more and so grow in both personal and corporate faith; discerns and implements our vision; comes together to get to know and support each other; offers a friendly, warm and accepting welcome to the community; is a place of generosity offering free food and refreshments to the community plus a Food Club for those in need and suffering due to the cost of living crisis; has seen a large growth in our children's work on a Sunday and at Messy Church, and other special children's events; hosts regular community events offering children's activities, free food, musical entertainment and the Christian message of love and fellowship; has formed various fellowship groups including Friends Together; has developed our grounds and Community Garden into productive areas of peace and beauty; offers a safe and welcoming environment for the hire of our halls for community events.

Activities

The Church is open throughout the week to the community, and hosts a variety of activities for all ages, including Sunday Worship, Bible Study Groups, New Life Course, Baby & Toddler Group, Messy Church, Mummy & Me, Craft Group, Book Club, Men's Breakfast Club, Friends Together, Ladies Alive friendship group, Food Club, and a Community Café offering free refreshments. We hold bi-monthly Church Members' Meetings, monthly Leaders' Business & Worship Meetings, Holy Communion is observed once a month and weddings, baptisms, dedications and funerals are conducted on request. Our rooms are used regularly by a variety of community groups. Christian Festivals are celebrated and attended by many who do not normally worship with us. Our halls are used every weekday during term time by Preston Community Pre-School which operates as a separate charity and pays a commercial rent to the Church.

Messy Church

This is a well-received outreach to families with young children and takes place after school once a month. Crafts, games and activities are themed on a Bible story and parents are invited to participate. Following a brief act of worship, a hot meal is provided, and we all eat as a family. The event is free and serviced by volunteers from within the Church. It is regularly attended by 30-40 people who greatly appreciate the time, space and facilities for families to enjoy doing creative things together in a Christian environment free from domestic pressures.

Community Garden

This outreach is very popular and provides pleasure to the community. Many of those who attend do not have their own gardens. The individual raised beds are appreciated in particular by people with mobility issues who would find it hard or impossible to garden at ground level. Since starting, this project is recognised as a success as it has become a meeting place where friendships are formed and loneliness avoided. The gardeners share a common interest and the garden provides a pleasant area to simply sit and relax. Produce from the Community Garden is enjoyed by the gardeners but also shared with other members of the Church and donated to members of the community.

Community Café / Food Club

Our Community Café is open every Thursday for members of the community to come in and enjoy hot drinks, homemade cake and light lunches without charge. It has developed into a safe, secure and warm environment where new friendships are created and members of the community receive a warm welcome and a listening ear. It also offers an opportunity for the Church to interact, engage with and support the homeless and those members of the community experiencing loneliness. Our Food Club also opens every Thursday and operates in conjunction with the Community Café. The Food Club offers a wide variety of provisions and produce, enabling those on low incomes to have access to fresh and healthy food at a substantially discounted price. We supply fresh vegetables and encourage the use of fresh provisions, thereby encouraging a healthy, nutritious and sustainable diet.

Financial Accounts

Our offerings increased over the previous year. The Church does not have an elected Treasurer but operates with a Finance Team headed up by one of the Church Leaders.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy to maintain reserves of at least three months of overhead expenditure.

Church Trustees

To be eligible for election, Trustees must be Church Members nominated by other members. Our Trustees are part of the Church Leadership Team. Each leader's period of service is for a three-year term, which may be extended for one further term, if nominated. Trustees may serve no longer than two terms before stepping down for at least a year. The Church Secretary is elected annually at the AGM and can serve as many terms as the Member decides. Trustees (Church Leadership Team) who served from 1st January to the date of this report were:

Minister:
Revd James Brown

Secretary:
Tina Ansell-Baker (annual appointment)

Treasurer: The Church does not have a Treasurer and operates with a Finance Team headed by one of the Trustees (Leadership Team)

Head of Finance Team:
Suzanne Targett

Leadership Team:
Tina Ansell-Baker
Pauline Baker
Geraldine Leigh (stepped down 20 May 2025)
Wendy Jeffs
Suzanne Targett

Administrative Information

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton is situated at 62 Old Torquay Road, Preston, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 2RB.

Charity Registration Number 1199476

With effect from 1st October 2023 the Church transferred all its assets and liabilities from an unincorporated charity Register Number 1133521 to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Preston Baptist Church, Paignton CIO, Preston registered number 1199476.

Preston Baptist Church
Charity Number 1199476
Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2,025			2,004	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Income					
Offerings & Donations	58,176	30,105	88,281	64,425	22,878
Gif Aid	10,335		10,335	27,293	
Wills Avenue Rent	10,500		10,500	8,750	
Pre-School	17,114		17,114	17,051	
Car Park	1,824		1,824	1,596	
Hall & Church	11,343		11,343	2,346	
Garden Café	2,570		2,570	712	
Outreach & Resources	212		212	0	
Catering	55		55	0	
Interest	1,667		1,667	2,082	
ACTS 435	550		550	0	
Gift Day	0		0	2,967	
Allotment	0		0	61	
Spree	3,169		3,169	0	
New Wine	469		469	0	
Manse Refurbishment	100		100	0	
Shoe Box	80		80	0	
Other	3,661		3,661	3,282	
Totals	**121,825**	**30,105**	**151,929**	**130,565**	**22,878**
Expenditure					
Stipend & Pension Costs	35,356		35,356	30,901	
Travel	129		129	50	
Manse Costs	3,798		3,798	3,777	
Manse Refurbishments	14,919		14,919	0	
Coordinator	10,920		10,920	0	
Visiting Speakers	620		620	495	
Youth & Children	221		221	367	
Toddlers	0		0	150	
New Wine	324		324	1,153	
Resources & Outreach	2,618		2,618	1,932	
Mission (UK & World) 10%	3,118		3,118	13,313	4,935
Music & Worship	1,456		1,456	1,541	
Pastoral	0	455	455	0	2,068
Social Events & Catering	854		854	231	
Preston Food Club	0	24,296	24,296	0	12,780
Office Costs	2,744		2,744	3,169	
Advertising & Publicity	162		162	269	
Conferences & Training	1,252		1,252	535	
Repairs & Maintenance	6,197		6,197	10,029	

Car Prark	0		0	4,575	
Lounge / Dry Rot	0		0	10,391	5,860
Waste Disposal			0	1,371	
Garden Café	3,008		3,008	0	
Caretaking	10,021		10,021	9,611	
Caretaker Supplies	603		603	687	
Wills Avenue Costs	1,374		1,374	1,125	
Wills Avenue Maintenance	667		667	204	
Church Insurance	6,694		6,694	4,279	
Church Heat & Light	10,552		10,552	11,903	
Telephone	1,238		1,238	3,889	
Garden Café	0		0	2,439	
Community Garden	430		430	0	708
Allotment	40		40	204	
Water	871		871	145	
Subs to Organisations	806		806	761	
Finance Costs	806		806	531	
Professional Fees	4,125		4,125	1,470	
Memorial Loan	2,000		2,000	0	2,000
PA	2,867		2,867	0	9,931
Toilets	5,470		5,470	0	
Spree	2,673		2,673	0	
Acts 435	550		550	0	
Other Expenses	3,150		3,150	2,901	4,753
Totals	**142,631**	**24,750**	**167,381**	**124,398**	**43,035**
Surplus / Deficit	-20,806	5,354	-15,452	6,167	-20,157
Cash b/fwd	93,353	30,579	123,932	86,533	50,736
Cash c/fwd	74,819	32,809	107,628	93,353	30,579
Cash Funds					
CAF Old	57			1,003	
CAF New	23,192			40,141	
CAF Gold	83,805			82,215	
Lloyds	573			573	
Total	107,628			123,932	
Debtors	0			0	
Other Assets					
Church - Insurance Value	2,400,000			2,400,000	
Manse - Market Value	380,000			380,000	
Investment Property	165,000			165,000	
Church Fittings & Equipment	150,000			150,000	
Total	3,095,000			3,095,000	
Total					
Memorial Loan from SWBA	2,000			4,000	

Total

87,303
27,293
8,750
17,051
1,596
2,346
712
0
0
2,082
0
2,967
61
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0
3,282

153,443

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Preston Baptist Church, Paignton.

Charity Number 1199476

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Accounts.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) for the year Eended 31 December 2025. Period 1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the Charity Trustees of the Church you are accountable 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 Church's Accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 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 Examiners Statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me no cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church by Section 130 of the Act; or

2. The Accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in respect of this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Dated:

Signed: