CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Report for the period

From: 1 January 2025 Period start date To: 31.12.2025 Period end date

Charity name: LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1200361

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal purposes of the Church are:- The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The activities may include but are not restricted to: - regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; - baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle; - the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month; - evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; - the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people; - nurture and growth of Christian disciples; - education and training for Christian and community service; - giving and encouraging pastoral care; -

		- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad; - encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Church classifies its giving as gifts or donations rather than grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	As stated in the summary of the purposes of the Charity
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	This is essential to the Charity's effectiveness and is carried out by members of the Church, the wider fellowship and supporters from the community.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The regular weekly activities, include Sunday worship services and Bible Studies. There are two cafés on church premises: Working for Wellbeing (Thursdays) and Beans (Saturday). Both are open to the public. The premises are also used by a local choir, a Women's Institute Reading Group and Alcoholics Anonymous. In May Señor Juan Carlos Ramírez spoke on the work of Educación Plus in San Jorge, Costa Rica. In October Mr Geraint Howells spoke on the work of The Society for the Distribution of Hebrew Scriptures (SDHS). Mr Grev Parmenter spoke in November on his visit to Kazakstan, on behalf of Medical Missionary Network. Gifts were made to Baptist Union Home and World Mission agencies, Medical Mission Network, SDHS, Open Doors and Educación Plus.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Church does not fundraise.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Accounts for the period are attached.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We endeavour to hold a balance of six months expected expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash held at bank of £15,248 as at December 31 2025.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Falling and ageing membership. We have been unable to fill the vacancy for a third trustee following the death on 23 August 2025 of Mr David Chandler.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	All finances received were mainly gifts plus Gift Aid. There was also income from the church manse, and receipt in January 2025 of an insurance claim

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The fact that the church building is over 200 years old, and is listed Grade II means that its upkeep is often expensive. The significant costs for 2025 (and 2024) were covered by income from church manse.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Church Constitution Document
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Charity Trustees are appointed in accordance with the directions of the Church Members' Meeting and the provisions of the Church Constitution

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	At present no members are able or willing to take on the vacancy. We continue to seek assistance from the Baptist Union (BUGB) and other church fellowships.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Lechlade Baptist Church is a Member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB)

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lechlade Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200361
Charity's principal address	Lechlade Baptist Church Sherborne Street Lechlade GL7 3AH

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	David Hopkins	Church Secretary		
2	Michael Stone	Church Treasurer		
3	David Chandler	Trustee	Deceased 23/08/2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
Mr. N. Harrison TRUST AND PROPERTY OFFICER WEST OF ENGLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION		CHURCH PREMISES CHURCH MANSE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional) **Names and addresses of advisers**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

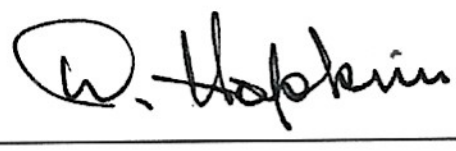
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Hopkins	Michael Stone
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	TREASURER
Date	4th October 2026	

Lechlade Baptist Church CIO

Registered Charity No. 1200361

Accounts for Year Ended

31 December 2025

LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH CIO Registered Charity 1200361

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees/Members of Lechlade Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025, and set out on pages 3 and 4 attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Church and the Independent Examiner
As 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, having followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the appointed officers of the Church concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martyn Cook..... March 3rd 2026
26 St Phillip's Road, Upper Stratton, Swindon, SN2 7QH

LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH CIO **Registered Charity 1200361**

Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2025

Income & Expenditure Report for Lechlade Baptist Church

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Collections, donations & other gifts		1,605	-	1,605	495
Grants Received	1	0	-	0	279
Planned Giving		7,060	-	7,060	7,380
Loose Collections		565	-	565	558
Tax Refunds Gift Aid		1,840	-	1,840	2,373
GASDS		443	-	443	900
Use of Church		1,646	-	1,646	1,115
Beans Café		1,381	-	1,381	1,499
Manse Rent		13,020	-	13,020	12,500
Insurance Claim Receipt		1,813		1,813	0
Interest		0	-	0	27
Total incoming resources		29,373	-	29,373	27,125
Less Resources Expended					
Gifts & Tithes					
BU - Home Mission		1,800	-	1,800	1,800
BMS - World Mission		1,440	-	1,440	1,440
Educacion Plus	2	2,200	-	2,200	6,200
Other Mission Agencies	3	3,085	-	3,085	1,500
Metropolitan Mission, India		240	-	240	240
Pastoral Support		504	-	504	0
Total Gifts & Tithes		9,269	-	9,269	11,180
Church Costs					
Heat, Light & Water		1,670	-	1,670	1,430
Maintenance	4	8,125	-	8,125	9,979
New Fixtures & Fittings		0	-	0	0
Insurance		828	-	828	804
CCLI Licences / IT		1,083	-	1,083	900
Cleaning & Flowers & Stationery		1,214	-	1,214	1,051
Total Church Costs		12,920	-	12,920	14,166
Other Expenses					
Visiting preacher / musician expenses		440	-	440	640
Baptist Union Subscription		82	-	82	81
Beans	5	685	-	685	384
Legal Costs		0	-	0	0
Other expenses		60	-	60	299
Auditor's honorarium	6	250	-	250	400
Total Other Expenses		1,517	-	1,517	1,803
Manse Costs					
Insurance		386	-	386	376
Refurbishment / Maintenance		176	-	176	1,241
Ridgeway Fees		1,562	-	1,562	1,500
Total Manse Costs		2,124	-	2,124	3,117
Total - All Expenses		25,831	-	25,831	30,266
Total Income less Expenditure		3,543	-	3,543	(3,140)
Cash Balance at 1 January				11,705	14,845
Cash Balance at 31 December				15,248	11,705

The notes overleaf form part of these accounts.

LECHLADE BAPTIST CHURCH CIO
Financial Statements year ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity no. 1200361

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	31-Dec-25 £	31-Dec-24 £
Bank Accounts			
Barclays Bank		15,248	11,705
		15,248	11,705
Debtors			
Working4Wellbeing		50	0
Baptist Insurance	7	0	1,813
HMRC re Gift Aid		1,626	1,657
		1,676	3,470
Liabilities			
Examiner Honorarium		250	250
		250	250

Other Assets include:
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Freehold Manse, at 3 The Close, Hambidge Lane, Lechlade
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3 Includes *Medical Missionary News* and *Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures* along with *Samaritan's Purse* and *Open Doors.*

4 Brickwork repair and repointing with lime mortar. Major repairs are not anticipated at present but it must be noted that the building is over 200 years old and Grade 2 Listed.

5 The current year figure includes £296 cost of a replacement coffee machine.

6 2024 includes payment in respect of 2023 and 2024 accounts.

7 Following an arson incident at the church premises a shed and its contents were destroyed. The claim was settled in January 2024.

Approved by Trustees of Lechlade Baptist Church CIO and signed on their behalf:

Signature: M J Stone **Name:** Michael Stone **Date:** March 3rd 2026

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