2025-2026 Annual Report for Trinity Baptist Church

References and administrative details

Registered Address
Green Lane,
Derby,
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Church Trustees as at 31st March 2026
Mrs A Cartwright
Mrs J Leeming
Mr C James

Trustee for Finance – Mrs J Leeming

'Renew' worker – Les Tam

Charity status
The church is registered with the Charity Commission

Membership
Trinity Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Bankers
Natwest Bank

Independent Finance Examiner
Mr Paul Woolley

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The trustees present their Annual Report for April 2025 - March 2026.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is governed by its constitution, in accordance with which regular attenders are invited to become members of the Church by making a public declaration of faith which may be shown through baptism.

The Church meeting takes place four times per year and has responsibility for the overall policy of the church. Non-members can attend but not vote for constitutional issues.

In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint trustees, who are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, including the financial and legal aspects. 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 attending 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.

By agreement at the Church Meeting it was agreed to change the start of our financial year to 1 April going forward.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the church 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.

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. 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. Weekly services at 10.45am are open and welcoming to all and have visiting speakers to take the services. We have no regular Sunday children's programme, but we do have activities available for the children and young people who would like to be 'doing' as well as 'listening' during the church service. On the 4th Sunday of the month, we meet in a local community rooms where we also provide breakfast before the service and lunch afterwards.

In addition to the Sunday services, we have a weekly Bible study group held in homes, and a weekly 'Renew' café on a Tuesday afternoon held in a local community room. Our Renew Café welcomes the local community to spend time together in a place where it is 'okay not to be okay', although some people do travel from further afield to join us. We have continued to see lives changed this year through this work and organised trips to the seaside and a Christmas market and also an away day to the local countryside which were all well received.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted and trained with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

This year saw a significant change with the sale of our church building to Jubilee Church who have been meeting in Derby for many years but have not previously owned their own building. As reported last year we are now holding our services in the local community room where we hold the Renew Café. This move provides us with the opportunity to embed ourselves further into the community in Stockbrook and help us to grow the relationships with our neighbours.

The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its programmes only in numbers, including financial numbers, but also in less tangible areas like fellowship, welcome and encouragement. The trustees recognise that these are difficult to measure.

We remain in interregnum and are not currently pursuing the calling of a Minister, however the church family is strong and committed to maintaining our community outreach with many of our members actively engaged in the work of Renew.

The manse is rented out to a private tenant as it is not required by a minister.

We are very grateful to have received a grant from the Tom Carey Trust which will fund our Renew Worker for the 2026 calendar year.

On 31 March 2026 the membership was 16. This followed a review of the membership roll and removal of those who no longer attend and no longer wish to be in membership.

Average attendance at worship services has remained steady during the year.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Jackie Leeming
24th September 2026