Rochester Baptist Church (CIO)

Charity no. 1208255

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

for the period

1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Rochester Baptist Church (CIO) : Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Legal and administrative details

Registered charity name:	Rochester Baptist Church
Charity registration number:	1208255 *(see note below)*
Address for correspondence:	8-10 Crow Lane, Rochester, Kent ME1 1RF
Governing documents:	Constitution, adopted 13 May 2024
Status:	Rochester Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation *(see below)*

Note: Rochester Baptist Church (CIO, Charitable Incorporated Organisation) has been set up in anticipation of our switch in 2026 from Rochester Baptist Church (CUA, Charitable Unincorporated Association, charity no.1130518).

Trustees

Mr Darren Greening ‡ *(from 04/05/24 to 29/08/25)*
Mr Rik Hasemore †‡ *(from 16/05/24)*
Mr Malcolm Peake †‡ *(from 04/05/24)*
Mr Luciano Pelosi †‡ *(from 04/05/24)*
Mrs Judith Pennington †‡ *(from 04/05/24)*
Mr Jonathan Peters †‡ *(from 04/05/24)*
Mrs Joanna Rodrigues †‡ *(from 16/05/24)*
Mr Nicholas Sutch †‡ *(from 16/05/24)*
Mr David Weatherley ‡ *(from 04/05/24 to 28/04/25)*

† = trustee on the date this report was approved ‡ = trustee in the financial year 2025

Corporate trustee: None

Holding Trustee: None

Declaration

This Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 18 September 2026.

by *J Peters*

Name & office held — Jonathan Peters, Trustee

Stated aims

Our stated aims are:

(1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith, primarily but not exclusively within Rochester and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
(2) such charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing trustees, further the work of the church.

Overview of activities in 2025

On 14 May 2024 Rochester Baptist Church successfully registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registration no. 1208255), following the adoption on 13 May 2024 of our constitution. The CIO is currently not operational. The process of asset transfer has begun, and we are hopeful that it will be completed in 2026 in order that we can begin operating under the CIO structure in 2026. As such, Rochester Baptist Church (CIO) has remained a non-operational organisation, and we have continued to operate as Rochester Baptist Church (CUA). This means that we have zero financing to declare for this period.

Other required information about our organisation

Compliance and regulators:

We are aware of the need to adopt policies, financial controls, etc before becoming operational.

Finance and assets — money in:

We have no income to report, as we are not yet operational. Rochester Baptist Church CIO holds the legal title for one residential property, which is held on trust for the benefit of Rochester Baptist Church CUA.

Finance and assets — money out:

We have no expenditure to report, as we are not yet operational.

People:

We have no volunteers, paid employees or other payments to report, as we are not yet operational.

Financial review / assets

We have no finances or assets to review, as we are not yet operational. We are aware of the need to adopt a reserves policy before becoming operational.

Rochester Baptist Church
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT					
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	0	0	0	0	n/a
Charitable activities	0	0	0	0	n/a
Investments	0	0	0	0	n/a
Trading activities	0	0	0	0	n/a
Other	0	0	0	0	n/a
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	n/a
Payments: activities in furtherance of charitable objectives					
Charitable activities	0	0	0	0	n/a
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	n/a
Other	0	0	0	0	n/a
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	n/a
Excess of receipts over payments	0	0	0	0	n/a
Funds brought forward at 1st January	0	0	0	0	n/a
Funds carried forward at 31st December	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	n/a
Cash funds					
Represented by					
Unrestricted Funds	0	0	0	0	n/a
Designated Funds	0	0	0	0	n/a
Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	n/a
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**	n/a
Assets					
4 Howard Ave (note a)				54,000	54,000
				54,000	54,000
Liabilities					
None				0	n/a
				0	n/a

Notes to the Financial Statement

(a) **4 Howard Ave** was purchased at a cost of £54,000 in 1996, has a declared valuation of £347,928, and is currently insured with a rebuild cost estimate £539,115. The legal title for the property is held by Rochester Baptist Church (CIO), who hold it on trust for the benefit of Rochester Baptist Church (CUA).

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees are required to prepare a statement of account for each accounting year. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts and records comply with the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The church is operating efficiently and effectively.
2. Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition.
3. Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable.

4. The church complies with relevant laws and regulations.

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

on 18 September 2026

by *J Peters*

Name & office held — Jonathan Peters, Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report

No Independent Examiner’s Report is needed, as the charity is not operational.