

WESTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Structure, governance and management

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The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

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(Appointed 14 November 2024)

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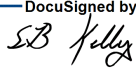
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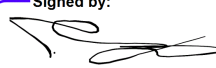
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Dated: 7 August 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 242153

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	S B Kelly M A Campbell A Campbell A Ramesh	(Appointed 14 November 2024)
Charity number	242153	
Principal address	107 Carlisle Road Manningham Bradford BD8 8BY	
Independent examiner	Alison Whalley BA (Hons) FCA Azets Audit Services Ltd Carlton House Bradford BD1 4NS	
Bankers	HSBC 1 Well Croft Shipley BD18 3QH	

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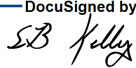
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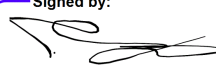
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Westgate Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

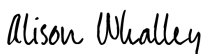
I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed by:



Alison Whalley BA (Hons) FCA

Azets Audit Services

Carlton House
Grammar School Street
Bradford
BD1 4NS

Dated: 7 August 2025

WESTGATE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	27,860	27,860	20,281
Charitable activities	4	3,557	3,557	1,443
Investments	5	8,500	8,500	6,669
Total income		<u>39,917</u>	<u>39,917</u>	<u>28,393</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	38,014	38,014	31,317
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	257	257	(237)
Net movement in funds		2,160	2,160	(3,161)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		45,050	45,050	48,211
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>47,210</u>	<u>47,210</u>	<u>45,050</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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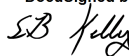
BALANCE SHEET


AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	25,160		24,947	
Investments	13	10,100		9,844	
Cash at bank and in hand		15,026		11,495	
		<u>50,286</u>		<u>46,286</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(3,076)</u>		<u>(1,236)</u>	
Net current assets			47,210		45,050
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			47,210		45,050
			<u>47,210</u>		<u>45,050</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 August 2025

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1 Accounting policies

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1.1 Accounting convention

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The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	27,860	20,281
	27,860	20,281

4 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Messenger	29	39
Funerals and weddings	3,306	1,229
Events	-	107
Sundry income	222	68
	3,557	1,443

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Rental income	6,848	5,221
Interest receivable	1,652	1,448
	<u>8,500</u>	<u>6,669</u>

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	5,259	5,101
Rates and water	4,309	1,786
Insurance	6,235	6,049
Light and heat	9,550	8,757
Repairs and maintenance	3,135	1,921
Home mission	2,139	1,974
Baptist mission service	2,139	1,974
Donations to charities	-	48
Pulpit supply	1,228	910
Activities and events	500	-
	<u>34,494</u>	<u>28,520</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,152	1,561
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,368	1,236
	<u>38,014</u>	<u>31,317</u>

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Postage and stationery	131	-	131	132	-	132
Payroll charges	490	-	490	240	-	240
Meals and refreshments	315	-	315	280	-	280
Telephone and internet	751	-	751	675	-	675
Sundry expenses	465	-	465	234	-	234
Independent examiners fees	-	1,368	1,368	-	1,236	1,236
	<u>2,152</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>1,561</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>2,797</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>2,152</u>	<u>1,368</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>1,561</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>2,797</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,368 (2023- £1,236) for examination fees.

8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,249	4,969
Other pension costs	10	132
	<u>5,259</u>	<u>5,101</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 during the current or previous year.

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10 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	257	(237)
	<u>257</u>	<u>(237)</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within part II of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and falling within section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	21,885	21,104
Prepayments	3,275	3,843
	<u>25,160</u>	<u>24,947</u>

13 Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unlisted investments	10,100	9,844
	<u>10,100</u>	<u>9,844</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	3,076	1,236
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15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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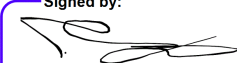
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We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made appropriate enquiries of other trustees of the charity, the following representations given to you in connection with your examination of the charity's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

1. We acknowledge, as trustees, our statutory responsibility for the financial statements. All of the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your preparation of the accounts and all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of any meeting, have been made available to you.
1. We confirm that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
2. There have been no events since the balance sheet date which would require revision of the amounts included in the financial statements or disclosure in a note thereto.
3. We have no plan or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
4. We have recorded or disclosed to you all liabilities, both actual and contingent. There is no litigation outstanding against the charity.
5. Other than as disclosed in the financial statements, there are no financial commitments of a revenue or capital nature.
6. The charity has had, at no time during the year, any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi-loans or credit transactions) for trustees and connected persons and officers of the charity, nor to guarantee or provide security for such matters, except as disclosed in the notes to the accounts

7. No transactions were entered into shortly before the accounting date with the intention that they should reverse shortly after that date, so as to produce an unfair view of the state of affairs of the charity.
8. We have advised you of all laws and regulations central to the operation of the charity or which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its operations and confirm that there has been no possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements.
9. We confirm we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the entity conducts its business and which are central to the entity's ability to conduct its business, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the accounts.
10. We confirm that there are no entities associated with this charity for tax purposes.
11. We confirm that in our opinion the charity is a going concern.
12. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our own assessment of the risk of fraud in the business.
13. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former employees, regulators or others.
14. We confirm that, in our opinion, the charity's financial statements should be prepared on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs.
15. We confirm that we are not aware of any transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in the financial statements.
16. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.
17. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to the Charity Commission.

Yours faithfully

Signed by:

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Signed on behalf of trustees