

West Lane Baptist Church

Annual Reports 2025



West Lane Baptist Church
Haworth BD22 8EN

<http://www.westlanebaptistcentre.org.uk>

Minister's Report

As I look back on the last year with you, I continue to feel grateful and humbled to be part of this church family and wider community. Julie and I have settled in well, and we are committed to being here long term. We are deeply thankful for the warmth of your welcome.

This past year has been full of opportunities to deepen relationships – within the fellowship and beyond. I have been blessed to spend time with some of you in your homes, in cafés, and in hospital settings, sharing stories, prayers, and friendship. These visits remind me again of the strength of our shared faith and the importance of simply being present with one another.

It has also been a joy to take part in community events, such as the Pride celebrations, Praise in the park and the climate change library initiative. These have offered meaningful opportunities to stand alongside our neighbours, listen, learn, and bear witness to God's love in the public square.

As a church, we continue to hold one another through times of joy and sorrow, and I am encouraged by the ways we are seeking to grow together in faith, hospitality, and service.

Looking ahead, I am excited for what God will continue to do among us. My prayer is that we keep finding new ways to embody Christ's love in our village and beyond – both in the everyday encounters and in the bigger moments we share together.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and friendship. I look forward to the year ahead as we continue this journey of faith side by side.

Blessings,

Rev. David Skeet

Bookings Report for 2025 AGM

The income to the Church from letting the Church premises decreased by 11% over the financial year. This has been largely due to the three groups shown below ending their activities with us. The saddest and most significant, from the personal and historic links and the financial aspect, was the ending of the West Lane Baptist Operatic Society's many decades long connection with the Church.

On the positive side, four groups started activities with us during the year although none of them has yet had a full year with us.

Whilst the number of events held by non-Church Groups increased slightly the overall income decreased. This can be explained by the fact that fewer groups are using a full four hour session.

The Front Room continues to be far and away the most sought after room by groups wishing to use the premises.

Events held by Church Groups	Events held by non-Church Groups
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Year ended	30.06.22	30.06.23	30.06.24.	30.06.25	30.06.22	30.06.23	30.06.24	30.06.25
No events	197	253	187	217	938	808	634	642

Income from non-Church Groups

£21648	£23210	£19706	£17540*
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* 2025 does not include income from two groups

who gave donations.

Relative values of rooms let out for the year ended 30.06.25

Room	Upstairs	Front Room	Lounge	Back Room	Total
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Sunday school report

Lunch Club

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Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2025

Personnel

Minister	Reverend David Skeet	27 Emmott Farm Fold, Haworth BD22 8BQ
Secretary	Judith Sargent	
Treasurer	Helen Starford	Buttergate Barn, Sykes Lane, Oxenhope BD22 9SH
Independent Examiner	Christine Husbands	15 Church View, Gisburn, Clitheroe BB7 4HG
Bank	Virgin Money	30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2HL

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending June 2025

2024-25	Receipts	2023-24
	Collections and Gift Aid	
8,676	Weekly Collection	6,267
12,462	Gift aided Collection	15,847
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21,138		22,114
	Donations and Room Hire	
17,505	Use of Premises	18,725
14,774	Miscellaneous	7,160
5,249	Donations and Special Efforts	2,460
350	Food Bank	500
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37,878		28,845
	Investment Income	
500	Thomas Parker Trust [YBA]	195
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500		195
	Property Income	
6,900	Rent 3, Bronte Street	6,200
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6,900		6,200
	Collections for Other Charities	
524	Various	975
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524		975
66,940	Total Receipts for year carried forward	58,329

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year Ending 30th June 2025

Payments

Maintenance of Ministry

47,662	Ministers Stipend and allowances etc [includes baptist pension scheme]	25,790
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47,662		25,790

Church Premises

3,651	Maintenance and equipment	5,595
5,809	Utilities	5,109
3,021	Insurance	2,679
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12,481		13,383

Administration

19	Stationary	92
1,345	Cleaning	1,132
684	Catering	1,535
196	Sundries	199
0	Food Bank	1,050
992	Other	1,801
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3,236		5,809

Donations to Other Charities

1,804	Various	2,263
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1,804		2,263

65,183 **Total Payments for year carried forward 47,245**

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Receipts and Payment Accounts for the Year Ending 30th June
2025

Summary	2024-25	2023-24
Total Receipts	66,940	58,329
Total Payments	65,183	47,245
Surplus/deficit for year	1,757	11,084

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Statement of Current Assets as at 30th June 2025

Cash & Bank Balances	2024-25	2023-24
Cash in Hand	5	2,429
Cash at Bank	86,839	85,086
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	86,844	87,515
 Other Accounts and Investments		
Edwin Parker for Graveyard		
COIF Charities Investment Fund	3,961	4,150
Interest account	2,429	closed
Dividends held but not banked	114	
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	6,504	4,150
 Total Assets	 93,348	 91,665

Notes

1. In Addition to the above, there are the Fixed Assets of the Church building and pipe organ and manse at Bronte street. These are provisionally valued at £2,690,963 , £24,363 and £257,099 respectively, being the sums insured for their reinstatement.

2. £350 to be transferred to food bank funds.

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Gisburn
Clitheroe
BB7 4HG

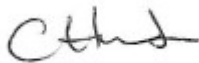
1st September 2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

West Lane Baptist Church

I have audited the records of the above organisation for the period ended 30th June 2025.

I can confirm that I find the accounting statements to be a true and fair record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHH', is positioned below the text of the audit confirmation.

Christine Husbands

INVOICE

Invoice: WL25
1st September 2025

To audit of accounting records of West Lane Baptist Church 2025

£100

Remit to: C A Husbands, 05-02-40, 15073023