

Coatbridge Baptist Church SCIO

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2025

Scottish Charity No. SC051950

Church Information

Current Trustees

Mrs Jennifer Singleton
Mrs Lyn Thomson
Mr Norrie Russell
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Report of Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

Coatbridge Baptist Church SCIO is established by Constitution. The church is a Scottish Charity (No. SC 051950) and is recognised by the Inland revenue under the reference number CR 43971.

Aims and Affiliation

The aims of the church are in line with its Mission Statement – *Making Christ known by Word and Action*". The church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The church is congregational in its polity and its day to day running is undertaken by the Minister and the Deaconate (the Trustees). The Office Bearers who served during the year and to date of this report were as follows:-

<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs Jennifer Singleton
<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs Lyn Thomson
<i>Deacons</i>	Mr Norrie Russell, Mrs Marion Muir, Miss Alyson Woodhouse
<i>Minister</i>	Mrs Valerie Sim

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are those who make up the deaconate of the Church. Each deacon is elected to serve for a period of four years. Each deacon will have been a member of the church for at least three years and will have either served the church in some capacity or will have been recognised as a person with the particular qualities necessary to serve in a leadership position. They will be familiar with the church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme, new deacons are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as trustees of the church.

Governing Document

The church is a charitable unincorporated association governed by our own constitution.

Trustees Report

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the church met regularly for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:-

In relation to activities:

- The continuing work with children in the fellowship via Kidzone
- Our services around advent, Christmas & Easter reaching out to the community
- Links with local primary and secondary schools via assemblies
- Continuing work of Lego Club, and Coffee & Chat group

In relation to funding:

- Participation by church members in the Gift Aid scheme
- Supporting local food bank through monetary donations

The work of the church has been gradually increasing with the continuing commitment of the membership and associated upkeep of the premises.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration.

Reserves

The church had a surplus of £6,934.14 for the year, therefore the church held funds of £42,011.96 at the year end.

It is the policy of the church to keep sufficient funds to enable the on-going work of the church to be maintained in a Current Account.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Jennifer Singleton (Treasurer)

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 30th September 2025

	2024 £	2025 £
Income		
Open Offerings	6546.54	6961.24
Gift Aid	17180.00	17374.00
Gift Aid Reclaim (23/24)	0.00	6527.92
Gift Aid Reclaim (24/25)	0.00	5711.75
Thank Offering	720.00	860.00
Other Gifts and donations	120.00	652.50
Income from Church flat	5436.35	6136.40
Monies for BMS Missionary Organisation	370.00	80.00
Direct Debit refund	25.82	0.00
Interest from closed bank account	6.78	0.00
Total Receipts	<u>30405.49</u>	<u>44633.81</u>
Payments		
Payments for charitable activities:		
Staff costs	19454.66	19900.02
Support Costs	11543.61	11708.50
Other Direct Costs	5047.24	6091.15
Total Payments	<u>36045.51</u>	<u>37699.67</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(5640.02)	6934.14

Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2025

	2024	2025
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	40717.85	35077.83
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(5640.02)	6934.14
<u>Closing balances</u>	<u>35077.83</u>	<u>42011.97</u>

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Jennifer Singleton, (Treasurer)