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CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Elders	Mr R M Naysmith Rev P Rees Rev L Garvie Dr S A Amanfo Mr R Burbank Mr G Penman Mr G D Watson Mr P Wilson Mr C Watson Dr K J J McLachlan	(Appointed 26 November 2025) (Appointed 26 November 2025) (Appointed 26 November 2025)
Senior Pastor	Rev Paul Rees	
Associate Pastors	Rev Liam Garvie Rev Ray Burbank	
Treasurer	Bill Anderson	
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Charity number (Scotland)	SC048212	
Company number	SC422575	
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TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Introduction

We produce our accounts to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charity Accounts (SORP 2019).

It should be noted that this report and accounts cover the year ended 31 December 2025.

Total receipts in this accounting period were £952,552 (£965,499 in 2024), and total expenditure was £1,077,256 (£1,019,379 in 2024), resulting in a deficit of £124,704. This deficit includes depreciation of £110,814 and accrued grant expenditure of £2,000. If these were to be disregarded, the accounts would show an operating deficit of £11,890.

Our finances in 2025 encountered an unexpected bump in the road in the summer when our Pastors in Training were informed that a portion of their grant funding from an external source was to be withdrawn with effect from August. This would have resulted in potential financial difficulties for them, and the Elders took the righteous decision that the Church would increase their salaries until the end of 2025 to compensate for this reduction in full. It was also agreed that from 1st January 2026 the Pastors in Training would be issued with new contracts with increased hours and a living wage.

The Elders and Finance Team continue to meet "in person", with the Deacons still meeting virtually. On an ongoing basis we monitor our processes and procedures to ensure the reliability of the information produced and the confidentiality which is essential, particularly in relation to Donations.

Going Concern statement

Our financial position remains strong, and the generosity of our congregation continues to be a powerful statement of their belief in our objectives. We therefore remain confident that we are able to continue as a going concern, and to deliver on our Charitable objectives.

Review of General Fund – Note 17

The offerings received by way of donations and Gift Aid in 2025 were £826,744 (2024: £740,435).

The overall income received into the General funds during 2025 was £847,147 (2024: £814,865).

Total expenditure in 2025 was £831,551 (2024: £776,950). As in previous years by far the greatest outlay of £438,545 related to salaries (2024: £369,379). For 2025 this equated to 53% of general fund expenditure. The next greatest outlay of £158,693 related to Cross Cultural Worker support (2024: £173,123). For 2025 this equated to 19% of expenditure.

General Reserves - Note 17

The General Reserve, which is the unrestricted funds excluding designated funds, closed 2025 with a balance of £284,955 (2024: £269,595).

We have always felt it prudent to retain at least three months of the normal General Fund expenditure in reserve. Applying that test would mean we should retain not less than £207,888 in reserve at the end of the financial period.

Restricted funds – Note 16

We have several restricted funds which are for specified purposes. Money held within these funds cannot be repurposed.

Restricted fund descriptions and their purposes are detailed in Note 16.

Restricted fund balances are detailed in Note 16.

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Funding commitments – Notes 20 and 21

The elders committed to providing financial support to Christ Church Queensferry (CCQ) over a period of four years, as follows:

£5,000 per year for 4 years starting January 2022 from the Greta Arthur Fund.

£10,000 per year for 4 years starting December 2022 from General Reserves.

The final payments in relation to these commitments have now been made, however the elders have committed a further £15,000 to Christ Church Queensferry to be paid in three annual amounts of £5,000 in January of the years 2027, 2028 and 2029. This was agreed on the 3rd March 2026.

The commitment to Hope Church Aviemore of £4,000 per year over five years, ended when the final payment was made in January 2025. These payments were made from the Greta Arthur Fund.

The commitment to Bethany Christian Trust has been extended for another year, and a final payment of £2,000 will be made in 2026; this is to support the "Bridge to Freedom" programme, and will be made from the general reserves.

Mission

Our Cross-cultural Workers Team Head of Resources (Anna Pagan) together with her finance sub-team is responsible for managing the CWT budget line item within the General Budget used to disperse money to the Cross-cultural Workers, their families, and organisations we support.

From 1st January 2026, the Cross Cultural Workers Team is to be replaced by a new Global Missions Team.

Risk Assessment and Mitigation

These are commented on in the Report of the Elders. To reduce potential financial exposure, £120,000 can be held within each of the Chapel's bank accounts and covered by the government's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). We currently have Savings accounts with Kingdom Bank, Bank of Scotland, The Royal Bank of Scotland and Cambridge & Counties Bank. These are actively managed to ensure that we obtain the maximum protection available.

2025 Summary

As we sign off on our 2025 accounts, we remain extremely grateful for the faithfulness of the members and others who give so generously to support the work of Charlotte Chapel here in Edinburgh but also around Scotland and the rest of the world through our Gospel partnerships and our Global Missions Team. All of this is a means of worship to the God Who has saved us and Who we want to make known through our service of Him.

After our move to Shandwick Place which saw truly exceptional levels of giving, by the end of 2017 regular giving was approximately 20% less than required to meet the anticipated expenditure.

In 2018 we embarked on the "Giving for Gospel Growth" initiative with the anticipation that with God's grace our income would increase to the required level. We are so thankful to God that we achieved and surpassed the 20% increase set in faith by the Elders.

During 2019 the increase in giving from 2018 was sustained, which meant our budget was fully funded. There were, however, several additional expenditures required to modify the church's heating system, undertake additional building repairs, and pay for the removal of the church bells with their support structure, resulting in a £25,000 reduction in our reserves.

With the advent of COVID-19 in 2020, our expenditure reduced to an abnormally low level, and while our income also decreased, a healthy surplus was added to our General Reserves at the end of that year.

COVID-19 continued to affect our operations during 2021. However, regular giving increased, and expenditure was lower than budget resulting in another healthy surplus being added to our General Reserves.

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2022 was a more normal year. Giving remained at 2021 levels though and expenditure was 5% lower than budget by the end of the year. When the 2022 budget was approved, it was with the understanding that our regular income needed to increase by 5%. That not being the case, there was a small deficit of £10,261 for 2022 before depreciation.

To enable our Vision to see lives transformed through Jesus to the Glory of God, an ambitious Budget was set for 2023, requiring an uplift of almost 13% in Giving. The members voted in favour of this challenging Budget, and we are grateful for the generosity of our membership in delivering. With expenditure coming in below Budget, we had a satisfactory year, for which we are thankful to our generous God and the Prayerful support of His people. Given the very steep increase in costs for the population in general, this was a remarkable achievement!

For 2024, the approved budget was 8.23% higher than in 2023, which required an increase in giving of 4.8% to fully fund. However, giving actually reduced by just over 1%, and with increased expenditure – mainly due to higher salaries and mission-related costs – we have ended with net expenditure of £48,362 in unrestricted funds, after depreciation.

In 2025 we started to see an easing of some of the costs (particularly gas and electricity) which had soared when Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022. The 2025 Budget was again challenging, requiring an increase in giving of 11.42% to meet the Budget approved by the Church members at their meeting on 26th November 2024. This excluded the award to the Pastors in Training of a salary increase in August to compensate for grant funding from an outside source which was reduced. This is mentioned earlier in my report. That, together with giving being below target and expenditure above budget has meant that we have ended the year with an operating deficit of £11,890, before depreciation and accrued grant expenditure.

Giving and Gift Aid

One of the commitments made by members when becoming members is that they will support the charitable activities of the Church financially. There is no membership fee, but there is clear guidance given in the Scriptures as to how members should respond to this commitment. Every member should give in relation to the gratitude they feel towards God for the way in which He has, in his great kindness, blessed them. As a Church, we believe that "every good and perfect gift is from above", ie from God, and most importantly, He gave His Son to die a sinner's death so that we could have a personal relationship with Him.

We read in 2 Corinthians that "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". As well as giving cheerfully and generously, we should also review our giving at least annually. The Church benefits greatly from the Gift Aid Scheme operated by HMRC in terms of which any taxpayer is entitled to authorise the Church to reclaim tax paid by the taxpayer to the extent of tax paid.

Anyone who requires more information on Gift Aid, or on giving in general, should speak to the Treasurer.

Thanks and Recognition

I find it hard to believe that this is already my third Treasurer's Report, but I have been truly blessed by having the privilege of serving the Lord in this way. I remain in awe of the way in which God faithfully provides for all of the needs of the Church through His people's generous giving. I am also constantly grateful to the Church Leadership and members for their unstinting support and encouragement.

The Church Finance Team consists of in excess of 40 members who, although largely unseen, carry out their duties with selfless devotion and they are without doubt, the unsung heroes. Their commitment to their various spheres of service, comes from servant hearts which in turn is an indication of their immense gratitude for all that God has done for them. From the Counters who manage donations made through the Offering Boxes, to the Budget Holders who manage the Budgets of individual Ministries within the Church responsibly and meticulously, to the members of the Core Finance Team who manage individual areas of responsibility, as well as providing me with outstanding support; for each and every one of them I am extremely grateful. With their support, the Chapel's finances continue to be faithfully and robustly managed and remain strong. As I said last year, each of us shares the ambition of our Leaders and Members – to see lives transformed through Jesus to the glory of God – and that is why we do what we do!

The role of Treasurer at Charlotte Chapel is far too big for one person on their own, and although I may be the face and voice of Finance at our Church, there are many unsung and largely unseen heroes who are committed to and faithful in the responsibilities they have committed to in Service of their Lord. I as Treasurer, and we as Church members, owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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As we look ahead, we are confident that the God Who has proved His faithfulness in the past, will continue to bless us in the future. I finish this report, as I did last year, with these wonderful words of assurance: "The steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness." Lamentations 3 vs 22 & 23.

Bill Anderson
Treasurer

Date: 24 June 2026

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

ELDERS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The elders present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The Chapel's objects are the advancement of the Christian faith primarily in Edinburgh and also throughout Scotland and the rest of the world by all means consistent with the teachings of the Christian Bible including worship, preaching, ministry, mission, prayer, witness, education, community service and the support of agencies and individuals and other charitable organisations involved in Christian missionary work, Bible translation, the relief of poverty or other social needs.

Our vision as a church is to see lives transformed through Jesus to the glory of God. Our mission is to glorify God by making disciples of all nations. Disciples of Jesus who Love God, grow in Christ likeness, serve Christ and go to make disciples who love, grow, serve and go.

For accounting purposes, the activities have been stated as: "Worship, Ministry, Prayer and Witness and Support of Missionaries and Other Organisations."

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

We desire to reach out with the gospel; build people up with the gospel; and send people out with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With a membership of around 548, plus several hundred adherents and visitors to our Sunday services, Charlotte Chapel provides a comprehensive programme of support and activities to people of all ages, for example; for children and young people, served by in excess of 150 volunteers, for new mothers by the provision of meals for their first week after coming home from hospital, for older housebound members by regular visits from pastoral team members and teams of volunteers.

Around a quarter of our voluntary income through offerings and donations is given for the needs of people overseas through the various missionaries that we support, and through care and development agencies in response to natural disasters and famine relief.

In 2025 we hosted the third Pillar International Conference welcoming over 240 pastors from a wide range of countries including Sweden, Germany, Kenya, Cambodia and USA. We continued in training people for pastoral ministry including Fin Beauchamp who joined David Scott, Ben Macdonald, Callum Cruickshank and Pierre-Yves Koenig as a pastor in training. We are encouraged by the growing number in Bo'ness Baptist church with the revitalising work of David and others to see the church renewed.

It has been a privilege to encourage new gospel preaching churches in the region. Our thank offering in 2025 raised over £32k to support Tranent Community Church in their plans to refurbish a former bank on the main street in Tranent as the meeting place for this new congregation.

We asked the members to indicate their personal agreement with the Statement of Faith and the membership commitment during the first half of 2025 in advance of the elder election process.

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In November the congregation recognised Craig Watson, Kyle McLachlan, Robert Naysmith, Seth Amanfo, Graham Penman, Graeme Watson and Peter Wilson to serve as elders alongside the pastoral staff team (Paul Rees, Liam Garvie, Ray Burbank). We acknowledge with thanks the service of Colin Rogerson, Bruce Goodbrand, John Easton, Mark Burrows, Luc Gillon and Tim Purves as elders over the last five years. Over their time as elders, we have seen 30% of the current membership become members. The weekly work of interviewing people for membership and baptism alongside the pastoral care of the congregation is a significant responsibility which has been done with wisdom, cheerfulness and unity.

- New members - 42
- Baptisms - 19 baptised (incl 2 who did not become members)
- Members who left - 57 (including 6 deceased)
- Membership numbers in December 2025 - 541 (All members)

Financial review

Going concern

The Elders regularly review the consequences of any operational and financial changes imposed upon the Chapel. Specifically, with regard to the Chapel's ability to continue as a going concern and to execute its charitable purposes. With documented mitigations implemented, the Elders consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to either continue as a going concern or prevent the charity from executing its charitable purposes. These operational changes and mitigations are documented within the Treasurers report section.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Chapel to maintain unrestricted funds i.e. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets, at a level which equates to approximately three months normal General Fund expenditure. Based on current expenditure levels, this equates to a target reserve of £207,888 at the year end. This allows sufficient funds to enable the ongoing work of the Chapel to be maintained. The total of Unrestricted Funds held excluding fixed assets and designated funds amounted to £279,470 (£263,059 in 2024) and was, therefore, above the required level.

Principal funding sources

The Chapel receives its funding from members and those in the fellowship by way of regular offerings, standing orders, many of which are gift aided, and from general donations.

Occasionally we receive legacies. 2025: £8,018 (2024: £57,008).

There is no investment income other than bank interest. Details of designated funds appear in the notes to the accounts.

Grant making policy

The Chapel makes grants from its donated income to beneficiaries and organisations that are generally known to the Elders and the Chapel. The beneficiaries are involved in activities or ministries compatible with the Chapel's objectives. During the year we donated £244,291 (£249,669 in 2024). This includes funding of £2,000 (£21,000 in 2024) which was committed to and recognised during the year.

Plans for future periods

For 2026 we will continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ both through our Sunday church gatherings and a course called LIFE. We will be seeking to strengthen partnerships with other churches through the East of Scotland Gospel Partnership, the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches and the Pillar Network. We will be hosting events and conferences in our building for these groups. In May we will be conducting elections for a new group of deacons that will lead the congregation forward for the next five years. We anticipate a new group of deacons to serve alongside the elders in caring for the practical needs of the congregation. It is hoped that in partnership with the Scotland Pillar Churches we will be able to support Pierre-Yves Koenig to be lead planting pastor of a new church in Darguignon, France.

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ELDERS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee (SC422575), is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs as a charity (ST02861) and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (SC048212). The company was incorporated on 24 April 2012. The company was granted charitable status on 16 March 2018 and on 1 May 2018 the net assets of the unincorporated Charlotte Baptist Chapel (Charity registration number SC011655) were transferred to Charlotte Baptist Chapel Limited and the chapel now operates under the Limited company.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Elders, who are the Directors of the company limited by guarantee for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees of the Chapel for the purposes of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, are responsible for directing the Chapel and for its management and its day to day running.

The non staff Elders are responsible for setting the pay and remuneration of all staff, including the Charity's key management personnel. They are also responsible for awarding annual salary increases.

The church members consist of those who have applied for membership, and who, after interview, have satisfied the interviewing Elders as to their suitability for membership. They are then recognised and received into membership by the Congregation.

Ultimate responsibility for the governance of the Chapel rests with the church membership in Congregational Meeting.

The elders, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr B Goodbrand	(Resigned 26 November 2025)
Mr R M Naysmith	
Rev P Rees	
Rev L Garvie	
Dr S A Amanfo	
Mr R Burbank	
Mr M Burrows	(Resigned 26 November 2025)
Mr J Easton	(Resigned 26 November 2025)
Mr G Penman	
Mr C D Rogerson	(Resigned 4 March 2025)
Mr T Purves	(Resigned 26 November 2025)
Mr L Gillon	(Resigned 26 November 2025)
Mr G D Watson	
Mr P Wilson	(Appointed 26 November 2025)
Mr C Watson	(Appointed 26 November 2025)
Dr K J J McLachlan	(Appointed 26 November 2025)

Management and appointment of Elders and other members of the Leadership Team

The Chapel is self-governing and congregational in policy and its day-to-day running is undertaken by the Elders. The Chapel is independent, there is no relevant connected body however the Chapel is a member of the following organisations:

- Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).
- Evangelical Alliance (EA).
- The Pillar Network of International Baptist Churches.

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ELDERS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Elders are democratically elected every five years on the vote of the members of the Congregation over 18 years of age. The Elders provisionally appoint the Deacons, but such appointment shall not be ratified until ratified by the members in general meeting by ordinary resolution. The Deacons each have an area of responsibility, under the authority of the Elders, and are responsible for the day to day activities of that area. During the year the following were the diaconate responsibilities:

<u>Role</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
Catering	Andrea Doggart
Communications	Kathryn Garvie
Connect	Michelle Lau
Finance	Trevor Brailey
Finance	Bill Anderson
IT	Richard Booth
Property	Steve Paterson
Staffing	Roger Pagan
Welcome	Russell Newton

All Elders have served the Chapel for some time in various roles and are familiar with the Chapel's values, its aims and objectives, constitution and financial situation as well as its day-to-day operations.

Risk Management

The Deacons have conducted a review of the major risk factors to which the Chapel is exposed, including Health and Safety. Analysis of the risks involved is discussed by the Deacons on a rolling basis at their quarterly meetings. The Elders are satisfied that the systems currently in place mitigate any exposure to the major risks.

Organisational structure

The Elders meet at least monthly with the Senior and Associate Pastors. The agenda includes items relating to day-to-day activities and pastoral care of those within the fellowship.

Business meetings for Chapel members are convened half yearly (one of which is the Annual General Meeting) and include statements of the Chapel finances, consultation about the work of the Chapel and policy and business remitted from the Elders. Further meetings may be held for members if required.

Additional informal meetings, which are open to all individuals attending the Chapel, are held for sharing and information.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Johnston Smillie Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the elders has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The elders' report was approved by the Board of Elders.

Mr R M Naysmith
Chairman

24 June 2026

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STATEMENT OF ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The elders, who are also the directors of Charlotte Baptist Chapel Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Elders' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the elders to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the elders are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The elders are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Charlotte Baptist Chapel Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the elders' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the elders with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Treasurer's report and the Elders' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The elders are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the elders' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the elders' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the elders' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the elders were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the elders' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of elders

As explained more fully in the statement of elders' responsibilities, the elders, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the elders determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the elders are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the elders either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the charitable company, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations which could have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and charity SORP.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by considering our knowledge of the company and the sector in which it operates and by discussion with staff and those charged with governance. We considered the procedures and controls that are in place to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to detect circumstances in which irregularities could result in material misstatement and to identify irregularities which may have occurred. Our procedures included: journal entry testing; enquiries of staff and those charged with governance; review of Board minutes; review of specific transactions and documentation; analytical procedures; and review of the presentation and disclosures in the financial statements.

We communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Lea Brash BA CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Johnston Smillie Ltd, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

5 South Gyle Crescent Lane

Edinburgh

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29 June 2026

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	890,358	46,802	937,160	850,819	89,040	939,859
Charitable activities	4	7,886	-	7,886	17,071	-	17,071
Investments	5	7,506	-	7,506	8,569	-	8,569
Total income		905,750	46,802	952,552	876,459	89,040	965,499
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	973,335	103,921	1,077,256	924,821	94,558	1,019,379
Total expenditure		973,335	103,921	1,077,256	924,821	94,558	1,019,379
Net expenditure		(67,585)	(57,119)	(124,704)	(48,362)	(5,518)	(53,880)
Transfers between funds		2,592	(2,592)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	9	(64,993)	(59,711)	(124,704)	(48,362)	(5,518)	(53,880)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		3,762,375	1,443,164	5,205,539	3,810,737	1,448,682	5,259,419
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		3,697,382	1,383,453	5,080,835	3,762,375	1,443,164	5,205,539

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,655,523		4,766,337
Current assets					
Debtors	13	82,237		132,762	
Cash at bank and in hand		406,294		362,341	
		488,531		495,103	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(63,219)		(55,901)	
Net current assets			425,312		439,202
Total assets less current liabilities			5,080,835		5,205,539
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	16	1,383,453		1,443,164	
Unrestricted funds	17	3,697,382		3,762,375	
			5,080,835		5,205,539

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the elders on 24 June 2026

Mr R M Naysmith
Chairman

Company registration number SC422575 (Scotland)

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	23		36,447		(77,930)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(7,493)	
Investment income received		7,506		8,569	
Net cash generated from investing activities			7,506		1,076
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			43,953		(76,854)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			362,341		439,195
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			406,294		362,341

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Charlotte Baptist Chapel Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is 43 Queensferry Street Lane, Edinburgh, EH2 4PF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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 elders have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the elders 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 elders in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors 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.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is only one charitable activity, and therefore all costs, including support costs, are directly attributable to this activity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost and included in the total costs of the charity's single activity

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	10% - 25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The charity's policy is to capitalise all fixed assets with a value greater than £2,000.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.8 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 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 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.

1.10 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 elders 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives, considering residual values where applicable. The useful lives are determined based on the period during which management expects to receive future economic benefits.

Valuation of land and buildings

The land and buildings are stated at cost.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	882,340	46,802	929,142	793,811	89,040	882,851
Legacies	8,018	-	8,018	57,008	-	57,008
	<u>890,358</u>	<u>46,802</u>	<u>937,160</u>	<u>850,819</u>	<u>89,040</u>	<u>939,859</u>

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Charitable activities	7,886	17,071

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Bank interest	7,506	8,569

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	458,868	390,666
Depreciation	110,814	110,595
Other mission costs	3,131	10,075
Other staff costs	2,859	1,929
Training & discipleship	7,224	11,458
Worship & witness	12,598	20,772
Student & youth	22,700	24,256
Care ministry	11,929	12,292
Fellowship	4,370	6,408
Communications	6,779	973
Pulpit supply	300	1,796
Subscriptions	20,500	20,500
Contingency	5,797	2,680
Travel & accomodation	2,094	1,648
	<u>669,963</u>	<u>616,048</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note7)	244,291	249,669
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	150,582	140,354
Governance	12,420	13,308
	<u>1,077,256</u>	<u>1,019,379</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	973,335	924,821
Restricted funds	103,921	94,558
	<u>1,077,256</u>	<u>1,019,379</u>

CHARLOTTE BAPTIST CHAPEL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

7 Grants payable

	Charitable activities 2025 £	Charitable activities 2024 £
Grants to institutions (9 grants):		
20 Schemes	6,696	6,556
Bethany Christian Trust	5,889	4,000
Gracemount Community Church	6,684	6,558
Tearfund	1,944	6,551
Wycliffe	7,058	7,400
Bo'ness Baptist Church	23,514	8,488
Christ Church Queensferry	-	4,590
Hawick Baptist Church	-	25,406
The Evans Trust	-	12,888
Samaritan's Purse	1,250	-
Tranent Community Church	32,840	-
Ferrywell Youth Project	3,638	-
	<u>89,513</u>	<u>82,437</u>
Grants to individuals (32 grants)	154,778	167,232
	<u>244,291</u>	<u>249,669</u>

Total grant expenditure in the period for the support of Missionaries and other organisations was £244,291 (2024: £249,669). Grants have been made in the period to 32 individuals (2024: 29), totalling £154,778 (2024: £167,232). Grants to institutions were £89,513 (2024: £82,437) in total. The grants were applied to the charitable activities as shown in note 6.

During the reporting period the charity also made commitments to provide grants as detailed in note 20.

Grants exceeding £200 made to other organisations in the period are noted above.

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Property maintenance	63,337	44,856
Gas & electricity	28,753	31,321
Insurance & local taxes	35,346	37,709
Computer & IT	2,449	3,094
Office / administration costs	16,226	18,280
Bank charges	2,707	2,369
Professional fees	1,764	2,725
Governance costs	12,420	13,308
	<u>163,002</u>	<u>153,662</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>163,002</u>	<u>153,662</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

9	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	12,420	13,308
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	110,814	110,595
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	18	16
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	403,089	347,869
Social security costs	35,943	24,645
Other pension costs	19,836	18,152
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	458,868	390,666
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £153,281 (2024: £134,779). The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Elders, none of whom receive remuneration for the post of Elder.

Pensions Costs

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost payable by the Charity to the fund amounted to £19,836 (2024: £18,152).

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	5,488,149	10,885	5,499,034
At 31 December 2025	5,488,149	10,885	5,499,034
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2025	728,348	4,349	732,697
Depreciation charged in the year	109,763	1,051	110,814
At 31 December 2025	838,111	5,400	843,511
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2025	4,650,038	5,485	4,655,523
At 31 December 2024	4,759,801	6,536	4,766,337

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid tax reclaim	14,352	10,055
Other debtors	16,295	3,337
Prepayments and accrued income	41,390	88,513
	72,037	101,905
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	2,762	6,098
Prepayments and accrued income	7,438	24,759
	10,200	30,857
Total debtors	82,237	132,762

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
PAYE liabilities	9,848	8,900
Other creditors	345	2,468
Accruals and deferred income	51,026	23,533
Accrual for grants payable	2,000	21,000
	<u>63,219</u>	<u>55,901</u>

15 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>19,836</u>	<u>18,152</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

16 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2025 £
Greta Arthur Fund	3,638	-	(3,638)	-	-
Shandwick Place	1,343,333	-	(31,000)	-	1,312,333
Alastair Hay Memorial Fund	19,092	-	(2,967)	-	16,125
Mission Legacy	10,764	-	-	-	10,764
Local Mission Legacy	7,066	-	(750)	-	6,316
Mission Specified Gifts	1,804	20,305	(19,538)	-	2,571
Specified Gifts and Grants	3,832	4,870	(3,036)	(2,887)	2,779
Ministry Training	1,200	200	(1,400)	-	-
Bo'ness Baptist Church Initiative	22,151	15,852	(23,522)	-	14,481
Pastors in Training	30,284	5,575	(18,070)	295	18,084
	<u>1,443,164</u>	<u>46,802</u>	<u>(103,921)</u>	<u>(2,592)</u>	<u>1,383,453</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

16 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Greta Arthur Fund	13,638	-	(10,000)	-	3,638
Shandwick Place	1,374,333	-	(31,000)	-	1,343,333
Alastair Hay Memorial Fund	19,092	-	-	-	19,092
Mission Legacy	15,034	-	(4,270)	-	10,764
Local Mission Legacy	7,066	-	-	-	7,066
Mission Specified Gifts	862	15,004	(14,062)	-	1,804
Specified Gifts and Grants	2,776	7,337	(6,281)	-	3,832
Ministry Training	15,881	755	(15,436)	-	1,200
Bo'ness Baptist Church Initiative	-	30,660	(8,509)	-	22,151
Pastors in Training	-	35,284	(5,000)	-	30,284
	<u>1,448,682</u>	<u>89,040</u>	<u>(94,558)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,443,164</u>

Greta Arthur Fund: This fund is managed at the discretion of the elders and represents a legacy received "to be used for the furtherance of youth work; and to aid missionary work organised through the Chapel."

Shandwick Place Fund: This fund and its associated designated fund holds the assets for the purchase and subsequent refurbishment of the building at Shandwick Place.

Alastair Hay Memorial Fund: This fund represents a legacy received "To Charlotte Baptist Chapel, Edinburgh, for its Mission Fund". This has been interpreted and agreed by the elders to mean "for use by the CWT (Cross-cultural Workers Team formerly named the Global Missions Ministry) at Charlotte Chapel".

Mission Legacy: This fund represents any other legacies received for the purpose of "Cross-cultural Mission".

Local Mission Legacy: This fund represents any legacies received for the purpose of "Local Mission".

Mission Specified Gifts: This is the income and expenditure fund used to facilitate specified gifts for individuals who are formally supported in their ministry by the Chapel.

Specified Gifts and Grants: This fund is used to hold any grants, lower value legacies or specified gifts received, other than for the purpose of "Mission".

Ministry Training: This is the income and expenditure fund used to facilitate training in the Ministry.

Bo'ness Baptist Church Initiative: This fund is used to hold grants or specified gifts received for the Bo'ness Baptist Church Revitalisation Project.

Pastors in Training: This fund represents legacies, grants or specified gifts for Pastors in Training expenses and salaries.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellowship	7,488	4,208	(4,364)	3,000	10,332
Special Offerings	2,001	31,396	(35,683)	-	(2,286)
Ministry Training	861	-	(861)	-	-
Care Ministry	2,836	5,224	(5,994)	-	2,066
Children, Youth and Students	4,319	14,056	(12,989)	(172)	5,214
Literature	(4)	2,459	(2,293)	-	162
Freehold Property	3,416,468	-	(78,763)	-	3,337,705
Building Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
CAMEO	1,127	1,260	(837)	-	1,550
Other	7,684	-	-	-	7,684
General funds	269,595	847,147	(831,551)	(236)	284,955
	<u>3,762,375</u>	<u>905,750</u>	<u>(973,335)</u>	<u>2,592</u>	<u>3,697,382</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellowship	10,804	3,091	(6,407)	-	7,488
Special Offerings	3,421	29,923	(31,343)	-	2,001
Ministry Training	861	-	-	-	861
Care Ministry	3,702	4,698	(5,564)	-	2,836
Children, Youth and Students	6,185	14,558	(16,424)	-	4,319
Literature	(41)	3,467	(3,430)	-	(4)
Freehold Property	3,490,024	-	(78,721)	5,165	3,416,468
Building Fund	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
CAMEO	1,252	1,268	(1,393)	-	1,127
Other	184	4,589	(4,589)	7,500	7,684
General funds	294,345	814,865	(776,950)	(62,665)	269,595
	<u>3,810,737</u>	<u>876,459</u>	<u>(924,821)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,762,375</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

17 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

General Funds: This fund is the main income and expenditure fund for the day to day running of the Chapel.

Fellowship: This fund is financed by specified donations. It is used to help needy members of the congregation and awards are made at the discretion of the Senior Pastor, as and when the need arises.

Special Offerings: For the purpose of these accounts, the Thank Offering Fund and Christmas Day Offering Fund have been presented together under the heading Special Offerings. These remain separate designated funds internally.

- Thank Offering Fund: Financed from the annual Thank Offering on Chapel Anniversary Sunday. Its purpose is communicated each year and the fund remains open throughout the year.
- Christmas Day Offering Fund: Financed from the offering collected at the Christmas Day service. Its purpose is announced in advance.

Ministry Training Fund: This relates to income received to fund the Ministry Training Program.

Care Ministry: For the purpose of these accounts, the Women's Morning Fellowship and Men's Fellowship funds have been presented together under the heading Care Ministry. These remain separate designated funds internally.

- Women's Morning Fellowship: This fund records the income and expenditure related to the Women's Morning Fellowship ministry.
- Men's Fellowship: This fund records the income and expenditure related to the Men's Fellowship ministry.

Children, Youth and Students: For the purpose of these accounts, the International Fellowship, Football Ministry, and Children & Youth funds have been presented together under the heading Children, Youth and Students. These remain separate designated funds internally.

- Children & Youth Fund: Income and expenditure relating to the Children & Youth ministry.
- International Fellowship: Income and expenditure relating to the International Fellowship ministry.
- Football Ministry: Income and expenditure for football-related events within the ministry.

Literature: This fund is the income and expenditure fund for the running of the Literature/Bookstall Ministry.

Freehold Property: For the purpose of these accounts, the Shandwick Place and Manse funds have been presented together under the heading Freehold Property. These remain separate designated funds internally.

- Shandwick Place Fund: Holds the assets for the purchase and refurbishment of the Shandwick Place building, along with its associated restricted fund.
- Manse Fund: Holds the assets and fixtures relating to the two Manses.

CAMEO: This fund is the income and expenditure fund for the running of the CAMEO Ministry.

Other: For the purpose of these accounts, the Church Planting Fund and CCQ fund have been presented together under the heading Other. These remain separate designated funds internally.

- Church Planting Fund: Income and expenditure designated specifically to facilitate church planting initiatives.
- CCQ Fund: Represents donations and expenditure related to the Christ Church Queensferry church plant.

Transfers are made between funds when appropriate.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 December 2025:			
Tangible assets	3,343,190	1,312,333	4,655,523
Current assets/(liabilities)	354,192	71,120	425,312
	<u>3,697,382</u>	<u>1,383,453</u>	<u>5,080,835</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	3,423,004	1,343,333	4,766,337
Current assets/(liabilities)	339,371	99,831	439,202
	<u>3,762,375</u>	<u>1,443,164</u>	<u>5,205,539</u>

19 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	1,642	862
Between two and five years	4,514	-
	<u>6,156</u>	<u>862</u>

20 Funding Commitments

At the reporting date, the charity had outstanding commitments of £2,000 in respect of future funding donations to Bethany Christian Trust (2024: £21,000, relating to commitments to Hope Church Aviemore, Christ Church Queensferry and Bethany Christian Trust).

21 Events after the reporting date

On 3rd March 2026, the Elders agreed to continue support for Christ Church Queensferry for a further three years from 2027 to 2029. The total support will amount to £15,000 (£5,000 per annum) and will be paid from the General funds.

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22 Related party transactions

The Elders received neither remuneration nor expenses in their position as Trustees in either 2025 or 2024.

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

1. Four members of the Pastoral Staff Team also held office as Elders of the Chapel (2024: 5). The remuneration costs for these individuals in their Pastoral Staff roles were: Paul Rees £56,628 (2024: £55,518), Liam Garvie £36,963 (2024: £36,238), Ray Burbank £45,390 (2024: £16,545), Peter Wilson £3,528 (2024: £Nil), Andrew Paterson £Nil (2024: £5,901) and Ashley Gardner £Nil (2024: £10,817). Related pension costs were: Paul Rees £4,441 (2024: £4,441), Liam Garvie £2,958 (2024: £2,899), Ray Burbank £3,132 (2024: £1,059), Peter Wilson £241 (2024: £Nil), Andrew Paterson £Nil (2024: £472) and Ashley Gardner £Nil (2024: £1,000).
2. Salary payments and employer pension contributions were made to Catherine Burrows, who is the wife of Mark Burrows, an Elder of the Chapel. The total salary paid was £16,779 (2024: £16,450) and the employer pension contributions amounted to £1,342 (2024: £1,316). Salary payments and employer pension contributions were made to Rebekah Penman, who is the wife of Graham Penman, an Elder of the Chapel. This was in relation to the Ministry Apprenticeship. The total salary paid was £4,946 (2024: £Nil) and the employer pension contributions amounted to £68 (2024: £Nil). Jake Purves, the son of Timothy Purves, an Elder, received £2,850 in disbursements during the year. These funds were provided by church members to support him during his Ministry Apprenticeship at City Gates Church, Norwich. No other disbursements were made to individuals who were related parties of the Elders of the Chapel (2024: £2,266 to Rebecca Watson, daughter of Graeme Watson).
3. During the year a total of £101,519 (2024: £95,132), including gift aid was donated to the Chapel by Elders.
4. An interest-free loan of £9,990 was provided to Ray Burbank in 2024, with the balance at 1 January 2025 being £9,434. £3,336 was repaid towards the loan during 2025 leaving an outstanding balance of £6,098.

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23	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Deficit for the year	(124,704)	(53,880)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(7,506)	(8,569)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	110,814	110,595
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	50,525	(108,838)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	7,318	(17,238)
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>36,447</u>	<u>(77,930)</u>