

**LEITH BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO
(SC051916)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland Act) 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

Governing Document and Organisational Structure

The Church is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) established by constitution and is a registered charity in Scotland (SC051916). The church is also registered with HMRC as a Charity under reference number ST05241. The address of the Church is 27-29 Madeira Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 4AJ. There are no restrictions on the way in which the Church may operate as a Charity.

Objectives and Leadership

The Aim of the Church, which is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland, is the advancement of religion by promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through relationship to God, each other and the community, both at home and worldwide.

The Church is congregational in policy and its day-to-day running is undertaken by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) who are all appointed by the Church. They are as follows:

Rev A Barbosa (Minister)
Ms D A Belton
Mrs L Cowan
Mr J Currie (appointed 4 February 2026)
Mr N T Drysdale
Mr J Miller
Mr A Monaghan (appointed 4 February 2026)
Ms C Monaghan (resigned 14 April 2025)
Mr K I Mothersole (resigned 29 January 2025)
Ms J Orr (appointed 29th January 2025)
Mrs S I Rebus
Dr B S Windram

The members of the Senior Leadership Team are "Trustees" in terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland Act) 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

The year to September 2025 was a year of joy and encouragement for the church. During the year, we have seen a number of new people from the local area coming along to the church. We had the joy of marking 180 years as Leith Baptist Church and had a special weekend in September 2025 celebrating with the local community. We also hosted and participated in the Baptist History Project Conference in November 2025 giving a talk on the history of the church.

Sunday morning services continue to have an informal setting where the congregation gather around tables rather than in traditional rows. Visitors have commented on how welcome they feel and there is room for children to move around more freely.

Our Toddlers group continues to flourish on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with around 40-50 children together with parents / grandparents attending over the two days. Our additional monthly Messy Church has been a highlight for this group and has included special Christmas and Easter events. We also partnered with SU Scotland and other churches in the north of Edinburgh to put on a summer holiday club for primary school age children.

We have continued to be more flexible with our midweek programme of events this year sometimes meeting on different days and for shorter blocks of weeks with some gaps. We had a block of 'Table Time' (sharing hospitality and communion in our homes) followed by series in the church building learning the practice of Lectio Divina to enrich our prayer and bible reading. Online 'Mornings of Grace' devotionals run every weekday morning except Wednesday from 8-8.30am. We have a revival prayer meeting which takes place monthly and this year we have been meeting with our sister church, South Leith Baptist Church and alternating the hosting of this.

We continue to have a joint branch group meeting most months but not always on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We now have a small Youth Group meeting on Friday evenings twice a month and four of them attended the Magnitude festival in the summer.

During the year, we have enjoyed visiting speakers from other churches and Bethany Christian Trust. We have also taken part in joint prayer events and continue to participate in various events organised by the Baptist Union of Scotland most notably the 'Canopy' gathering in the summer of 2025.

Financial Review

The Accounts for the year to September 2024 show average weekly offerings of £1,179 (2024 - £1,111). General expenses of £31,970 (2024 - £19,754) accounted for 52% (2024 - 34%) of regular income and the remainder was used to support ministries, other charities (including the Baptist Union of Scotland) and to help individuals in need.

General Fund income for the year is slightly up in comparison to the previous year. We have received lower investment income this year due to lower interest rates. We also opened a CAF Flagstone account in September 2025 to spread cash deposits over a range of institutions rather than solely being held with Virgin Money.

Staff costs have risen in line with the BUS stipend and housing allowance. General expenses increased substantially during the year due mainly to £8K of remedial electrical work and higher energy costs. In line with a decision of the church membership, the church gave gifts of £53,000 representing a tithe of the proceeds of the church manse sold in 2022 (see note 4).

The church leadership keep cash flow under regular review as there can often be fluctuations in income due to one-off gifts and unexpected expenditure (e.g., church maintenance costs) during the year. Following the sale of the church manse in 2022, the liquidity position of the church is strong although we do have a number of challenges relating to the maintenance of the church building.

Risk management

The SLT (our Trustees) have responsibility for evaluating and monitoring the major risks faced by the Church and take care to ensure that these risks are mitigated. The Trustees continue to be updated on key legislative changes by the Baptist Union of Scotland (BUS) who also provide guidance in areas where policies are required e.g. Safeguarding; Data Protection; etc. The leadership team received Safeguarding training in the autumn of 2024 and annually review the church safeguarding policy. The various activities of the Church are principally the responsibility of ministry teams, overseen by the leadership, whose members have the experience and understanding of their area of ministry and are offered opportunities for training where this is available and relevant.

Plans for the Future

Our minister has served the church, initially as a worship and community pastor, since 2017. We are delighted to release him for a three-month sabbatical in 2026. This will likely be taken in three segments and include rest, reflection and study and some holiday time. Our two ministry priorities for 2026 are to increase the prominence of prayer in all we do and to set up a new pastoral care system with a fresh emphasis on everyday discipleship. We restructured our Senior Leadership Team meetings in 2025 to make space for regular 'non-agenda' meetings where we can have more time and space to discuss and pray about strategic issues as well as building a healthy spiritual leadership culture. We plan to continue this in 2026. We hope to see growth in numbers and increasing spiritual maturity within the fellowship over the next few years.

We continue to live-stream our services and have recently upgraded our audio-visual facilities. We have also replaced the old heating system and carried out remedial electrical work. We need to give further consideration to some of the limitations of our church building and are praying about the way forward regarding our premises. In addition to the above, it is our expectation that church members will continue to take up responsibilities for new areas of ministry which is in line with our belief in the priesthood of all believers and the importance of the whole church body functioning effectively. The specific activities of the church are continuously under review by the leadership and change and evolve in response to changes in membership, resources, the various communities we serve and always in response to God's leading in accordance with Scripture.

Trustee Remuneration

As shown in note 3, the only trustee receiving remuneration from the church during the year was our Pastor, Rev. Andre Barbosa.

Reserves policy

The Trustees are conscious of the need to maintain reserves sufficient to enable us to pay debts as they fall due whilst not accumulating more funds than are necessary.

The Church's Bankers are the Bank of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 1YZ; and Virgin Money, 7 Gold Street, Northampton, NN1 1EN.

The Church's Solicitors are Diakoneo Legal Services Limited, 48 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH.

The Church's Independent Examiner is Ralph Tiffin BSc FCA, 19 Melville Court, Croft Street, London SE8 5DR.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and all other relevant legislation. They also have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



On behalf of the Trustees on 5 May 2026

Leith Baptist Church

Year ended 30 September 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds		
	(None)	Property	General	
	£	£	£	
Incoming Resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income			15,679	13,190
General offerings			45,627	44,620
Gift Aid / Small donations			11,844	11,422
Tax recovered			1,938	2,534
Special offerings			0	267
Other income		15,429	15,429	19,446
Investment income				
Total Incoming Resources	0	15,429	75,088	91,479
Resources Expended				
Charitable activities			43,958	41,791
Staff costs			31,970	19,754
General expenses			7,522	7,522
Depreciation expense (note 3)		53,000	3,240	3,240
Support and gifts to other Ministries			2,536	3,976
Mission activity			3,076	3,184
Special offerings			0	600
Governance costs				
Total Resources Expended	0	53,000	92,302	80,067
Net incoming/outgoing resources	0	(37,571)	(17,214)	11,412
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
Total funds brought forward	0	501,574	178,676	668,838
Total funds carried forward	0	464,003	161,462	625,465

LEITH BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<u>2025</u> £'s	<u>2024</u> £'s
FIXED ASSETS (Note 2)	134,194	141,716
CURRENT ASSETS		
Petty Cash	30	30
Cash at Bank – Business a/c	15,794	31,857
Cash at Bank – Treasurer a/c	29,979	82,416
Virgin Money – Savings a/c	83,557	419,158
CAF Flagstone – Term Deposits	350,100	0
Tax receivable gift aid	11,844	5,473
Interest receivable	367	0
Social Action Fund	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	491,871	539,134
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	600	600
NET CURRENT ASSETS	491,271	538,534
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS	<u>625,465</u> =====	<u>680,250</u> =====

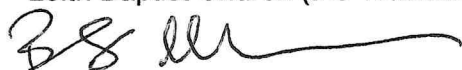
FINANCED BY:**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS****General Reserve**

At beginning of year	178,676	147,472
Transfer from Property Fund	0	39,238
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>(17,214)</u>	<u>(8,034)</u>

	161,462	178,676
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Designated Property Fund (Note 4)	464,003	501,574
	<u>625,465</u> =====	<u>680,250</u> =====

The above accounts are authorised and approved by the Senior Leadership Team of
Leith Baptist Church (the Trustees).



Convenor of Finance Group

5 May, 2026

LEITH BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared on a historic cost basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standards for Small Enterprises and with Charity Law.

- a) All voluntary income, (offerings and donations), is accounted for when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
- b) Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations and Small Donations is accounted for at the same time as the gift to which it relates.
- c) Bank Interest is accounted for when receivable or payable.
- d) Tangible fixed assets comprise one property, the church building. It is valued at a long-standing accounting value of the land element of the church property, being a conservative approximation of open market value. No depreciation is charged on land or buildings.
- e) Depreciation on short-term assets is charged over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:
Audio visual and computer equipment 33.3%
Church Boilers 10.0%
- f) Liabilities are accounted for when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible Fixed Assets are made up as follows:

	<u>2025</u> £'s	<u>2024</u> £'s
Church - 27/29 Madeira Street	110,000	110,000
Audio visual and computer equip	5,138	10,278
Church Boilers	<u>19,056</u>	<u>21,438</u>
	134,194	141,716
	=====	=====

The Trustees have retained the long-standing accounting value of the land element of the church property at £110,000, being a conservative approximation of open market value.

New audio-visual equipment, cameras, screens and PA desk was purchased during in 2024 totalling £15,418. Depreciation of £5,140 (33%) was charged during the year. New boilers were installed in January 2024 at a cost of £23,820. Depreciation of £2,382 (10%) was charged during the year.

3. REMUNERATION

Remuneration to the Trustees (excluding ministers) and Independent Examiner is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Trustees	Nil	Nil
Independent Examiner	600	600

Remuneration to full-time minister (Rev A Barbosa) during the year amounted to £37,352 (2024 - £35,771).

The average number of paid workers in 2025 was 2 (2024 - 2). In addition to the Minister, a church cleaner was employed during the year.

4. Designated Property Fund

	£
Balance at 30 September 2024	501,574
Investment Income	15,429
Tithing Gifts made during the year:	
Bethany Christian Trust	10,000
Bible Society of Scotland	5,000
BMS World Mission	5,000
CAP Edinburgh	5,000
Open Doors	5,000
Renew Edinburgh	5,000
Scripture Union – Magnitude	5,000
South Leith Baptist Church	5,000
Try Praying	5,000
Edinburgh City Mission	2,000
Leith Churches – SU Holiday Club	1,000
	<u>(53,000)</u>
Balance at 30 September 2025	464,003
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This unrestricted fund was created on the sale of the church manse in July 2022. The proceeds have been set aside for future capital projects.

At the church AGM in February 2024, a decision was made confirming a previous leadership recommendation that a tithe of the proceeds from the sale of the manse should be given to a number of Christian charities consistent with the charitable purposes of the church. A working group was set up in July 2024 and reported to the church in October 2024 with recommendations of 10 organisations and churches who would receive an aggregate of £53,000 from the manse proceeds held in this Fund. These amounts were disbursed in November and December 2024.

Report to the trustees/members of	Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Leith Baptist Church						
Registered charity number	SC051916						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2024		30	09	2025
Set out on pages	1 to 8						
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention - which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:	<i>Ralph C Tiffin</i>				Date:	5 May 2026	
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