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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	6	4	2025	To	5	4	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number	**SC000339**	
Charity's principal address	c/o Professor Tommy MacKay	
	Ardoch House	
	Cardross	
	Dumbartonshire	**Postcode G82 5EW**

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Professor Tommy MacKay	Secretary/Treasurer		
2	Miss Sue Reynolds			
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Church constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The two original trustees were appointed many years ago on a lifelong basis as Elders of Hermon Baptist Church, during the period when the Church still had a meeting place and regular services. Since the death of one of the original trustees in 2012, Miss Sue Reynolds has been the other trustee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The charitable purposes are to carry out any activities which promote the historic Christian faith, as reflected in the Charity's statement of faith
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Charity formerly carried out its main activities through its regular Church meetings, through which it supported charitable Christian works both at home and abroad. Following its decline, with a small and aging congregation, and eventual loss of its meeting place, the Charity has continued to exist so that the funds it holds can be used in a responsible, if modest, way to continue to support Christian works at home through the local activities of other churches and abroad through the work of missions.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	1 During 2025-26 our focus has been on supporting local church works in Scotland, with a view to providing some support in the following year also to the foreign Christian missions we have historically sent funds to. 2 We have continued to provide major funding to a church in the Dumbarton area to support special projects to make possible a range of new community initiatives, and also to support planned future purchase of a new building. 3 We have also provided the main funding for the support of a half-time church worker to take forward current and new initiatives in the above church. 4 We have funded the training of the above church worker through his first year of theological studies for the Ministry. 5 In addition, some of our giving to the Dumbarton church has been used to support the employment of a Minister in a church in an area of multiple deprivation in the East of Scotland. 6 Other contributions have included funding the printing and supply of Bible reading notes and other literature made freely available to churches and individuals.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	As the Charity faces minimal demands in terms of any necessary expenditure, it has no need to maintain significant reserve funds. It disburses money which it has available in the bank, but does not, and would not require to, borrow at any time to meet its commitments.
Details of any deficit	
Donated facilities and services (if any)	The regular maintenance of the charity's funds from year to year is largely through the donations of the trustees. At times this is supplemented by donations from other parties to contribute to the support of the Church Worker as noted above.

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Other optional information

We have provided this information in our previous reports, and we provide it again by way of background. Hermon Baptist Church was once a thriving congregation, with a history dating back to 1896. In common with many other churches, it was facing a steadily declining situation with a small and aging congregation from the 1970s onwards. By the late 1990s it had only a handful of people left, but the two Elders (who became the two Trustees) felt that it was their Christian responsibility to maintain weekly services and home visiting for the sake of the two or three very elderly members who by then were either housebound or required transport to attend the meetings.

At length, when this duty had been fulfilled, it ceased to be a viable proposition to have regular Church services, and in addition the small wooden building where the Church had held its meetings burnt down.

Since that time, the Trustees have felt that they had a continuing duty to use the Church's remaining funds responsibly in providing modest support to needy Christian works at home and abroad. We have no external source of income at the present time. However, the value of our modest work, and the appreciation that has been shown for it, have encouraged the Trustees to continue to donate funds to maintain the work being done, supplemented this year by donations from other parties.

The Charity once owned the small plot of land on which the church stood, but was able to sell this in 2017-18.

We no longer carry out the ordinary functions performed by churches, but we continue to hold one memorial service each year, in which there is now renewed interest.

Also, as we no longer function as a 'church' we plan in due course to apply for consent to change the name of the charity from 'Hermon Baptist Church' to 'Hermon Memorial Fund' as this is an accurate reflection of our current functions and also provides continuity with our history.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures



Full name(s)	Professor Thomas Andrew Wilson Neilson MacKay of Ardoch	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary/Treasurer	
Date	27 April 2026	