



# HOPEMAN

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Clark Street Hopeman IV30 5SH

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### **Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

**Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Scottish Charity Number SCO05986**

#### **Current Trustees**

Miss Esther Jack

Mr. John Urquhart - Administrator

Mr. John Buchanan – Treasurer & Correspondence Secretary

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#### **Pastor.**

Pastors Naomi and Allan McKinley were appointed as joint pastors to the church in August 2025.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees.**

All of the church trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at an annual general meeting usually held in December or January. There is no time allocation to this office once elected. All Deacons are Trustees.

#### **Governing Document.**

Hopeman Baptist Church is an unincorporated association and the purpose and administration arrangements are set out in our church constitution.

#### **Charitable purposes.**

Our purpose is, as a Baptist Church, affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland, to provide a place of worship, provide a means of coming to faith in God and to promote and encourage Christian Fellowship within the local area we serve.

**Activities and achievements.** The following activities take place within the church buildings;

Morning and evening Sunday services and children's Sunday School

Mid-week prayer and Bible study meeting

Ladies Bible study group

Special meetings for providing up to date information of various missions and times of fellowship

Members meetings as appropriate – at least two per year

This year we have continued with the repair work and improvement required for the fabric of our church, hall. Some upgrade is currently beyond our resources but remain part of our future planning. Maintenance of the church fabric are accounted for in the financial statement. The Church members approved the sale of our aging manse with a view to purchasing an suitable alternative when found. All activities within the building comply with current standards and requirements. We are registered with CRBS (Criminal Records Bureau Scotland) – Volunteer/Disclosure Scotland and all relevant posts are staffed by accredited personnel.

**Trustees' remuneration and expenses.**

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

**Reserves.**

The current reserve is shown in the statement and will be carried through to the new financial year.

**Accounting.**

The accounting recording is by traditional accounting book and all record keeping is backed up for security and scrutiny purposes. Statements produced are attached. Our independent accounts examiner is not a member of the fellowship and is therefore detached from any regular involvement in church policy or procedure.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Buchanan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Buchanan Trustee responsible for OSCR liaison