

**Westwood Baptist Church SCIO**  
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)  
Registered Scottish Charity Number SC051496

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements  
*For the year ended 31 August 2025*

## **WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH SCIO**

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### *Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2025*

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 August 2025.

#### **Status of Charity and governing document**

Westwood Baptist Church SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) (SC051496). It has a single tier structure and as such the Trustees are the members of the charity.

Westwood Baptist Church is congregational in government with the responsibility for its day-to-day running being undertaken by the Trustees who comprise Pastor, Family and Community Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer, Elders and Deacons, all of whom collectively form the Leadership Team.

The church is run in accordance with its Constitution and Guidelines.

#### **Aims and affiliation**

The aims of the church are in line with its Mission Statement – Deeper, Closer, Wider.

##### *DEEPER as disciples*

We want our church to be a place of rich, fertile soil that encourages deep roots of growth.

We want to help you mature in your personal walk with God.

##### *CLOSER as community*

We want to build community it is part of our DNA.

We seek to build a close community... a family... a real fellowship where all find the church to be a safe community place.

##### *WIDER in our witness*

As a church we want to share our faith. To share the good news about Jesus. We want our church to be a light in the community, our workplaces, neighbourhoods and social circles.

The church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Scotland.

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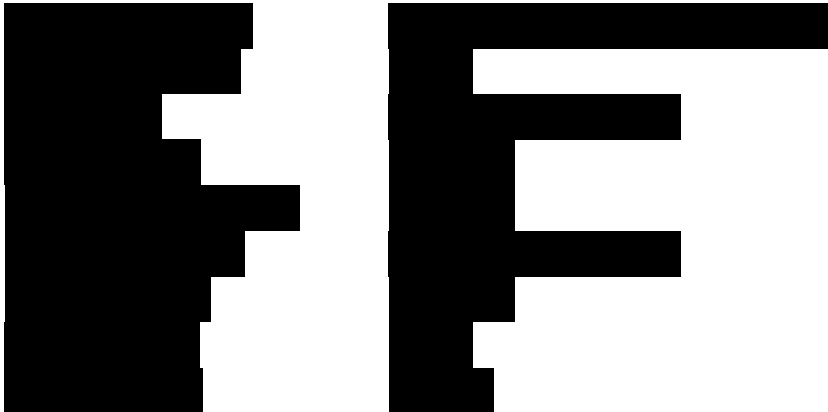
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Report of the Trustees *for the year ended 31 August 2025*

### **Trustees and Office Bearers**

The Trustees who served during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

#### **Trustees**



Title deeds to the properties owned by the Church or in which the Church has a secured interest are held in the name of the Church.

#### **Trustee Recruitment and Appointment**

The Trustees are those who are appointed by election as set out in our Constitution.

The number of Trustees is within the number allowed, as specified at Clause 54 of the Constitution.

The election, retirement and re-election provisions are set out in Clauses 60- 63 of the Constitution.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Charitable Purposes***

The church's objectives are the advancement of the Christian faith, primarily in its immediate neighbourhood, but also in the town of East Kilbride as a whole, as well as throughout Scotland and the rest of the world, by all means consistent with the teachings of the Christian Bible, including worship, ministry, mission, prayer, witness, education, community service, and the support of agencies and individuals and others involved in Christian missionary work and / or the relief of poverty or other social needs.

#### ***Summary of the Main Activities in relation to these Purposes***

Sunday worship services and young people's learning groups, monthly church prayer meetings and fortnightly intercessory prayer group meetings, monthly services held at Abbey Lodge Care Home, monthly men's group meetings, thrice weekly preschool groups, weekly warm welcome café, weekly youth group, weekly sporting memories group, weekly kidz zone group, weekly foodbank, fortnightly home group meetings, regular trauma healing sessions, CAP money management sessions, parenting sessions, marriage / relationship sessions, discipleship sessions, and Alpha courses, annual community summer fun day, and annual community Christmas fun day.

### **Achievements and performance**

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for the many ways God has been at work in and through our church community.

#### ***Community Engagement***

We held our first Christmas Community Fun Day on 30th November 2024, complementing our annual summer event. Both were highlights in our calendar, drawing in many families—some for the first time. The Summer Fun Day on 16th August 2025 welcomed around 200 people, most of whom are not part of our Sunday worship. The MAF aeroplane parked in our car park was a particular draw! These events continue to be valuable opportunities for connection and outreach.

### ***Weekly Ministries and Courses***

Our weekly ministries have continued with faithful support from our volunteers—thank you all. We remain committed to being openly Christian in all we do, offering to pray with people where it would be helpful and sharing our faith with humility and love. We have also offered evening courses such as Trauma Healing, Parentalk, A Mind of Their Own, and CAP Money Coaching, signposting them where helpful. Our deepest desire is to see lives transformed through faith in Christ. Encouragingly, three people currently attending our Alpha Course are exploring Christianity after connecting with us through various avenues.

### ***A Growing Heart for Prayer***

Last year, we sensed God calling us to deepen our commitment to prayer. Since the New Year, attendance at our monthly prayer meetings has grown, and the atmosphere has shifted. We still have a long way to go, but this renewed hunger for prayer has shaped our emerging Vision Plan and is guiding our direction for the years ahead.

### ***Celebrating Cultural Diversity***

A standout moment was our African Evening on 31st August 2025. We expected 60 attendees – nearer to 100 came! We shared a beautiful meal, heard inspiring stories of church life in Africa, and experienced powerful African Christian worship. It was a profound experience that impacted many people there. We are blessed by the growing number of African families in our church—truly an answer to prayer. This calls us to embrace cultural understanding and integration, a theme that has also influenced our Vision Plan.

### **Looking Ahead**

All of this feeds into the Vision Plan we will introduce at the AGM. It is not a checklist of tasks, but a call to trust God as He leads us into the unknown. We are excited – and yes, a little nervous – as we hand over more control to Him and step forward in faith.

### **Financial review**

#### ***Principal sources of funding***

The church receives its funding by way of weekly offerings, gift aid donations, non-gift aid donations, and grants.

#### ***Results for the year***

As a result of a surplus for the year of £2,904 (2024: £7,743), the church held total funds amounting to £81,268 (2024: £78,364) at the year end, split between the general fund of £77,471 (2024: £72,450) and designated funds of £3,797 (2024: £5,914).

#### ***Reserves***

It is the policy of the church to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months unrestricted expenditure plus £10,000 for unforeseen repairs and / or maintenance of the church building and that allows sufficient funds to enable the ongoing work of the church to be maintained. The General Fund on page 11 at 31 August 2025 amounted to £77,471 (2024: £72,450), which is above the required level.

#### ***Donations and gifts***

The church makes donations from its unrestricted income to individuals and organisations that are generally known to the Trustees and the church. The beneficiaries are involved in activities or ministries compatible with the church's objectives.

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### **Administrative information**

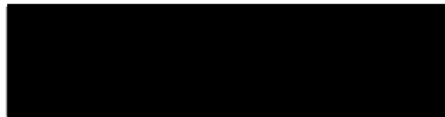
#### **Registered office**



#### **Bankers**

The Royal Bank of Scotland  
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Giffnock  
Glasgow  
G46 6XW

***Approved by Trustees on 16 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:***



**Trustee / Secretary**

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### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2025**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

#### **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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 (as amended). 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 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 view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. 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 (as amended), and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) have not been met, or

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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***Managing Director***

Innes & Partners Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

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Livingston  
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Date: 16 December 2025

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### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>					
General Offerings		12,042	3,329	15,371	11,979
Gift Aid Offerings		63,502	-	63,502	68,927
HMRC Tax Refund		18,036	-	18,036	18,448
Bank Interest Received		571	-	571	1,348
Donations Received		1,170	-	1,170	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>95,321</b>	<b>3,329</b>	<b>98,650</b>	<b>100,702</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Staff Costs	4	59,426	-	59,462	54,730
Pastor Expenses		1,112	-	1,112	2,539
Pulpit Supply		200	-	200	150
Maintenance – Church		4,792	-	4,792	1,025
Missionary Support and Donations	5	8,874	884	9,758	9,189
Catering Expenses		299	-	299	349
Cleaning Expenses		250	-	250	440
Heat, Light and Electricity		7,786	-	7,786	7,737
Rates and Insurance		2,630	-	2,630	2,482
Subscriptions and Licences		1,122	-	1,122	548
Photocopier, Stationery and Postage		943	-	943	778
Training		-	-	-	355
Telephone and Computer Costs		712	-	712	905
Church Activities		1,101	4,562	5,663	10,838
Staff Expenses		275	-	275	162
Professional Fees		492	-	492	474
Sundry Costs		286	-	286	258
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>90,300</b>	<b>5,446</b>	<b>95,746</b>	<b>92,959</b>
<b>Net Increase in Cash for the Year</b>		<b>5,021</b>	<b>(2,117)</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>7,743</b>
<b>Transfer Between Funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus after Transfers</b>		<b>5,021</b>	<b>(2,117)</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>7,743</b>
<b>Cash Balances Brought Forward</b>		<b>72,450</b>	<b>5,914</b>	<b>78,364</b>	<b>70,621</b>
<b>Cash Balances Carried Forward</b>		<b>77,471</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>81,268</b>	<b>78,364</b>

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### Statement of Balances as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025			2024		
		£ Opening Balance	£ Surplus for Year	£ Closing Balance	£ Opening Balance	£ Surplus for Year	£ Closing Balance
<b>Bank Balances</b>		<b>78,365</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>81,269</b>	70,621	7,743	78,365
<b>Represented by:</b>							
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	5						
General Fund				77,471			72,450
Designated Fund				3,797			5,914
				<u>81,268</u>			<u>78,364</u>

#### Statement of Assets at 31 August 2025

##### Current Assets:

Tax Reclaim Due			<u>2,380</u>			<u>2,644</u>
			<u>2,380</u>			<u>2,644</u>

#### Statement of Liabilities at 31 August 2025

Independent Examination			<u>600</u>			<u>-</u>
			<u>600</u>			<u>-</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 15 were approved by the Trustees on 16 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by the undernoted:

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]  
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### ***Accounting convention***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

#### ***Basis of financial statements***

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

#### **Receipts and Payments Account**

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 11, funds are defined as follows:

**Unrestricted** funds comprise grants and other income received for the objects of the church without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**Restricted** funds comprise income which has been received for the objects of the church and specified for a restricted purpose within these objects by the donor.

### **2. Transactions with Trustees and reimbursement of expenses**

During the year, the Church Pastor, Mark Pexton, who is also a Trustee, received a salary of £39,018 (2024: £37,244) in relation to his role as the Church Pastor. He also received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £1,112 (2024: £715).

During the year, the Church Family & Community pastor, Irene Campbell, who is also a Trustee, received a salary of £16,506 (2024: £13,975) in relation to her role as the Church Family & Community pastor.

### **3. Related party transactions**

There were no transactions with related parties during the year to 31 August 2025 (2024: nil).

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### 4. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross Salaries	55,524	51,219
Pension Contributions	3,902	3,511
	<u>59,426</u>	<u>54,730</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2024: 2)

### 5. Missionary Support and Donations

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<i>Institutions</i>				
BMS World Mission	-	1,657	1,657	1,000
Blythswood Shoebox Appeal	-	192	192	-
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	500	-	500	-
Open Doors	750	-	750	1,000
Tearfund	500	-	500	750
Kerith Counselling	1,200	35	1,235	1,200
See Ability	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Baptist Union of Scotland	3,570	-	3,570	3,570
EK Churches Group Foodbank	300	-	300	300
Christians Against Poverty	54	-	54	69
Transforming Lives for Good	-	-	-	300
	<u>7,874</u>	<u>1,884</u>	<u>9,758</u>	<u>9,189</u>

### 6. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01.09.24 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.08.25 £
General Fund	72,450	95,321	(90,300)	-	77,471
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Building Fund	2,764	-	-	-	2,764
Designated Church Fund	2,077	2,485	(4,562)	-	-
Earmarked Fund	40	844	(844)	-	-
Fellowship Fund	941	-	-	-	941
Ladies Group Fund	92	-	-	-	92
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>78,364</u>	<u>98,650</u>	<u>(95,746)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,268</u>

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### **Explanation of Funds**

The *General fund* represents all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

The *Building fund* represents long term building projects.

The *Designated church fund* represents projects within the church where the donor states how the money is to be used.

The *Earmarked fund* represents external projects and specific donations for outside activities and charities (Tearfund, Christian Aid, etc.).

The *Fellowship fund* represents available money to be allocated at the discretion of the Pastors (for emergency aid to congregational members or adherents, etc.)

The *Ladies group fund* represents retired ladies in the church and surrounding community, it is a self-financing group.