

# ALLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1049403

## Details

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**Other names** ABC, ALLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1995-10-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE COUNTY OF KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES AMY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT (B)TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESSSS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT (C)TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

**Activities:** ABC is a community of evangelical Christians engaging in the worship of God; furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ; advancing the Christian faith; serving one another, the local community and the world through Christian education and missions; and relieving hardship, supporting those who are aged, infirm, sick or distressed. For further information, please refer to the church website.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KENT AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD
- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£111,409	£89,752	-	-
2023-12-31	£95,478	£75,052	-	-
2022-12-31	£81,655	£80,613	-	-
2021-12-31	£82,891	£83,852	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,859	£112,855	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA MITCHELL		2020-03-26
CAROLINE LISE ROCHE		2026-01-27
JOHN HAMISH LAMBERT		2022-11-22
Jane Lesley McCarthy		2024-09-03
MARTYN ALEXANDER COLLEY		2011-06-28
Margaret Knee		2021-09-07

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## Trustees' Annual Report Year Ending December 2024

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Principal Address	76A London Road Maidstone KENT ME16 0DT
Names of Trustees on the date the Report was approved	Barbara Mitchell (Chair) Martyn Colley (Elder) Malcolm Knee Margaret Knee (Elder) John Lambert (Secretary) Jane McCarthy (appointed September 2024)
Names of Other People who have been Trustees during the year	
Officers or Staff responsible for day-to-day delegated management or part management	Martyn Colley (Pastor) Anany Kasongo (Assistant Pastor)
Other Relevant Organisations or Persons	Jeff Wilkinson (Payroll and Gift Aid) Stuart Doyle (Treasurer)

### **Structure, Governance & Management**

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There are concurrent Sunday School and youth classes most weeks
- Weekly men's and women's bible studies
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- English Conversation Classes for people whose first language is not English, following a request from the local primary school.

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The church is a diverse and growing fellowship and includes an encouraging number of new and relatively new regular attendees with young children.

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The Trust relies mainly on voluntary contributions for funding. It does not accept monies from the National, or any other, lottery on ethical grounds. The Trust uses its income in ways that will fulfil its objectives.

The Trust is constrained by the terms of the land lease when considering the level of responsible investment in any new fixed assets.

The Trust reported an overall surplus in 2024 of £21,657.24 comprising total income of £111,409.28 against expenditure of £89,752.04. There was an increase in general giving of £6,263 year to year, and significant specific donations of £18,750 were also made during the year towards funding for the new Assistant Pastor post.

Just over fifty percent of the church's expenditure related to employment costs including training (£45,609). £8,800 of mission gifts were made to both local and national organisations in pursuance of the church's objectives; and pastoral gifts of £1,059 were made to relieve hardship. The largest overhead costs for the church are the property ground rent (£6,409), the insurance cover (£2,235), and utility costs (£1,254). The church also spent £8,777 renewing various elements of the property including replacing doors and external steps.

The General fund increased by £1,659 in the year with £58,187.82 held at the end of the period. A balance is held in reserves according to the Trust's financial risk policy. The Trustees consider that sufficient funds should be held in reserve to allow for dilapidations should we need to terminate the lease early or have unforeseen employment costs, and have identified sums from the General fund to reserve against these risks. The size and use of each of these funds is kept under periodic review at Trustees' meetings and communicated regularly to the church membership.

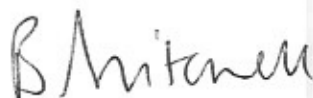
**Serious Incidents:** there were no serious incidents to report during the year.

**Public benefit statement:** direct beneficiaries of the Trust are those who attend church services and other church run activities, those in receipt of pastoral or care home visits and recipients of missionary payments. Indirect beneficiaries include community groups and their clients who use the halls at modest and often discounted rates, and those who benefit from gifts made via other charities.

**Plans for Future Periods:** the church vision focuses on our spiritual and other resources as effectively as possible to develop existing ministries in outreach, prayer, pastoral care, mission support, worship/music, young people and preaching and spiritual development.

**Challenges:** whilst the church is in a satisfactory financial position, we will need to renew former three and four year fixed term utility contracts which will raise costs. There will be a five yearly review of our land rental from the landlord, Kent County Council (KCC) in October 2025 and the full year cost of the Assistant Pastor will impact the finances during 2025.

Signed for and on behalf of the Elders and Trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust



Barbara Mitchell  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 19th October 2025

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 2024**

<b><u>INCOME - Unrestricted</u></b>	£	£	£	Prior Year £
Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2024 as per 2023 accounts			82,399.95	61,973.78
Giving	65,435.90			59,173.13
Hall Hiring	11,046.94			11,438.00
Other income & rebates	189.67			398.38
Tax Recovery	12,236.78			11,586.37
Interest Received	704.02			593.52
	<u>89,613.31</u>			<u>83,189.40</u>
<b><u>INCOME - Restricted &amp; Reserved Funds</u></b>				
Pastoral Fund	500.00			1,920.00
Food bank	70.00			30.00
Church Away Day	836.00			785.00
Missions - Sundry	240.90			20.00
Children and Youth work	0.00			130.00
Get Together	193.78			95.07
Babies & Toddler Group	195.29			301.39
Assistant Pastor Fund	18,750.00			8,178.05
Other Income	0.00			564.00
Tax Recovery	1,010.00			265.00
	<u>21,795.97</u>			<u>12,288.51</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>111,409.28</u>		<u>95,477.91</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<b><u>Employment</u></b>				
Pastor	37,800.40			36,936.30
Assistant Pastor	5,000.00			0.00
Cleaner	2,057.25			1,938.00
Staff Travel expenses	41.36			0.00
Staff Training / Conferences	710.84			196.90
	<u>45,609.85</u>			<u>39,071.20</u>
<b><u>Running Expenses</u></b>				
Ground Rent	6,408.68			6,408.68
Storage and Hired Facilities	0.00			219.60
Insurances	2,235.10			2,244.24
Utilities	1,253.83			1,951.99
Service Contracts	2,554.20			1,354.44
Property & Equipment Repairs	8,777.41			770.69
IT and Audio-Visual Equipment	2,155.22			703.58
General Equipment	732.98			1,868.90
	<u>24,117.42</u>			<u>15,522.12</u>
<b><u>Operational Expenses</u></b>				
Office Expenditure	2,104.69			2,512.53
Bank Charges	109.92			118.92
Licences & Subscriptions	1,319.77			1,300.05
Visiting preacher gifts	1,200.00			1,025.00
Outreach & Evangelism	1,205.15			1,773.17
Pastoral Care	1,058.70			2,315.95
General Supplies	686.20			900.74
C/Fwd	<u>7,684.43</u>	<u>69,727.27</u>		<u>9,946.36</u>

## Expenditure (Cont'd)

<u>Operational Expenses (Cont'd)</u>	B/Fwd	7,684.43	69,727.27	9,946.36
Library & DVDs		131.05		311.20
Church Services		489.06		287.80
Away Day & Social Events		1,077.40		1,242.62
Publicity		286.91		395.85
Mission Giving		8,800.00		7,070.00
Volunteer Training		0.00		10.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		451.39		129.77
		<u>18,920.24</u>		<u>19,393.60</u>
<u>Church Groups</u>				
Babes & Toddlers		173.66		316.65
Children's work		47.95		47.95
Messy Church & Family Outreach		71.99		125.99
Youth groups		610.82		389.76
Get Together		200.11		184.47
		<u>1,104.53</u>		<u>1,064.82</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>89,752.04</u>	<u>75,051.74</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) in year</b>			<u>21,657.24</u>	<u>£20,426.17</u>
			<b>BALANCE at 31st December 2024</b>	<b>£ 104,057.19</b>
				<u><u>82,399.95</u></u>

## RESTRICTED AND RESERVED FUNDS

<u>Missions</u>	Donations Received (restricted) £	Payments Made (restricted and general) £	
Open Doors	0.00	500.00	
Kenward Trust	63.25	500.00	
Latin Link	0.00	1,000.00	
Leprosy Mission	0.00	500.00	
Homeless Care	63.25	500.00	
O.M.F	0.00	1,000.00	
TearFund	114.40	850.00	
Starfish Malawi	0.00	500.00	
Maidstone Street Pastors	0.00	500.00	
Uganda Women's Concern	0.00	500.00	
Christian Institute	0.00	350.00	
Christian Concern	0.00	350.00	
The Philo Trust	0.00	250.00	
Family Trust	0.00	300.00	
MADM	0.00	300.00	
Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter	0.00	300.00	
Happy Feet (Saturation Trust)	0.00	200.00	
Angel Tree Prisons' Ministry	0.00	400.00	
	<u>240.90</u>	<u>8,800.00</u>	
<b>Transfer from Church General Funds</b>	<b>8,800.00</b>		9.8% (represents 9.8% of unrestricted income)
<b>Balance B/Forward 01/01/24</b>	<b>140.00</b>		
	<u><u>9,180.90</u></u>	<u><u>8,800.00</u></u>	
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/24</b>	<b>380.90</b>		

**Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds**

	<u>Get Together</u>	<u>Pastoral and Food Bank</u>	<u>Babes &amp; Toddlers</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/24	491.24	37.92	110.90
Donations Received	193.78	570.00	195.29
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	400.00	0.00
Payments Made	200.11	988.02	173.66
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/24</b>	<b>£ 484.91</b>	<b>£ 19.90</b>	<b>£ 132.53</b>

	<u>Assistant Pastor</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Legacy fund</u>	<u>IT fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/24	8,328.05	140.00	16,428.35	334.73
Donations Received	18,750.00	240.90	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	1,010.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/24</b>	<b>£ 28,088.05</b>	<b>£ 380.90</b>	<b>£ 16,428.35</b>	<b>£ 334.73</b>

<u>General Fund reserves (unrestricted)</u>	<u>01/01/24</u>	<u>31/12/24</u>	<u>Movement</u>
	£	£	£
Employment Cost Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Lease rent & dilapidation Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Infrastructure Reserve	14,942.25	14,942.25	0.00
Other reserves including contingency	16,586.51	18,046.00	1,459.49
<b>Total General fund reserves</b>	<b>56,528.76</b>	<b>57,988.25</b>	<b>1,459.49</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	<u>Dec 2024</u>	<u>Dec 2023</u>
	£	£
HSBC Bank - Current A/c	60,027.20	39,073.98
Kingdom Bank A/c	33,607.23	33,042.80
Virgin Charity Deposit A/c	10,422.76	10,283.17
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>104,057.19</b>	<b>82,399.95</b>

**Representing Balances on the following Assets:**

General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	58,187.82	56,528.76
Assistant Pastor Fund (Restricted Fund)	28,088.05	8,328.05
Legacy Fund (Restricted Fund)	16,428.35	16,428.35
Missions (Restricted Fund)	380.90	140.00
Get Together (Restricted Fund)	484.91	491.24
Babes & Toddlers (Restricted Fund)	132.53	110.90
IT Fund (Restricted Fund)	334.73	334.73
Pastoral and Foodbank (Restricted Fund)	19.90	37.92
	<b>104,057.19</b>	<b>82,399.95</b>

**Non Monetary Assets:**

Church Building - cost to purchase £8,390 (Aug. 1995). Refurbishment costs 2016/17 c.£89,000  
Annexe Building - cost to purchase, enable and commission c. £132,000 (2017)

There are no loans, mortgages or other long term financial liabilities. The charity has an 18 year land lease with 5 year break clauses with its landlord, the Kent County Council. The latest lease commenced on the 12th October 2015.

Accounts prepared

*S Doyle*

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Church Treasurer

Approved & Accepted

*B Mitchell*

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Chair to the Trustees  
on behalf of the Trustees

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

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

E. E. Ejiofor FCCA  
Financial Consult Ltd  
Chartered Accountants



Name: Mr Emmanuel Ejiofor

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

Address: 3, Meteor Road, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TH

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Hall hiring receipts post Covid increased by £2,596 year to year, and there was an increase in general giving of £2,786. Specific donations of £8,178 were also made during the year towards funding for a new Assistant Pastor post.

Just over fifty percent of the church's expenditure related to employment costs including training (£39,071). £7,070 of mission gifts were made to both local and national organisations in pursuance of the church's objectives; and pastoral gifts of £2,316 were made to relieve hardship. The largest overhead costs for the church are the property ground rent (£6,409), the insurance cover (£2,244), and utility costs (£1,952).

The General fund increased by £12,454 in the year with £56,529 held at the end of the period. A balance is held in reserves according to the Trust's financial risk policy. The Trustees consider that sufficient funds should be held in reserve to allow for dilapidations should we need to terminate the lease early or have unforeseen employment costs, and have identified sums from the General fund to reserve against these risks. The size and use of each of these funds is kept under periodic review at Trustees' meetings and communicated regularly to the church membership.

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*Barbara Mitchell*

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Chair of Trustees

*J Lambert*

John Lambert

Secretary to Trustees

Date: *25th October 2025*

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 2023**

<u>INCOME - Unrestricted</u>	£	£	£	Prior Year £
Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2023 as per 2022 accounts			61,973.78	60,932.57
Giving	59,173.13			56,387.00
Hall Hiring	11,438.00			8,842.00
Other income & rebates	398.38			425.00
Tax Recovery	11,586.37			12,468.29
Interest Received	593.52			165.33
	<u>83,189.40</u>			<u>78,287.62</u>
<u>INCOME-- Restricted &amp; Reserved Funds</u>				
Pastoral Fund	1,920.00			300.00
Food bank	30.00			65.00
Church Away Day	785.00			630.00
Missions - Sundry	20.00			935.00
Children and Youth work	130.00			0.00
Get Together	95.07			30.60
Babies & Toddler Group	301.39			107.11
Assistant Pastor Fund	8,178.05			0.00
Other Income	564.00			1,299.20
Tax Recovery	265.00			0.00
	<u>12,288.51</u>			<u>3,366.91</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>95,477.91</u>		<u>81,654.53</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
<u>Employment</u>				
Pastor	36,936.30			32,917.26
Cleaner	1,938.00			3,056.70
Employer's Nat. Ins. Contributions	0.00			0.00
Staff Training / Conferences	196.90			322.90
	<u>39,071.20</u>			<u>36,296.86</u>
<u>Running Expenses</u>				
Ground Rent	6,408.68			6,408.68
Storage and Hired Facilities	219.60			438.00
Insurances	2,244.24			2,113.60
Utilities	1,951.99			2,022.97
Service Contracts	1,354.44			633.47
Property & Equipment Repairs	770.69			12,836.53
IT and Audio-Visual Equipment	703.58			1,445.54
General Equipment	1,868.90			1,971.94
	<u>15,522.12</u>			<u>27,870.73</u>
<u>Operational Expenses</u>				
Office Expenditure	2,512.53			2,374.97
Bank Charges	118.92			110.69
Licences & Subscriptions	1,300.05			1,394.35
Visiting preacher gifts	1,025.00			320.00
Outreach & Evangelism	1,773.17			756.62
Pastoral Care	2,315.95			201.50
General Supplies	900.74			400.63
	<u>9,946.36</u>			<u>5,558.76</u>
C/Fwd		<u>54,593.32</u>		

**Expenditure (Cont'd)**

<u>Operational Expenses (Cont'd)</u>	B/Fwd	9,946.36	54,593.32	5,558.76
Library & DVDs		311.20		21.99
Church Services		287.80		207.86
Away Day & Social Events		1,242.62		1,121.00
Publicity		395.85		246.07
Mission Giving		7,070.00		7,822.56
Volunteer Training		10.00		0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		129.77		620.80
		<u>19,393.60</u>		<u>15,599.04</u>
<b>Church Groups</b>				
Babes & Toddlers		316.65		144.93
Children's work		47.95		56.47
Messy Church & Family Outreach		125.99		560.07
Youth work		389.76		6.50
Get Together		184.47		78.72
		<u>1,064.82</u>		<u>846.69</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>75,051.74</u>	<u>80,613.32</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) in year</b>				<u>20,426.17</u>
				<u>1,041.21</u>
			<b>BALANCE at 31st December 2023</b>	<b>£ 82,399.95</b>
				<u>61,973.78</u>

**RESTRICTED AND RESERVED FUNDS****Missions**

	Donations Received	Payments Made
	(restricted)	(restricted and general)
	£	£
Open Doors	0.00	350.00
Kenward Trust	0.00	500.00
Latin Link	0.00	1,000.00
Leprosy Mission	0.00	250.00
Homeless Care	0.00	500.00
O.M.F	0.00	1,000.00
TearFund	160.00	870.00
Starfish Malawi	0.00	500.00
Maidstone Street Pastors	0.00	500.00
Uganda Women's Concern	0.00	500.00
Christian Institute	0.00	250.00
Christian Concern	0.00	250.00
Family Trust	0.00	150.00
Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter	0.00	150.00
MADM Christian charity	0.00	300.00
	<u>160.00</u>	<u>7,070.00</u>
Transfer from Church General Funds	7,050.00	
Balance B/Forward 01/01/23	0.00	
	<u>7,210.00</u>	<u>7,070.00</u>
Balance C/Forward 31/12/23	<u>140.00</u>	

8.5% (represents 8.5% of unrestricted income)

**Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds**

	Get Together	Life Exhibition	Babes & Toddlers	Pastoral and Food Bank
Balance B/Forward 01/01/23	580.64	190.32	126.16	163.55
Donations Received	95.07	0.00	301.39	1,950.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Transfer from Church or other Funds	0.00	-190.32	0.00	190.32
Payments Made	184.47	0.00	316.65	2,315.95
Balance C/Forward 31/12/23	<u>£ 491.24</u>	<u>£ 0.00</u>	<u>£ 110.90</u>	<u>£ 37.92</u>

**Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds (Cont'd)**

	<u>Asst Pastor</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Legacy fund</u>	<u>IT fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/23	75.00	0.00	16,428.35	334.73
Donations Received	8,178.05	20.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	75.00	140.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Balance C/Forward 31/12/23	<u>£ 8,328.05</u>	<u>£ 140.00</u>	<u>£ 16,428.35</u>	<u>£ 334.73</u>

<b>General Fund reserves (unrestricted)</b>	<b>01/01/23</b>	<b>31/12/23</b>	<b>Movement</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employment Cost Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Lease rent & dilapidation Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Infrastructure Reserve	14,942.25	14,942.25	0.00
Other reserves including contingency	4,132.78	16,586.51	12,453.73
<b>Total General fund reserves</b>	<b>44,075.03</b>	<b>56,528.76</b>	<b>12,453.73</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Dec 2023</b>	<b>Dec 2022</b>
HSBC Bank - Current A/c	39,073.98	19,241.33
Kingdom Bank A/c	33,042.80	32,507.02
Virgin Charity Deposit A/c	10,283.17	10,225.43
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<u><b>82,399.95</b></u>	<u><b>61,973.78</b></u>

**Representing Balances on the following Assets:**

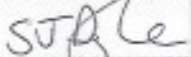
General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	56,528.76	44,075.03
Pastoral and Food bank (Restricted Fund)	37.92	163.55
Legacy Fund (Restricted Fund)	16,428.35	16,428.35
Missions (Restricted Fund)	140.00	0.00
Assistant Pastor Fund (Restricted Fund)	8,328.05	75.00
IT/Tech Fund (Restricted Fund)	334.73	334.73
Get Together (Restricted Fund)	491.24	580.64
Babes & Toddlers (Restricted Fund)	110.90	126.16
Life Exhibition (Reserved Fund)	0.00	190.32
	<u><b>82,399.95</b></u>	<u><b>61,973.78</b></u>

**Non Monetary Assets:**

Church Building - cost to purchase £8,390 (Aug. 1995). Refurbishment costs 2016/17 c.£89,000  
Annexe Building - cost to purchase, enable and commission c. £132,000 (2017)

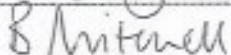
There are no loans, mortgages or other long term financial liabilities. The charity has an 18 year land lease with 5 year break clauses with its landlord, the Kent County Council. The latest lease commenced on the 12th October 2015.

Accounts prepared

  
S Doyle

Church Treasurer

Approved & Accepted

  
B Mitchell

Chair to the Trustees  
on behalf of the Trustees

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

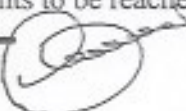
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

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

**E. E. Ejiofor FCCA**  
Financial Consult Ltd  
Chartered Accountants



Name: Mr Emmanuel Ejiofor

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

Address: 3, Meteor Road, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TH

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**ALLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1049403

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report Year Ending December 2022

<b>Reference &amp; Administrative Information:</b>	
Name of Charity	Allington Baptist Church Trust
Other Names	Allington Baptist Church: ABC
Charity Registration Number	1049403
Principal Address	76A London Road Maidstone KENT ME16 0DT
Names of Trustees on the date the Report was approved	Barbara Mitchell (Chair) Martyn Colley (Elder) Malcolm Knee Margaret Knee John Lambert (Secretary)
Names of Other People who have been Trustees during the year	Stephen Brown Folu Fasakin Dan Morlan
Officers or Staff responsible for day-to-day delegated management or part management	Martyn Colley (Pastor)
Other Relevant Organisations or Persons	Jeff Wilkinson (Payroll and Gift Aid) Stuart Doyle (Treasurer)

### Structure, Governance & Management

The charity was formed under the Deed of Trust dated 22 May 1995 and is run by the Trustees in conjunction with the Elders of the Church. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees from those who regularly attend the church in accordance with the Deed of Trust, the agreement of the Eldership and the approval of those in regular attendance at the church.

There were three members of the Eldership Team during 2022 including the Pastor.

The Pastor is also a Trustee.

The church had three paid workers during 2022, with the retirement of one worker replaced by another. Volunteers carry out all other church community and outreach activities.

The Trustees monitor various financial and non-financial risks, including Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Child Protection and Data Protection. We subscribe to regular updates on legal and regulatory changes from voluntary sector organisations such as Stewardship Services and thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS). The insurance cover was reviewed and renewed in mid-2021 and is checked annually.

All reasonable measures are taken to ensure the church remains solvent and there is responsible and prudent use of charitable funds and assets to further its purposes. Financial procedures and controls are in place to ensure that transactions and financial decisions are safeguarded from risks of fraud and mismanagement.

**Objectives** and activities of the Trust as listed in the governing document are:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in the county of Kent and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,

- (d) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- (c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

Through the year regular and occasional activities included:

- Regular Sunday services – during the year and post-Covid the number of services on a Sunday morning was reduced to one except for once a month when there is an early communion service. There were also regular monthly Family Services, and special Christmas services. The regular Sunday service is also available on YouTube for anyone unable to attend or wishing to view at an alternative time. Once a month there is also an evening DVD teaching session.
- Weekly men's and women's bible studies
- Activities to engage children and youth using themes taken from Sunday services
- Regular prayer meetings
- Activities for 5-7 year olds, Messy Church
- Regular Youth meetings providing a structured programme of fun and bible teaching.
- A Mums and Tots programme
- Get Together, a programme for over 50s, with a series of monthly social events was restarted mid-year. There was also occasional ministry to local nursing and residential homes for elderly people.
- On-line or physical home fellowship groups continue for further bible study and regular prayer meetings that are open to all.
- Table Tennis for adults.
- On-line ALPHA, a programme helping non-Christians to explore the Christian faith, and other online courses exploring the Bible and Prayer.
- A series of ladies' outreach events designed to attract new, unchurched, women to a social event with existing church attendees.
- A men's breakfast is also held several times during the year.
- Provision of food parcels for those in need.
- An online Maidstone Bible Week for people from churches across and beyond the town.
- Community carol singing at the Mid-Kent Shopping Centre.

Other events included a baptism service in Feb 2022 and the reinstatement of the Annual 'Away Day' with an invited guest speaker.

The use of the church buildings by external community groups has largely returned to pre-Covid levels with one or two exceptions.

Gifts have been made to support the Maidstone Homeless Care, The Winter Shelter, Maidstone Family Trust, the Kenward Trust, local prison's ministry, MADM a local Christian charity, overseas missionaries (OMF, Latin Link, Leprosy Mission), Angel Project (supporting women prisoners) relief to children and poor communities in Malawi and Uganda via other charities, Open Doors, Christian Concern and the Christian Institute. Support for some evangelical work in Uzbekistan was also provided this year.

Some members of ABC continue to support the Maidstone area community by working as volunteers for the Street Pastoring Service but due to Covid restrictions the Winter Shelter was

not able to operate as normal at Christmas 2022, but provided meals at different churches for a three monthly period Jan-Mar 2022 and housed overnight guests in a hotel.

The Pastor provides a recognised contact point for those in the Fellowship as well as other churches and people in the locality. An informal but effective network supports members and others who are housebound, sick or in other need. Dedications, baptisms and funerals are arranged as required.

**Achievements and Performance:** ABC has continued to attract a wide audience to worship services, bible studies and activities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The number and diversity of attendees is encouraging.

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The Trust reported an overall surplus in 2022 of £1,041 with total income of £81,654 against expenditure of £80,613. Hall hiring receipts post Covid increased by £5,125 year to year which compensated for a reduction in general giving. A replacement heating system (£9,356) was installed in the main hall which is expected to reduce ongoing heating costs, and a defibrillator was purchased and installed inside the church (£1,212).

The General fund increased by £1,606 in the year with £44,075 held at the end of the period. A balance is held in reserves according to the Trust's financial risk policy. The Trustees consider that sufficient funds should be held in reserve to allow for dilapidations should we need to terminate the lease early or have unforeseen employment costs, and have identified sums from the General fund to reserve against these risks. The size and use of each of these funds is kept under periodic review at Trustees' meetings and communicated regularly to the church membership.

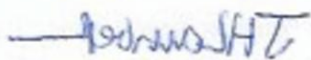
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John Lambert

Secretary to Trustees



Barbara Mitchell

Chair of Trustees

Date: 8 October 2023

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Tax Recovery	12,468.29			12,458.42
Interest Received	165.33			65.97
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<b>INCOME - Restricted &amp; Reserved Funds</b>				
Pastoral Fund	300.00			4,123.00
Technical Fund	0.00			1,000.00
Food bank	65.00			0.00
Church Away Day	630.00			0.00
Missions - Sundry	935.00			0.00
Get Together	30.60			0.00
Babies & Toddler Group	107.11			53.8
Other Income	1,299.20			635.00
	<b>3,366.91</b>			<b>5,811.80</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>81,654.53</b>		<b>82,890.41</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
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Pastor	32,917.26			31,827.94
Family / Children Worker	0.00			16,473.60
Cleaner	3,056.70			3,543.15
Employer's Nat. Ins. Contributions	0.00			1,078.24
Staff Training / Conferences	322.90			0.00
	<b>36,296.86</b>			<b>52,922.93</b>
<u>Running Expenses</u>				
Ground Rent	6,408.68			6,500.90
Storage and Hired Facilities	438.00			438.00
Insurances	2,113.60			1,878.20
Utilities	2,022.97			2,228.50
Service Contracts	633.47			835.90
Property & Equipment Repairs	12,836.53			224.47
IT and Audio-Visual Equipment	1,445.54			317.20
Gardening	0.00			368.94
General Equipment	1,971.94			0.32
	<b>27,870.73</b>			<b>12,792.43</b>
<u>Operational Expenses</u>				
Office Expenditure	2,374.97			2,389.46
Bank Charges	110.69			10.02
Licences & Subscriptions	1,394.35			1,302.15
Visiting preacher gifts	320.00			300.00
Outreach & Evangelism	756.62			66.08
Pastoral Care	201.50			4,272.95
General Supplies	400.63			116.35
	<b>5,558.76</b>	<b>64,167.59</b>		<b>8,457.01</b>
C/Fwd				

BALANCE at 31st December 2022		BALANCE at 31st December 2023		Surplus/(Deficit) in year		Total Expenditure	
60,932.27	61,973.78	83,821.64	1,714.44	(1,981.23)	83,821.64	1,714.44	1,714.44
			23.40			23.40	23.40
			338.00			338.00	338.00
			818.21			818.21	818.21
			128.44			128.44	128.44
			349.39			349.39	349.39
			12,299.04			12,299.04	12,299.04
			620.80			620.80	620.80
			7,822.26			7,822.26	7,822.26
			246.07			246.07	246.07
			1,121.00			1,121.00	1,121.00
			207.86			207.86	207.86
			21.99			21.99	21.99
			2,228.78			2,228.78	2,228.78
			64,167.29			64,167.29	64,167.29
			8,427.01			8,427.01	8,427.01

**Expenditure (Cont'd)**  
**Operational Expenses (Cont'd)**  
 Library & DVDs  
 Church services  
 Away Day & Social Events  
 Publicity  
 Mission Giving  
 Miscellaneous Expenditure

**Church Groups**  
 Babies & Toddlers  
 Children's work  
 Messy Church & Family Outreach  
 Youth work  
 Get Together

**RESTRICTED AND RESERVED FUNDS**

**Missions**

Payments Made (restricted and general)	Donations Received (restricted)	
£	£	
320.00	0.00	Open Door
132.00	0.00	Unité Café international
200.00	0.00	Kenward Trust
1,000.00	0.00	Lain Link
250.00	0.00	Leprosy Mission
222.26	0.00	Malstone Homeless Care
1,000.00	0.00	O.M.F.
200.00	0.00	Starfish Malawi
200.00	0.00	Malstone Street Pastors
200.00	0.00	Uganda Women's Concern
200.00	0.00	Christian Institute
1,332.00	932.00	Uzbekistan mission
200.00	0.00	Christian Concern
120.00	0.00	Family Trust
120.00	0.00	Malstone Churches Winter Shelter
300.00	0.00	MADM Christian charity
200.00	0.00	Angel Tree Phoenix Ministry
7,822.26	932.00	
	6,890.00	Transfer from Church General Funds
	22.26	Balance B/Forward 01/01/22
7,822.26	7,822.26	
	0.00	Balance C/Forward 31/12/22

tax (represents 8.7% of unrestricted income)

<u>Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds</u>	<u>Get Together</u>	<u>Life Exhibition</u>	<u>Babes &amp; Toddlers</u>	<u>Pastoral and Food Bank</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/22	628.76	190.32	163.98	0.05
Donations Received	30.60	0.00	107.11	365.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	78.72	0.00	144.93	201.50
Balance C/Forward 31/12/22	£ 580.64	£ 190.32	£ 126.16	£ 163.55

#### Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds (Cont'd)

	<u>Asst Pastor</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Legacy fund</u>	<u>IT fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/22	0.00	52.56	16,428.35	1,000.00
Donations Received	75.00	935.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	0.00	987.56	0.00	665.27
Balance C/Forward 31/12/22	£ 75.00	£ 0.00	£ 16,428.35	£ 334.73

#### General Fund reserves (unrestricted)

	<u>01/01/22</u>	<u>31/12/22</u>	<u>Movement</u>
	£	£	£
Employment Cost Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Lease rent & dilapidation Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Infrastructure Reserve	17,468.55	14,942.25	-2,526.30
Other reserves including contingency	0.00	4,132.78	4,132.78
<b>Total General fund reserves</b>	<b>42,468.55</b>	<b>44,075.03</b>	<b>1,606.48</b>

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Dec-22</u>	<u>Dec-21</u>
	£	£
HSBC Bank - Current A/c	19,241.33	18,365.45
Kingdom Bank A/c	32,507.02	32,370.93
Virgin Charity Deposit A/c	10,225.43	10,196.19
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>61,973.78</b>	<b>60,932.57</b>

#### Representing Balances on the following Assets:

General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	44,075.03	42,468.55
Pastoral and Food bank (Restricted Fund)	163.55	0.05
Legacy Fund (Restricted Fund)	16,428.35	16,428.35
Missions (Restricted Fund)	0.00	52.56
Assistant Pastor Fund (Restricted Fund)	75.00	0.00
IT/Tech Fund (Restricted Fund)	334.73	1,000.00
Get Together (Restricted Fund)	580.64	628.76
Babes & Toddlers (Restricted Fund)	126.16	163.98
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**ALLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1049403

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report Year Ending December 2021

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Names of Trustees on the date the Report was approved	Barbara Mitchell (Chair) Stephen Brown (Secretary) Martyn Colley (Elder) Folu Faskin Malcolm Knee Margaret Knee
Names of Other People who have been Trustees during the year	n/a
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### **Structure, Governance & Management**

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The Trustees monitor various financial and non-financial risks, including Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Child Protection and Data Protection. We subscribe to regular updates on legal and regulatory changes from voluntary sector organisations such as Stewardship Services and thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS). The insurance cover was reviewed and renewed in mid-2019 and is checked annually.

All reasonable measures are taken to ensure the church remains solvent and there is responsible and prudent use of charitable funds and assets to further its purposes. Financial procedures and controls are in place to ensure that transactions and financial decisions are safeguarded from risks of fraud and mismanagement.

**Objectives** and activities of the Trust as listed in the governing document are:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in the county of Kent and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

The church has endeavoured to achieve these aims in 2021. Measures taken by the government to control the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020 have limited the physical meeting of members and other church attendees. The church continued to provide diverse opportunities to meet and worship virtually throughout 2021 and resumed meeting at the hall in a socially distanced manner from August 2021. Numbers attending physically have been limited since then but trustees are encouraged that new participants have started to attend.

Through the year regular and occasional activities included:

- Regular Sunday services – two services every Sunday morning called 'Waymaker' and 'Into the Bible' were offered on-line, via YouTube and towards the end of the year, in the church hall. There were also regular monthly Family Services, and special Christmas services.
- Weekly men's and women's bible studies
- Physical or on-line activities to engage children and youth using themes taken from Sunday services
- Physical or on-line regular prayer vigils
- Activities for 5 – 7 year olds, Messy Church on-line and later in the year in the hall, and youth meetings when possible, all providing a structured programme of fun and bible teaching.
- A Mums and Tots programme restarted in September 2021.
- Get Together, a programme for over 50s, with a series of monthly social events was restarted mid-year. There was also occasional ministry to local nursing and residential homes for elderly people, including a memorial service for relatives who had lost family members due to Covid and recorded services on Youtube.
- On-line or physical home fellowship groups for further bible study and regular prayer meetings that are open to all.
- Table Tennis, when circumstances permitted, for adults.
- On-line ALPHA, a programme helping non-Christians to explore the Christian faith, and other online courses exploring the Bible and Prayer.
- A series of ladies' outreach events designed to attract new, unchurched, women to a social event with existing church attendees.
- Provision of food parcels for those in need.
- An online Maidstone Bible Week for people from churches across and beyond the town.
- Community carol singing at the Mid-Kent Shopping Centre, and with members of other churches a special production of the *Live Nativity at Kent Life* which was filmed by the BBC's Bargain Hunt programme.

Towards the end of the year when Covid restrictions were lifted, other events normally organised at intervals during the year for social and outreach purposes were tentatively restarted.

During lockdown and for the remainder of the year, normal Sunday Services were broadcast online via zoom or Youtube, recorded from home or by a small number of members from the church hall. From August to November the church hall reopened for services where all Covid 19 guidance was followed.

The Children and Families' worker remained in post until August 2021. Having planned a year of events for children and families, most were adapted for delivery via social media or zoom. These helped to maintain links with families.

The use of the church buildings by external community groups was very limited throughout the year.

Gifts have been made to support the Maidstone Homeless Care, The Winter Shelter, Maidstone Family Trust, the Kenward Trust, local prison's ministry, MADM a local Christian charity, overseas missionaries (OMF, Latin Link, Leprosy Mission), Angel Project (supporting women prisoners) relief to children and poor communities in Malawi and Uganda via other charities, Open Doors, Christian Concern and the Christian Institute. Gifts were also made to support itinerant local preaching.

Some members of ABC continue to support the Maidstone area community by working as volunteers for the Street Pastoring Service but due to Covid restrictions the Winter Shelter was not able to operate *as normal* at Christmas 2021.

The Pastor provides a recognised contact point for those in the Fellowship as well as other churches and people in the locality. An informal but effective network supports members and others who are housebound, sick or in other need. Dedications, baptisms and funerals are arranged as required.

**Achievements and Performance:** ABC has continued to attract a wide audience to worship services, bible studies and activities through physical events, as far as permitted under Covid restrictions and online media, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The diversity of attendees is encouraging.

An 18 year land lease was agreed with the County Council in October 2015 and an increased rent agreed. The church owns the two buildings used in providing its services.

**Financial Review:** the gross income of the Trust is below £250k per annum, and the charity is not constituted as a company, so the accounting is undertaken using the Receipts and Payments option open to small charities (s133 Charities Act 2011). The accounts have been independently examined and found to be in keeping with the relevant requirements of the Charities Act.

The Trust relies mainly on voluntary contributions for funding. It does not accept monies from the National or any other lottery on ethical grounds. The Trust uses its income in ways that will fulfil its objectives.

The Trust is constrained by the terms of the lease when considering the level of responsible investment in any new fixed assets. Following the receipt of a generous legacy in 2019 a refurbishment of the kitchen was completed in 2020. A balance of £16,428 of that sum remains.

The Trust reported an overall deficit in 2021 of £961 with total income of £82,891 against expenditure of £83,852. Hall hiring receipts reduced further than expected due to the pandemic closure but church member giving remained strong until the fourth quarter of the year when there was a modest decline.

The General fund reduced by £1,527 in the year but still amounted to £42,469 at the end of the period. A balance is held in reserves according to the Trust's financial risk policy. The Trustees consider that sufficient funds should be held in reserve to allow for dilapidations should we need to terminate the lease early or have unforeseen employment costs, and have identified sums from the General fund to reserve against these risks. The size and use of each of these funds is kept under periodic review at Trustees' meetings and communicated regularly to the church membership.

**Serious Incidents:** there were no serious incidents to report during the year.

**Public benefit statement:** direct beneficiaries of the Trust are those who attend church services and other church run activities, those in receipt of pastoral or care home visits and recipients of missionary payments. Indirect beneficiaries include community groups and their clients who use the halls at modest and often discounted rates, and those who benefit from gifts made via other charities.

**Plans for Future Periods:** the church vision focuses on our spiritual and other resources as effectively as possible to develop existing ministries in outreach, prayer, pastoral care, mission support, worship/music, young people and preaching and spiritual development. The last quarter of 2021 saw the start of a post-Covid recovery period expected to continue well into 2022.

**Challenges:** a key issue is rebuilding church services and outreach to extend the gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community following the years of interruption due to Covid.

Whilst the underlying finances are in surplus at the end of 2021, increased rental costs, a reduction in hiring and general income and a replacement heating system present manageable but significant financial challenges.

Signed for and on behalf of the Elders and Trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust



Barbara Mitchell

Chair of Trustees



Stephen Brown

Secretary to Trustees

Date: 24 October 2022



**Allington Baptist Church**  
76a, London Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0DT

Registered Charity Number - 1049403

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 2021**

<b><u>INCOME - Unrestricted</u></b>	£	£	£	Prior Year £
Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2021 as per 2020 accounts			61,893.80	96,889.62
Giving	60,609.38			60,669.40
Hall Hiring	3,717.00			2,679.50
Other income & rebates	227.84			39.43
Tax Recovery	12,458.42			12,937.81
Interest Received	65.97			155.96
	<u>77,078.61</u>			<u>76,482.10</u>
 <b><u>INCOME - Restricted &amp; Reserved Funds</u></b>				
Pastoral Fund	4,123.00			0.00
Technical Fund	1,000.00			0.00
Church Away Day	0.00			0.00
Missions - Sundry	0.00			616.07
Land/Property Fund	0.00			0.00
Children and Youth work	0.00			82.00
Urban Saints	0.00			0.00
Get Together	0.00			105.80
Babies & Toddler Group	53.80			129
Legacies	0.00			0.00
Other Income	635.00			109.22
Tax Recovery	0.00			335.51
	<u>5,811.80</u>			<u>1,377.60</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>82,890.41</u>		<u>77,859.70</u>
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<b><u>Employment</u></b>				
Pastor	31,827.94			31,080.26
Family / Children Worker	16,473.60			24,711.16
Cleaner	3,543.15			3,250.36
Employer's Nat. Ins. Contributions	1,078.24			1,273.47
Staff Training / Conferences	0.00			95.00
	<u>52,922.93</u>			<u>60,410.25</u>
<b><u>Running Expenses</u></b>				
Ground Rent	6,500.90			6,200.00
Storage and Hired Facilities	438.00			439.20
Insurances	1,878.20			1,729.17
Utilities	2,228.50			2,345.65
Service Contracts	835.90			728.82
Property & Equipment Repairs	224.47			264.64
IT and Audio-Visual Equipment	317.20			1,909.17
Health & Safety / Fire Protection	0.00			0.00
Gardening	368.94			0.00
General Equipment	0.32			0.00
Property Improvement (excl repairs)	0.00			21,370.20
	<u>12,792.43</u>			<u>34,986.85</u>
<b><u>Operational Expenses</u></b>				
Office Expenditure	2,389.46			2,329.14
Bank Charges	10.02			0.00
Licences & Subscriptions	1,302.15			1,365.30
Visiting preacher gifts	300.00			520.00
Outreach & Evangelism	66.08			60.80
Pastoral Care	4,272.95			60.00
General Supplies	116.35			359.54
	<u>8,457.01</u>		<u>65,715.36</u>	<u>4,694.78</u>
C/Fwd				

**Expenditure (Cont'd)**

<u>Operational Expenses (Cont'd)</u>	B/Fwd	8,457.01	65,715.36	4,694.78
Library & DVDs		29.99		79.30
Church Services		250.31		41.54
Away Day & Social Events		0.00		0.00
Life Exhibition costs		0.00		0.00
Publicity		615.05		214.24
Mission Giving		6,885.00		9,270.07
Volunteer Training		0.00		475.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		184.48		734.63
		<u>16,421.84</u>		<u>15,509.56</u>
<u>Church Groups</u>				
Babes & Toddlers		349.39		240.65
Light Factory & Sunday School (inc Holiday Club)		54.24		227.82
Children and Juniors' Outreach		104.20		483.87
Messy Church & Family Outreach		816.21		637.38
Youth Outreach		338.00		264.85
Get Together		52.40		94.29
		<u>1,714.44</u>		<u>1,948.86</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>83,851.64</u>	<u>112,855.52</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) in year</b>			<u>-961.23</u>	<u>-34,995.82</u>
			<u>£ 60,932.57</u>	<u>61,893.80</u>
			<b>BALANCE at 31st December 2021</b>	

**RESTRICTED AND RESERVED FUNDS**

<u>Missions</u>	Donations Received (restricted) £	Payments Made (restricted and general) £	
Open Doors	0.00	350.00	
Unite Café	0.00	134.00	
Kenward Trust	0.00	551.00	
Latin Link	0.00	1,000.00	
Leprosy Mission	0.00	250.00	
Homeless Care	0.00	500.00	
O.M.F	0.00	1,000.00	
Starfish Malawi	0.00	500.00	
Maidstone Street Pastors	0.00	500.00	
Uganda Women's Concern	0.00	500.00	
Christian Institute	0.00	200.00	
Christian Concern	0.00	200.00	
MADM	0.00	300.00	
Family Trust	0.00	150.00	
Itinerant Preaching	0.00	400.00	
Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter	0.00	150.00	
Angel Tree Prisons' Ministry	0.00	200.00	
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,885.00</u>	
Transfer from Church General Funds	6,834.00		8.9% (represents 8.9% of unrestricted income)
Balance B/Forward 01/01/21	<u>103.56</u>		
	<u>6,937.56</u>	<u>6,885.00</u>	
Balance C/Forward 31/12/21	<u>52.56</u>		

**Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds**

	<u>Get Together</u>	<u>Life Exhibition</u>	<u>Babes &amp; Toddlers</u>	<u>Technical Fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/21	681.16	190.32	459.57	0.00
Donations Received	0.00	0.00	53.80	1,000.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	52.40	0.00	349.39	0.00
Balance C/Forward 31/12/21	£ 628.76	£ 190.32	£ 163.98	£ 1,000.00

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	<u>Property Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Legacy Fund</u>	<u>Pastoral Fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/21	35.44	103.56	16,428.35	0.00
Donations Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,123.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	35.44	51.00	0.00	4,122.95
Balance C/Forward 31/12/21	£ 0.00	£ 52.56	£ 16,428.35	£ 0.05

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**ALLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH TRUST**

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The paid Pastor is also a Trustee.

The church had three paid workers during 2020. Volunteers carry out all other church community and outreach activities.

The Trustees monitor various financial and non-financial risks, including Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Child Protection and Data Protection. We subscribe to regular updates on legal and regulatory changes from voluntary sector organisations such as Stewardship Services and thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS). The insurance cover was reviewed and renewed in mid-2019.

All reasonable measures are taken to ensure the church remains solvent and there is responsible and prudent use of charitable funds and assets to further its purposes. Financial procedures and controls are in place to ensure that transactions, and financial decisions are safeguarded from risks of fraud and mismanagement.

A strategy for the delivery of the church vision, set out originally in 2012, and subsequently updated is being implemented.

**Objectives** and activities of the Trust as listed in the governing document are:

- a) To advance the Christian faith in the county of Kent and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- b) To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- c) To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said County and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

The church has endeavoured to achieve these aims in 2020. From 23 March onwards measures taken by the government to control the Covid 19 pandemic have limited the physical meeting of members and other church attendees.

Prior to the introduction of these measures regular and occasional activities included:

- Regular Sunday services – every Sunday morning and early morning communion twice per month. Once a month the Sunday morning service takes the form of 'Café Church'.
- Regular Sunday School and Sunday evening discussion groups.
- Regular prayer vigils
- Midweek clubs for 5 – 7 year olds and Urban Saints Juniors and Inters, all providing a structured programme of fun and bible teaching.
- A weekly Youth Club for older young people
- A primary age Chess Club
- Mums and Tots - a facility for parents/family/carers to bring their pre-school children to the church to enjoy a social time. This busy activity is popular in the community attracting people of various faiths and those who do not attend church at all. Celebrations at Christmas and Easter are a feature of the programme.
- A well-attended over 50's programme of events each week
- Home fellowship groups for further bible study and regular prayer meetings that are open to all.
- Annual Church day for members of the fellowship, with an outside speaker.
- Table Tennis weekly, for adults and young people
- ALPHA, a programme helping non-Christians to explore the Christian faith
- Fundraising events for helping national charities such as MacMillan Coffee Mornings.
- Food parcels for those in need.

Other events normally organised at intervals during the year for social and outreach purposes included visits to local residential homes, Men's breakfasts, quiz evenings, ladies' breakfasts, collective walks, and Praise and Prayer evenings were curtailed in March by the Covid 19 lockdown.

The number of attendees at Sunday services had increased slightly prior to lockdown and some family events such as a monthly Messy Church were becoming increasingly busy.

Following the March lockdown and for the remainder of the year, normal Sunday Services were replaced with online services via zoom or Youtube, recorded from home or by a small number of members from the church hall. From August to November a limited number of people attended services in the church hall where all Covid 19 guidance was followed.

The Children and Families worker remained in post throughout the pandemic. Having planned a year of events for children and families, most were adapted for delivery via social media. These have helped to maintain links with families. A new zoom based ALPHA course which ran from

September proved popular and attracted members and some new and non-local people who may not otherwise have been able to attend a physical meeting.

The use of the church buildings by community groups continued until lockdown in March. Users included a U3A Table Tennis group, The Maidstone Flower Club, a pre-school musical group, Baby and Toddler Groups, the Kent Pentecostal Christians, the Gideons and The Leprosy Mission. All external hiring services were suspended from 23 March 2020 for the remainder of the year.

Gifts have been made to support Maidstone Homeless Care, Maidstone Family Trust, the Kenward Trust, local prison's ministry, Maidstone Waypoint initiative, overseas missionaries (OMF, Latin Link), relief to children and poor communities in Malawi and Uganda via other charities, Open Doors, Christian Concern and the Christian Institute. Gifts were also made to support training in evangelism and itinerant local preaching.

Some members of ABC continue to support the Maidstone area community by working as volunteers for the Street Pastoring Service and the Winter Shelter.

The Pastor provides a recognised contact point for those in the Fellowship as well as other churches and people in the locality. An informal but effective network supports members and others who are housebound, sick or in other need. Dedications and funerals are arranged as required.

**Achievements and Performance:** ABC has continued to attract a wide audience to worship services, bible studies and activities through physical events, as far as permitted under Covid restrictions and online media, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The diversity of attendees is encouraging.

An 18 year land lease was agreed with the County Council in October 2015 and an increased rent agreed. The church owns the two buildings used in providing its services.

**Financial Review:** the gross income of the Trust is below £250k per annum, and the charity is not constituted as a company, so the accounting is undertaken using the Receipts and Payments option open to small charities (s133 Charities Act 2011). The accounts have been independently examined and found to be in keeping with the relevant requirements of the Charities Act.

The Trust relies mainly on voluntary contributions for funding. It does not accept monies from the National or any other lottery on ethical grounds. The Trust uses its income in ways that will fulfil its objectives.

The Trust is constrained by the terms of the lease when considering the level of responsible investment in any new fixed assets. Following the receipt of a generous legacy in 2019 a refurbishment of the kitchen was completed in 2020. Some of the balance of that sum has supported a young Christian through an evangelism training programme and a balance of £16,428 remains.

The Trust reported an overall deficit of in 2020 of £34,996, with total income of £77,860 against expenditure of £112,856. Hall hiring receipts reduced by c. £10k due to the pandemic closure but church member giving remained strong. The majority of the in-year deficit related to the use of the legacy fund for refurbishment, training support and AV/IT equipment.

The General fund reduced by £8,898 in the year but still amounted to £43,995 at the end of the period. This balance is held in reserves according to the Trust's financial risk policy. The

Trustees consider that sufficient funds should be held in reserve to allow for dilapidations should we need to terminate the lease early, unforeseen employment costs, and to finance the Children and Family Worker, and have identified sums from the General fund to reserve against each of these areas. The size and timing of use of each of these funds is kept under periodic review at Trustees' meetings and communicated regularly to the church membership.

Under the terms of the lease, a rent increase in line with RPI from 2015 – 2020 was agreed with the Kent County Council.

**Serious Incidents:** there were no serious incidents to report during the year.

**Public benefit statement:** direct beneficiaries of the Trust are those who attend church services and other church run activities, those in receipt of pastoral or care home visits and recipients of missionary payments. Indirect beneficiaries include community groups and their clients who use the halls at modest and often discounted rates, and those who benefit from gifts made via other charities.

**Plans for Future Periods:** the review of the church vision is intended to focus our spiritual and other resources as effectively as possible to develop (mostly) existing ministries in outreach, prayer, pastoral care, mission support, worship/music, young people and preaching and spiritual development. It is inevitable that with current Covid restraints and reduced resources some of these will continue to be under review.

**Challenges:** a key issue is managing the impact of Covid 19 on our ability to operate as normal. Plans to reconsider all church activities will take place as Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

Whilst the underlying finances are in surplus at the end of 2020, increased rental costs, a reduction in hiring income and continued funding of the Children & Families Worker in 2021, present significant financial challenges.

Signed for and on behalf of the Elders and Trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust



Barbara Mitchell

Chair of Trustees



Stephen Brown

Secretary to Trustees

Date: 5 October 2021



**Allington Baptist Church**  
76a, London Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0DT

Registered Charity Number - 1049403

**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 2020**

<b><u>INCOME - Unrestricted</u></b>	£	£	£	Prior Year £
Balance brought forward as at 1st January 2020 as per 2019 accounts			<b>96,889.62</b>	<b>65,554.11</b>
Giving	60,669.40			59,045.90
Hall Hiring	2,679.50			12,880.00
Other income & rebates	39.43			214.23
Tax Recovery	12,937.81			11,214.20
Interest Received	155.96			252.21
	<u>76,482.10</u>			<u>83,606.54</u>
 <b><u>INCOME - Restricted &amp; Reserved Funds</u></b>				
Family / Children Worker	0.00			3,945.00
Life Exhibition	0.00			971.50
Church Away Day	0.00			837.50
Missions - Sundry	616.07			695.15
Land/Property Fund	0.00			874.00
Children and Youth work	82.00			654.00
Get Together	105.80			483.59
Babies & Toddler Group	129.00			569.54
Legacies	0.00			42667.76
Other Income	109.22			773.00
Tax Recovery	335.51			1090.51
	<u>1,377.60</u>			<u>53,561.55</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u><b>77,859.70</b></u>		<u><b>137,168.09</b></u>
 <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<b><u>Employment</u></b>				
Pastor	31,080.26			29,954.01
Family / Children Worker	24,711.16			20,060.66
Cleaner	3,250.36			3,281.21
Employer's Nat. Ins. Contributions	1,273.47			1,482.19
Staff Training / Conferences	95.00			350.60
	<u>60,410.25</u>			<u>55,128.67</u>
<b><u>Running Expenses</u></b>				
Ground Rent	6,200.00			6,200.00
Storage and Hired Facilities	439.20			438.00
Insurances	1,729.17			1,759.56
Utilities	2,345.65			3,146.15
Service Contracts	728.82			1,498.67
Property & Equipment Repairs	264.64			902.98
IT and Audio-Visual Equipment	1,909.17			848.14
General Equipment	0.00			4,543.71
Property Improvement (excl repairs)	21,370.20			6,489.89
	<u>34,986.85</u>			<u>25,827.10</u>
<b><u>Operational Expenses</u></b>				
Office Expenditure	2,329.14			2,673.67
Licences & Subscriptions	1,365.30			1,142.93
Visiting preacher gifts	520.00			540.00
Outreach & Evangelism	60.80			111.35
Pastoral Care	60.00			240.97
General Supplies	359.54			772.06
<b>C/Fwd</b>	<u><b>4,694.78</b></u>	<u><b>95,397.10</b></u>		<u><b>5,480.98</b></u>

**Expenditure (Cont'd)**

<b>Operational Expenses (Cont'd)</b>	<b>B/Fwd</b>	<b>4,694.78</b>	<b>95,397.10</b>	<b>5,480.98</b>
Library & DVDs		79.30		301.81
Church Services		41.54		458.58
Away Day & Social Events		0.00		955.59
Life Exhibition costs		0.00		2,370.00
Publicity		214.24		502.97
Mission Giving		9,270.07		9,291.48
Volunteer Training		475.00		194.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure		734.63		1,369.78
		<u>15,509.56</u>		<u>20,925.19</u>
<b>Church Groups</b>				
Babes & Toddlers		240.65		444.69
Light Factory & Sunday School (inc Holiday Club)		227.82		798.95
Junior Urban Saints and Children's work		483.87		1,020.05
Messy Church & Family Outreach		637.38		0.00
Youth & Intermediate/Senior Urban Saints		264.85		1,020.05
Get Together		94.29		667.89
		<u>1,948.86</u>		<u>3,951.62</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>112,855.52</b>	<b>105,832.58</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) in year</b>			<b>-34,995.82</b>	<b>31,335.51</b>
			<b>£ 61,893.80</b>	<b>96,889.62</b>
			<b>BALANCE at 31st December 2020</b>	

Note 1: prior year Urban Saints groups not split out in costs - notional apportionment

**RESTRICTED AND RESERVED FUNDS**

<b>Missions</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Payments</b>	
	<b>Received</b>	<b>Made</b>	
	(restricted)	(restricted and general)	
	£	£	
Open Doors	0.00	350.00	
Kenward Trust	51.00	500.00	
Latin Link	0.00	1,000.00	
Homeless Care	51.00	551.00	
O.M.F	0.00	1,000.00	
TearFund	52.56	0.00	
Starfish Malawi	0.00	500.00	
Uganda Women's Concern	0.00	500.00	
Christian Institute	0.00	200.00	
Alpha International	0.00	100.00	
Waypoint	569.07	569.07	
Christian Concern	0.00	200.00	
The Philo Trust	0.00	100.00	
Family Trust	0.00	100.00	
Itinerant Preaching	0.00	400.00	
Mission Training (OCCA)	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Angel Tree Prisons' Ministry	0.00	200.00	
	<u>3,723.63</u>	<u>9,270.07</u>	
<b>Transfer from Church General Funds</b>	<b>5,650.00</b>		7.4% (represents 7.4% of unrestricted income)
<b>Balance B/Forward 01/01/20</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
	<u><u>9,373.63</u></u>	<u><u>9,270.07</u></u>	
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/20</b>	<b>103.56</b>		

<u>Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds</u>	<u>Get Together</u>	<u>Life Exhibition</u>	<u>Babes &amp; Toddlers</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/20	566.70	190.32	571.22
Donations Received	105.80	0.00	129.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	102.95	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments Made	94.29	0.00	240.65
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/20</b>	<b>£ 681.16</b>	<b>£ 190.32</b>	<b>£ 459.57</b>

#### Designated Restricted and Reserved Funds (Cont'd)

	<u>Property Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Legacy fund</u>
Balance B/Forward 01/01/20	0.00	0.00	42,667.76
Donations Received	0.00	616.07	0.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	125.00	107.56	0.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	0.00	0.00	-26,239.41
Payments Made	89.56	620.07	0.00
<b>Balance C/Forward 31/12/20</b>	<b>£ 35.44</b>	<b>£ 103.56</b>	<b>£ 16,428.35</b>

<u>General Fund reserves (unrestricted)</u>	<u>01/01/20</u>	<u>31/12/20</u>	<u>Movement</u>
	£	£	£
Employment Cost Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Lease rent & dilapidation Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Youth & Family Worker Reserve	20,000.00	18,995.40	-1,004.60
Other reserves including contingency	7,893.62	0.00	-7,893.62
<b>Total General fund reserves</b>	<b>52,893.62</b>	<b>43,995.40</b>	<b>-8,898.22</b>

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
HSBC Bank - Current A/c	19,392.65	54,544.43
Kingdom Bank A/c	32,318.11	32,209.95
Virgin Charity Deposit A/c	10,183.04	10,135.24
Cash	0.00	0.00
	<b>61,893.80</b>	<b>96,889.62</b>

#### Representing Balances on the following Assets:

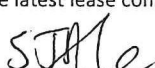
General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)	43,995.40	52,893.62
Property Fund (Reserved Fund)	35.44	0.00
Legacy Fund (Restricted Fund)	16,428.35	42,667.76
Missions (Restricted Fund)	103.56	0.00
Get Together (Restricted Fund)	681.16	566.70
Babes & Toddlers (Restricted Fund)	459.57	571.22
Life Exhibition (Reserved Fund)	190.32	190.32
	<b>61,893.80</b>	<b>96,889.62</b>

#### Non Monetary Assets:

Church Building - cost to purchase £8,390 (Aug. 1995). Refurbishment costs 2016/17 c.£89,000  
Annexe Building - cost to purchase, enable and commission c. £132,000 (2017)

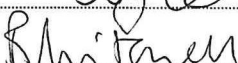
There are no loans, mortgages or other long term financial liabilities. The charity has an 18 year land lease with 5 year break clauses with its landlord, the Kent County Council. The latest lease commenced on the 12th October 2015.

Accounts prepared

  
..... S Doyle

Church Treasurer

Approved & Accepted

  
..... B Mitchell

Chair to the Trustees  
on behalf of the Trustees



## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allington Baptist Church Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

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

**E. B. Ejiofor FCCA**  
Financial Consult Ltd  
Chartered Accountants

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Date: 18th September 2021

