

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1060523

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-02-04

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

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Activities

Objects: THE WORSHIP OF GOD, THE PROCLAMATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOUR AND DEEPENING OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHRISTIANS

Activities: The Worship and to the Service of the One and Only Living God

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Doncaster
- North Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£40,656	£30,333	-	-
2024-12-31	£39,938	£32,423	-	-
2023-12-31	£39,135	£25,262	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,854	£21,316	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,682	£26,055	-	-
2020-12-31	£46,408	£29,688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Lane		2021-09-01
Claire Todd		2014-04-01
Jeremy Cole		2023-07-12
Jill Tonge		2024-10-23
Lesley Wilson		

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Principal Address: Station Road
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 North Lincolnshire
 DN91JZ

Trustees: C. Todd (Treasurer)
 Lesley Wilson
 Ann Lane
 Jeremy Cole
 Jill Tonge

Independent Examiner: Joyce Gail Priestley
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 Belton,
 Doncaster DN9 1QN

Principal bankers: HSBC Bank
 Scunthorpe
 North Lincolnshire

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Minister: Without a Minister there are now five trustees that continue to manage church life including inviting visiting speakers for each Sunday Service or having in house services, arranging other activities, maintaining the church buildings and ensuring the members are involved in all decision making.

Financial Review 2025

Available cash reserves (general fund) totalled £15,300 at the year-end with the bank savings account at £4255. The church has funds saved in the Baptist Union Corporation Savings accounts. Across all accounts there was an end of year balance of £64,213. This is an increase on previous years because of income exceeding expenditure, partly due to the church having no ministerial costs. Any excess in the General bank account is invested if not required for the day-to-day running costs of the church.

Investment strategy

The church continues to invest in the Baptist Union Corporation Savings accounts. The church holds a 6 month notice Savings account which is designated specifically for ministry and church premises costs.

It was agreed by members to use some of these funds to employ 2 part time Local Mission Facilitators from January 1st 2026 for 2 years. Their role is to develop new opportunities in the community to bring people into the church building for different activities and social events and also encourage and assist members in growing their faith in order that they can reach out to others in the community and share the Gospel more widely.

This fund will be monitored and reviewed at regular intervals to ensure the funds are being used in the way agreed by members.

A second BU savings account holds a reserve of £9000 which is kept aside in order to

- meet church running costs/responsibilities in the event of a sudden drop in income
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Receipts

Church giving in the weekly Offertory and Monthly Standing Order Donations totalled £24,850, an increase of around £1000 compared to 2024. The majority of this giving comes via regular monthly standing order from church members. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was £6037. The church also continues to receive regular donations for the foodbank from members of the public and the local Foodshare project.

Expenditure in 2025

Costs have remained on a level with last year. The majority of the expenditure covering the cost of running the church building and operating costs for the activities of the church. There have been ongoing minor repair costs this year including outside the building with the installation of a new fence to the rear of the property. With no employed minister, the church invites visiting speakers on a regular basis who are given a small financial donation towards expenses. This year's foodbank expenditure covered costs for additional items for Christmas hampers distributed to families in need.

Trustee payments: The church continued without a paid minister this year. The church employs a part time administration assistant to help and support the Trustees with the weekly running of the church. This person is a church member but not a trustee and is employed for 40 hours per month. No payments have been made to any trustee.

Charity Giving:

The church has given £4005 to other causes and charities. This is similar to last year's giving. These charities include Baptist Home Mission, BMS World Mission, other local and national Christian charities and two couples on mission working in South Africa and Zambia – these are well known to the church as they were previous attendees at EBC and keep in regular contact.

Across all church accounts there was a surplus of £8505 reported at the year-end which is an increase on last year's surplus, due to lower annual expenditure and higher gifts to the Foodbank.

For 2025 the expected income is around £40,000, a slight increase on 2024 as regular attendees continue to support the church. Forecast expenditure is around £62,000. This increase is due to the employment of 2 Part time Local Mission

Facilitators as described above and some added expenditure for additional items relating to their work. There is also additional Buildings cost for the repair and upkeep of the Church Burial Ground walls. The budgeted deficit of £24,000 will be funded from the BU Savings account.

At this time the church acknowledges the regular monthly giving by Standing Order by the majority of its members, for which it is very grateful. Alongside these and the weekly service offertory, other church run activities receive small donations adding to church funds. All these provide for a more profitable position for the church which has allowed money to be put aside for new projects. The church is looking forward to its new undertaking in 2026.

Public Benefit

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Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and governing document of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

(On behalf of the Trustees)

Dated:

Deacon/Trustee

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
Final Accounts

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Receipts:			
Offertory		2,376.40	3,728.00
Monthly Standing Order Giving inc Gift Aid Offertory		22,475.00	20,130.00
Income tax recovered as Gift Aid		6,037.70	6,222.00
Patchwork & Sewing group, Orchestra Donations	4	1,262.00	1,338.00
Donations and other income inc PSP etc	4	512.50	407.50
Gifts for other causes - non foodbank		995.00	1,226.00
Gifts for other causes - Foodbank Financial donations ***		5,180.60	3,613.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		-	400.00
Total Receipts		<u>38,839.20</u>	<u>37,064.50</u>

Payments:

Ministry inc Preacher Expenses/Admin Assist & Pen	5	9,607.00	7,511.50
Upkeep of church premises	6	9,592.47	9,417.50
Mission - inc Charity giving but not including Foodba	7	5,486.80	8,318.90
Mission - Foodbank expenses ***	7	2,905.92	2,196.20
Administration inc IT and AV	8	2,228.04	3,966.00
Miscellaneous - inc Training, lunches & sharing events		513.50	1,013.00
Total Payments		<u>30,333.73</u>	<u>32,423.10</u>

Total Surplus or Deficit for the year	8,505.47	4,641.40
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank	6,230.79	3,224.60

HSBC Current Account

Transfers (Current Acct to/from Savings) &&	-	3,255.38	1,000.00
Balance brought forward		<u>10,081.03</u>	<u>4,439.98</u>
Balance in Current Account carried forward		<u>15,331.12</u>	<u>10,081.03</u>

HSBC Savings Account

Receipts - Interest for the year @ 1.95%	69.30	84.12
Transfers in/out from or to Bank Current Account	-	1,000.00
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	<u>4,185.80</u>	<u>5,101.68</u>
Balance in HSBC Savings Account carried forward	<u>4,255.10</u>	<u>4,185.80</u>

Church Savings/Contingency Accounts		2025 (£)	2024 (£)
	Interest Rate		
BAPTIST UNION CORPORATION Accounts (from 2023)			
One Yr Fixed Term Acc to 31/10/24 - Interest		Closed	1,905.21
6 Month Notice Account - opened 1/6/25		62,464.03	N/A
Interest accrued to 31/12/25	3.00%	723.08	N/A
3 Month Notice Account 1/1/25 - 23/12/25		Now closed	9,067.44
Interest accrued to 23/12/25	2.75%	284.23	392.95
1 Month Notice Account - for Church Reserve	&&	Zero balance	44,028.15
Interest accrued to 31/12/25	2%	718.02	416.28
7 Day Notice Account 1/1/25 to 31/7/25		Now closed	3,322.81
Interest accrued to 31/07/25	1%	24.19	75.71
Balance in BU Corporation Savings carried forward		<u>64,213.55</u>	<u>57,303.34</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account	&&	15,331.12	10,081.38
HSBC Business Savings Account		4,255.10	4,185.80
Accounts administered by BU Corporation (Savings)		64,213.55	59,208.55
Cash in hand			35.20
Total Cash Balances		<u>83,799.77</u>	<u>73,510.93</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use

Church Premises incl the Burial Ground (insurance v 3	1,126,385.00	1,008,278.00
Includes Public Liability on all Church Property and Employer Liability Insurance		
Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment (insurance value)	59,282.00	57,276.00

&&: Savings incorrectly transferred into Current Account from BU Savings on 23/12/25 - £6000 of which returned to 1 month account in January 2026 as part of Church Reserve

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2025 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:

Claire Todd

Date:

28/2/2026

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2025

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustee payments: No payments for a Pastor in 2025. Continue to employ P/T Admin Assistant (40 hrs per mnth)

3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association). Values for Insurance increased by +11% for year to Sept 2025

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)		2025 (£)	2024 (£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
Pre School Praise	512.50	407.50	Youth work	180.69	165.90
Donations for building use			Foodbank purchases ***	2,905.92	2,196.20
Patchwork & Sewing Don	735.00	760.00	Donations from fund raising	1,300.56	1,153.00
Orchestra Donation	<u>527.00</u>	<u>578.00</u>	2023 Giving paid in 2024	NIL	3,120.00
	<u>1,774.50</u>	<u>1,745.50</u>	2025 Gifts to charities ****	<u>4,005.55</u>	<u>3,880.00</u>
				<u>8,392.72</u>	<u>10,515.10</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension (Deficit Final in Oct 2024)*		10.00	Printing/stationery/sundries	465.10	344.75
Expenses	NIL	NIL	Telephone/Internet	383.02	413.50
Manse expenses	NIL	NIL	Subscriptions/fees (BUGB)	168.00	165.00
Preacher expenses	2460.00	2425.00	Books, publications	332.76	149.60
Admin Assistant Costs	<u>7147.00</u>	<u>5076.50</u>	IT ****	388.21	2363.00
	<u>9,607.00</u>	<u>7,511.50</u>	Music, AV (CCLI Licences)	410.71	437.00
			Bank Charges (HSBC)	<u>80.24</u>	<u>93.15</u>
				<u>2,228.04</u>	<u>3,966.00</u>
6. Upkeep of Church Premises					
Electricity & Gas	2240.20	2267.30			
Water & Drainage	355.52	247.20			
Insurance	1313.79	1278.00			
Church cleaning & supplies	1207.67	1272.00			
Maintenance & Renewals**	<u>4,475.29</u>	<u>4353</u>			
	<u>9,592.47</u>	<u>9,417.50</u>			

* **Ministry Expenses** - BU Pension Deficit removed as debt bought out - zero payment from Nov 24

** **Maintenance & Renewals:** includes clearing hedging, installing new fence at rear of church, repairs to outside wall
Burial Ground pruning, Fire System service and repairs, Boiler service and repair

*** **Foodbank Purchases: - Donations used** to top up Foodbank supplies to ensure it can meet demand.

£2260 of this sum was spent on the 40 Christmas Hampers including Meat vouchers, Fresh Fruit & eggs

Balance of Designated funds for Foodbank C/f to 2026 **7,122.60**

**** **Gifts to Charities (Mission)**

The Annual Giving inc monthly donations to Compassion child sponsorship & The Well Bookshop

Church Mission payments to Ian & Alison Richardson in Zambia and Dawn & Fraser Jackson in South Africa

All charity giving for 2025 was paid in the year inc a donation to Spurgeons college students

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Epworth Baptist Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on Pages 1 to 2.

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 as Independent Examiner 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.

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Address: Coverdale, King Edward Street, Belton, Nr Doncaster. DN9 1QN

Date: 31/3/2026

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Costs have increased during the year with a new fuel contract reflecting energy price rises. The majority of this year's expenditure covers the cost of running the church building and operating costs for the activities of the church. There have been ongoing minor repair costs this year, increased running costs and the purchase of a new projection system in the main church. With no employed minister, the church invites visiting speakers on a regular basis who are given a small financial donation towards expenses. Following on from 2023, the changes to the Baptist Union Pension scheme ownership means we are no longer liable to contribute to any deficit. This year's foodbank expenditure covered costs for additional items for Christmas hampers distributed to families in need.

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For 2025 the expected income is around £36,000, a slight increase on 2024 as regular attendees continue to support the church. Forecast expenditure is around £30,000 based on last year's costs. The resulting surplus is forecast to be around £6000 plus interest from the savings accounts for the year to December 2025.

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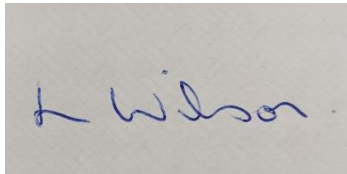
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(On behalf of the Trustees)

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Deacon/Trustee

Dated: 05/04/2025

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Epworth Baptist Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on Pages 1 to 2.

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 as Independent Examiner 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.

Name: Joyce Gail Priestley



Address: Coverdale, King Edward Street, Belton, Nr Doncaster. DN9 1QN

Date: 28.03.25

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
Final Accounts

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Receipts:			
Offertory		3,728.00	3,686.17
Monthly Standing Order Giving inc Gift Aid Offertory		20,130.00	17,710.00
Income tax recovered as Gift Aid		6,222.00	3,322.50
Patchwork & Sewing group, Orchestra Donations	4	1,338.00	1,490.00
Donations and other income inc PSP etc	4	407.50	1,136.50
Gifts for other causes - non foodbank		1,226.00	1,278.10
Gifts for other causes - Foodbank Financial donations		3,613.00	2,939.50
Miscellaneous Receipts		400.00	-
Total Receipts		37,064.50	31,562.77

Payments:

Ministry inc Preacher Expenses/Admin Assist & Pen	5	7,511.50	4,247.00
Upkeep of church premises	6	9,417.50	7,965.39
Mission - inc Charity giving but not including Foodba	7	8,318.90	6,081.33
Mission - Foodbank expenses	7	2,196.20	3,773.91
Administration inc IT and AV	8	3,966.00	2,109.96
Miscellaneous - inc Training, lunches & sharing events		1,013.00	1,083.98
Total Payments		32,423.10	25,261.57

Total Surplus or Deficit for the year	4,641.40	6,301.20
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank	4,059.01	6,131.08

HSBC Current Account

Transfers (from Savings to Current Acct)	1,000.00	-	15,000.00
Balance brought forward	4,439.98		13,138.78
Balance in Current Account carried forward	10,081.38		4,439.98

HSBC Savings Account

Receipts - Interest for the year @ 1.95%	84.12		75.05
Transfers in/out from or to Bank Current Account	-1,000.00		
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	5,101.68		5,026.63
Balance in HSBC Savings Account carried forward	4,185.80		5,101.68

EMB Trust Account (restricted)

Receipts: Interest at closure		7,117.00
Payment of Dividend at closure		169.61
Transfers		
Balance brought forward		<u>33,921.10</u>
Balance transferred to BU Corporation Savings accounts & closed		<u>41,207.71</u>

Church Savings/Contingency Accounts

2024 (£)

2023 (£)

Interest Rate

BAPTIST UNION CORPORATION Accounts (from 2023)

One Year Fixed Term Account (1/11/2023 - 31/10/24)		NIL	38,000.00
to 1 Month Notice Acct Interest accrued to 31/10/24	5%	1,905.21	
3 Month Notice Account		9,067.44	9,000.00
Interest accrued to 31/12/24	3.75%	392.95	67.44
1 Month Notice Account		44,028.15	6,000.00
Interest accrued to 31/12/24	3.00%	416.28	28.15
7 Day Notice Account		3,322.81	3,207.71
Interest accrued to 31/12/24	1.75%	75.71	115.10
Balance in BU Corporation Savings carried forward		<u>59,208.55</u>	<u>56,418.40</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

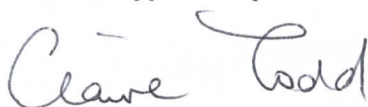
	Note	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account		10,081.38	4,439.98
HSBC Business Savings Account		4,185.80	5,101.68
Accounts administered by BU Corporation (Savings)		59,208.55	18,418.40
Accounts administered by BU Corporation (Fixed Term to 31/12/24)		NIL	38,000.00
Cash in hand		35.20	18.75
Total Cash Balances		<u>73,510.93</u>	<u>65,978.81</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use

Church Premises including the Burial Ground (insurance value)	1,008,278.00	1,005,270.00
Includes Public Liability on all Church Property and Employer Liability Insurance		
Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment (insurance value)	57,276.00	52,908.00

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2024 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:



Date:

28/3/2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustee payments: No payments for a Pastor in 2024. Continue to employ P/T Admin Assistant (40 hrs per mnth)

3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association). Values for Insurance increased by 8%, year to Sept 2024

	2024 (£)	2023 (£)		2024 (£)	2023 (£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
Pre School Praise	407.50	536.50	Youth work	165.90	391.13
Donations for building use		600.00	Foodbank purchases ***	2,196.20	3,773.91
Patchwork & Sewing Don	760.00	895.00	Donations from fund raising even	1,153.00	1,525.00
Orchestra Donation	<u>578.00</u>	<u>595.00</u>	2023 Giving paid in 2024	3,120.00	2,550.00
	<u>1,745.50</u>	<u>2,626.50</u>	2024 Gifts to charities in full	<u>3,880.00</u>	<u>1,615.20</u>
				<u>10,515.10</u>	<u>9,855.24</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension (Deficit only) *	10.00	12.00	Printing/stationery/sundries	344.75	400.66
Expenses	NIL	NIL	Telephone/Internet	413.50	402.85
Manse expenses	NIL	NIL	Subscriptions & fees (BUGB)	165.00	164.80
Preacher expenses	2425.00	2350.00	Books, publications	149.60	447.62
Admin Assistant Costs	<u>5076.50</u>	<u>1885.00</u>	IT ****	2363.00	325.75
	<u>7,511.50</u>	<u>4,247.00</u>	Music, AV (CCLI Licences)	437.00	263.00
			Bank Charges (HSBC)	<u>93.15</u>	<u>105.28</u>
				<u>3,966.00</u>	<u>2,109.96</u>
6. Upkeep of Church Premises					
Electricity & Gas	2267.30	905.93			
Water & Drainage	247.20	228.30			
Insurance	1278.00	1245.08			
Church cleaning & supplies	1272.00	1275.40			
Maintenance & Renewals **	<u>4,353.00</u>	<u>4310.68</u>			
	<u>9,417.50</u>	<u>7,965.39</u>			

* **Ministry Expenses** - BU Pension Deficit removed as debt bought out - zero payment to be made in future

** **Maintenance & Renewals:** includes repair to Foyer Floor, replacement of Paving Slabs, garden & Burial Ground pruning, Fire System service and repairs, Boiler service and Plumbing repairs

*** **Foodbank Purchases:** - Donations used to top up Foodbank supplies to ensure it can meet demand.

£1600 of this sum was spent on the 40 Christmas Hampers including Meat vouchers, Fresh Fruit & eggs

Gifts to Charities (Mission)

The Annual Giving includes monthly donations to Compassion child sponsorship programme,

Church Mission payments to Ian & Alison Richardson in Zambia and Dawn & Fraser Jackson in South Africa

All charity giving for 2024 was paid in the year.

**** **IT Costs** - New Overhead Projector at start of year as approved in January 2024

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1060523

Accounts

Epworth Baptist Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity No: 1060523

Principal Address: Station Road
 Epworth
 North Lincolnshire
 DN91JZ

Trustees: C. Todd (Treasurer)
 Lesley Wilson
 Ann Lane
 Jeremy Cole (elected July 2023)
 Sue Maule (resigned April 2023)
 Claire Brown (resigned April 2023)

Independent Examiner: Joyce Gail Priestley
 Coverdale, King Edward Street,
 Belton,
 Doncaster DN9 1QN

Principal bankers: HSBC
 Market Place
 Epworth

The Trustees present their report with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees are appointed through an open and public process by the church members meeting to be responsible for the governance of the church. Trustees, except for the Minister, are appointed for an initial three-year term and serve so long as they have the support of the church members' meeting. They have the opportunity to be nominated for re-appointment at the end of each three year term.

The Trustees, who form the Leadership Team, control, manage and administer the church, subject to any specific or general directions from the church members' meeting. The Minister (when in post), who is also a Trustee, takes responsibility for the implementation of direction set by the Leadership Team and in addition, each member of the Leadership Team has responsibility for a particular area of the church's work. There are also other volunteers involved in the activities of the church.

The trustees during the year were those listed above.

The Epworth Baptist Church operates under clauses 4 to 22 of a scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the regulation of Wolverhampton Baptist Church, this being imposed by the Charity Commission by an order sealed 31/05/1 935.

It is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the East Midlands Baptist Association is trustee of the Church.

Objectives: The Church exists for the worship of God, the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christians; the doctrinal position is based on a belief in the inspiration and authority of the bible. Baptism is of believers and by immersion. It has a congregational form of government, to whom the trustees are directly responsible and meetings are on a quarterly basis for the conducting of business. The Annual General Meeting has been held in January each year however a decision at a church meeting this year agreed to change this to April for future years.

The principal purpose is to advance the Christian faith as well as to advance education and to carry out other charitable activities. The church's vision is to extend the kingdom of God through its members loving God, loving one another and loving the community of the Isle of Axholme.

Grants are made as directed by the donor or where the Leadership Team considers the payment would further the objectives of the church.

Review of activities and future developments in the context of the objectives, the following achievements show how the vision to extend the kingdom of God has come to life.

Congregations	Looking out into the communities around us - to make church more relevant and accessible to the wider community. We have started to have shared services and meetings with members of a local House Church which has included a Prophecy Meeting and a full immersion baptism Alongside regular weekly Sunday services, we continue with Prayer and Bible study meetings, Thursday coffee group, Friday sewing ladies, an Easter and a Christmas Craft Evening with demonstrations and kits so participants could try each craft. A quiz evening was held to support The Leprosy Mission. We also held Christmas services including a Nativity with Christingle and Carols by Candlelight.
Celebrations	Worshipping God in a way that is culturally relevant holding Special services including Good Friday service and Walk of Witness, Easter Sunday Service, Family Services, Carol service, Christmas morning service and special celebrations including Baptisms, two weddings and services to share the work of Christian charities supported by the church
Care	The Pastoral Team ensures the welfare of EBC members/friends and regularly contacts those who are missing from church and makes home visits.
Children	Continuing to provide activities for young people from 0 to 15 provided through children's groups during the Sunday Service as needed and through Pre-School Praise, a Mums and Toddler group which runs once a week during term times.
Compassion	Working alongside Scunthorpe Foodbank, under the Trussell Trust, the EBC Food Bank supports families on the Isle sharing food parcels to those in the community in a time of crisis. We have seen an increase in the number of food parcels requested by couples and single people alongside families in need this year. At Christmas the foodbank donated Christmas Hampers to these households including a supply of meat vouchers, fresh vegetables and fruit. Senior Citizens in sheltered accommodation also received Christmas Hampers. During the present economic crisis we agreed as a church to respond to the government's Warm Spaces initiative by opening the church weekly to local families from January 2023. We continue to support Compassion UK - currently sponsoring children in various countries. We are involved in local outreach to meet the needs of the local community by our involvement in Epworth Christians Together with other local churches.
Teaching	Alongside a message on Sunday mornings, weekly bible study groups have been meeting on a Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. We invited an external speaker to hold a teaching day in September. All Church services, prayer meetings and bible studies continue to be held in the church building.

Minister: Without a minister there are now four trustees that continue to manage all church life, inviting visiting speakers for each Sunday Service or having in house services.

Financial Review 2023

Available cash reserves (general fund) totalled £4440 at the year end with the bank savings account at £5100; the trust account run by EMB Trust was closed in March 2023 and the church funds transferred to Baptist Union Corporation Savings Accounts which across all accounts had an end of year balance of £56418. This is an increase on previous years as a result of income exceeding expenditure, partly due to the church having no ministerial costs. It was agreed that any excess in the General bank account should also be invested if not required for the day to day running costs of the church.

Investment strategy – one of the Baptist Union Corporation savings accounts is a fixed term account, the others are more easily accessible. Church members agreed to invest £38,000 in this Fixed Term account which is equivalent to the current annual salary and expenses for a minister. This fixed term rate matures at the end of October 2024 when the investment will be reviewed again, allowing the church to build up funds to sustain a future project or for a minister.

Receipts

Church giving in the weekly Offertory and Monthly Standing Order Donations totalled £21,400, an increase of over £3000 compared to 2022. This increase was due to an increase in members paying by monthly standing order, rather than through the cash offertory providing stable and regular income for the church.. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was £3320, an increase due to the higher monthly receipts. The church continues to receive regular donations for the foodbank from members of the public and the local Foodshare project.

Expenditure in 2023:

Costs remained stable during the year with a long-term utility contract ensuring the fuel costs have not increased significantly. The majority of this year's expenditure covers the cost of running the church building and operating costs for the activities of the church. There have been a few higher renewal costs this year to improve insulation and running costs with a new door and LED lighting throughout. With no employed minister, the church invites visiting speakers on a regular basis who are given a small financial donation towards expenses. The Baptist Union Pension deficit has been taken over by a new investor and therefore the church only pays a nominal monthly sum to this debt now. This year's foodbank expenditure covered costs for additional items for Christmas hampers distributed to families in need.

Trustee payments: The church had no paid minister this year. In August 2023, by agreement of the members, the church took on a part time administration assistant to help and support the Trustees with the weekly running of the church. This person is a church member but not a trustee and is employed for 40 hours per month.

Charity Giving:

The church has given £4160 to other causes and charities. This is similar to last year's giving. These charities include Baptist Home Mission, BMS World Mission, other local and national Christian charities and two couples on mission working in South Africa and Zambia – these are well known to the church as they were previous attendees at EBC and keep in regular contact.

Across all church accounts there was a surplus of £6131 reported at the year-end which is down on last year's surplus, due to the church improvements outlined above and the employment of the admin assistant.

For 2024 the expected income is around £33,000, a slight increase on 2023 as regular attendees continue to support the church. Forecast expenditure is around £31,000 based on last year's costs and additional cost to replace the church's overhead projector that proved irreparable at the end of December. The resulting surplus is forecast to be around £1000 plus interest from the savings accounts for the year to December 2024.

At this time the church acknowledges the regular monthly giving by Standing Order by the majority of its members, for which it is very grateful. Alongside these and the weekly service offertory, other church run activities receive small donations adding to church funds. All these provide for a more profitable position for the church and allows money to be put aside for the possibility of a new minister in the future.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17 (6) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities:

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, they are required to:

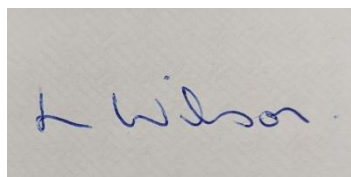
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(On behalf of the Trustees)

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Deacon

Dated: 24/04/2024

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
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GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<i>Note</i>	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Receipts:			
Offertory		3,686.17	3,480.55
Monthly Standing Order Giving inc Gift Aid Offertory		17,710.00	14,780.00
Income tax recovered as Gift Aid		3,322.50	2,971.25
Patchwork & Sewing group, Orchestra Donations	4	1,490.00	1,261.00
Donations and other income inc PSP etc	4	1,136.50	663.00
Gifts for other causes - non foodbank		1,278.10	1,169.67
Gifts for other causes - Foodbank Financial donations		2,939.50	5,930.53
Miscellaneous Receipts		-	None
Miscellaneous (Manse charges repaid by AW)		NIL	2,451.00
Total Receipts		<u>31,562.77</u>	<u>32,707.00</u>
Payments:			
Ministry inc Preacher Expenses/Admin Assist & Pension Deficit	5	4,247.00	4,932.00
Upkeep of church premises	6	7,965.39	4,071.00
Mission - inc Charity giving but not including Foodbank	7	6,081.33	4,451.00
Mission - Foodbank expenses	7	3,773.91	4,926.00
Administration inc IT and AV	8	2,109.96	2,329.00
Miscellaneous - inc First Aid Training, Lunches & sharing events		<u>1,083.98</u>	<u>732.00</u>
Total Payments		<u>25,261.57</u>	<u>21,441.00</u>
Total Surplus or Deficit for the year		6,301.20	11,261.00
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank		6,131.08	10,256.47
HSBC Current Account			
Transfers (from Current Acct to Savings - new BU accounts in 2023)	-	15,000.00	- 5,011.88
Balance brought forward		<u>13,138.78</u>	<u>6,884.66</u>
Balance in Current Account carried forward		<u>4,439.98</u>	<u>13,138.78</u>
HSBC Savings Account			
Receipts - Interest for the year @ 1.95%		75.05	4.31
Transfers in/out from or to Bank Current Account			5,015.00
Balance Brought Forward from previous year		<u>5,026.63</u>	<u>7.32</u>
Balance in HSBC Savings Account carried forward		<u>5,101.68</u>	<u>5,026.63</u>
BANK ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY EMB TRUST CO (restricted)			
Receipts: Interest at closure		7,117.00	1,147.09
Payment of Dividend at closure		169.61	
Transfers			None
Balance brought forward		<u>33,921.10</u>	<u>32,774.01</u>
Balance transferred to BU Corporation Savings accounts & closed		<u>41,207.71</u>	<u>33,921.10</u>

Church Savings/Contingency Accounts		2023 (£)	2022 (£)
BAPTIST UNION CORPORATION Accounts (from 2023)	Interest Rate		
One Year Fixed Term Account (opened 1/11/2023)	5%	38,000.00	
3 Month Notice Account (from 3/11/23)	4.50%	9,000.00	
	Interest accrued to 31/12/23	67.44	
1 Month Notice Account (from 22/11/23)	3.75%	6,000.00	
	Interest accrued to 31/12/23	28.15	
7 Day Notice Account (from 26/09/23) - Transfer from EMBA A/C		41,207.71	
Less Amount transferred to One Year Fixed term (above)	-	38,000.00	
	Interest accrued to 31/12/23 2.50%	115.10	
Balance in BU Corporation Savings carried forward		<u>56,418.40</u>	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023 (£)</u>	<u>2022 (£)</u>
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account		4,439.98	13,138.78
HSBC Business Savings Account		5,101.68	5,026.63
Accounts administered by BU Corporation (Savings)		18,418.40	33,921.10
Accounts administered by BU Corporation (Fixed Term to 31/10/24)		38,000.00	
Cash in hand		<u>18.75</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>65,978.81</u>	<u>52,111.51</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use			
Church Premises including the Burial Ground (insurance value)	3	1,005,270.00	965,048.00
Includes Public Liability on all Church Property and Employer Liability Insurance			
Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment (insurance value)		52,908.00	50,791.00

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2023 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:



Date:

8/2/2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustee payments: No payments for a Pastor in 2023. Aug 23 employed P/T Admin Assistant (40 hrs per month)

3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association). Values for Insurance increased by 8%, year to Sept 2023

	2023 (£)	2022 (£)		2023 (£)	2022 (£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
PSP & Prayer Spaces	536.50	663.00	Youth work	391.13	72.00
Donations for building use	600.00	70.00	Foodbank purchases **	3,773.91	4,926.00
Patchwork & Sewing Don	895.00	970.00	Donations from fund raising events	1,525.00	285.00
Orchestra Donation	<u>595.00</u>	<u>221.00</u>	2022 Giving paid in 2023	2,550.00	1,932.00
	<u>2,626.50</u>	<u>1,924.00</u>	2023 part of gifts to charities ***	1,615.20	<u>2,162.00</u>
				<u>9,855.24</u>	<u>9,377.00</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension (Deficit only)	12.00	1,281.00	Printing/stationery/sundries	400.66	242.00
Expenses	NIL	0.00	Telephone/Internet	402.85	258.00
Manse expenses	NIL	2,451.00	Subscriptions & fees (BUGB)	164.80	272.00
Preacher expenses	2350.00	1,200.00	Books, publications	447.62	195.00
Admin Assistant Costs	<u>1885.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>	IT ****	325.75	720.00
	<u>4,247.00</u>	<u>4,932.00</u>	Music, AV (CCLI Licences)	263.00	532.00
			Bank Charges (HSBC)	<u>105.28</u>	<u>110.00</u>
				<u>2,109.96</u>	<u>2,329.00</u>
6. Upkeep of Church Premises					
Electricity & Gas	905.93	1,348.00			
Water & Drainage	228.30	71.00			
Insurance	1245.08	1,080.00			
Church cleaning & supplies	1275.40	557.00			
Maintenance & Renewals *	<u>4310.68</u>	<u>1,015.00</u>			
	<u>7,965.39</u>	<u>4,071.00</u>			

* **Maintenance & Renewals:** includes replacement window in Old Hall, New LED lighting throughout the building, Fire System service and repairs, Boiler service and Plumbing repairs

** **Foodbank Purchases:** - Payments made to top up Foodbank supplies to ensure it can meet demand.

£2805 of this sum was spent on the 60 Christmas Hampers provided including Meat vouchers, Fresh Fruit & eggs

*** **Giving to other causes (Mission)**

The Annual Giving includes monthly donations to Compassion child sponsorship programme,

Church Mission payments to Ian & Alison Richardson in Zambia and Dawn & Fraser Jackson in South Africa

Members approved a further £2950.00 to be made in Annual Giving to the church's regular charities

This takes the annual giving at EBC to £4565. £2160 of this sum is equivalent to a reduction of the Pension Deficit.

**** **IT Costs inc** a second laptop specifically to be used in church and new hands free microphone for speakers

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Epworth Baptist Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 1 to 2.

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 as Independent Examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

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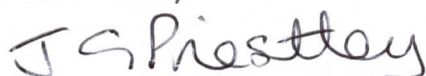
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Name: Joyce Gail Priestley



Address: Coverdale, King Edward Street, Belton, Nr Doncaster. DN9 1QN

Date: 05.04.24

Accounts

Epworth Baptist Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Registered Charity No: 1060523

Principal Address: Station Road
 Epworth
 North Lincolnshire
 DN91JZ

Trustees: C. Todd (Treasurer)
 Lesley Wilson
 Ann Lane (elected September 2021)
 Sue Maule (elected September 2021)
 Claire Brown (elected September 2021)

Independent Examiner: Joyce Gail Priestley
 Coverdale, King Edward Street,
 Belton,
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Principal bankers: HSBC
 Market Place
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The trustees during the year were those listed above.

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Objectives: The Church exists for the worship of God, the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christians; the doctrinal position is based on a belief in the inspiration and authority of the bible. Baptism is of believers and by immersion. It has a congregational form of government, to whom the trustees are directly responsible and meetings are on a quarterly basis for the conducting of business. The Annual General Meeting is held in January each year

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Grants are made as directed by the donor or where the Leadership Team considers the payment would further the objectives of the church.

Review of activities and future developments in the context of the objectives, the following achievements show how the vision to extend the kingdom of God has come to life.

Congregations	Looking out into the communities around us - to make church more relevant and accessible to the wider community. Alongside regular weekly Sunday services, we continue with Prayer and Bible study meetings, Thursday coffee group, Friday sewing ladies, an Easter and a Christmas Craft Evening with demonstrations and kits so participants could try each craft. We also held Christmas services including a Nativity with Christingle and Carols by Candlelight.
Celebrations	Worshipping God in a way that is culturally relevant holding Special services including Good Friday service and Walk of Witness, Easter Sunday Service, Family Services, Carol service, Christmas morning service and other special celebrations including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Afternoon Tea.
Care	The Pastoral Team ensures the welfare of EBC members/friends and regularly contacts those who are missing from church and makes home visits.
Children	Continuing to provide activities for young people from 0 to 15 provided through children's groups during the Sunday Service and a Mums and Toddler group once a week during term times.
Compassion	Working alongside Scunthorpe Foodbank, under the Trussell Trust, the EBC Foodbank supports families on the Isle sharing food parcels to those in the community in a time of crisis. We saw an increase in the number of food parcels requested by local families, couples and single people in need this year. At Christmas the foodbank donated Christmas Hampers to these households including a supply of meat vouchers. fresh vegetables and fruit. Senior Citizens also received Christmas Hampers. During the present economic crisis we agreed as a church to respond to the governments Warm Spaces initiative by opening the church weekly to local families in January 2023. We continue to support Compassion UK - currently sponsoring children in various countries. We are involved in local outreach to meet the needs of the local community by our involvement in Epworth Christians Together with other local churches.

Teaching	Alongside a message on Sunday mornings, weekly bible study groups have been meeting on a Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. All Church services, prayer meetings and bible studies continue to be held in the church building.
Minister:	Without a minister the five trustees continue to manage all church life, inviting visiting speakers for each Sunday Service or having in house services.

Financial Review 2022

Available cash reserves (general fund) totalled £13,139 at the year end with the bank savings account at £5027; the ministry/building fund (EMB Trust Co account) had an end of year balance of £33,921, slightly up on last year as a result of interest received and no funds drawn down.

Investment strategy - the Ministry/building fund held by the EMBTC is mainly placed in medium low risk stocks, shares and bonds, to enable higher returns on this larger amount. The Church continues to retain a reserve fund of £16,000 within this savings account in order to meet an unforeseen emergency in the church e.g. unexpected large repair bill.

Receipts

Church giving in the weekly Offertory and Monthly Standing Order Donations totalled £18260, down £10000 compared to 2021. This reduction was due to some members not returning after the pandemic and members life situations/circumstances changing. The church is fortunate that much of these receipts are given by monthly Standing Order. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was £2970 slightly down on last year as a result of the impact of Covid on giving. The church continued to receive regular donations for the foodbank from members of the public, the local Foodshare project and the Lions organisation which makes donations to charity projects.

Expenditure in 2022:

Costs remained stable during the year with a long-term utility contract ensuring the fuel costs have not increased significantly. The majority of this year's expenditure covers the cost of running the church building and operating costs for the activities of the church including financial donations to visiting speakers for Sunday services. With no employed minister this year, expenditure has been significantly reduced. There was also a reduction in payment towards the Baptist Union pension deficit. This year's foodbank expenditure covered costs for additional items for Christmas hampers distributed to families in need.

Trustee payments: The church had no paid employees for the year. The lease and other costs for the manse being in the name of the church meant it could not be given up until May of 2022 and the landlord agreed the church could continue with the lease until then. The church continued to pay the incurred charges which have been reimbursed by the minister who left in September 2021.

Charity Giving: The church has given £4022 to other causes and charities. This is an increase of the previous year due to a substantial reduction in the Baptist Union Pension deficit. These charities include Baptist Home Mission, BMS World Mission, other local and national Christian charities and two couples on mission working in South Africa and Zambia – these are well known to the church as they were previous attendees at EBC.

Across all church accounts there was a surplus of £11,261 reported at the year-end which compares very favourably with the deficit of past years, £1000 of this amount is designated for the work of the foodbank as donations received. The resignation of the minister in September 2021 leaves the church in a more favourable financial position.

For 2023 the expected income is £30,000 consistent with the previous year due to the smaller numbers of regular attendees and ongoing church activities. Forecast expenditure is a conservative £20,032, giving a positive outcome of £9,968 for the year to December 2023.

At this time the church acknowledges the regular monthly giving by Standing Order by the majority of its members, for which it is very grateful. Alongside these and the weekly service offertory, other church run activities receive small donations adding to church funds. All these provide for a more profitable position for the church and allows money to be put aside for the possibility of a new minister in the future.

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The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17 (6) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities.

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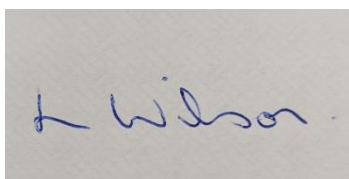
Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and governing document of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

(On behalf of the Trustees)

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored surface. The signature appears to be 'L Wilson'.

Deacon

Dated: 31/05/2023

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

FINAL

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022 (£)</u>	<u>2021 (£)</u>
Receipts:			
Offertory		3,480.55	2,992.00
Gift Aid Offertory		14,780.00	25,396.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		2,971.25	6,797.00
Patchwork & Sewing group, Orchestra Donations (2022)	4	1,261.00	337.50
Donations and other income inc PSP etc	4	663.00	80.00
Gifts for other causes - not foodbank		1,169.67	282.00
Gifts for other causes - Foodbank Financial donations		5,930.53	1,845.00
Miscellaneous - inc Insurance claim		None	1,693.00
Miscellaneous (Manse charges repaid by AW)		2,451.00	2,260.00
Total Receipts		32,707.00	41,682.50
Payments:			
Ministry inc Preacher Expenses	5	4,932.00	14,047.83
Upkeep of church premises	6	4,071.00	6,273.34
Mission - inc Charity giving but not including Foodbank	7	4,451.00	1,345.80
Mission Foodbank expenses	7	4,926.00	2,843.40
Administration inc IT and AV	8	2,329.00	1,139.39
Miscellaneous		732.00	405.88
Total Payments		21,441.00	26,055.64
Transfers (inc trf to Savings less Rec at closure of Wages A/C)	-	5,011.88	- 9,820.00
Balance brought forward		6,884.99	1,078.13
Balance carried forward		13,139.11	6,884.99
 HSBC WAGES ACCOUNT		 2022(£)	 2021 (£)
Total Receipts			-
Payments:			
Net Salary + HMRC			10,790.84
Bank charges		5.00	30.15
Total Payments		5.00	10,820.99
Transfers to Current Account	-	3.12	10,320.00
Balance brought forward		8.12	509.11
Balance carried forward - Account closed		-	8.12
 Total (general+wages) Surplus/deficit for the year		 11,261.00	 4,805.87
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank		10,256.47	1,544.87

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.
2. Trustee payments: No paymentst for a Pastor this year.
3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association). Values for Insurance increased by 8%, year to Sept 2022

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)		2022 (£)	2021 (£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
PSP & Prayer Spaces	663.00	80.00	Youth work	72.00	84.81
Donations for building misc	70.00	0.00	Foodbank purchases *	4,926.00	2,843.40
Patchwork & Sewing Don	970.00	337.50	Other	285.00	100.00
Orchestra Donation	<u>221.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>	2021 Giving paid in 2022	1,932.00	N/A
	<u>1,924.00</u>	<u>417.50</u>	2022 part of gifts to charities **	<u>2,162.00</u>	<u>1,161.00</u>
				<u>9,377.00</u>	<u>4,189.21</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension	1,281.00	5,024.69	Printing/stationery/sundries	242.00	275.60
Expenses	0.00	-	Telephone/Internet	258.00	261.58
Manse expenses	2,451.00	8,973.14	Subscriptions & fees	272.00	349.75
Preacher expenses	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	Books, publications	195.00	
	<u>4,932.00</u>	<u>14,047.83</u>	IT ***	720.00	4.79
			Music, AV ***	532.00	247.67
			Bank Charges	<u>110.00</u>	<u>NIL</u>
				<u>2,329.00</u>	<u>1,139.39</u>
6. Upkeep of church premises			9. HSBC Business A/c		
Electricity & Gas	1,348.00	1,182.28	Receipts: Interest	4.31	NIL
Water & Drainage	71.00	406.43	Transfers	5,015.00	ZERO
Insurance	1,080.00	1,025.64	Balance brought f/wd	<u>7.32</u>	<u>7.32</u>
Maintenance & renewals (inc Weekly Cleaning)	<u>1,572.00</u>	<u>3,658.99</u>	Balance carried f/wd	<u>5,026.63</u>	<u>7.32</u>
	<u>4,071.00</u>	<u>6,273.34</u>			

* Foodbank Purchases

Payments made to top up Foodbank supplies to ensure it can meet demand.

£3658 of this sum was spend on the 85 Christmas Hampers given out including Meat vouchers & Fresh Veg & eggs

** Given to other causes (Mission)

The Annual Giving includes monthly donations to Compassion child sponsorship programme,

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The Deacons have approved a further £1900.00 to be made in Annual Giving to the church's regular charities

This takes the annual giving at EBC to £4062. £900 of this sum is equivalent to a reduction of the Pension Deficit

*** IT & Music and AV

IT - These costs included a new laptop to allow improved presentation on the Church Overhead.

Music - renewal of CCLI Licences and purchase of new Song Pro to bring it up to date.

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	<u>2022 (£)</u>	<u>2021 (£)</u>
BANK ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY EMB TRUST CO (restricted)		
Receipts:Interest	1,147.09	1,184.60
Payments:		
Transfers	None	None
Balance brought forward	<u>32,774.01</u>	<u>31,589.41</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>33,921.10</u>	<u>32,774.01</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022 (£)</u>	<u>2021 (£)</u>
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account		13,138.78	6,884.98
HSBC Wages Account		-	8.12
HSBC Business Account	9	5,026.63	7.32
Account administered by EMB Trust Co (Restricted)		33,921.10	32,774.01
Cash in hand		25.00	<u>5.00</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>52,111.51</u>	<u>39,679.43</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use			
Church premises (insurance value)	3	965,048.00	893,563.00
Fixtures, furniture & equipment (insurance value)		50,791.00	47,029.00
Burial Ground	3		

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2022 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:

Carol Codd
DEACON + TREASURER

Date:

27/5/23

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Address: COCKRDALE, KING EDWARD ST, BEETON, DONCASTER
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Date: 27-05-23

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1060523

Accounts

Epworth Baptist Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity No: 1060523

Principal Address: Station Road
 Epworth
 North Lincolnshire
 DN91JZ

Trustees: A. Wilkinson (Minister) Resigned September 2021
 C Creese (resigned)
 C. Todd (Treasurer)
 L. Wilson
 Ann Lane (elected September 2021)
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Welcoming visitors and newcomers back to the church. We have reintroduced the Prayer and Bible study meetings, Thursday coffee group, Friday sewing ladies, young people's Light Party, a Christmas Craft Evening with demonstrations and kits provided so participants could try each craft, Christmas services including a Nativity and Carols by Candlelight.

Celebrations Worshipping God in a way that is culturally relevant holding Special services including Good Friday service and Walk of Witness, Easter Sunday breakfast and service, Family Services, Carol service, Christmas morning service and other special celebrations.

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Teaching	Alongside a message on Sunday mornings, weekly bible study groups have been reintroduced on a Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. Prior to September all Church Services and meetings were online and many members and friends were able to share in worship this way. From September 2021 all church meetings, services, prayer meeting and bible studies resumed in the church building.
Minister:	Our minister, Andy Wilkinson resigned from EBC in September 2021 and we thank God for the time he spent with us. The five trustees continue to manage all church life, inviting visiting speakers for each Sunday Service or having in house services.

Financial Review 2021

Available cash reserves (general fund) totalled £6894 at the year end; the ministry/building fund (EMB Trust Co account) had an end of year balance of £32774, slightly up on last year as a result of interest received.

Investment strategy - the Ministry/building fund held by the EMBTC is mainly placed in medium low risk stocks, shares and bonds, to enable higher returns on this larger amount. The Church continues to retain a reserve fund of £16,000 within this savings account in order to:
meet an unforeseen emergency in the church. eg. unexpected large repair bill.

Receipts

Church giving in the weekly Offertory and monthly Standing Order Donations totalled £28,388, down £1200 compared to 2020. This reduction was due to a lack of weekly offertory with no church services being held from January to August 2021 as a result of Covid restrictions. The church is fortunate that much of its giving is by monthly Standing Order. Services resumed in September 2021 with weekly offertory considerably down due to reduced numbers in church. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was £6797 slightly down on last year as a result of the impact of Covid on giving. Other donations were also reduced as a result of the non-running of usual church activities during Covid. The church continued to receive regular donations for the foodbank from members of the public and the local Lions organisation that makes donations to charity projects.

Expenditure in 2021:

Costs were down for the year apart from utility payments and basic running costs of the church building as a result of no services or other weekly activities because of Covid restrictions. There was concern about a further water leak in the building and a survey was undertaken to investigate. The results of this indicated continually running toilet cisterns and leaking taps that were repaired, reducing the water charges. The survey costs were reclaimed on the building's insurance in the early part of 2021. Majority of other expenditure covers any charges to maintain the church building with no Sunday services being run until September. Music and public play back licences were renewed in late 2021 as church resumed, some of which had not been required in the previous 12 months. Foodbank expenditure covered costs for additional items for Christmas hampers distributed to families in need. There was little other missional expenditure made with no activities being carried out in church due to Covid.

Trustee payments: The Church Minister, Andrew Wilkinson, moved from a full-time position to part time working from March 2021 and left the employment of the church at the end of September 2021. As a result, the ministerial costs for the year were considerably reduced. The stipend paid to the minister from January to September 2021 totalled £10791, (which was 2 months full pay and 7 months half pay on part time hours). This amounted to less than half the stipend costs of 2020. Reduced salary payments meant a reduction in Pension contributions to £5025 down by £2000 on 2020. The costs of the Manse, home of the minister, continued to be paid in full until September 2021 giving an annual cost of £8973. This was reduced by payments received from the Andrew Wilkinson of £2260 from October to December when he was no longer minister (The lease for the manse being in the name of the church meant it could not be given up until May of 2022 and the landlord agreed the church could continue with the lease until then.)

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For 2022 the expected income is £22,400 down on the previous year due to the drop in regular attendees and general weekly offertory. Forecast expenditure is a conservative £16,600, giving a positive outcome of £5800 for the year to December 2022. At this time the church acknowledges the regular monthly giving by Standing Order by the majority of its members, for which it is very grateful. Other church run activities beginning again also means there are additional small donations being made to church funds. From October onwards, with no minister in position, the church invited visiting speakers to come on a Sunday, week by week, offering them a nominal payment towards their expenses. Besides this and the payment of the Baptist Union Pension deficit the main church expenditure provides for the running costs of the building, utilities and any other replacement costs as needed. This results in a more profitable

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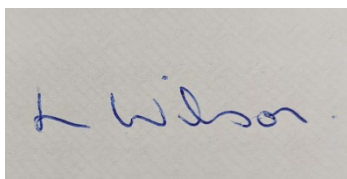
Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and governing document of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

(On behalf of the trustees)

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Deacon

Dated: 11/08/2022

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021 (£)</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>
Receipts:			
Offertory		2,992.00	4,273.17
Gift Aid Offertory		25,396.00	25,293.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		6,797.00	8,707.24
Patchwork group		337.50	150.00
Donations and other income	4	80.00	349.72
Gifts for other causes - not foodbank		282.00	Zero
Gifts for other causes - Foodbank Financial donations		1,845.00	7,486.00
Miscellaneous (Insurance claim & Manse charges repaid by AW)		3,953.00	149.55
Total Receipts		<u>41,682.50</u>	<u>46,408.68</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	5	14,047.83	16,314.57
Upkeep of church premises	6	6,273.34	4,966.96
Mission - not including Foodbank	7	1,345.80	4,228.55
Mission Foodbank expenses	7	2,843.40	3,226.60
Administration inc IT and AV	8	1,214.24	795.16
Miscellaneous		331.03	157.05
Total Payments		<u>26,055.64</u>	<u>29,688.89</u>
Transfers (inc money paid out to Wages A/C & in from EMB Trust A/C)	-	9,820.00	15,830.55
Balance brought forward		<u>1,078.13</u>	<u>188.89</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>6,884.99</u>	<u>1,078.13</u>

HSBC WAGES ACCOUNT

	<u>2021 (£)</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>
Total Receipts	-	-
Payments:		
Net Salary + HMRC	10,790.84	21,469.37
Pastor Expenses	30.15	416.38
Total Payments	<u>10,820.99</u>	<u>21,885.75</u>
Transfers	10,320.00	21,815.00
Balance brought forward	<u>509.11</u>	<u>579.86</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>8.12</u>	<u>509.11</u>
Total (general+wages) Surplus/deficit for the year	4,805.87	- 3,578.72
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank	1,544.87	- 7,838.12

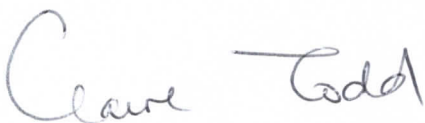
	<u>2021 (£)</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>
BANK ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY EMB TRUST CO (restricted)		
Receipts: Interest	1,184.60	1,036.74
Payments:		
Transfers	None	- 6,000.00
Balance brought forward	<u>31,589.41</u>	<u>36,552.67</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>32,774.01</u>	<u>31,589.41</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021 (£)</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account		6,884.98	1,078.13
HSBC Wages Account		8.12	509.11
HSBC Business Account	9	7.32	7.32
Account administered by EMB Trust Co (Restricted)		32,774.01	31,589.41
Cash in hand		<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.98</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>39,679.43</u>	<u>33,189.95</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use			
Church premises (insurance value)	3	893,563.00	860,944.00
Fixtures, furniture & equipment (insurance value)		47,029.00	45,312.00
Burial Ground	3		

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2021 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:



Date:

21/2/2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustee payments: The pastor received a stipend and other payments, see report for details

3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association).

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)		2021 (£)	2020 (£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
Donations	282.00		Youth work	84.81	274.85
Foodbank Donations	1,845.00	7,486.00	Foodbank purchases	2,843.40	3,226.60
Gift Aid donations		240.72	Other	100.00	21.70
PSP & Energise	<u>80.00</u>	<u>109.00</u>	2020 Giving paid in 2021	N/A	1,155.00
	<u>2,207.00</u>	<u>7,835.72</u>	2021 part of gifts to charities **	<u>1,161.00</u>	<u>1,527.00</u>
				<u>4,189.21</u>	<u>6,205.15</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension	5,024.69	7,013.88	Printing/stationery/sundries	275.60	97.60
Expenses	-	244.00	Telephone/Internet	261.58	182.20
Manse expenses	8,973.14	9,056.69	Subscriptions & fees	349.75	180.00
Preacher expenses	<u>50.00</u>	<u>-</u>	Books, publications		6.58
	<u>14,047.83</u>	<u>16,314.57</u>	IT	4.79	216.78
			Music, AV	<u>247.67</u>	<u>112.00</u>
				<u>1,139.39</u>	<u>795.16</u>
6. Upkeep of church premises			9. HSBC Business A/c		
Electricity & Gas	1,182.28	1,411.12	Receipts: Interest	NIL	4,806.31
Water & Drainage	406.43	222.71	Transfers	ZERO	- 4,880.00
Insurance	1,025.64	990.17	Balance brought f/wd	<u>7.32</u>	<u>81.01</u>
Maintenance & renewals *	<u>3,658.99</u>	<u>2,342.96</u>	Balance carried f/wd	<u>7.32</u>	<u>7.32</u>
	<u>6,273.34</u>	<u>4,966.96</u>			

* Maintenance & renewals

These costs include a survey to investigate a leak in the foyer floor which was claimed through our insurance and £1618 paid out in February 2021 (sum received reduced by insurance excess of £50)

** Given to other causes (Mission)

The Annual Giving includes monthly donations to Compassion child sponsorship programme,

Church Mission payments to Ian & Alison Richardson in Zambia and Dawn & Fraser Jackson in South Africa

The Deacons have approved a further £1700.00 to be made in Annual Giving to the church's regular charities

This takes the annual giving at EBC to £2836 which is around 10% of Monthly Offering & GA donations.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Epworth Baptist Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on Pages 1 to 2.

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 as Independent Examiner 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.

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Address: COVERDALE, KINGS EDWARD ST, BELTON
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Date: 10th May 2022

EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1060523

Accounts

Epworth Baptist Church

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Registered Charity No: 1060523

Principal Address: Station Road
 Epworth
 North Lincolnshire
 DN9 1JZ

Trustees: A. Wilkinson (Minister)
 C. Todd (Treasurer)
 C Creese
 L. Wilson

Independent Examiner:
 Joyce Priestley
 Coverdale, King Edward Street,
 Belton,
 Doncaster.
 DN9 1PH

Principal bankers: HSBC
 Market Place
 Epworth

The Trustees present their report with the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees are appointed through an open and public process by the church members meeting to be responsible for the governance of the church. Trustees, except for the Minister, are appointed for an initial three-year term and serve so long as they have the support of the church members' meeting. They have the opportunity to be nominated for re-appointment at the end of each three year term.

The Trustees, who form the Leadership Team, control, manage and administer the church, subject to any specific or general directions from the church members' meeting. The Minister (when in post), who is also a Trustee, takes responsibility for the implementation of direction set by the Leadership Team and in addition, each member of the Leadership Team has responsibility for a particular area of the church's work. There are also other volunteers involved in the activities of the church.

The trustees during the year were those listed above. Terry Jaques was a Trustee of EBC until September 2020 when he left the church, moving away to care for an elderly family member.

The Epworth Baptist Church operates under clauses 4 to 22 of a scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the regulation of Wolverhampton Baptist Church, this being imposed by the Charity Commission by an order sealed 31/05/1935.

It is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the East Midlands Baptist Association is trustee of the Church.

Objectives: The Church exists for the worship of God, the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and for the deepening of the spiritual life of Christians; the doctrinal position is based on a belief in the inspiration and authority of the bible. Baptism is of believers and by immersion. It has a congregational form of government, to whom the trustees are directly responsible and meetings are on a quarterly basis for the conducting of business. The Annual General Meeting is held in January each year.

The principal purpose is to advance the Christian faith as well as to advance education and to carry out other charitable activities. The church's vision is to extend the kingdom of God through its members loving God, loving one another and loving the community of the Isle of Axholme.

Grants are made as directed by the donor or where the Leadership Team considers the payment would further the objectives of the church.

Review of activities and future developments in the context of the objectives, the following achievements show how the vision to extend the kingdom of God has come to life but due to the Covid Pandemic during most of 2020 and into 2021 these activities were curtailed.

Congregations	Looking out into the communities around us - to make church more relevant and accessible to the wider community. Welcoming visitors and newcomers to the church. We would normally have had a Pancake party, Thursday coffee group, Harvest lunch, Outings, Light Party, Christmas lunch etc but due to government restrictions all were suspended but we had online meetings including a Christmas Craft Evening with demonstrations and kits provided so folks could try the crafts their self.
Celebrations	Worshipping God in a way that is culturally relevant normally holding Special services including Good Friday service and Walk of Witness, Easter Sunday breakfast and service, Family Services, Carol service, Christmas morning service and other special celebrations but following Government guidelines these activities either stopped or were held on line via Zoom or YouTube
Care	The Pastoral Team ensures the welfare of EBC members/friends and regularly contacts those who are missing from church and makes home visits. Again following the guide lines activities happened on line or following recommended restrictions, including meeting in parks or outdoor sites and keeping in touch with members by phone.
Children	Continuing to provide activities for young people from 0 to 15 provided through activities to do at home.
Compassion	Working as part of Scunthorpe Foodbank, a member of the Trussel Trust to feed those in the community in a time of crisis. A team also runs our own Foodbank weekly from the church premises to support families on the Isle. We had a great increase in requests for food parcels at the start of lockdown

and have been able to support local families in need throughout the year. We also gave extra hampers during the school holidays and at Christmas which included butcher's vouchers. Senior Citizens in the local community also received Christmas Hampers.

Continuing support for Compassion UK - currently sponsoring children in various countries.

Local outreach to meet the needs of the local community Involvement in Epworth Christians Together with other local churches via Zoom meetings.

Teaching

Alongside a message on Sunday mornings the church holds an annual Church Vision Day, this year we looked at the Church and Personal Values which was held in February. From March all Church Services and meetings in the church building were suspended but online services, prayer meetings and bible studies were run via Zoom or YouTube.

Minister:

Continued support for our minister, Andy Wilkinson as he continues his Baptist NAMS training to allow him to grow and develop in his calling.

Financial Review 2020

Available cash reserves (general fund) totalled £1587 at the year-end; the ministry/building fund (EMB Trust co account) has an end of year balance of £31590 which includes a reserve fund of £16000. This has reduced by £6,000 during the year, transferred to the Church current account, in order to pay for the running of the church at this time of changing membership and church giving. This may reduce further in the coming year as a deficit is forecast for 2021.

Investment strategy - the Ministry/building fund is held by the EMBTC which is mainly placed in medium low risk stocks, shares and bonds, to enable higher returns on this larger amount. Reserve Policy for 2020 —a reserve fund of £16,000 is held within the East Midlands Baptist Trust Company (EMBTC) account in order to:-

meet employer responsibilities in the event of a sudden drop in income
meet an unforeseen emergency eg. unexpected large repair bill.

Receipts

Church giving in the weekly offertory and monthly standing order Donations was down by around 9% for 2020 compared to 2019. This reduction is due to the closing of the church building for worship as a result of Covid restrictions. We as a leadership team are very grateful for the continued regular giving by Standing Order by church members which has remained at last year's levels. Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC was £8707, a slight increase on last year due to additional weekly offertory donations which is claimed in April for the previous year. During the Covid lockdown our Foodbank continued to operate and was blessed by not only donations of food but monetary sums from individuals and organisations such as the local Rotary and Lions groups. This is shown in the large sum of £7486 as Gifts for other causes and was used during the year to maintain food stocks and arrange Christmas hampers for needy families in December.

Expenditure in 2020 included:

General up keep of the church building including the redecoration of the minister's office in January, continued basic cleaning of the church during lockdown and purchase of protective equipment, sanitiser dispensers etc, all required to prepare church for re-opening after lock down eased. Annual checks for fire and gas continued and standard costs for utilities although in general, upkeep of the church was reduced by just over £1000 for the year.

There were small sums for youth work to give local children who had attended church groups, small gifts at Christmas and vouchers for trips out in school holidays. The majority of expenditure on missional work has been via the foodbank in maintaining food stocks of essential items and providing hampers for families for the school holidays and Christmas including the supply of meat vouchers from the local butcher and fresh vegetables.

IT expenses included £140 for a new video camera to assist in better production for our online Sunday worship and weekly online Bible Studies.

Trustee payments: The annual stipend paid to Andrew Wilkinson, Church Minister in the year (net of pension deductions) was £21469 (nett) in line with the BU guidelines. Employer pension contributions of £2960 and Ministry costs for the Manse, conferences and travel totalled £9300, a reduction from last year due to travel restrictions and church being closed so no visiting speakers. The 2020 total pension costs of £7014 include £1589 of deficit payments which remained at last year's levels for the first 6 months of the year but were reduced to half from July into 2021 due to the pandemic, acknowledging the reduction in income that churches were receiving as a result of restrictions. The church has given over £2800 to other causes and charities in particular Baptist Home Mission, BMS World Mission, supporting local and national Christian charities and two couples, previous attendees at EBC, on mission working in South Africa and Zambia. Across all church accounts there was a deficit of £7,838 reported at the year-end which includes £4300 of yet unused donations to the foodbank. For 2021 expected income is £40,700 which has been estimated at a reduced level for the first half of the year due to the church operating online and forecast expenditure is £39,000, giving an expected small profit of around £1700. In the light of the reduced workload during the pandemic and continued deficit forecast, the church agreed to the minister's request to move to part time working as of 1st March 2021 which reduces the outgoings and gives the church a more positive financial outlook during the current year. The church is hoping to start worshipping again in the building from September as restrictions have eased and we hope members feel more confident in returning to the building. This will allow us to meet in person and consider our options for the future and develop a new vision for the church and its outreach and growth in the local community ensuring we serve the membership but also take the message of the gospel of Jesus to those around us.

Public Benefit.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17 (6) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities.

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(On behalf of the trustees)

L Wilson

Dated: 1/09/2021

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EPWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>	<u>2019(£)</u>
Receipts:			
Offertory		4,273.17	7,089.23
Gift Aid Offertory		25,293.00	25,363.00
Income tax recovered on gifts		8,707.24	7,440.53
Hire of Premises		150.00	630.00
Donations and other income	4	349.72	1,597.00
Gifts for other causes - 2020 shows Foodbank donations only		7,486.00	318.00
Miscellaneous (Majority for 2019 from Insurance claim)		149.55	753.99
Total Receipts		<u>46,408.68</u>	<u>43,191.75</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	5	16,314.57	17,449.27
Upkeep of church premises	6	4,966.96	6,448.47
Mission - includes some 2019 giving & not including Foodbank	7	4,228.55	3,067.15
Mission Foodbank expenses	7	3,226.60	N/A
Administration inc IT and AV	8	795.16	1,218.52
Miscellaneous		157.05	852.31
Total Payments		<u>29,688.89</u>	<u>29,035.72</u>
Transfers (inc money from EMB Trust A/C & out to Wages A/C)	-	15,830.55	- 12,250.00
Balance brought forward		<u>188.89</u>	<u>- 1,717.14</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,078.13</u>	<u>188.89</u>

HSBC WAGES ACCOUNT

	<u>2020 (£)</u>	<u>2019(£)</u>
Total Receipts	-	-
Payments:		
Net Salary + HMRC	21,469.37	20,629.35
Pastor Expenses	416.38	658.65
Total Payments	<u>21,885.75</u>	<u>21,288.00</u>
Transfers	21,815.00	21,200.00
Balance brought forward	<u>579.86</u>	<u>667.86</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>509.11</u>	<u>579.86</u>
Total (general+wages) Surplus/deficit for the year	- 3,578.72	- 6,363.22
Taking into account unspent donations from foodbank	- 7,838.12	N/A

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts & payments basis and accord with Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustee payments: The pastor received a stipend and other payments, see report for details

3. Non-monetary assets held for the church's own use: The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets:- Church premises and burial ground - legal title held by the church's custodian trustee (East Midlands Baptist Association).

	2020 (£)	2019(£)		2020 (£)	2019(£)
4. Donations & other income			7. Mission		
Donations		280.00	Youth work	274.85	242.16
Foodbank Donations	7,486.00		Foodbank purchases	3,226.60	
Gift Aid donations	240.72	530.00	Other	21.70	299.99
PSP & Energise	<u>109.00</u>	<u>787.00</u>	2019 Giving paid in 2020	1,155.00	
	<u>7,835.72</u>	<u>1,597.00</u>	2020 part of gifts to charities **	<u>1,527.00</u>	<u>2,525.00</u>
				<u>6,205.15</u>	<u>3,067.15</u>
5. Ministry			8. Administration		
Pension	7,013.88	7,830.81	Printing/stationery/sundries	97.60	90.16
Expenses	244.00	97.00	Telephone/Internet	182.20	325.79
Manse expenses	9,056.69	9,371.46	Subscriptions & fees	180.00	288.60
Preacher expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	Books, publications	6.58	117.00
	<u>16,314.57</u>	<u>17,449.27</u>	IT	216.78	184.98
			Music, AV	<u>112.00</u>	<u>211.99</u>
				<u>795.16</u>	<u>1,218.52</u>
6. Upkeep of church premises			9. HSBC Business A/c		
Electricity & Gas	1,411.12	1,444.09	Receipts: Interest	4,806.31	1.09
Water & Drainage	222.71	540.90	Transfers	-4,880.00	-3,950.00
Insurance	990.17	978.33	Balance brought f/wd	<u>81.01</u>	<u>4,029.92</u>
Maintenance & renewals	<u>2,342.96</u>	<u>3,485.15</u>	Balance carried f/wd	<u>7.32</u>	<u>81.01</u>
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	<u>2020 (£)</u>	<u>2019(£)</u>
BANK ACCOUNT ADMINISTERED BY EMB TRUST CO (restricted)		
Receipts: Interest	1,036.74	1,176.36
Payments:		-
Transfers	- 6,000.00	- 5,000.00
Balance brought forward	<u>36,552.67</u>	<u>40,376.31</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>31,589.41</u>	<u>36,552.67</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020 (£)</u>	<u>2019(£)</u>
MONETARY ASSETS:			
General Account		1,078.13	188.89
HSBC Wages Account		509.11	579.86
HSBC Business Account	9	7.32	81.01
Account administered by EMB Trust Co (Restricted)		31,589.41	36,552.67
Cash in hand		<u>5.98</u>	<u>10.38</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>33,189.95</u>	<u>37,412.81</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Held for church's own use

Church premises (insurance value)	3	860,944.00	841,981.00
Fixtures, furniture & equipment (insurance value)		45,312.00	44,312.00
Burial Ground	3		

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 & 2 relating to the year ending 31 December 2020 are as approved by the Deacons

Signed:

Claire Todd

Date:

1st March 2021

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Epworth Baptist Church Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on Pages 1 to 2.

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 as Independent Examiner to:

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Date: 12th March 2021